

Supporting Information for

## The Synergistic Effect of Dual-doped Carbon on Mo<sub>2</sub>C Nanocrystals Facilitates Alkaline Hydrogen Evolution

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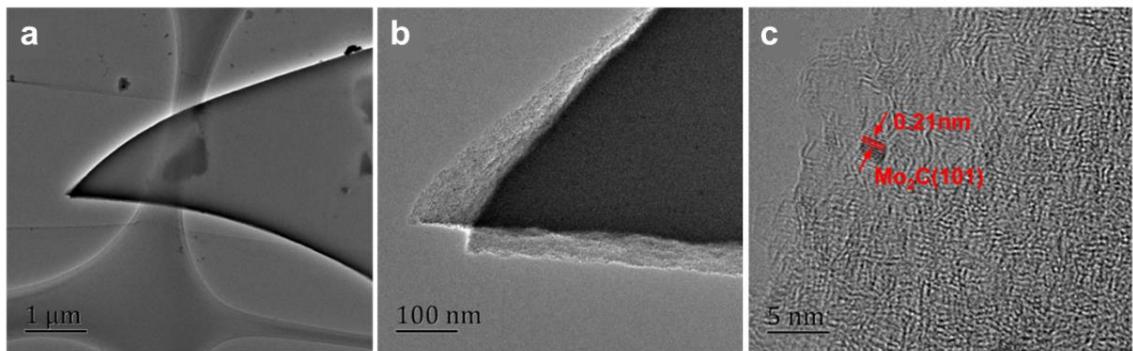
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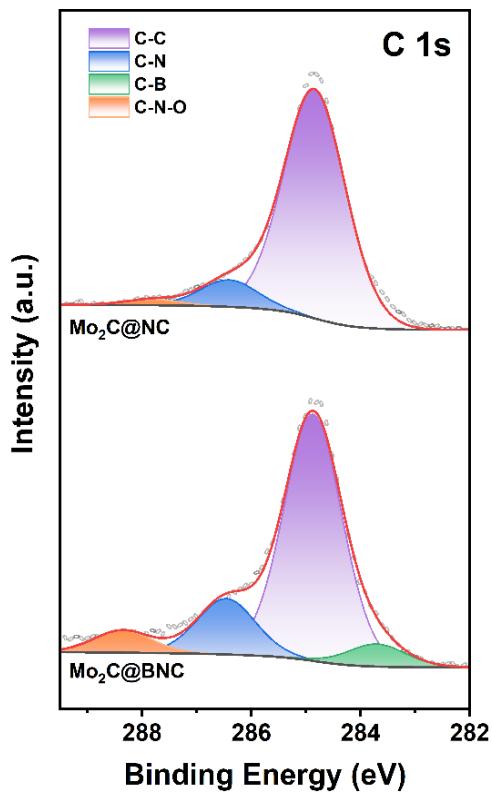
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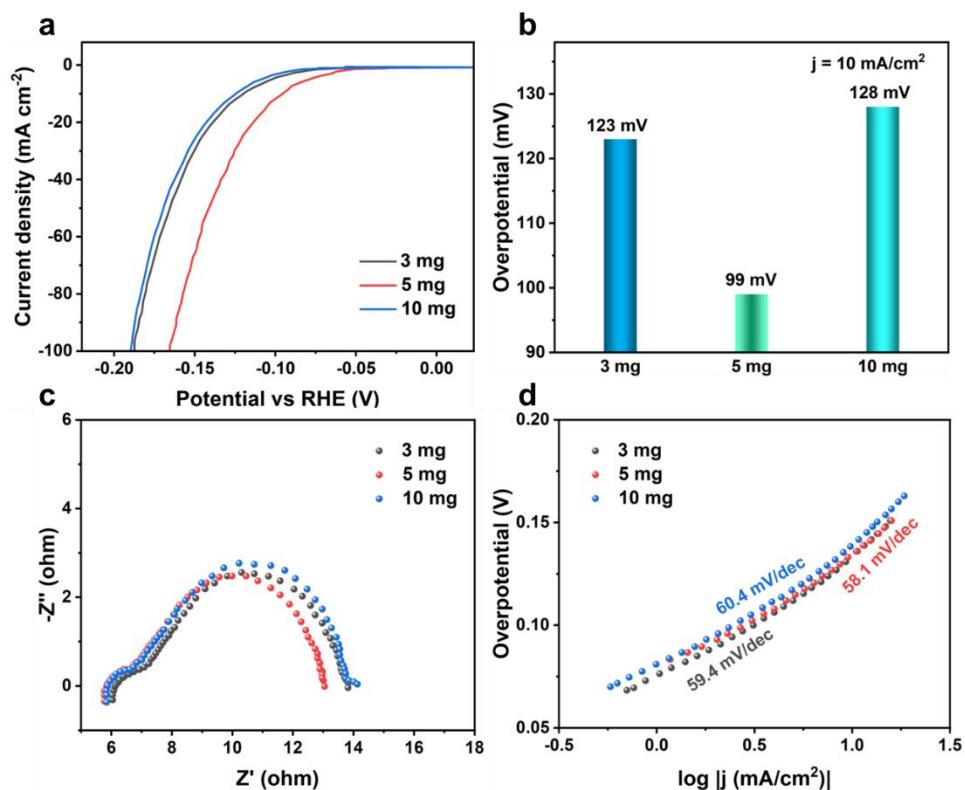
### Supplementary Figures and Tables



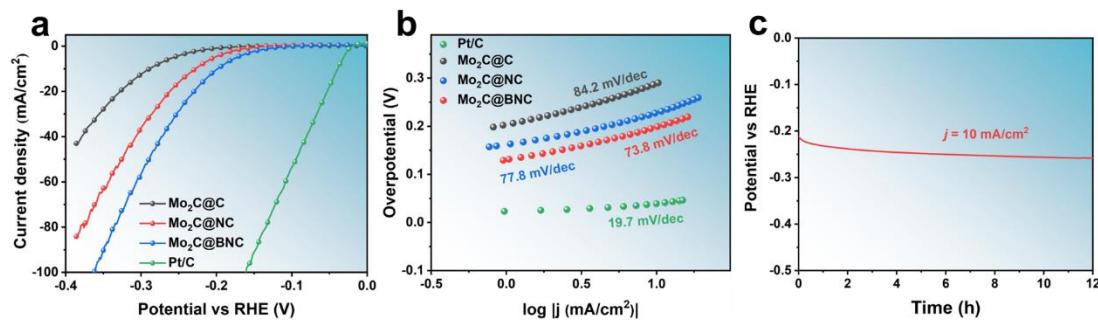
**Fig. S1** Glucose as carbon source. **(a, b)** TEM images of Mo<sub>2</sub>C@C, **(c)** HR-TEM image



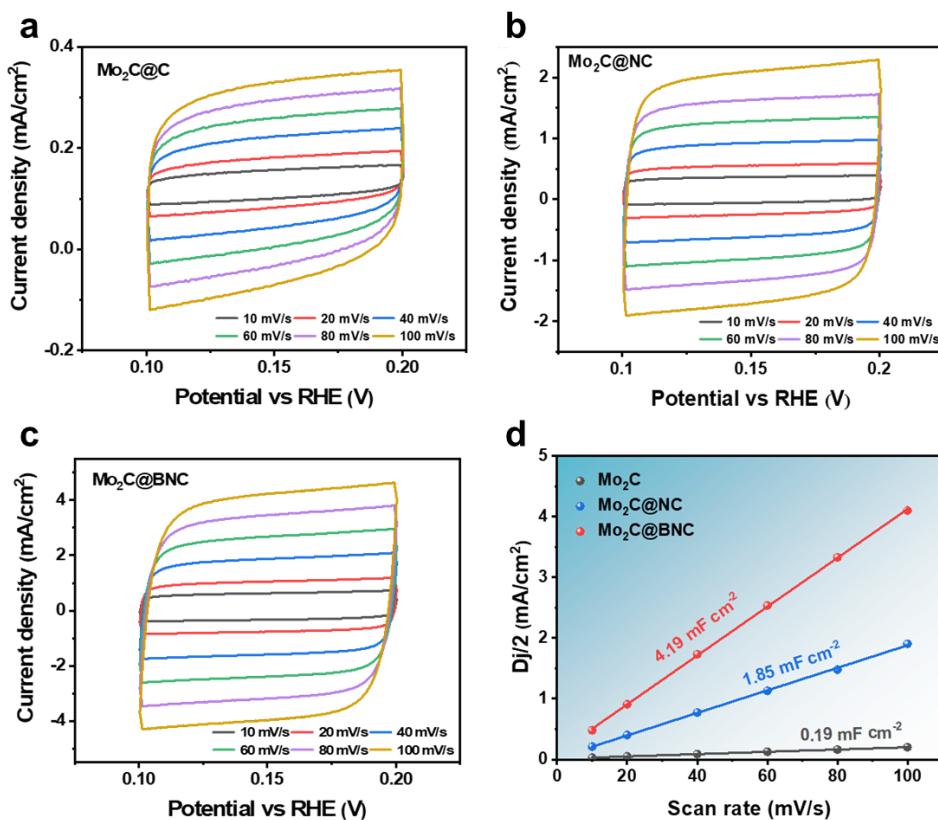
**Fig. S2** XPS spectra of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{NC}$  and  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$  for C 1s



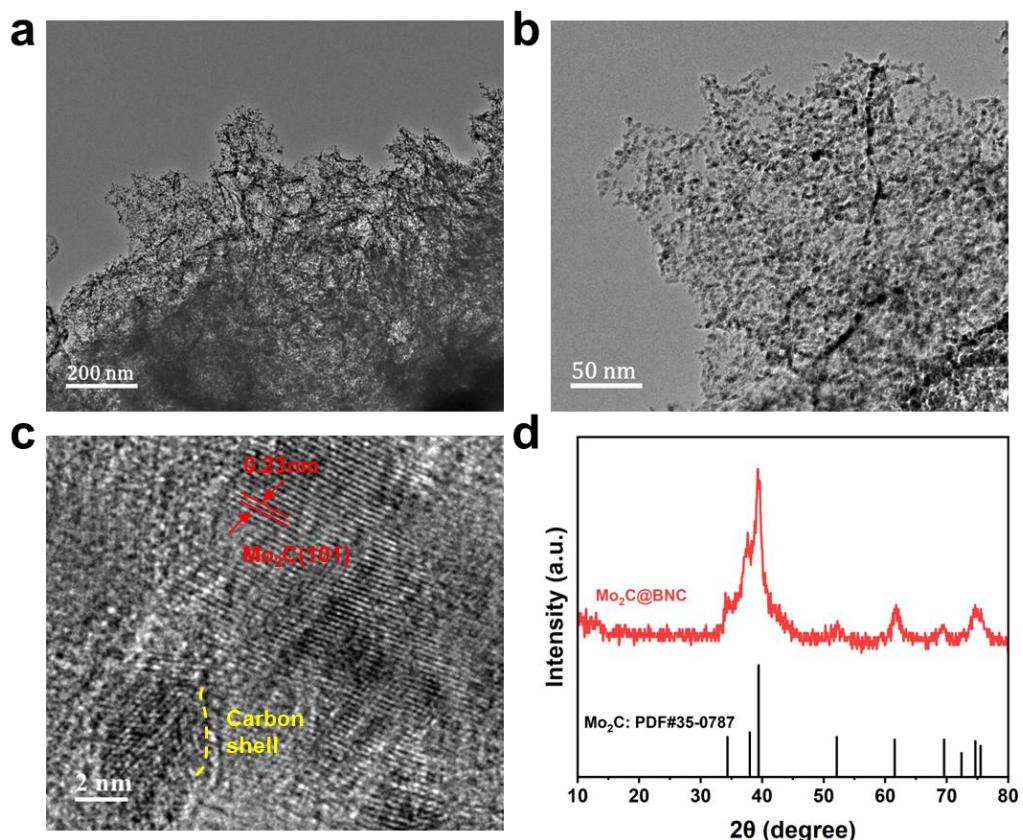
**Fig. S3** (a) LSV curves of different contents of doped B. (b) Overpotential ( $\eta_{10}$ ) comparison histogram. (c) Electrochemical impedance (EIS) plots. (d) Tafel slope plots



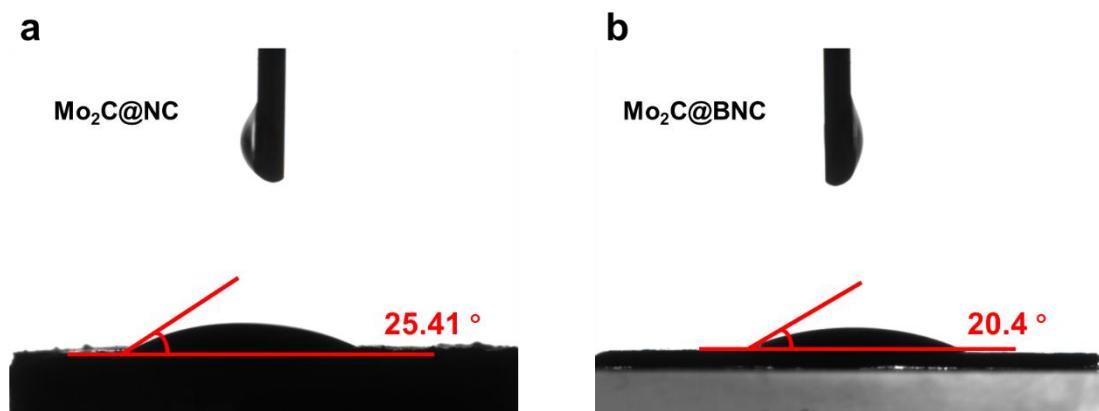
**Fig. S4** **(a)** LSV curves of Mo<sub>2</sub>C@C, Mo<sub>2</sub>C@NC, Mo<sub>2</sub>C@BNC and Pt/C catalysts in 0.5 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte. **(b)** Tafel slope curve. **(c)** V-t plot of constant potential for Mo<sub>2</sub>C@BNC catalyst



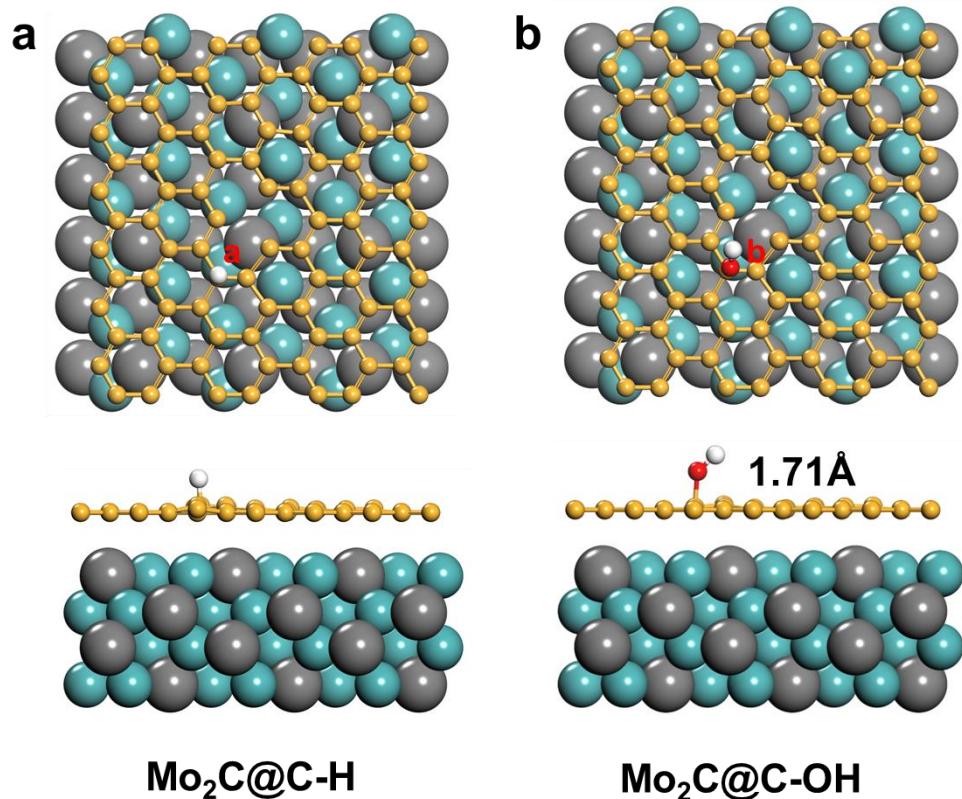
**Fig. S5** CV curves of **(a)** Mo<sub>2</sub>C@C, **(b)** Mo<sub>2</sub>C@NC and **(c)** Mo<sub>2</sub>C@BNC. **(d)** Current density versus scan rates in 1 M KOH solution



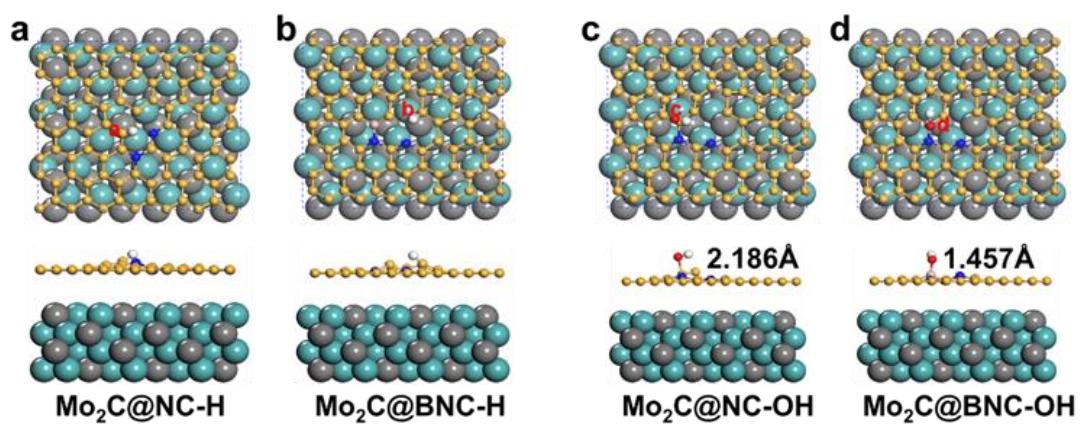
**Fig. S6** The structural characterization of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$  catalysts after durability test. (a-b) TEM images, (c) HRTEM image and (d) XRD pattern



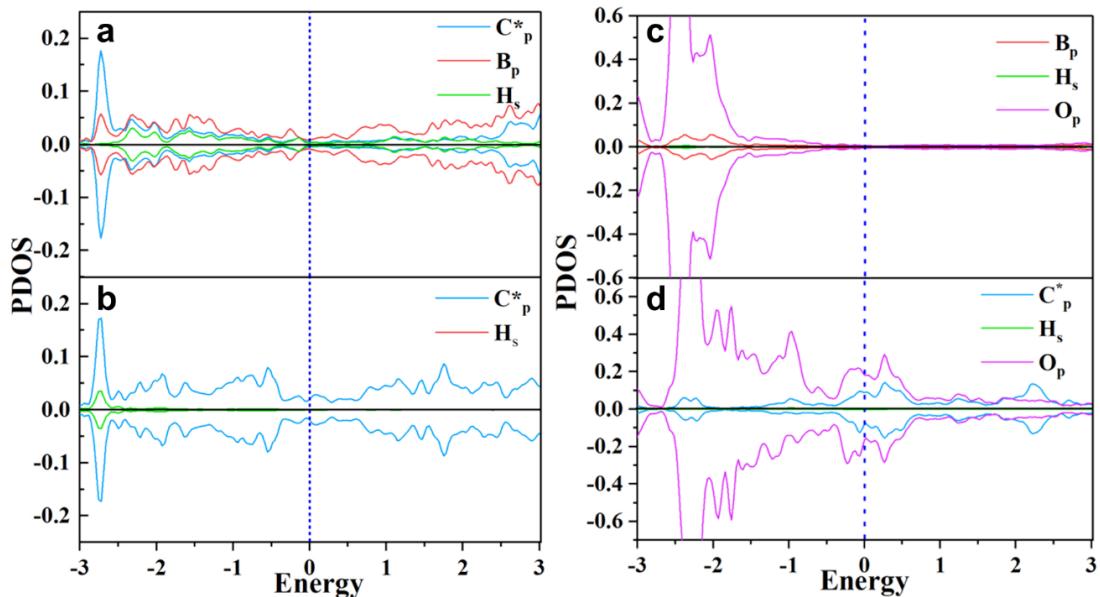
**Fig. S7** The contact angles of (a)  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$  and (b)  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{NC}$



**Fig. S8 (a-b)** Optimized H\* and OH\* adsorption on Mo<sub>2</sub>C@C



**Fig. S9 (a-d)** Optimized H\* and OH\* adsorption on Mo<sub>2</sub>C@NC and Mo<sub>2</sub>C@BNC



**Fig. S10** Density of projection states (DOS) of samples. \*: active sites. **(a)** the DOS of adsorbed  $\text{H}^*$  for  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$ . **(b)** the DOS of adsorbed  $\text{H}^*$  for  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{NC}$ . **(c)** the DOS of adsorbed  $\text{OH}^*$  for  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$ . **(d)** the DOS of adsorbed  $\text{OH}^*$  for  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{NC}$

**Table S1** Elemental Analysis Results of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$  Catalysts

sample	Mo (wt%)	C (wt%)	B (wt%)	N (wt%)
$\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$	44.82	36.44	10.32	8.42

Determined by Elemental mapping analysis.

**Table S2** Proportions of various N in  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$  and  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{NC}$  samples

	$\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{BNC}$	$\text{Mo}_2\text{C}@\text{NC}$
Graphitic N	15.09	15.41
Pyrrolic N	35.99	60.09
Pyridinic N	38.97	24.50
N-B	9.95	0

**Table S3** Comparisons of the HER performance of Mo<sub>2</sub>C@BNC and other electrocatalysts

Catalyst	Electrolyte	Overpotential (@10 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Overpotential (@50 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Tafel slope (mV/dec )	Electrode	Loading mass (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Refs.
Mo/Co@N-C	1 M KOH	157 mV	250 mV	148	GC	0.7	1
Co-Mo <sub>2</sub> C-CN <sub>x</sub>	1 M KOH	92 mV	175 mV	89	GC	0.781	2
Ni-Mo <sub>2</sub> C	1 M KOH	172 mV	~	68	GC	0.25	3
MMC-H <sub>2</sub>	1 M KOH	96 mV	~	37	GC	0.78	4
Mo <sub>2</sub> C	1 M KOH	116 mV	> 400 mV	65	NF	~	5
3D Mo <sub>2</sub> C	1 M KOH	110 mV	199 mV	73.9	NF	0.26	6
MoC <sub>x</sub>	1 M KOH	151 mV	218 mV	59	GC	0.8	7
Mo <sub>2</sub> C/NCF	1 M KOH	100 mV	~	65	GC	0.28	8
Co <sub>0.3</sub> Mo <sub>1.69</sub> C/ Mxene/NC	1 M KOH	75 mV	~	43	GC	0.2	9
Mo <sub>1</sub> N <sub>1</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	0.1 M KOH	132 mV	~	90	GC	0.408	10
Co/β-Mo <sub>2</sub> C@N- CNTs	1 M KOH	170 mV	280 mV	92	GC	0.014	11
Ni/Mo <sub>2</sub> C-PC	1 M KOH	179 mV	~	101	GC	0.25	12
Mo <sub>2</sub> C@BNC	1 M KOH	99 mV	142 mV	58.1	GC	0.54	This work
Co <sub>6</sub> W <sub>6</sub> C	1 M KOH	50 mV	116 mV	40.99	GC	0.51	13
Pt–Ni <sub>4</sub> Mo/CNT	1M KOH	18.6 mV	75 mV	37.4	GC	0.014	14
Ni@CNTs- Mo <sub>x</sub> C/Ni <sub>2</sub> P	1M KOH	54 mV	120 mV	54	NF	~	15
Fe/SAs@Mo- based-HNSs	1M KOH	38.5 mV	80 mV	35.6	CP	0.67	16

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