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## Supporting Information

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## Self-trapped holes, oxygen vacancies and electrocatalytic

## performance of Zn-doped β-Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> microspindles

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Fig. S1 The EDS mappings of elements in (a) undoped and (b) 1% Zn-doped  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> microspindles.



Fig. S2 (a) TEM image, (b) the corresponding SAED pattern and (c) HRTEM image of the 1% Zn-doped  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> spindles.



Fig. S3 The bandgap and DOS of the  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> microspindles.



Fig. S4 The bandgap and DOS of the Zn-doped  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> microspindles where (a) Zn replacing Ga<sub>1</sub> site and (b) Zn replacing Ga<sub>2</sub> site.



Fig. S5 (a-l) The Gaussian fitting curves of temperature-dependent PL spectra of the  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> microspindles from 10 K to 300 K.



Fig. S6 (a-1) The Gaussian fitting curves of temperature-dependent PL spectra of Zndoped  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> microspindles from 10 K to 300 K.