

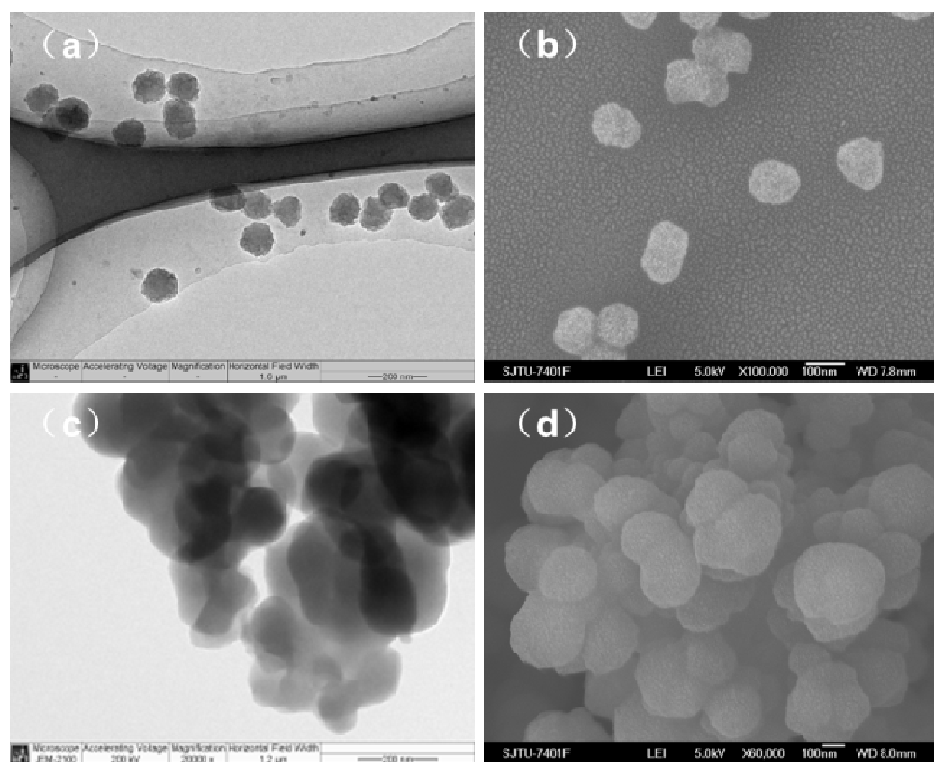
## Supporting Information

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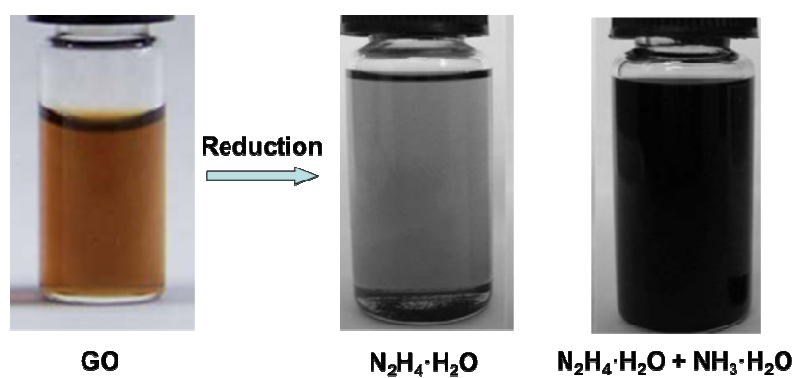
### **Hierarchical Sulfur-Based Cathode Materials with Long Cycle Life for Rechargeable Lithium Batteries**

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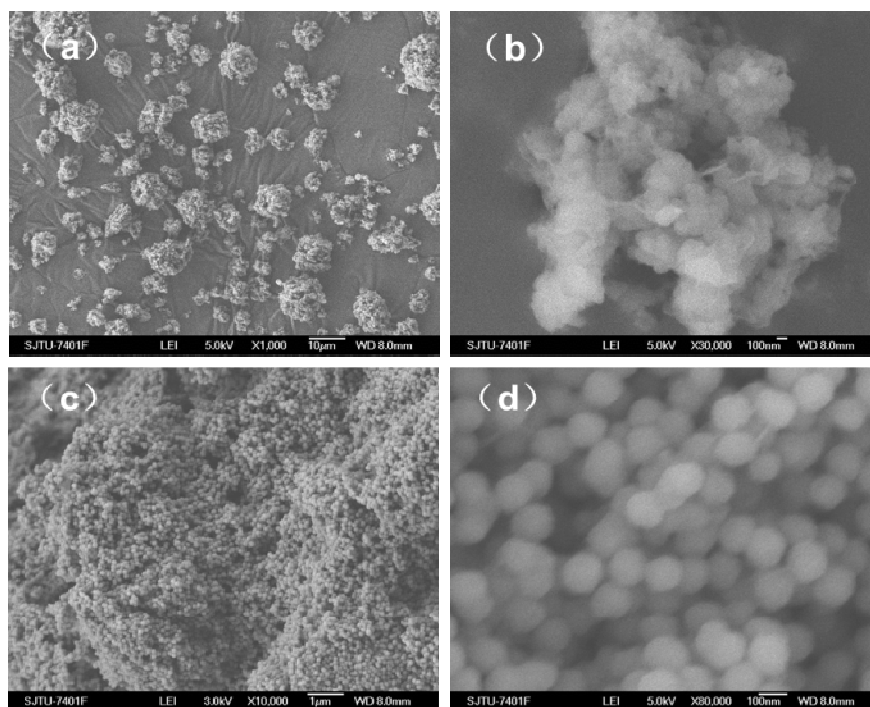
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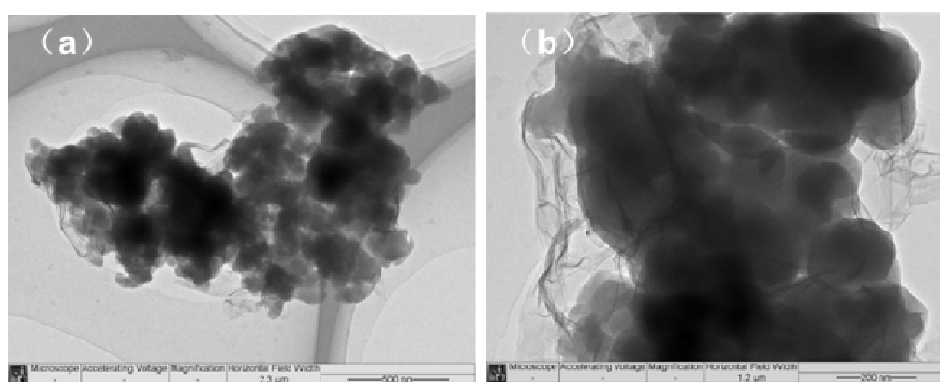
**Figure S1.** TEM (a), SEM (b) images of mono dispersed PAN nanoparticles; TEM (c) and SEM (d) images of commercialized PAN



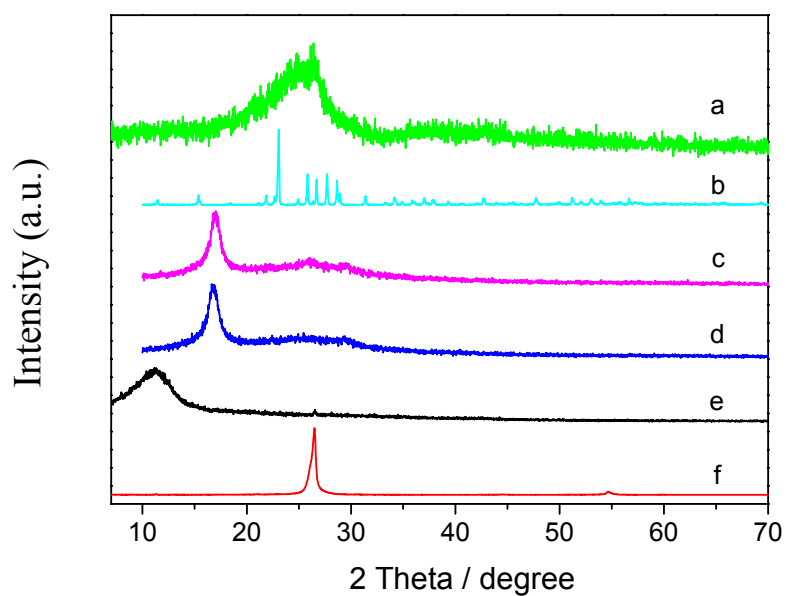
**Figure S2.** Photographs of aqueous dispersions of GO and GNS obtained from different reduced condition.



**Figure S3.** SEM images of the Sample B (a, b) and the Sample C (c, d). Sample B with the precursor prepared via spray drying of commercialized PAN with GNS; Sample C with the precursor prepared via heating drying of PAN nanoparticles with GNS.



**Figure S4.** TEM images of the Sample B with the precursor prepared via spray drying of commercialized PAN with GNS.



**Figure S5.** XRD patterns for (a) pPAN-S@GNS (Sample A), (b) Sulfur, (c) PAN@GNS, (d) pure PAN, (e) GO and (f) graphite.