

# Supplementary Material

## MoS<sub>2</sub>@CoFe-MOF catalysts by one-pot hydrothermal synthesis enhanced electron interaction between MoS<sub>2</sub> nanoflower and bimetallic MOF for efficient oxygen evolution

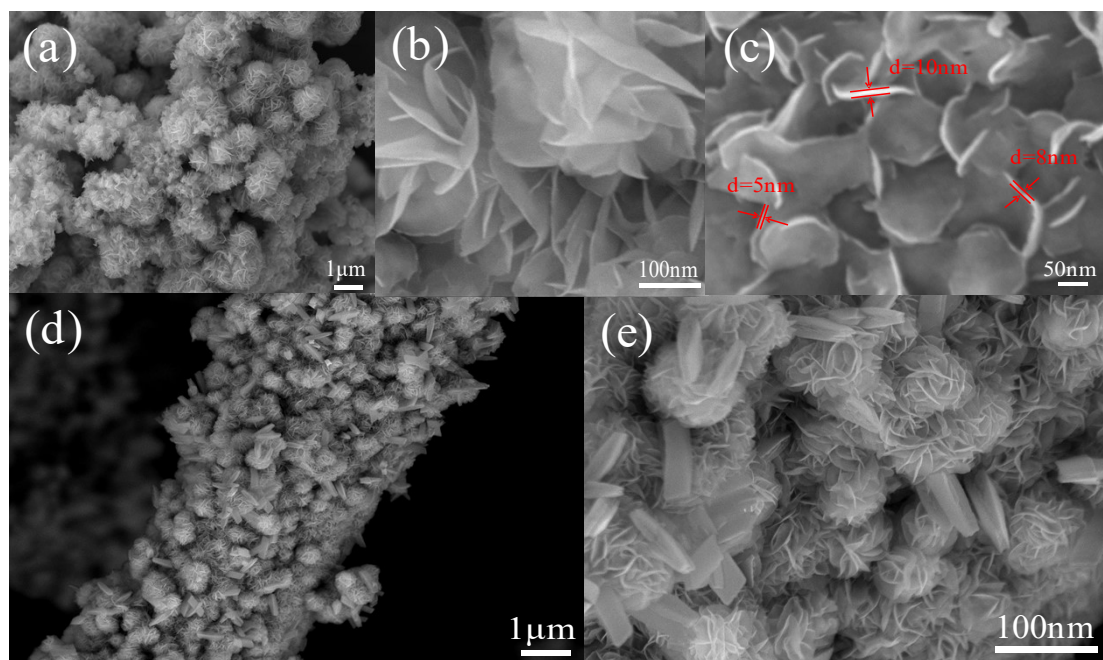
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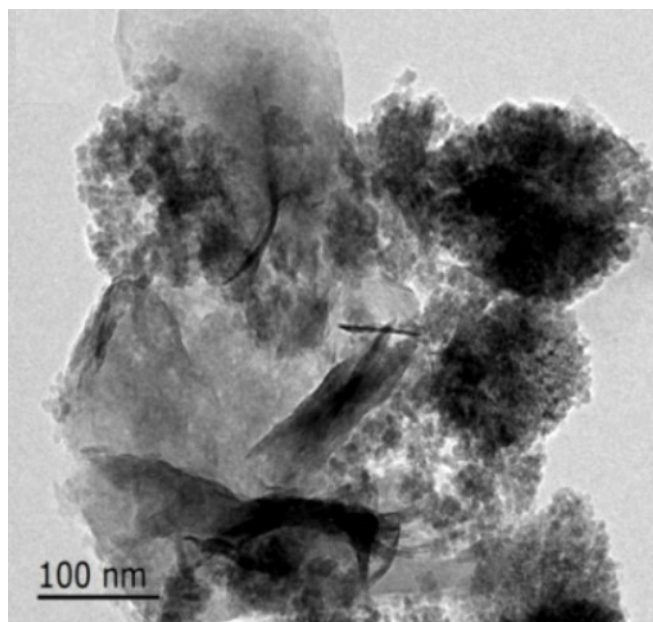
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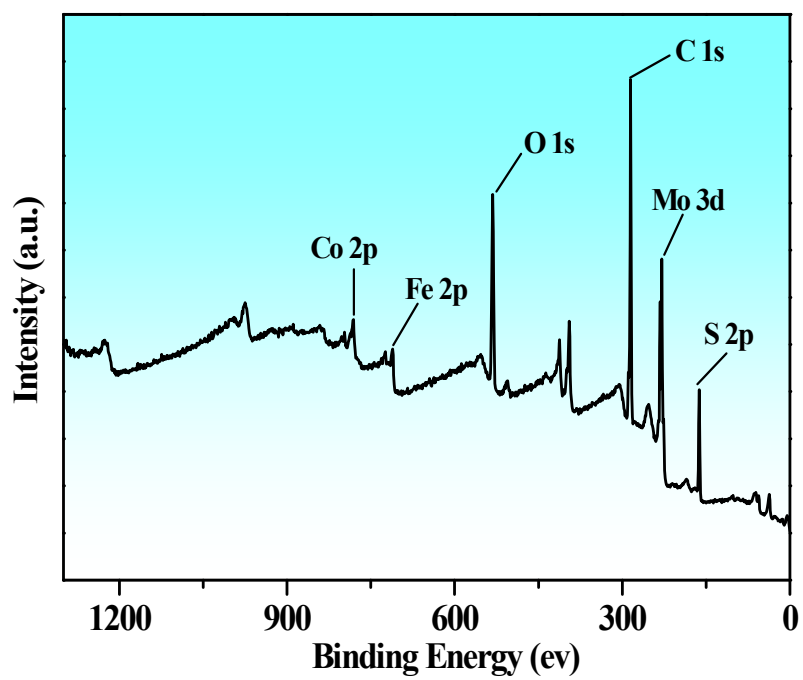
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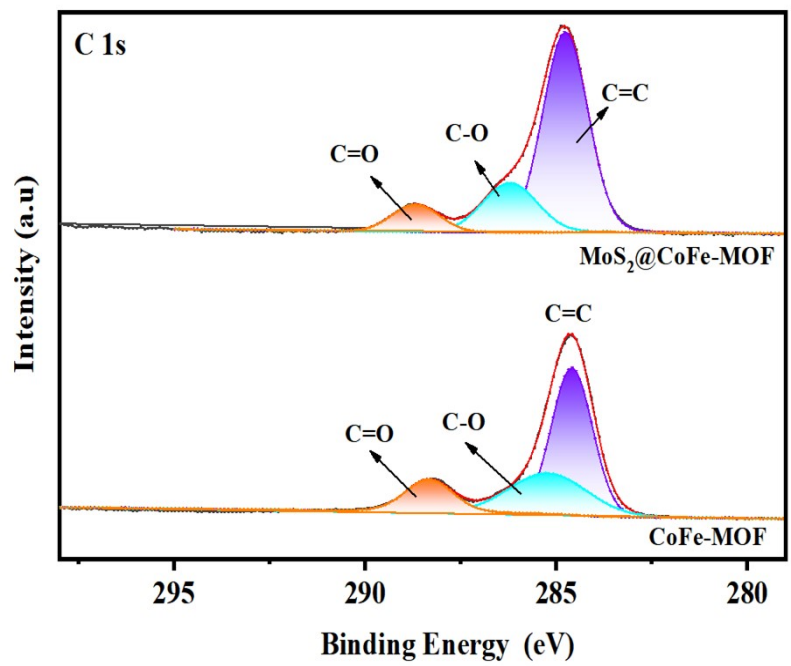
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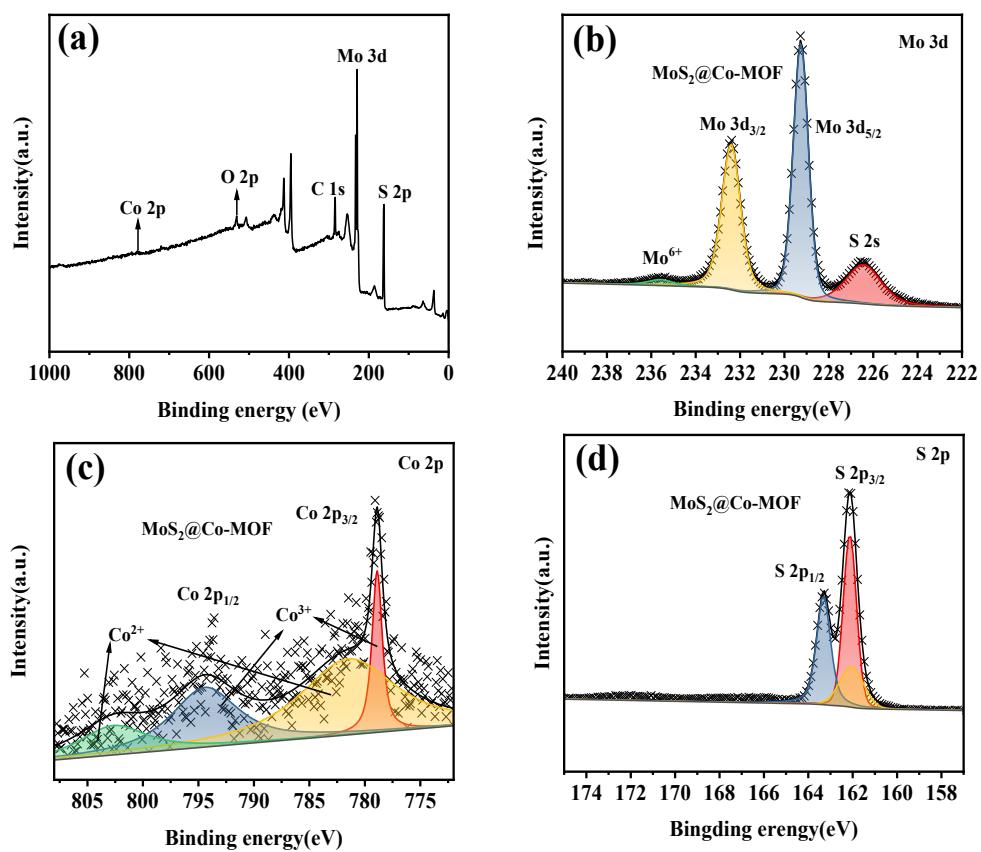
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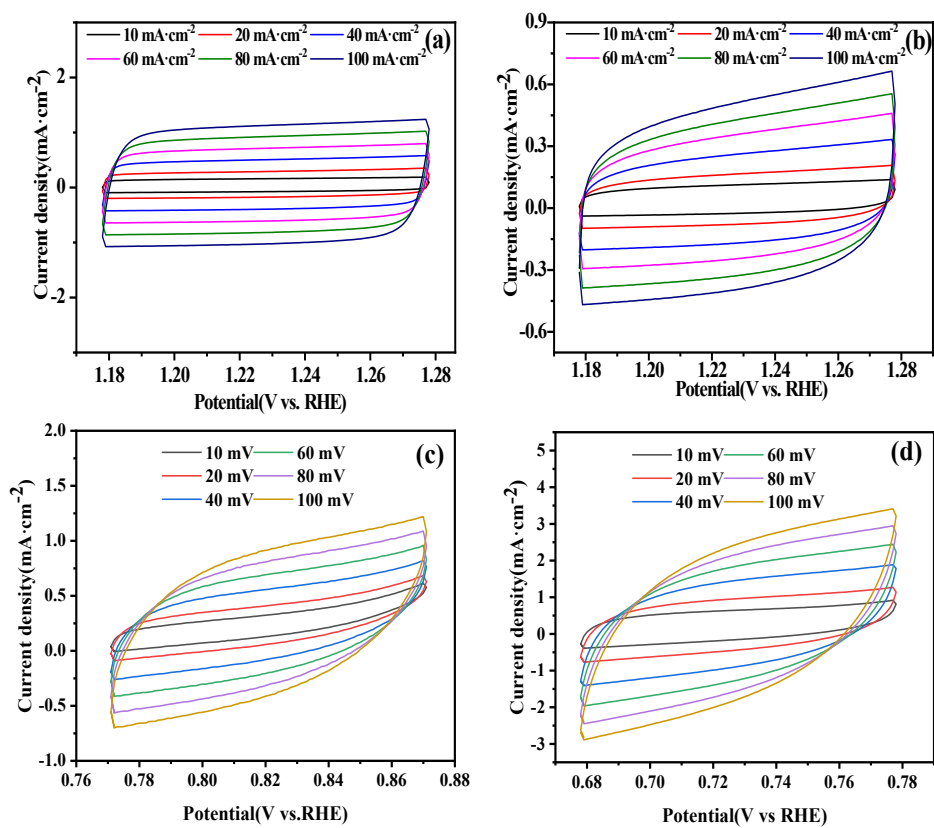
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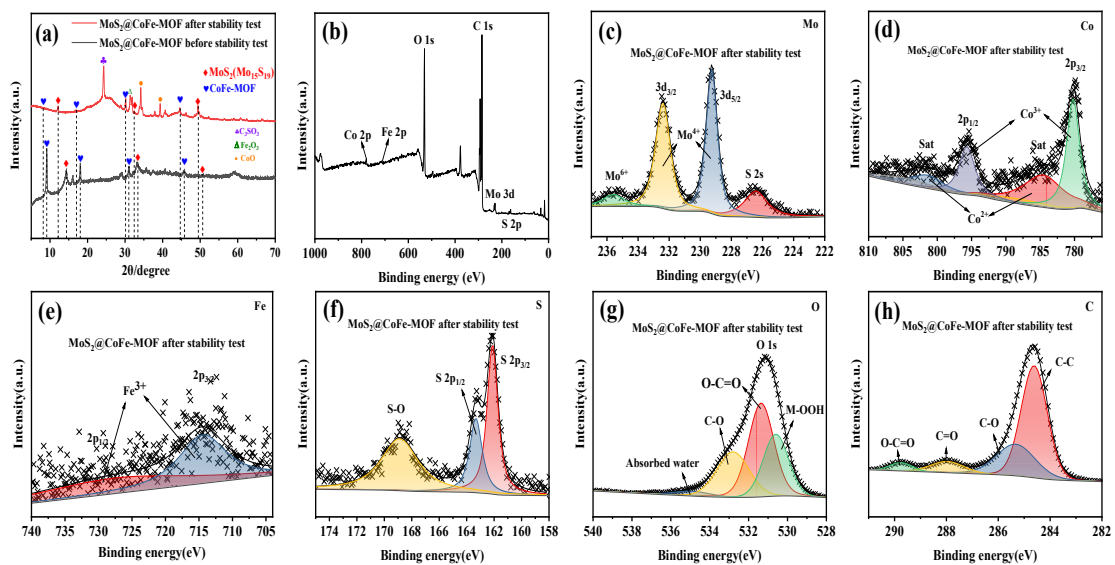
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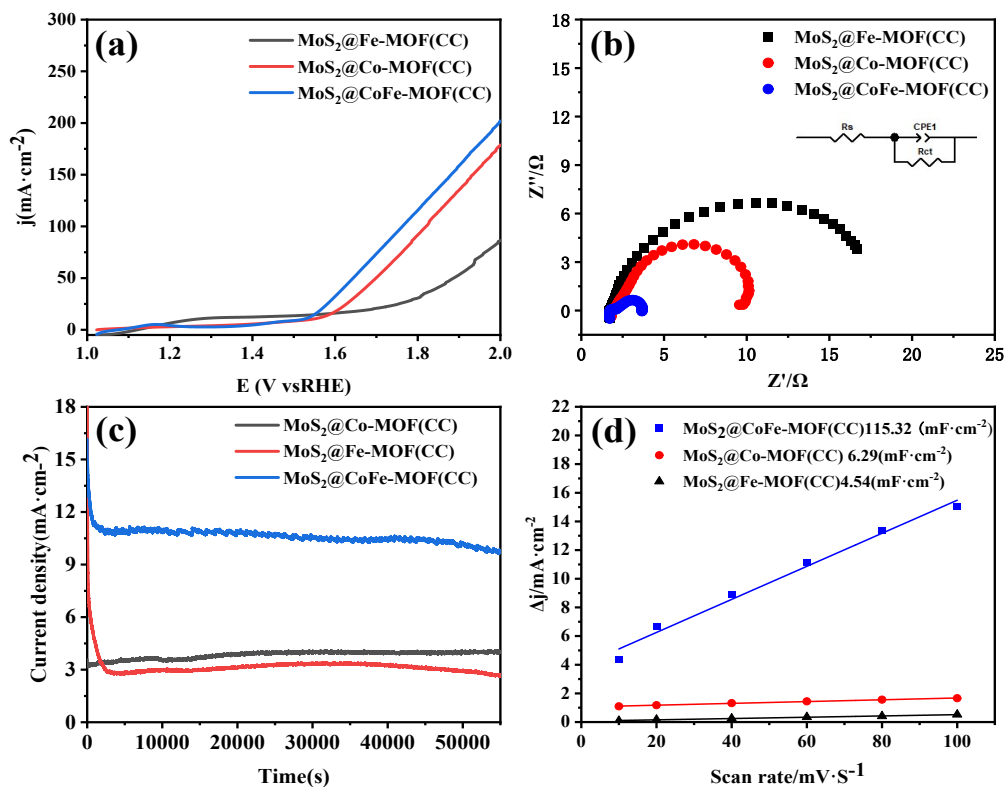


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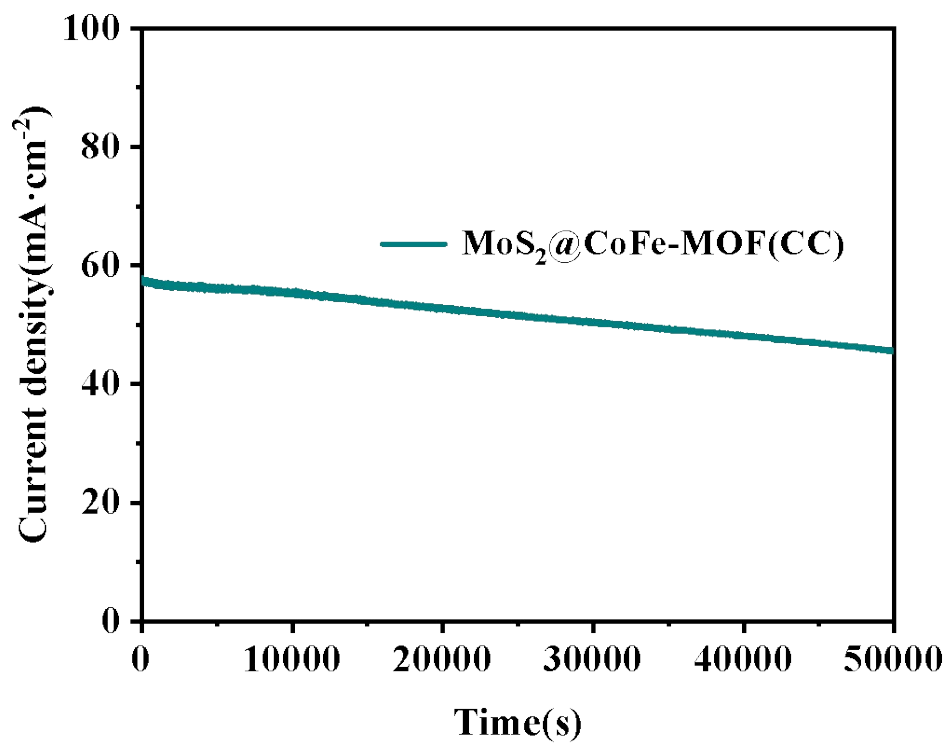
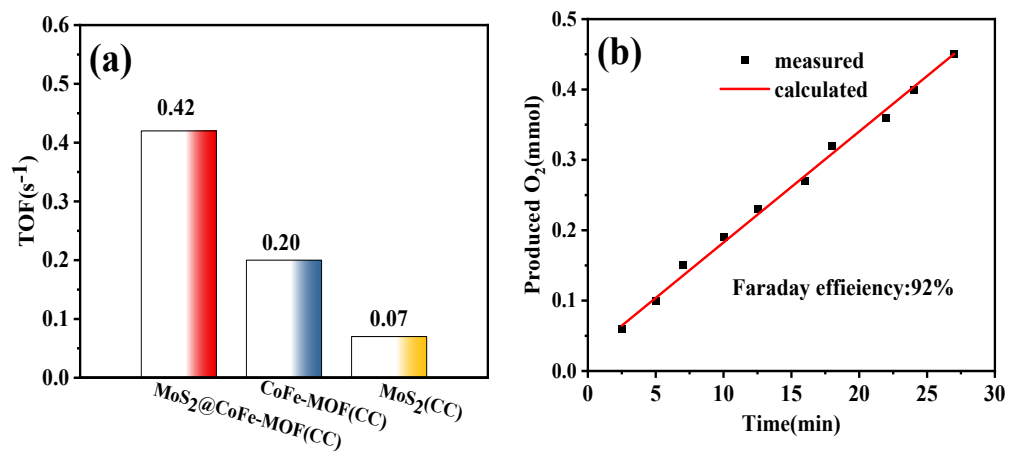
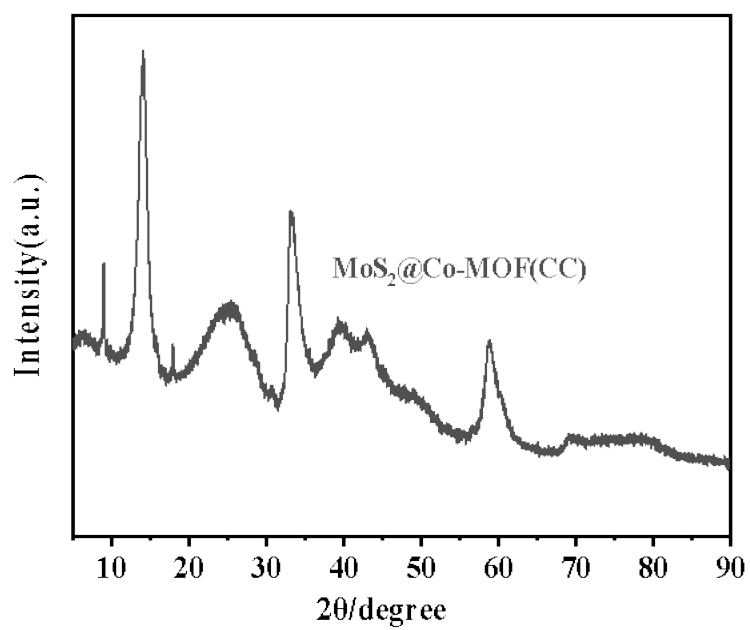


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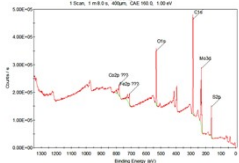
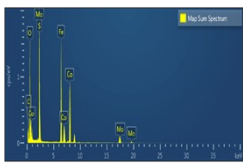


**Figure S11. (a) XRD patterns of MoS<sub>2</sub>@Co-MOF.**

**Table S1** Comparison of alkaline OER performance with other previously reported transition metal-based electrocatalysts.

Electrocatalysts	Electrolyte	Substrate	Overpotential (10 mA·cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Tafel slope [mV·dec <sup>-1</sup> ]	Ref
MoS <sub>2</sub> @CoFe-MOF	1 M KOH	CC	220mV	18.04	This work
(Ni <sub>2</sub> Co <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>0.925</sub> Fe <sub>0.075</sub> - MOF	1 M KOH	GCE	257mV	41.3	1
FeCo-MNS-1.0	0.1 M KOH	Pt-foil	298mV	21.6	2
CoMoSeS	1 M KOH	CC	375mV	60	3
MoS <sub>2</sub> Nano Islands	1 M KOH	GCE	300mV	45	4
CoFe-MOF	1 M KOH	GCE	265mV	44	5
CoFe/C-650	1 M KOH	GCE	246mV	45.27	6
MoS <sub>2</sub>	1 M KOH	NF	320mV	44	7
Co, Nb-MoS <sub>2</sub> /TiO <sub>2</sub>	1 M KOH	NF	260mV	81.2	8
CoFeO <sub>x</sub> (OH) <sub>y</sub> /MoS <sub>2</sub> /CP (CFOMS/CP)	1 M KOH	CC	242mV	37.9	9
CoMoS	1 M KOH	CC	370mV	45	10

**Table S2** Elements content comparison from XPS and EDS methods of MoS<sub>2</sub>@CoFe-MOF sample.

Test Method	XPS	EDS
Spectrum		
Element	at%	at%
C	52.53	16.01
O	19.43	41.50
Fe	1.85	4.27
Co	8.57	17.02
S	12.36	12.68
Mo	5.26	8.52
Total:	100.00	100.00

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