## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## CeO<sub>x</sub>-anchored β-Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> nanosheets onto nickel foam for efficient energy-

## saving hydrogen production via an electrocatalytic glucose oxidation reaction

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Figure S1. SEM image (A-C), EDX spectrum (D) and element mapping images (E-H) of as-

prepared Ce@NF-G



Figure S2. SEM image (A-C), EDX spectrum (D) and element mapping images (E-H) of asprepared Ce@NF-A



Figure S3. SEM image (A-C), EDX spectrum (D) and element mapping images (E-H) of as-

prepared Ce@NF



Figure S4. SEM image of bare NF



Figure S5. HR-TEM image of as-prepared Ce@NF samples



Figure S6. Raman spectra of as-preapred samples



Figure S7. XPS survey spectra of as-prepared samples

e <sup>3+</sup> /Ce <sup>4+</sup> ratio
0.46
0.24
0.05

Table S1. The area ratio of  $Ce^{3+}/Ce^{4+}$ 



Figure S8. LSV curves of Ce@NF-GA electrode with and without glucose

**Table S2.** Comparison of the potentials required to the current density of 10 mA·cm<sup>-2</sup> for our assynthesized catalyst (Ce@NF-GA) and available reported GOR catalysts

Sample	Potential at 10 mA·cm <sup>-2</sup>	Electrolyte	References
Ce@NF-GA	1.31 V vs RHE	1 M KOH & 0.1 M glucose	This work
(NiVP/Pi–VC)	1.3 V vs RHE	1 M KOH & 0.1 M glucose	1
Co(OH)2/CC	1.34 V vs RHE	1 M KOH & 0.1 M glucose	2

Co-Ni	1.39 V vs RHE	1 M KOH & 0.1 M glucose	3
CNTs@Co/CoP	1.42 V vs RHE	1 M KOH & 0.5 M glucose	4
Ni-MoS2 NPs	1.46 V vs RHE	1 M KOH & 0.3 M glucose	5



Figure S9. LSV- derived Tafel slope of as-prepared samples at scan rate of 0.1 mV s<sup>-1</sup>



Figure S10. Electrochemically active surface area (ECSA) curves and eelectrochemical doublelayer capacitance ( $C_{dl}$ ) values in GOR of as-prepared catalysts



Figure S11. SEM images (A-B) and element mapping image (C-F) of Ce@NF-GA after stability

testing



Figure S12. XRD patterns of Ce@NF-GA sample before and after stability testing

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