

## Supplementary Materials

# A Highly Active Porous Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N Heterostructure on Carbon Nanowalls/Diamond for a High-current Hydrogen Evolution Reaction

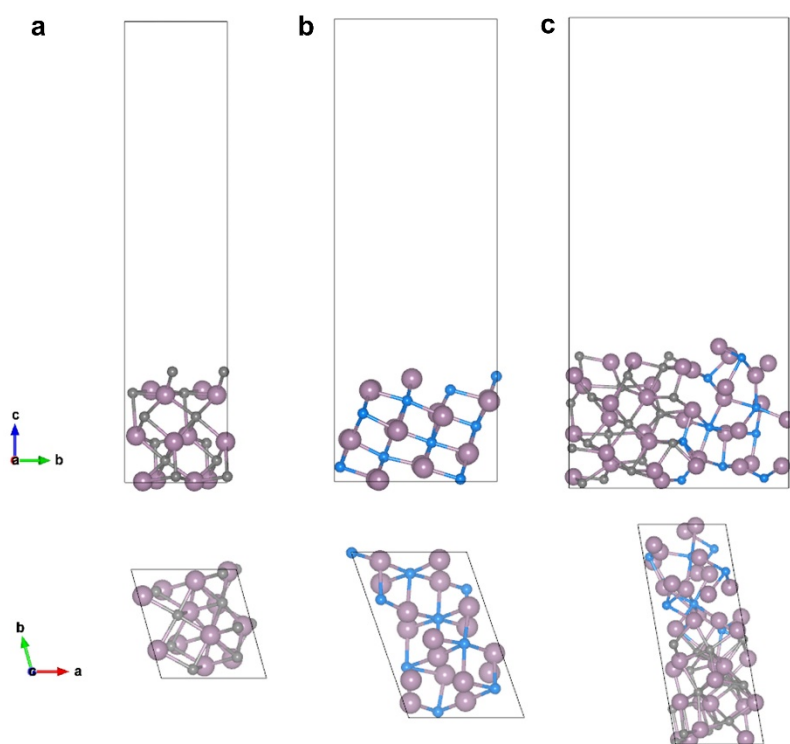
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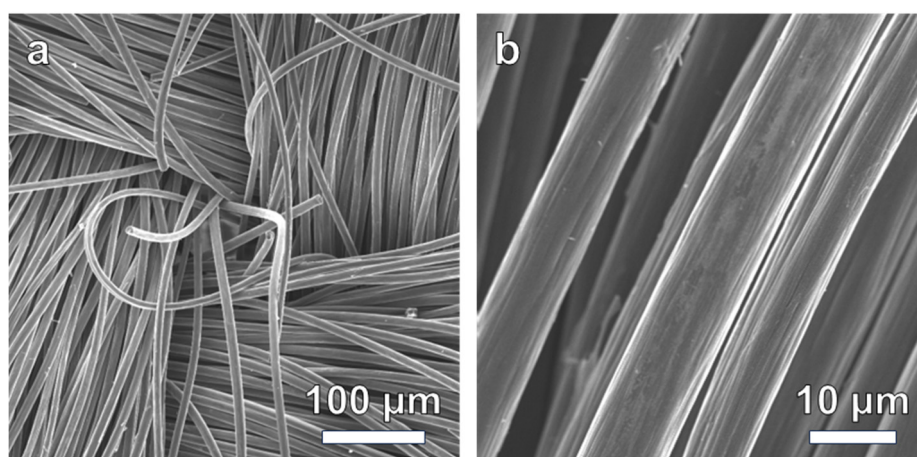
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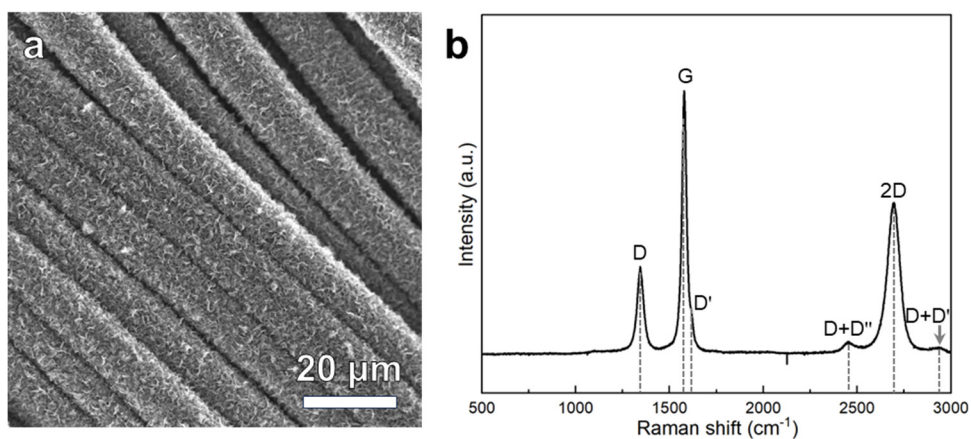
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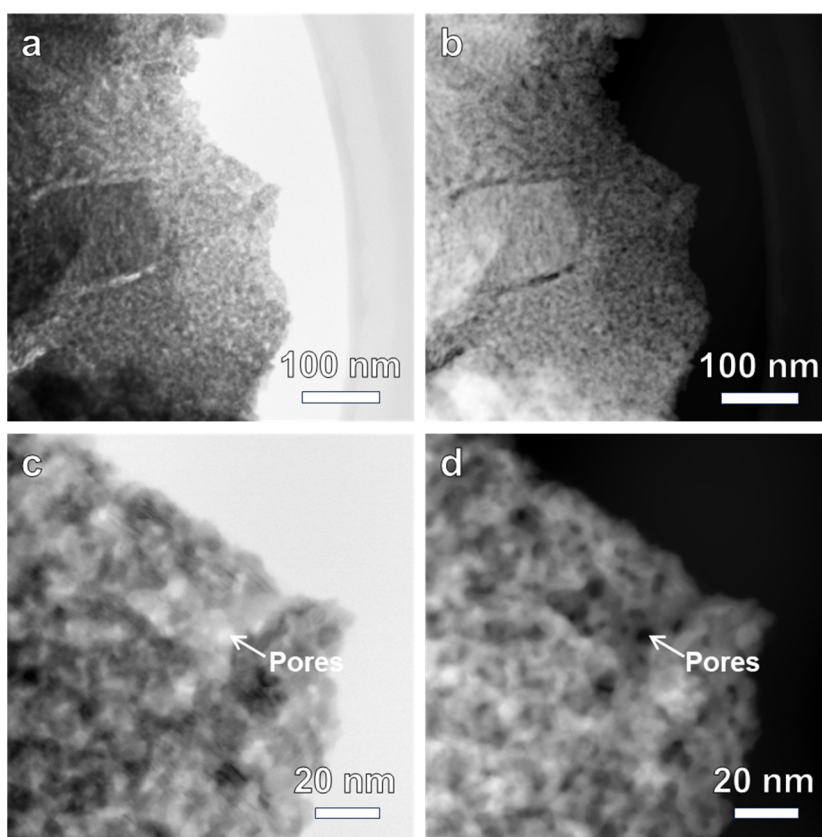
**Figure S1.** Side view (upper panel) and top view (lower panel) for the super cells of (a)  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}$  (101), (b)  $\text{Mo}_2\text{N}$  (111), and (c)  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}$  (101)- $\text{Mo}_2\text{N}$  (111) heterostructure.



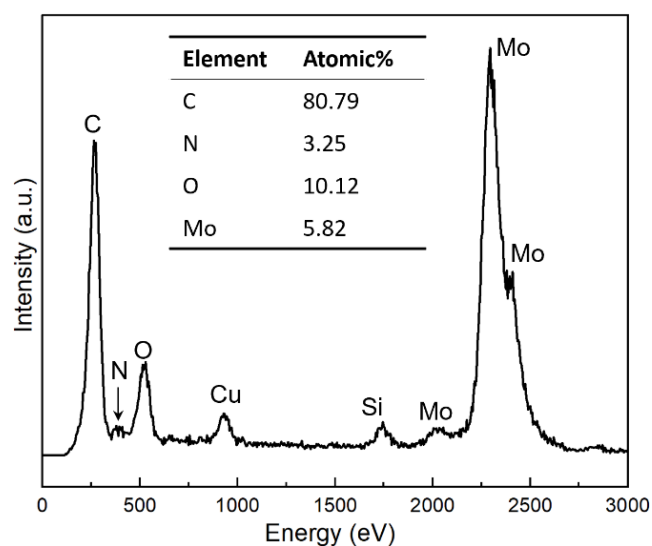
**Figure S2.** (a) Low-magnification and (b) high-magnification SEM images of CC.



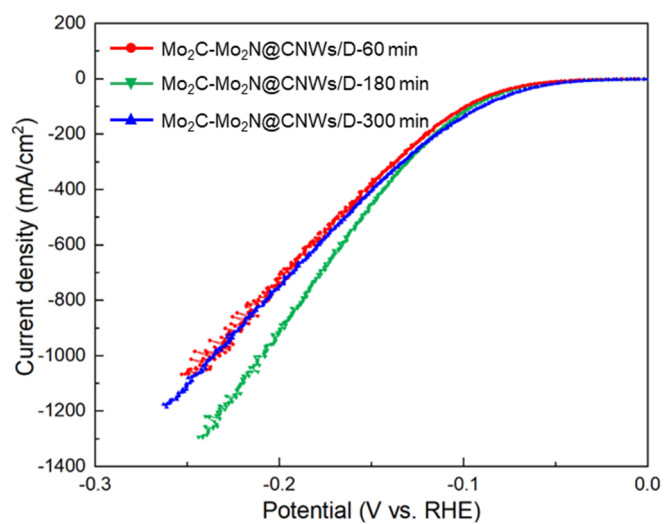
**Figure S3.** (a) SEM image and (b) Raman spectrum of the pristine CNW/D-coated CC.



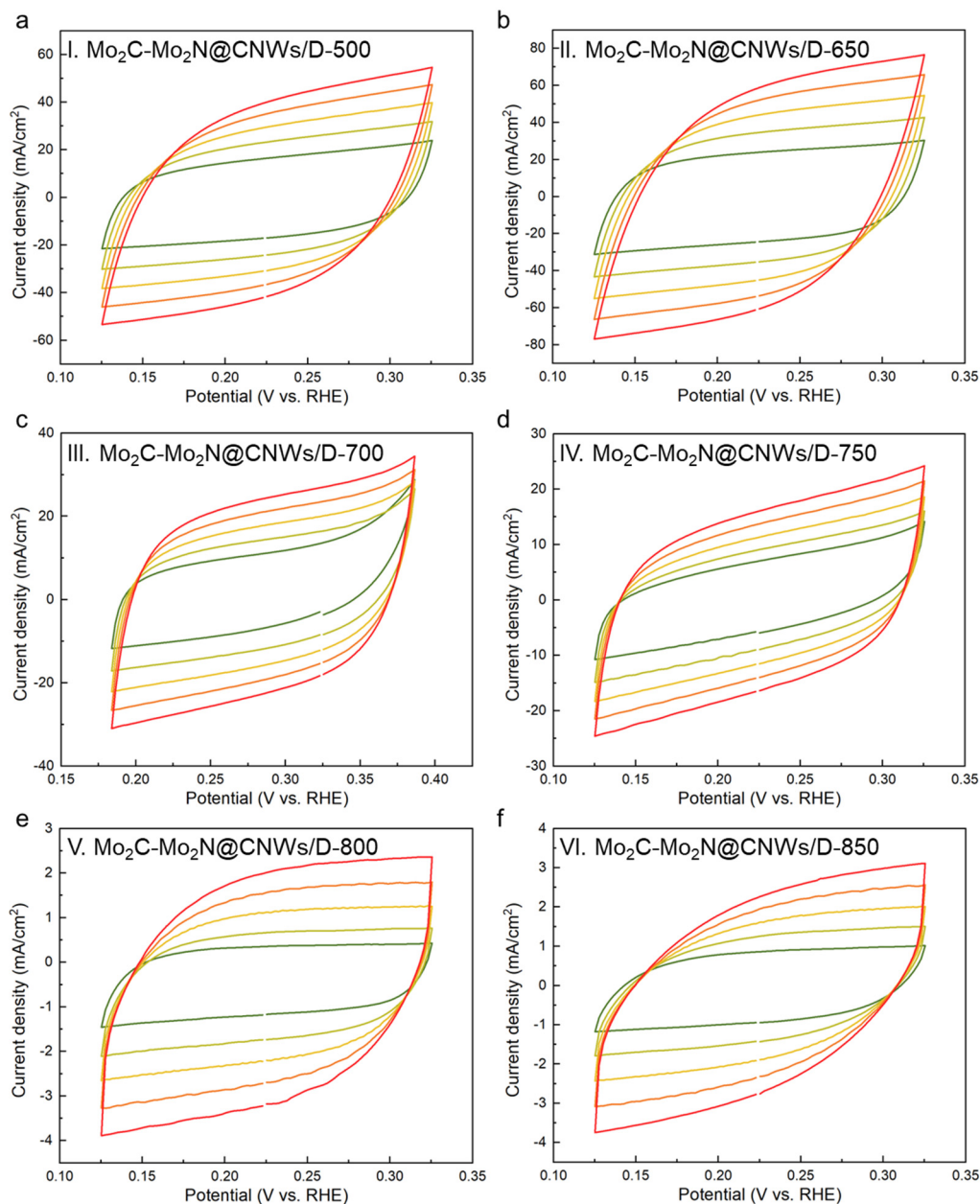
**Figure S4.** (a,c) Bright-field and (b,d) corresponding HAADF TEM images of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C-Mo}_2\text{N@CNWs/D}$ .



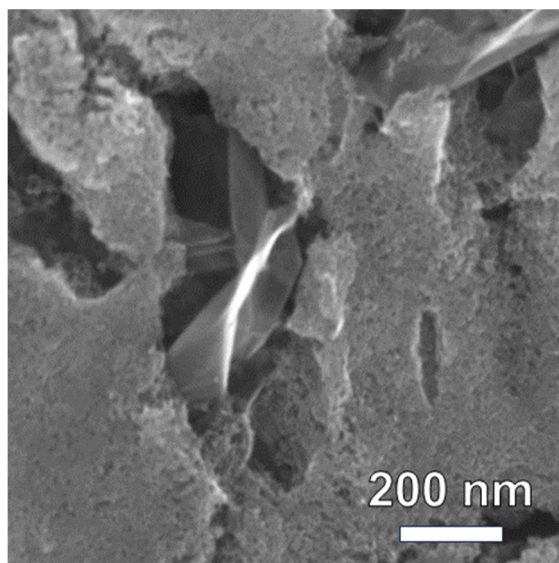
**Figure S5.** EDS spectrum of Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D.



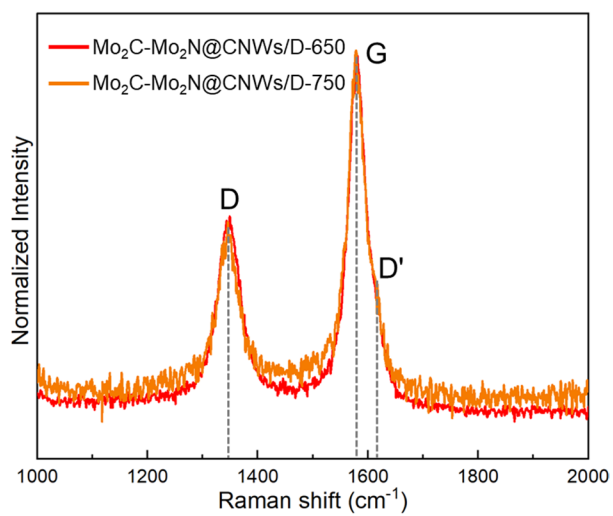
**Figure S6.** Polarization curves of Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D prepared at 700 °C with the annealing time of 60, 180, and 300 min.



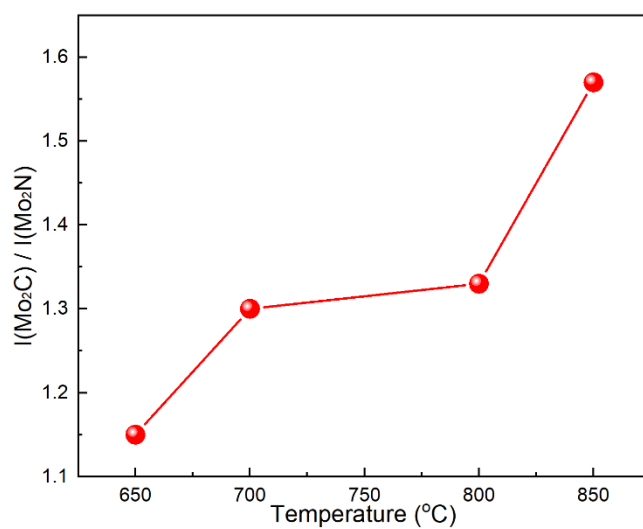
**Figure S7.** CV curves of (a) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-500, (b) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-650, (c) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-700, (d) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-750, (e) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-800, and (f) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-850 at various scan rates ranging from 0.04 to 0.12 V/s.



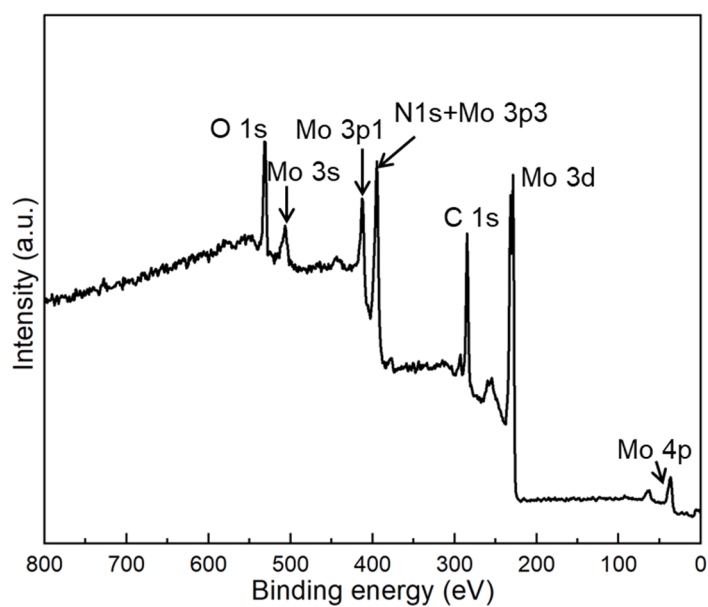
**Figure S8.** SEM image of Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-650 after a 24 h HER test at a high current density of 500 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.



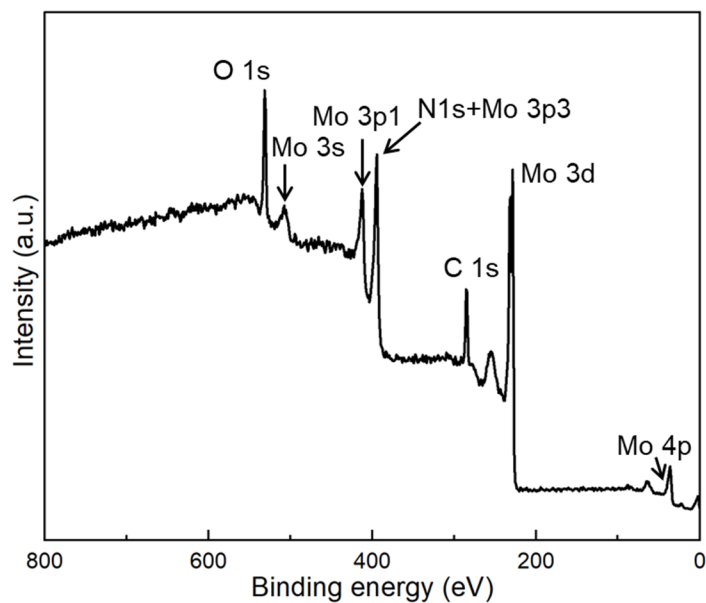
**Figure S9.** Raman spectra of Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D prepared at 650 and 750 °C.



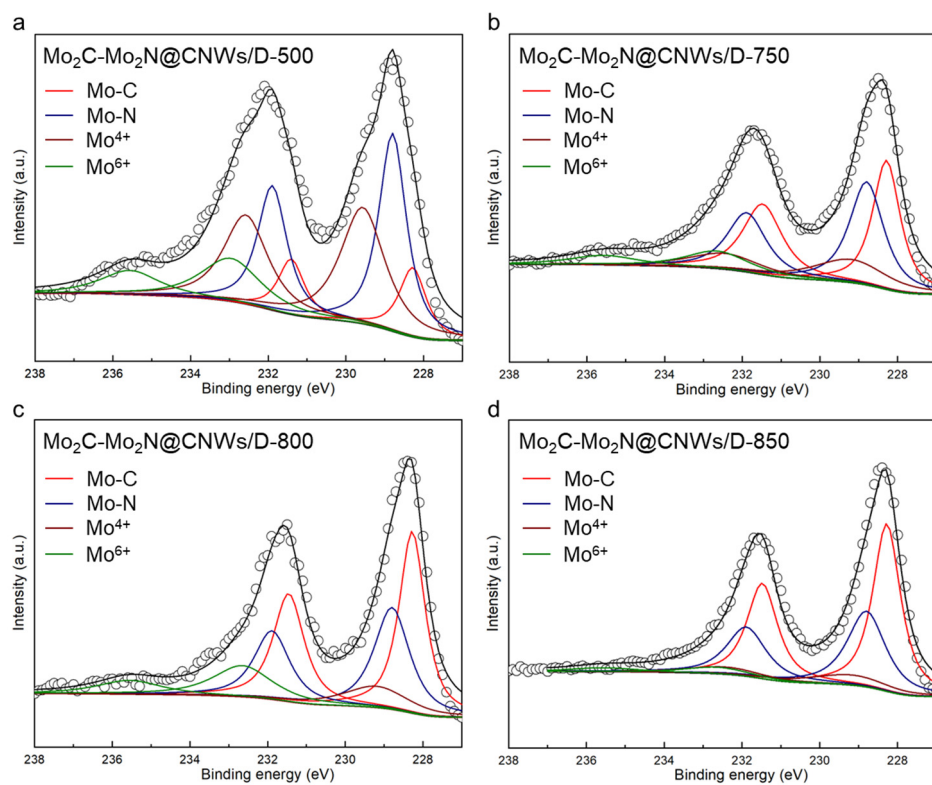
**Figure S10.** The intensity ratio of the  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}$  (101) peak to the  $\text{Mo}_2\text{N}$  (111) peak in XRD patterns as a function of the temperature.



**Figure S11.** XPS survey spectrum of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}$ - $\text{Mo}_2\text{N}$ @CNWs/D-650.

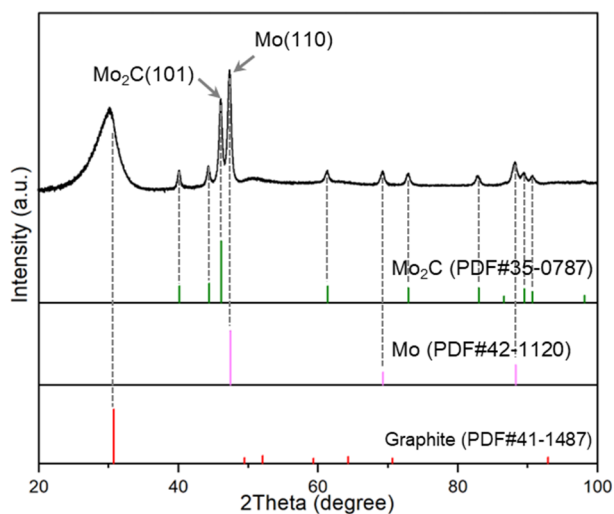


**Figure S12.** XPS survey spectrum of Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-650 after HER test.

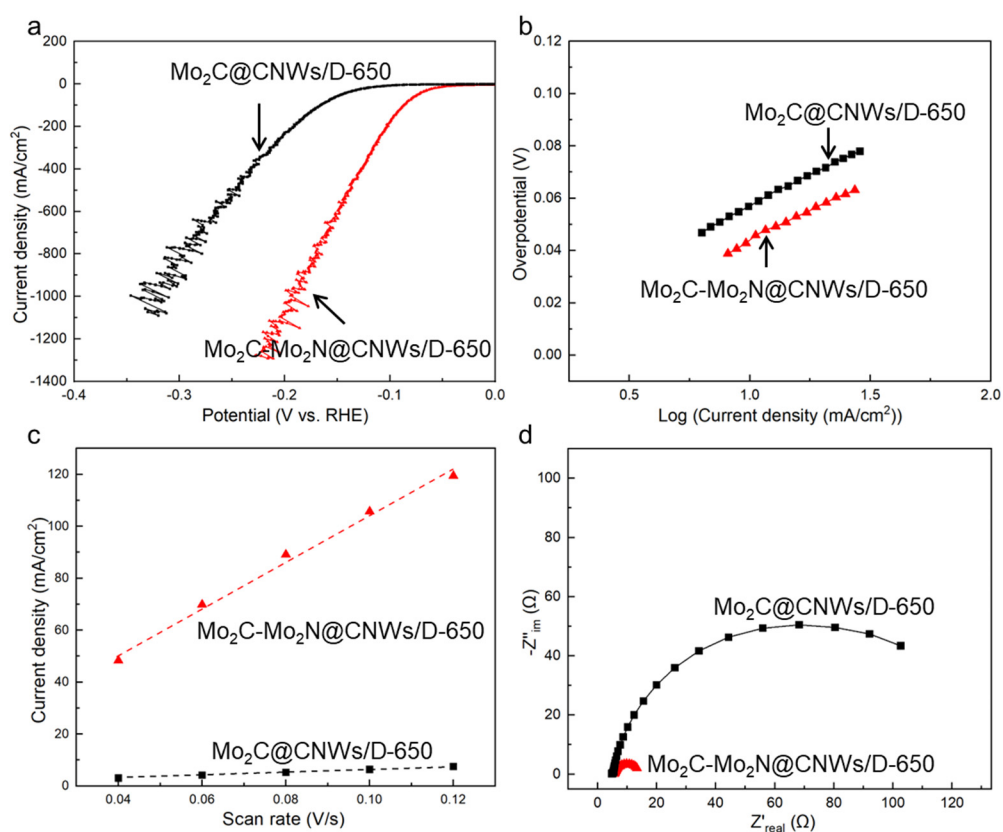


**Figure S13.** High-resolution Mo 3d XPS spectra of (a) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-500, (b) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-750, (c) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-800, and (d) Mo<sub>2</sub>C-

Mo<sub>2</sub>N@CNWs/D-850.



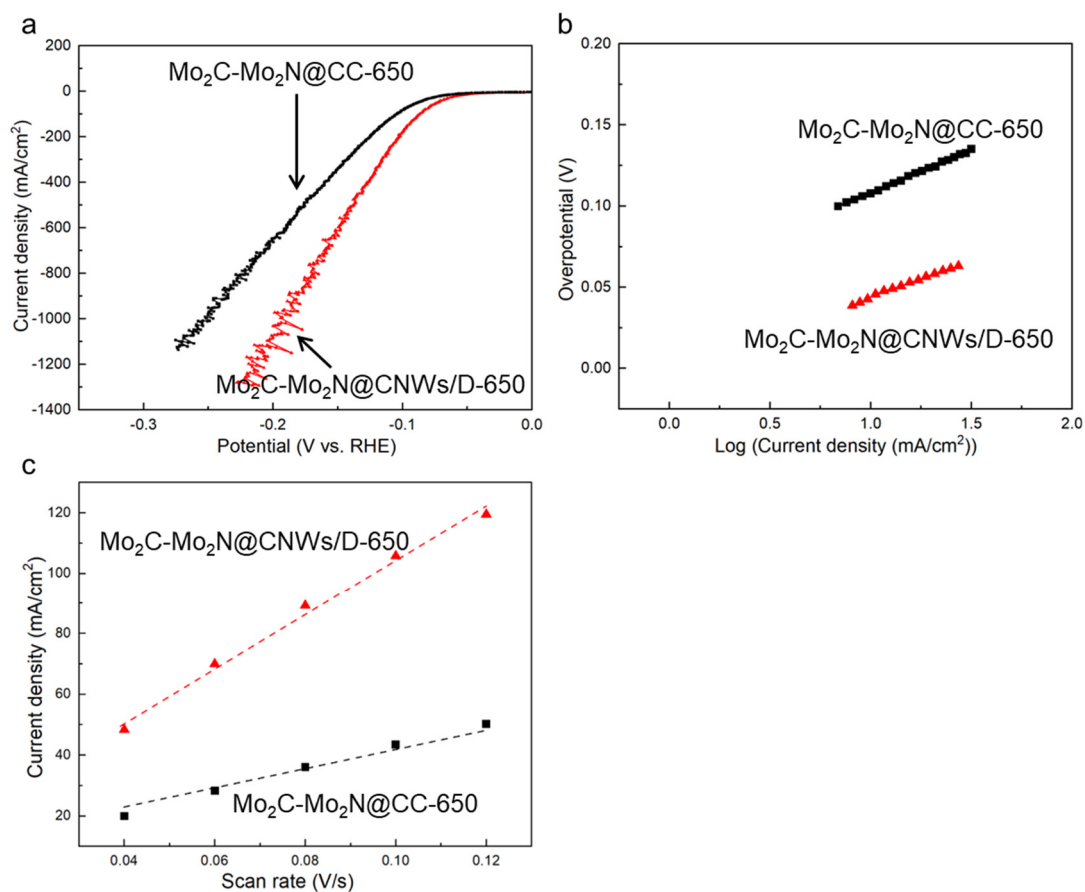
**Figure S14.** XRD pattern of Mo<sub>2</sub>C@CNWs/D-650 prepared on a CC substrate.



**Figure S15.** Electrocatalytic HER performance of Mo<sub>2</sub>C@CNWs/D-650 in 1 M KOH.

(a) Polarization curves and corresponding (b) Tafel plots. (c) Capacitive current

variation as a function of scan rate from 0.04 to 0.12 V/s. (d) Nyquist plots. The curves of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C-Mo}_2\text{N@CNWs/D-650}$  are demonstrated as control.



**Figure S16.** Electrocatalytic HER performance of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C-Mo}_2\text{N@CC-650}$  in 1 M KOH.

(a) Polarization curves and corresponding (b) Tafel plots. (c) Capacitive current variation as a function of scan rate from 0.04 to 0.12 V/s. The curves of  $\text{Mo}_2\text{C-Mo}_2\text{N@CNWs/D-650}$  are demonstrated as control.

**Table S1.** The adsorption energy change of  $H^*$  species ( $\Delta E_{H^*}$ ) and the free energy change of adsorbed  $H^*$  species ( $\Delta G_{H^*}$ ) on different sites of  $Mo_2C$  (101),  $Mo_2N$  (111), and  $Mo_2C$  (101)- $Mo_2N$  (111) heterostructure.

Species	$\Delta E_{H^*}$ (eV)	$\Delta G_{H^*}$ (eV)
$H^*$ on Mo site of $Mo_2C$	-0.4544	-0.3178
$H^*$ on Mo site of $Mo_2N$	-0.9586	-0.5889
$H^*$ on Mo site of $Mo_2C$ - $Mo_2N$	-0.2915	-0.1673
$H^*$ on N site of $Mo_2C$ - $Mo_2N$	-0.1826	0.0913
$H^*$ on C site of $Mo_2C$ - $Mo_2N$	-0.9137	-0.6604

**Table S2.** Electrocatalytic HER characteristics of  $Mo_2C@CNWs/D-650$  prepared without melamine,  $Mo_2C$ - $Mo_2N@CC-650$  prepared on CC, and  $Mo_2C$ - $Mo_2N@CNWs/D-650$ .

Samples	$\eta_{10}$ (mV)	$\eta_{500}$ (mV)	$\eta_{1000}$ (mV)	Tafel slope (mV/dec)	$R_{ct}$ ( $\Omega$ )	Capacitance (mF/cm <sup>2</sup> )
$Mo_2C@CNWs/D-650$	107.9	253.8	316.6	52.9	129.42	55
$Mo_2C$ - $Mo_2N@CC-650$	56.9	176.3	251.7	47.3	13.94	379
$Mo_2C$ - $Mo_2N@CNWs/D-650$	42.8	137.8	194.4	45.6	8.59	891