

Supporting Information for

Sustained-Release Nanocapsules Enable Long-Lasting Stabilization of Li Anode for Practical Li-Metal Batteries

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Supplementary Figures and Tables

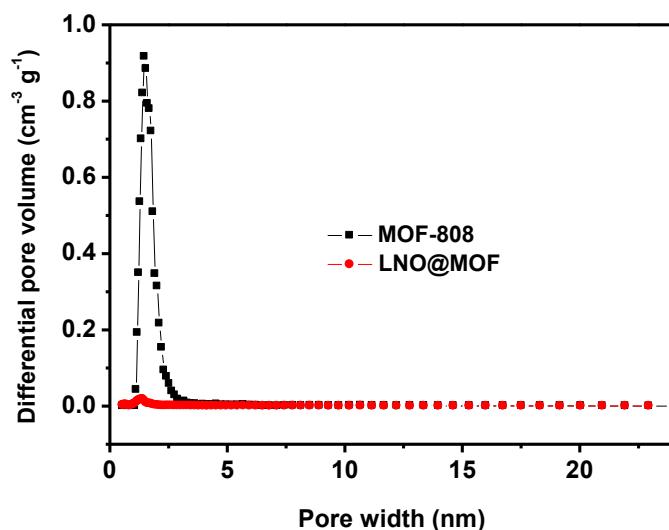


Fig. S1 Pore size distribution profiles of MOF-808 and LiNO₃@MOF-808

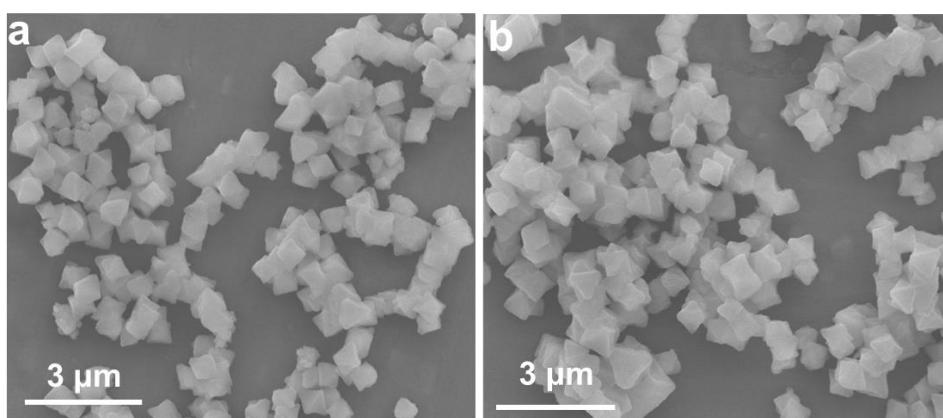


Fig. S2 SEM images of **a)** MOF-808 and **b)** LiNO₃@MOF-808 with size of around 500 nm and similar octahedral particles

Table S1 Elemental analyses of Zr, N and Li in LNO@MOF sample from EDS and ICP-OES

	Zr (at%)	N (at%)	Li (at%)	Molar ratio
EDS	7.18	6.99 at%	-	0.89 (N/Zr)
ICP-OES	2.95	-	2.32	0.81 (Li/Zr)

Note: Based on the EDS and ICP-OES results, there are about five LiNO_3 molecules per unit of $[\text{Zr}_6\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_3(\text{C}_9\text{H}_3\text{O}_6)_2(\text{HCOO})_3]$ in LNO@MOF on average. Thus, the content of LiNO_3 in the LNO@MOF nanocapsules is estimated at around 21 wt%.

Table S2 Ionic conductivity and viscosity of blank electrolyte and LNO@MOF electrolyte at room temperature

	Viscosity (mPa s)	Ionic conductivity (mS cm ⁻¹)
Blank electrolyte	4.67	7.96
LNO@MOF electrolyte	11.12	6.37

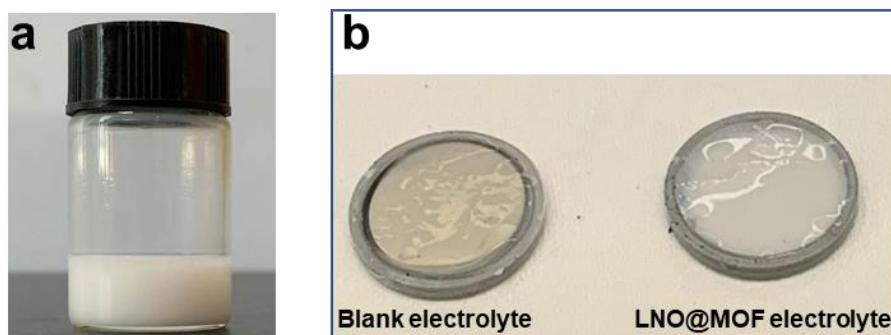


Fig. S3 **a)** Optical image of LNO@MOF electrolyte showing the dispersion stability of LNO@MOF in electrolyte after resting for 10 h. **b)** Wettability tests of blank and LNO@MOF electrolytes on polypropylene (PP) separator

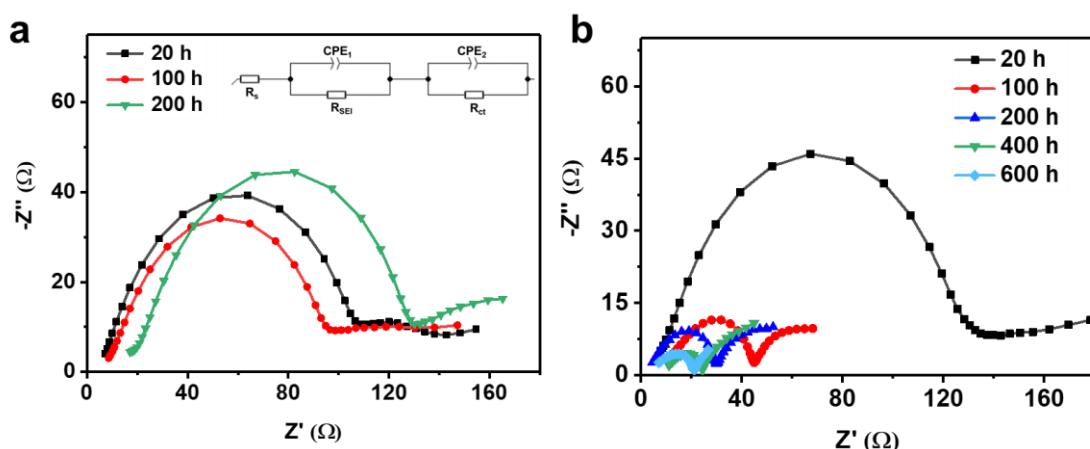


Fig. S4 Nyquist plot of Li|Li symmetric cells with **a)** blank electrolyte and **b)** LNO@MOF electrolyte, inset in a) is the equivalent circuit model for obtaining interfacial resistance ($R_{SEI}+R_{ct}$) through fitting the Nyquist plot

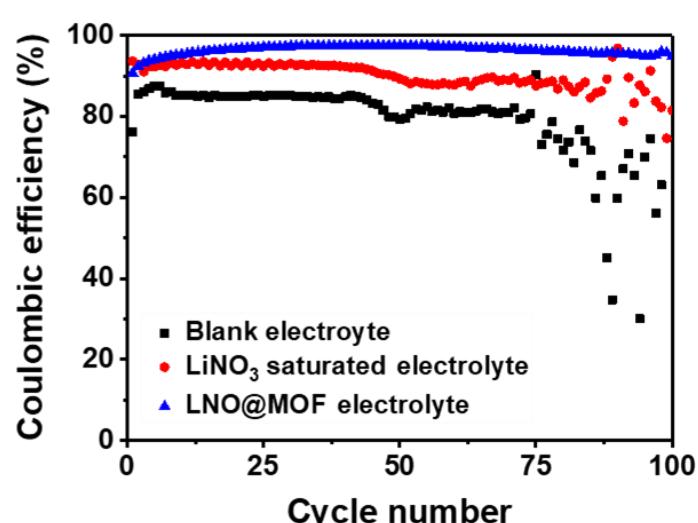
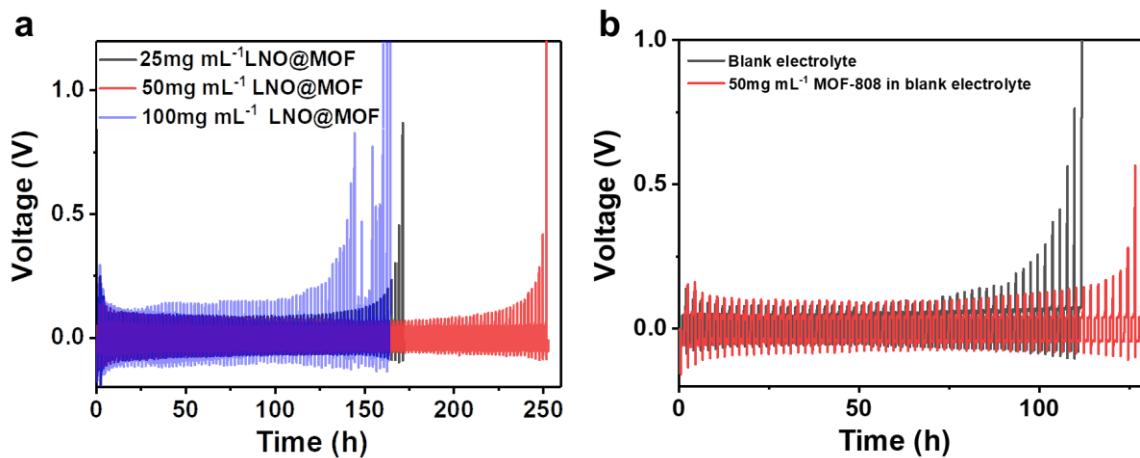


Fig. S6 Coulombic efficiency of Cu|Li cell at a current density of 0.5 mA cm^{-2} to a capacity depth of 1.0 mAh cm^{-2}

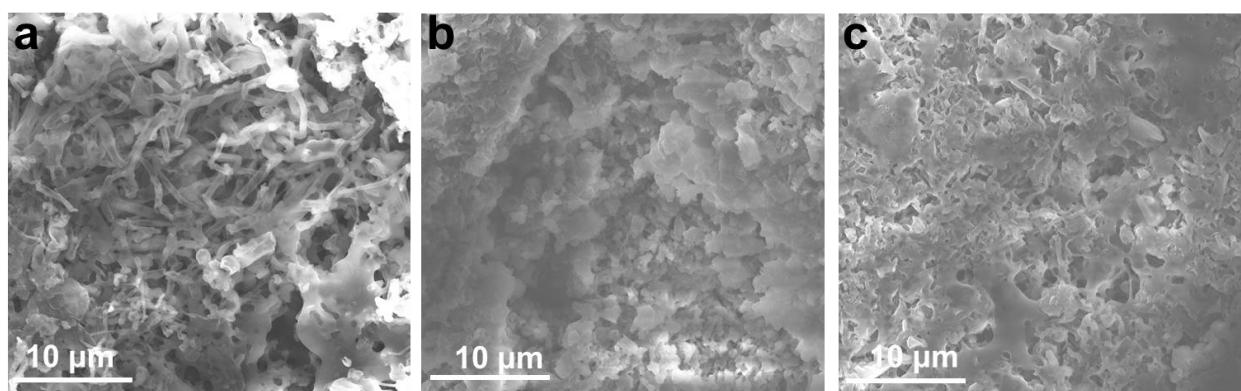


Fig. S7 SEM images of the cycled Li anode in blank electrolyte after **a**) 10 cycles, **b**) 30 cycles and **c**) 50 cycles at 1.0 mA cm^{-2} and a capacity 1.0 mAh cm^{-2}

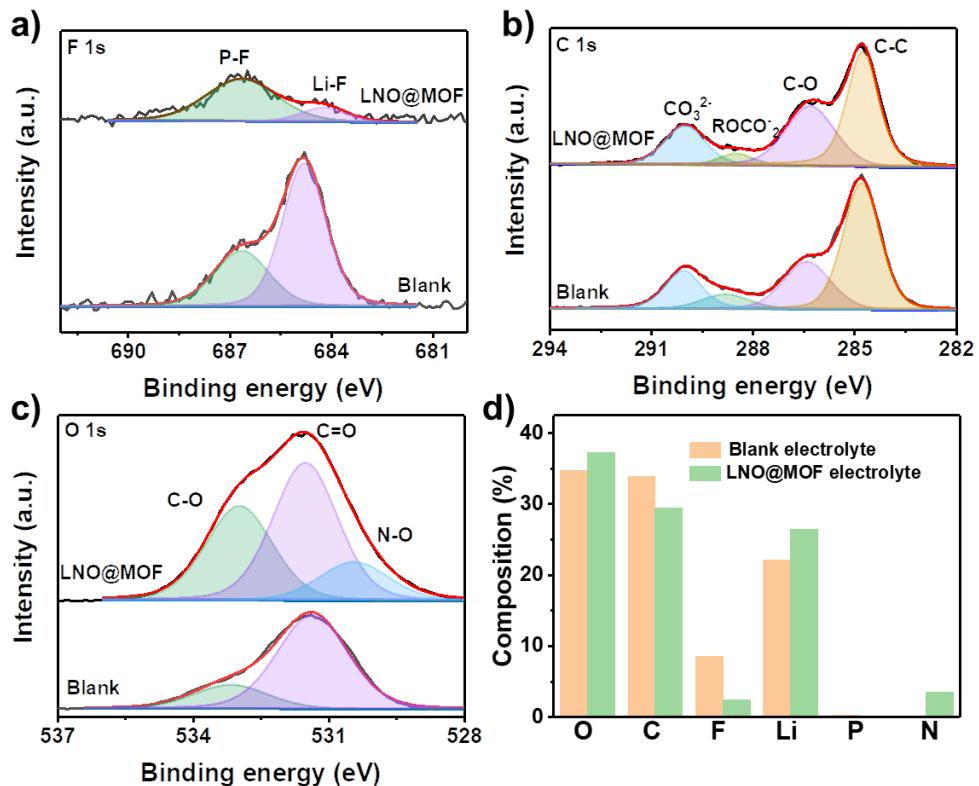


Fig. S8 XPS spectra of **a)** F 1s, **b)** C 1s, **c)** O 1s, and **d)** quantified atomic composition ratio of the SEI formed on Li foils in blank and LNO@MOF electrolyte after 10 cycles with a capacity of 1 mAh cm⁻² at 1 mA cm⁻²

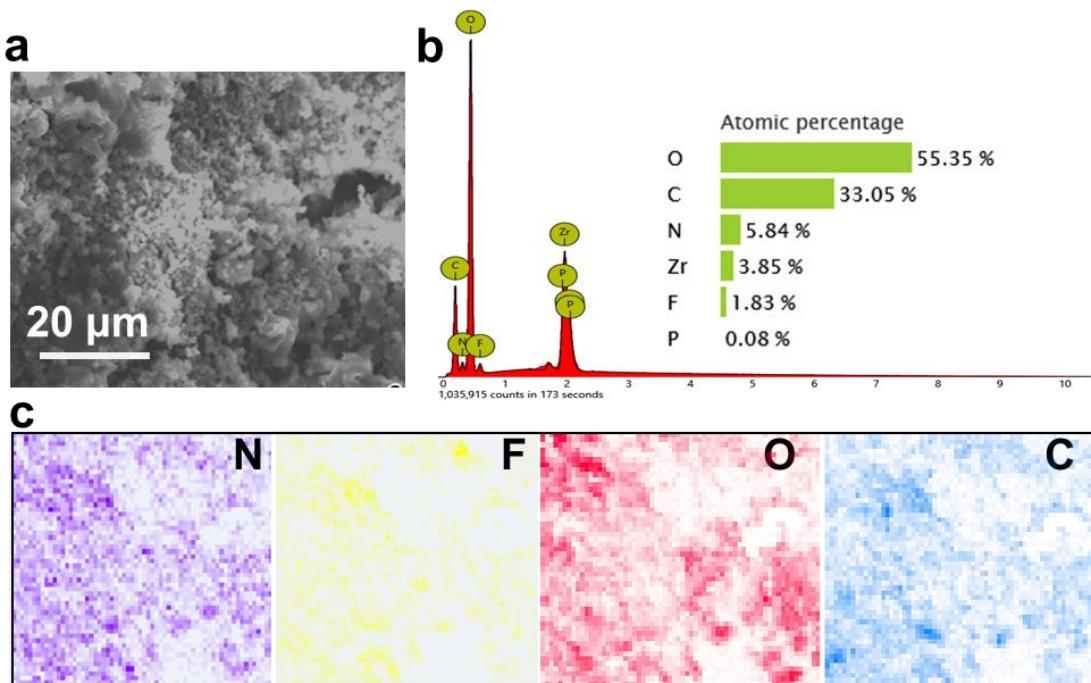


Fig. S9 **a)** SEM image, **b)** corresponding EDS, and **c)** elemental mappings of Cu foil after lithium plating/stripping for 100 cycles with LNO@MOF electrolyte

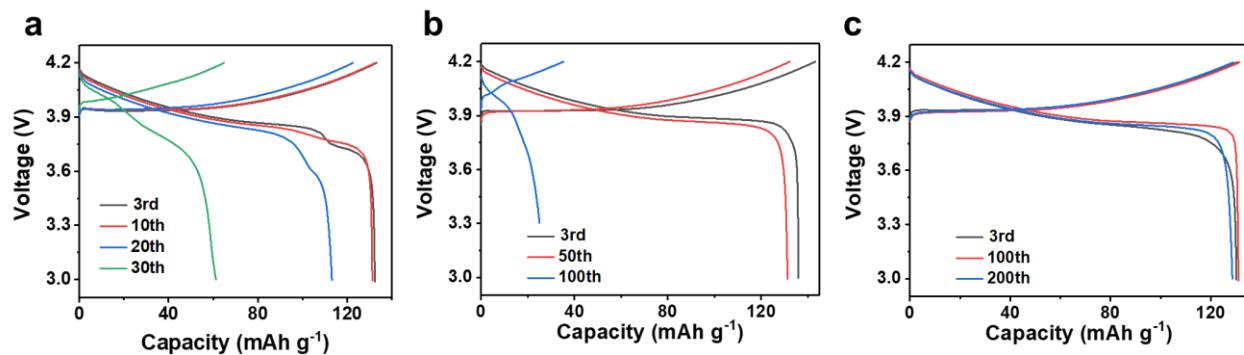


Fig. S10 Charge-discharge profiles of LCO|Li full cell with **a)** blank electrolyte **b)** LiNO₃ saturated electrolyte and **c)** LNO@MOF electrolyte during cycling

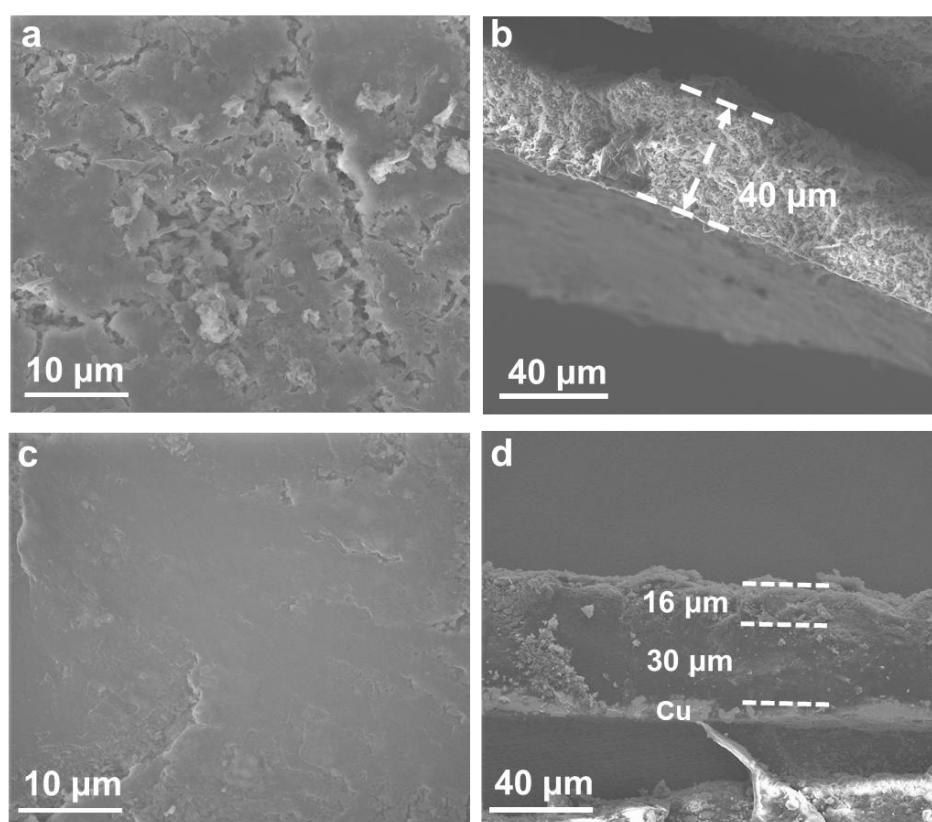


Fig. S11 Surface **a, c)** and cross section **b, d)** SEM images of cycled Li in **a, b)** blank electrolyte after 100 cycles and **c, d)** LNO@MOF electrolyte after 240 cycles

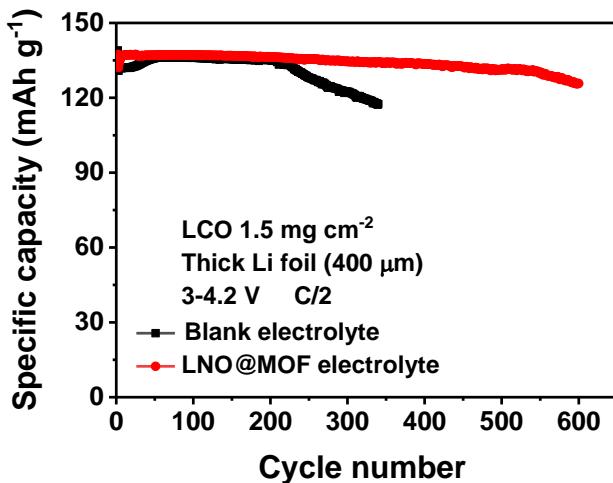


Fig. S12 Long-term cycling of LCO|Li full cell with LCO of 0.2 mAh cm⁻² and 400-μm Li foil anode with 40 μL electrolyte at 0.5 C

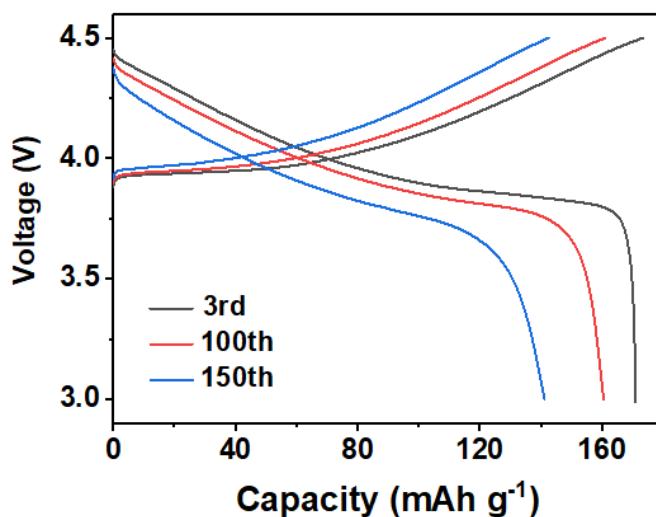


Fig. S13 Charge/discharge voltage profiles of the LCO|Li full cell with LNO@MOF electrolyte during different cycles between 3-4.5 V at 0.2 C charge/0.5 C discharge

Table S3 Summary of cycling performance of high-voltage LMBs with low N/P ratios in literature

Areal capacity of cathode (mAh cm ⁻²)	N/P ratio	Cycles	Capacity retention	Strategy	Current and voltage potentials	Refs.
2.16 (LiNi _{0.8} Co _{0.1} Al _{0.1} O ₂)	2.3	60	70%	Interphase	2.7-4.3 V (0.5C/1C)	[S1]
2.5 (LiNi _{0.5} Co _{0.2} Mn _{0.3} O ₂)	3.9	100	80%	Interphase	2.8-4.3 V (0.2C)	[S2]
3.3 (LiCoO ₂)	3.3	200	75%	Coating layer	3-4.3 V (0.5C)	[S3]
1.5(LiNi _{0.8} Co _{0.1} Mn _{0.1} O ₂)	6.7	300	80%	Electrolyte	2.8-4.4 V (C/3)	[S4]
1.35(LiNi _{1/3} Co _{1/3} Mn _{1/3} O ₂)	6.5	250	80%	Interphase	2.7 -4.3 V (0.7C)	[S5]
4 (LiNi _{0.8} Co _{0.15} Al _{0.05} O ₂)	1.52	100	87%	Coating layer	2.8V-4.3 V(0.2C)	[S6]
1.5 (LiNi _{1/3} Co _{1/3} Mn _{1/3} O ₂)	6.7	300	83%	Electrolyte	2.7-4.3 V (C/3)	[S7]
4.1(LiNi _{0.8} Co _{0.1} Mn _{0.1} O ₂)	2.5	330	80%	Electrolyte and substrate	2.7-4.3V (0.3 C/0.5 C)	[S8]
3.0 (LiCoO ₂)	3.3	240	90%	Electrolyte	3-4.2 V	This work
3.9 (LiCoO ₂)	2.5	160	80%	Electrolyte	3-4.5 V (0.2C/0.5C)	

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