

**Supplementary material : Phosphate Boosting Stable  
Efficient Seawater Splitting on Porous NiFe  
(oxy)hydroxide@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> Core-Shell Micropillar Electrode**

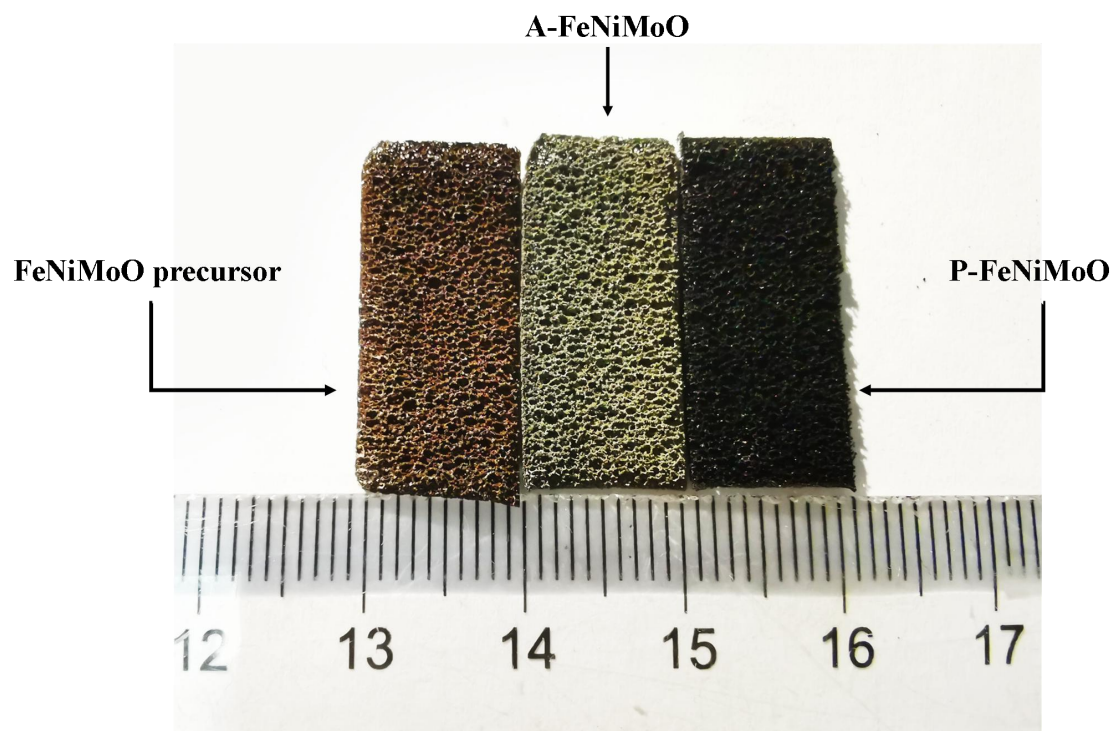
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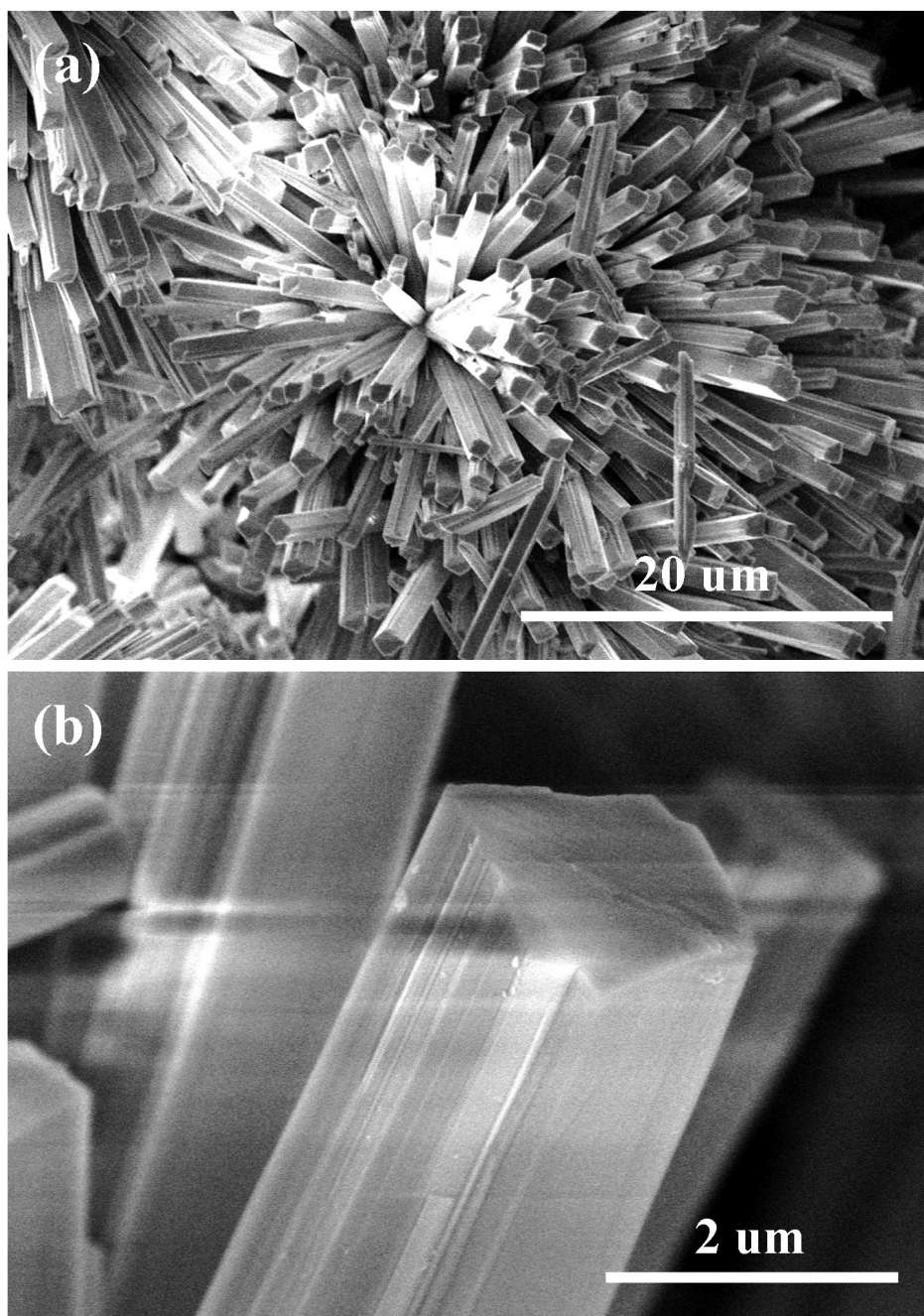
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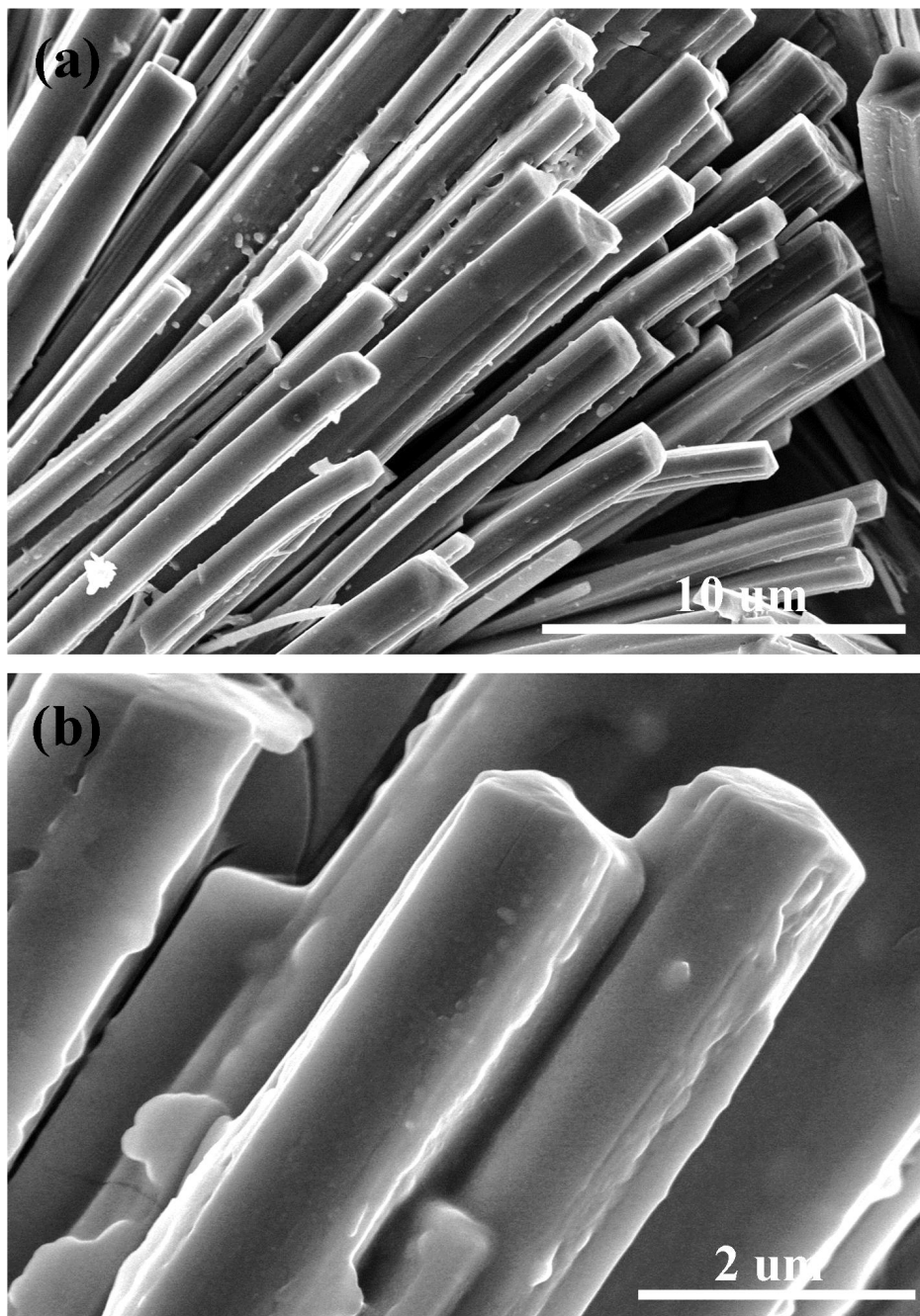
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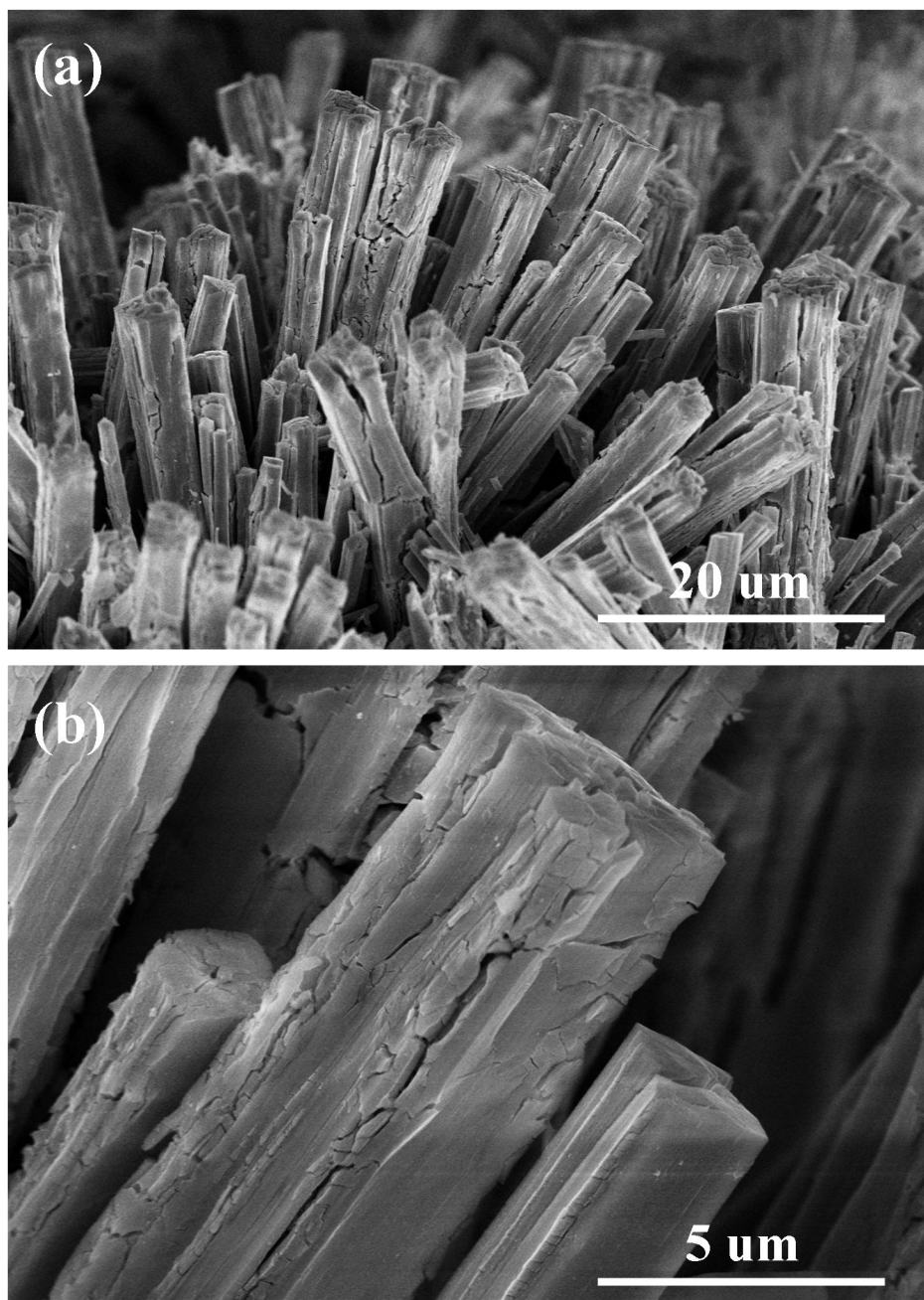
**Supplementary Figure 1.** Optical image of FeNiMoO precursor (L), A-FeNiMoO (M), and P-FeNiMoO (R) on nickel foam.



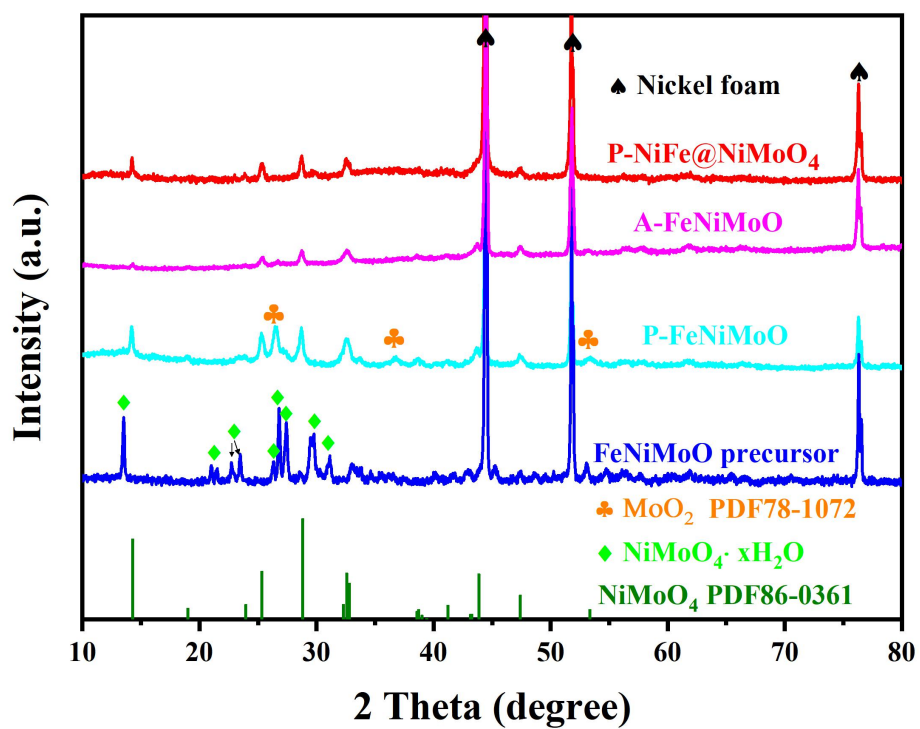
**Supplementary Figure 2.** (a) Low and (b) high magnification SEM images of FeNiMoO precursor electrode.



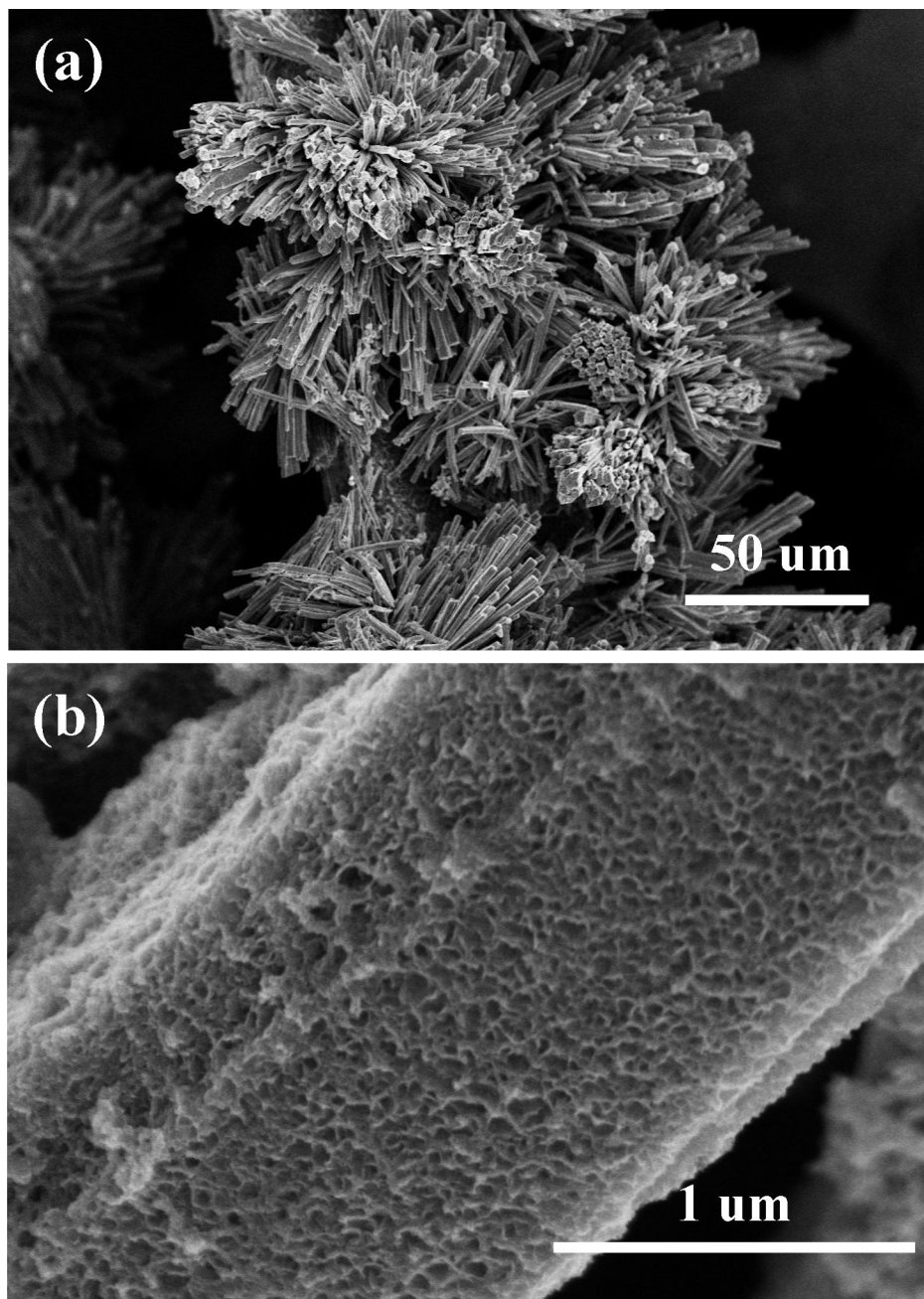
**Supplementary Figure 3.** (a) Low and (b) high magnification SEM images of P-FeNiMoO electrode.



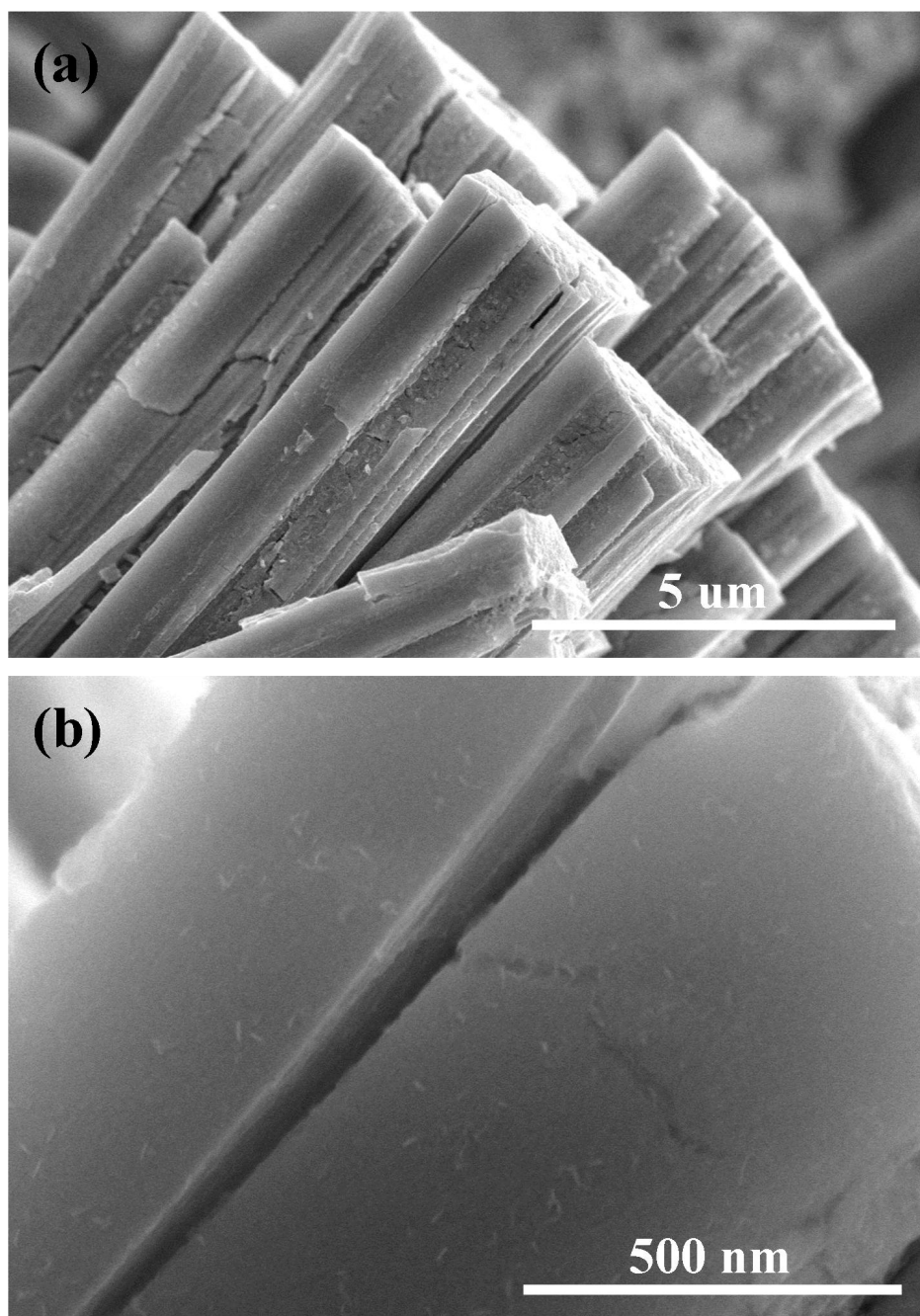
**Supplementary Figure 4.** SEM images of A-FeNiMoO on nickel foam at (a) low and (b) high magnification.



**Supplementary Figure 5.** XRD patterns for FeNiMoO precursor, A-FeNiMoO, P-FeNiMoO, and P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub>.

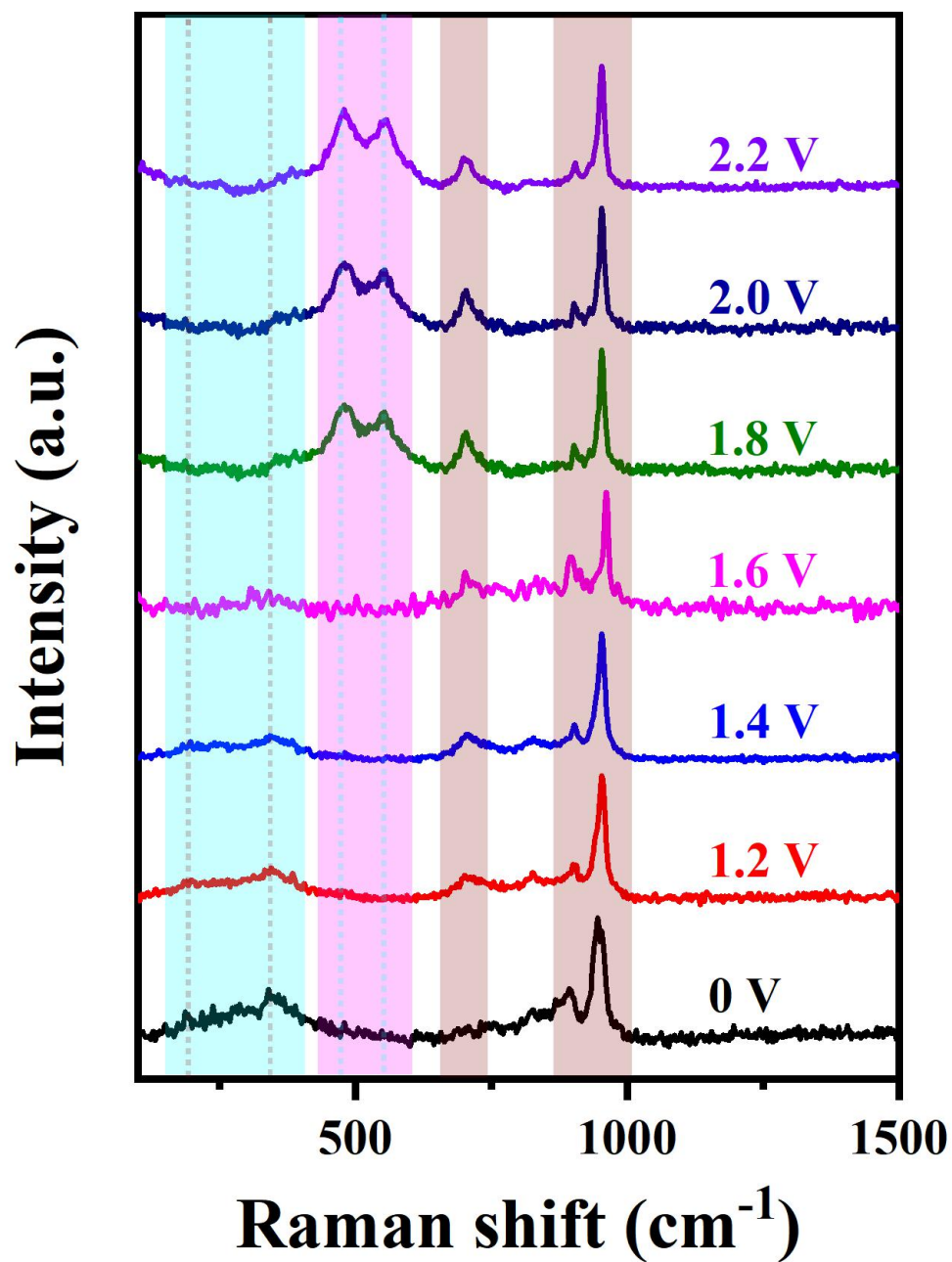


**Supplementary Figure 6.** SEM images of P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> on nickel foam.

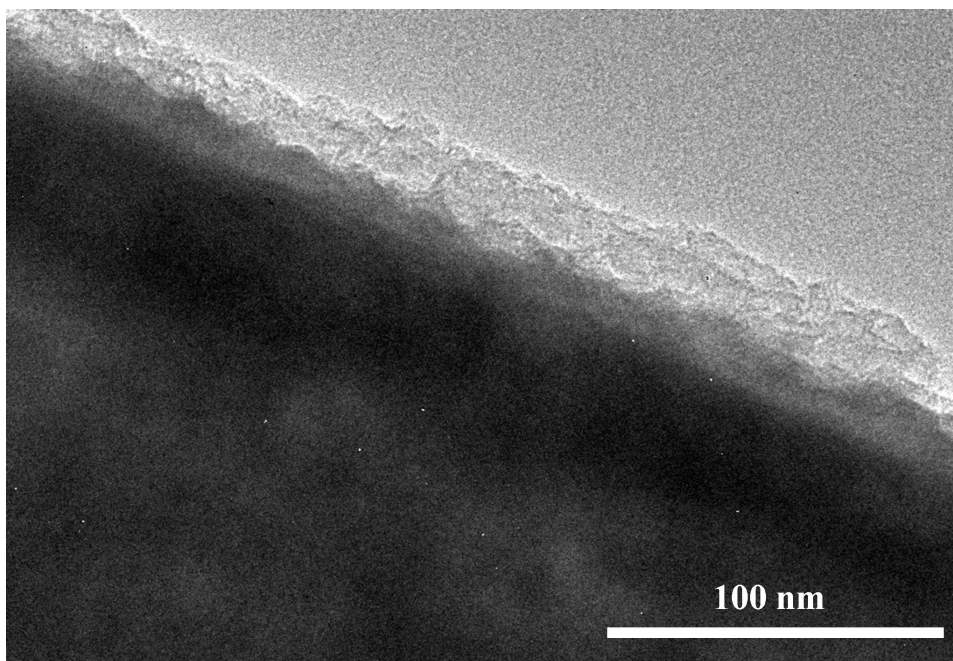


**Supplementary Figure 7.** SEM images of A-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> electrode at (a) low and (b) high magnification.

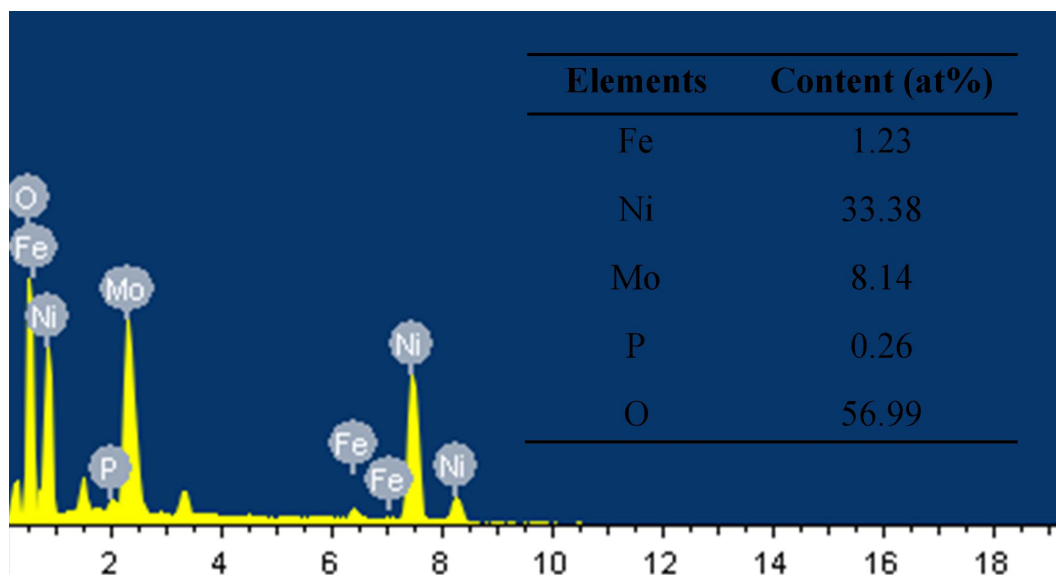




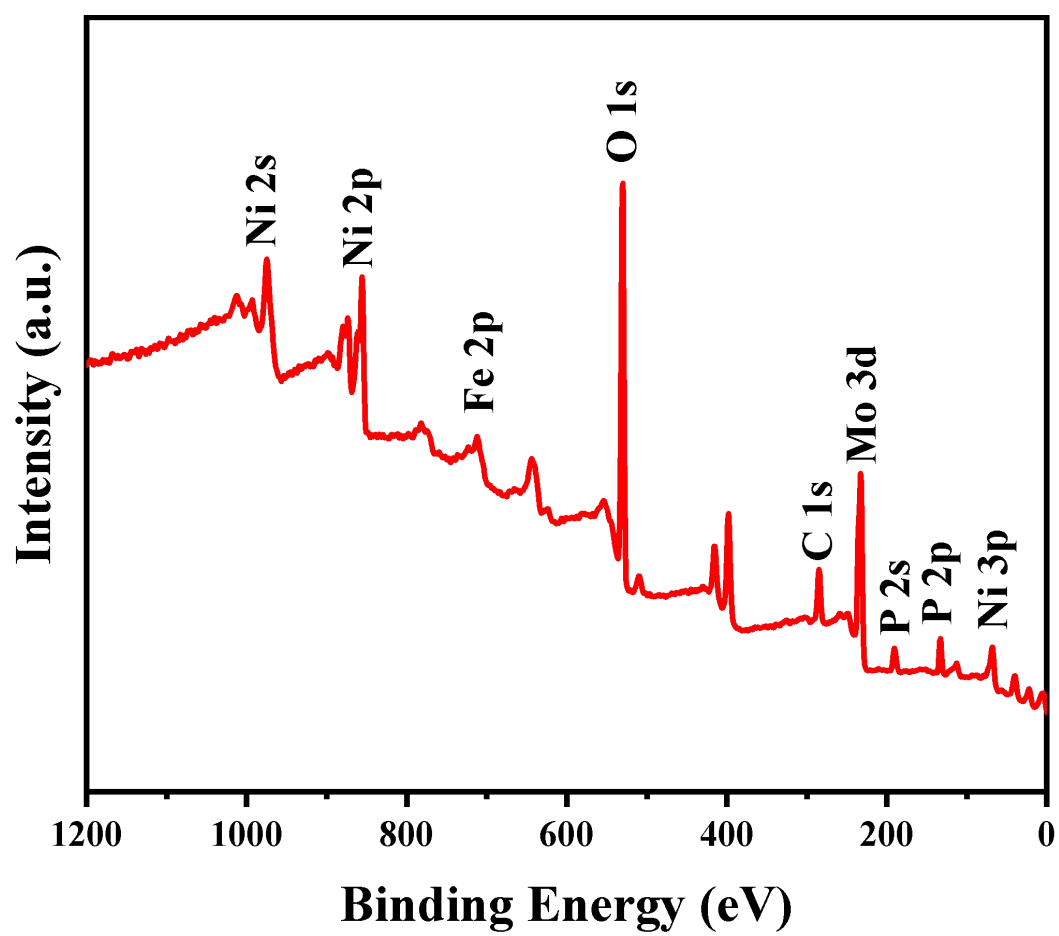
**Supplementary Figure 8.** In-situ Raman spectra of P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> measured at various potentials versus RHE in 1 M KOH.



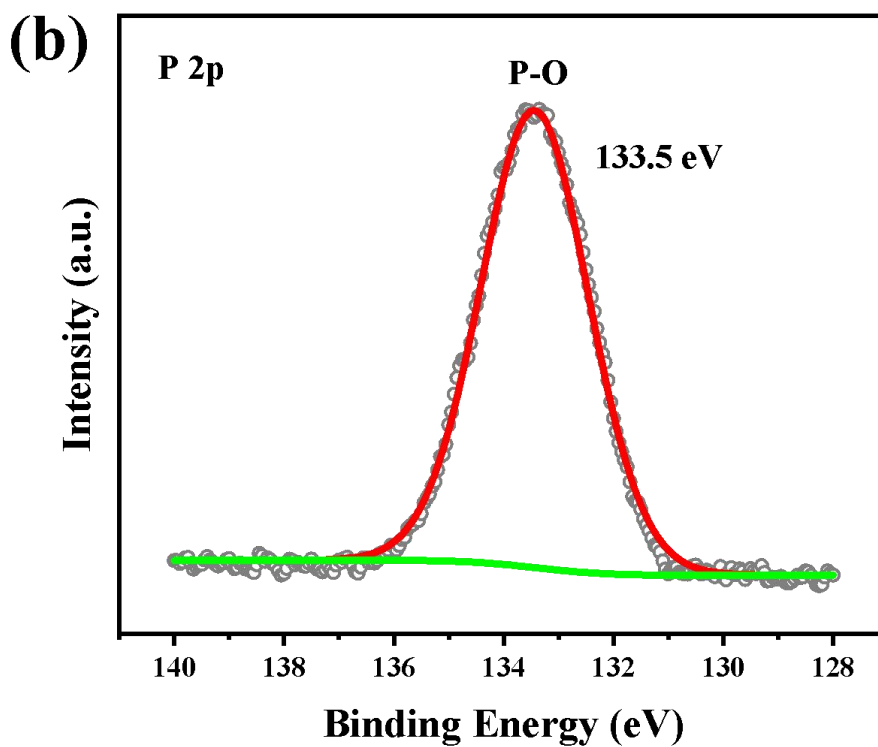
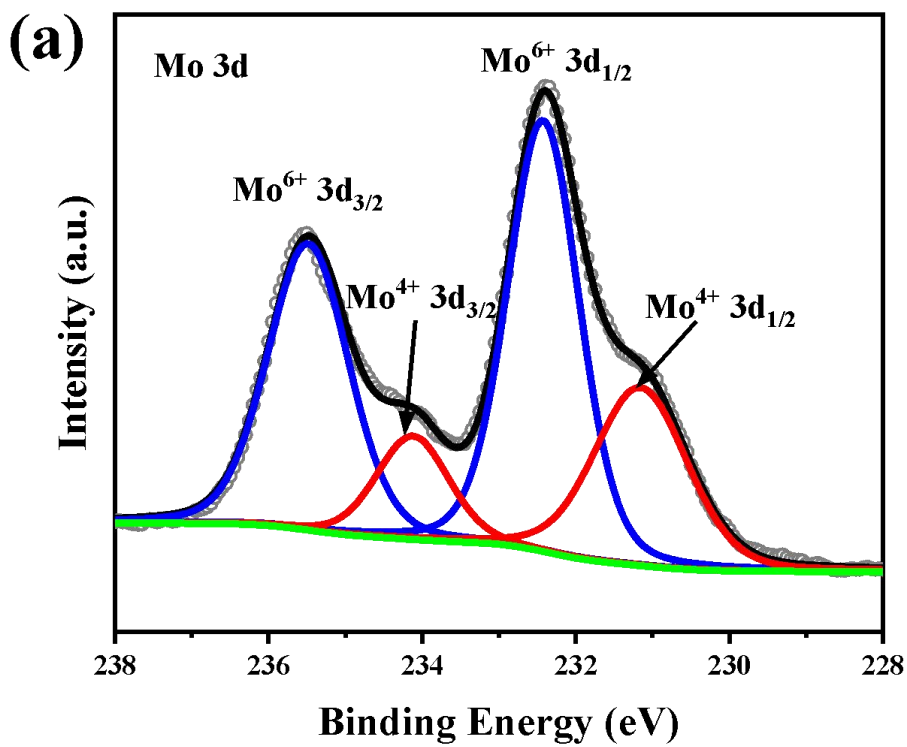
**Supplementary Figure 9.** TEM images of P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> electrode.



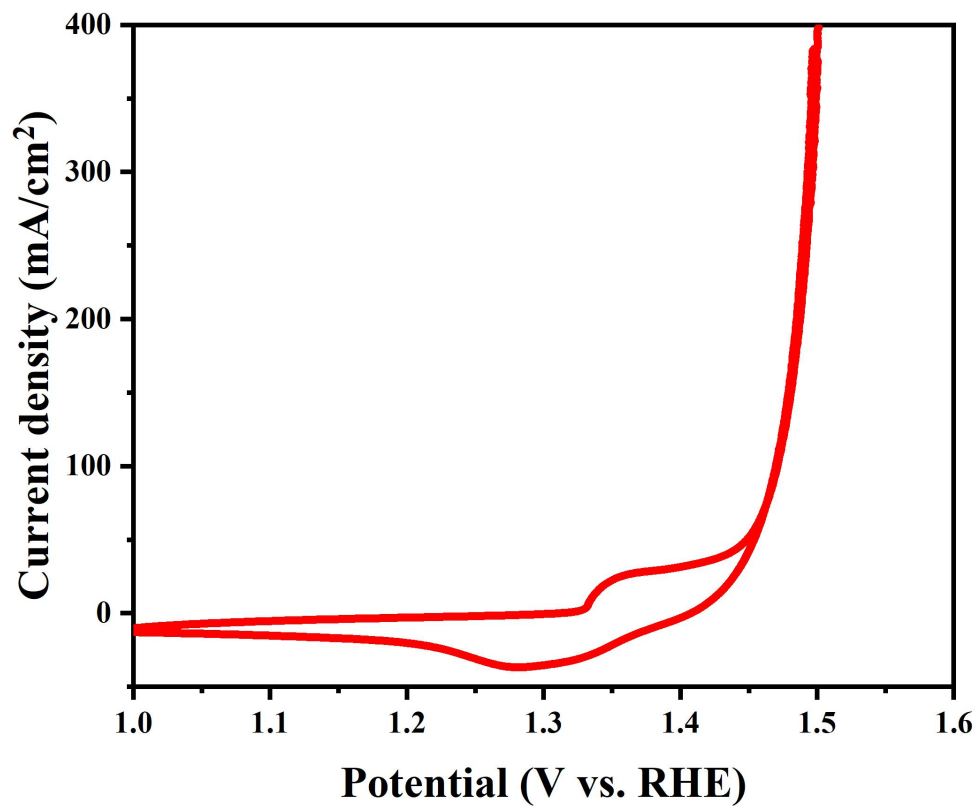
**Supplementary Figure 10.** EDS elemental composition analysis of P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub>.



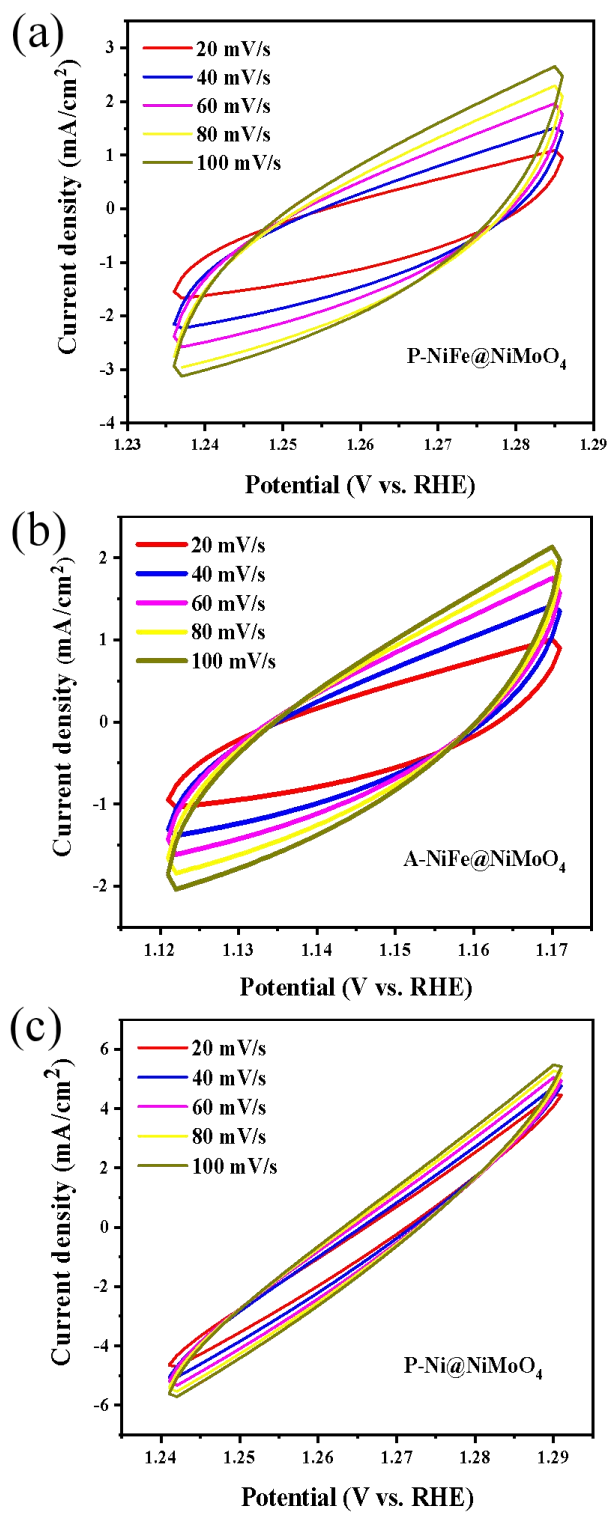
Supplementary Figure 11. XPS survey of P-FeNiMoO.



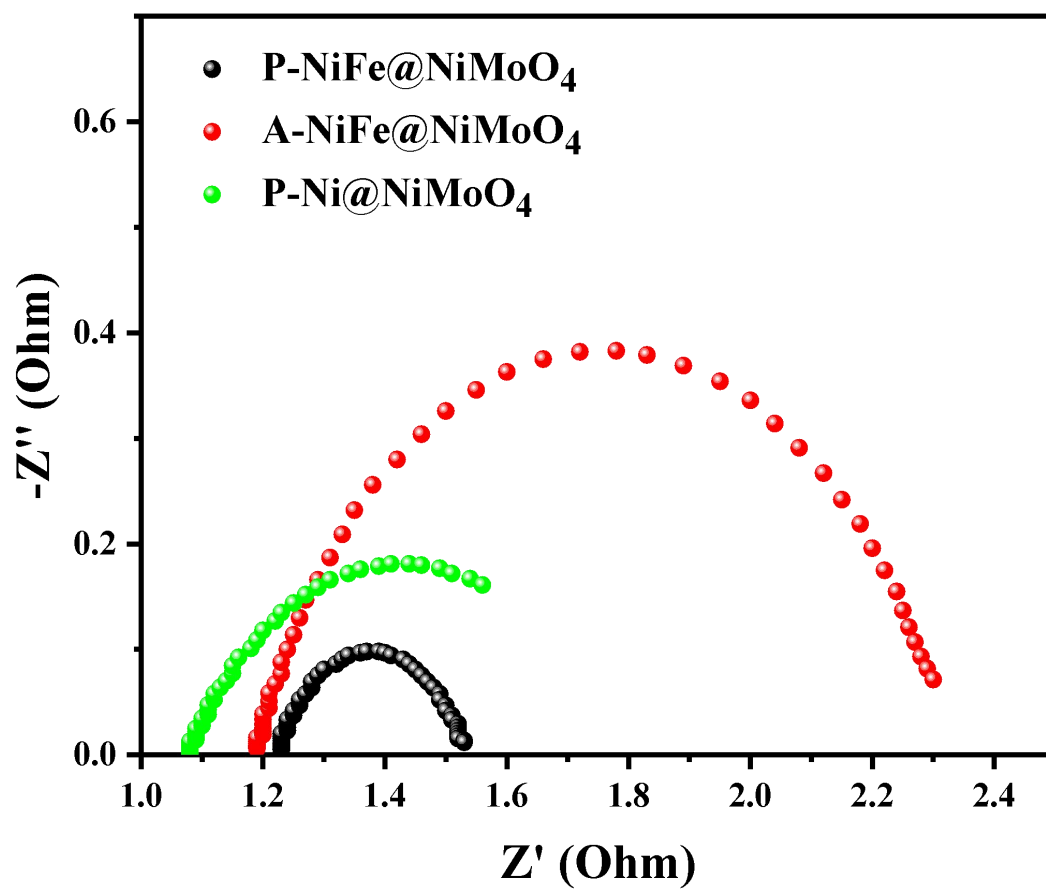
Supplementary Figure 12. High-resolution spectra of (a) Mo 3d and (b) P 2p for P-FeNiMoO.



**Supplementary Figure 13.** CV polarization curve of P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub>.



**Supplementary Figure 14.** CV curves of (a) P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub>, (b) A-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub>, and (c) P-Ni@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> at scan rates ranging from 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup> to 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> with an interval point of 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Supplementary Figure 15.** EIS Nyquist plots of different catalysts tested at a potential of 1.6 V vs. RHE.

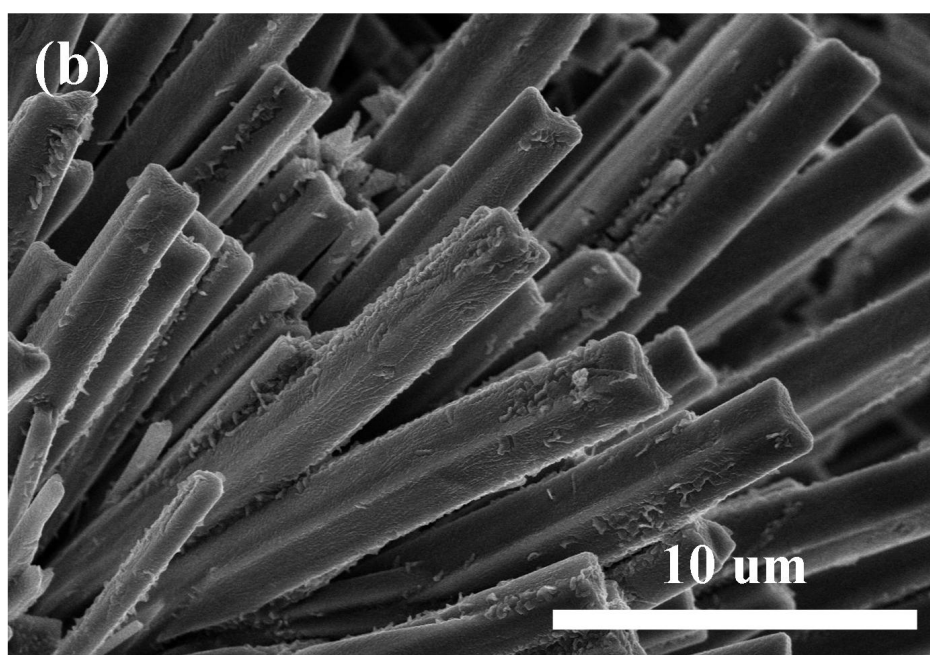
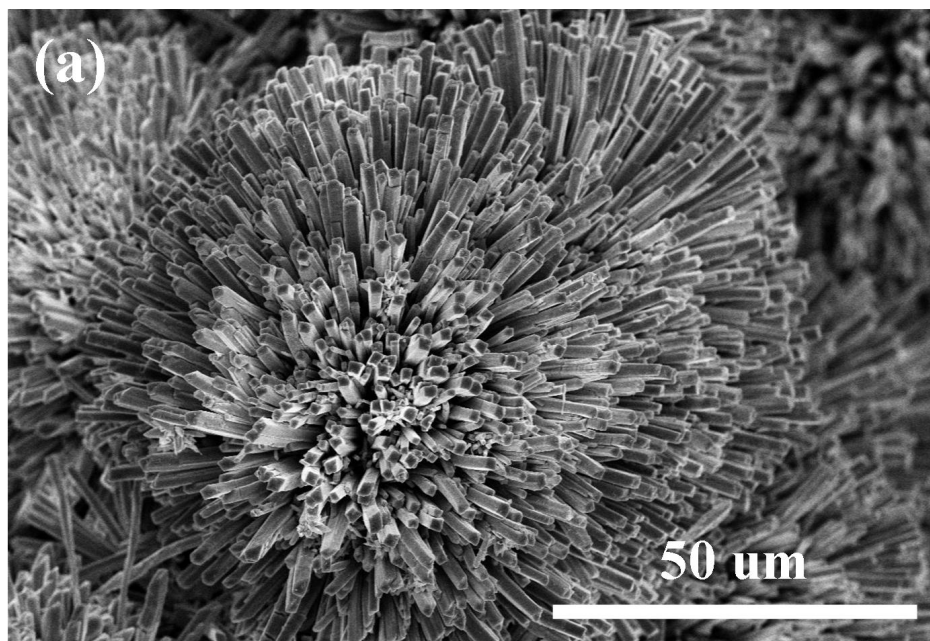


**NiMoO precursor**

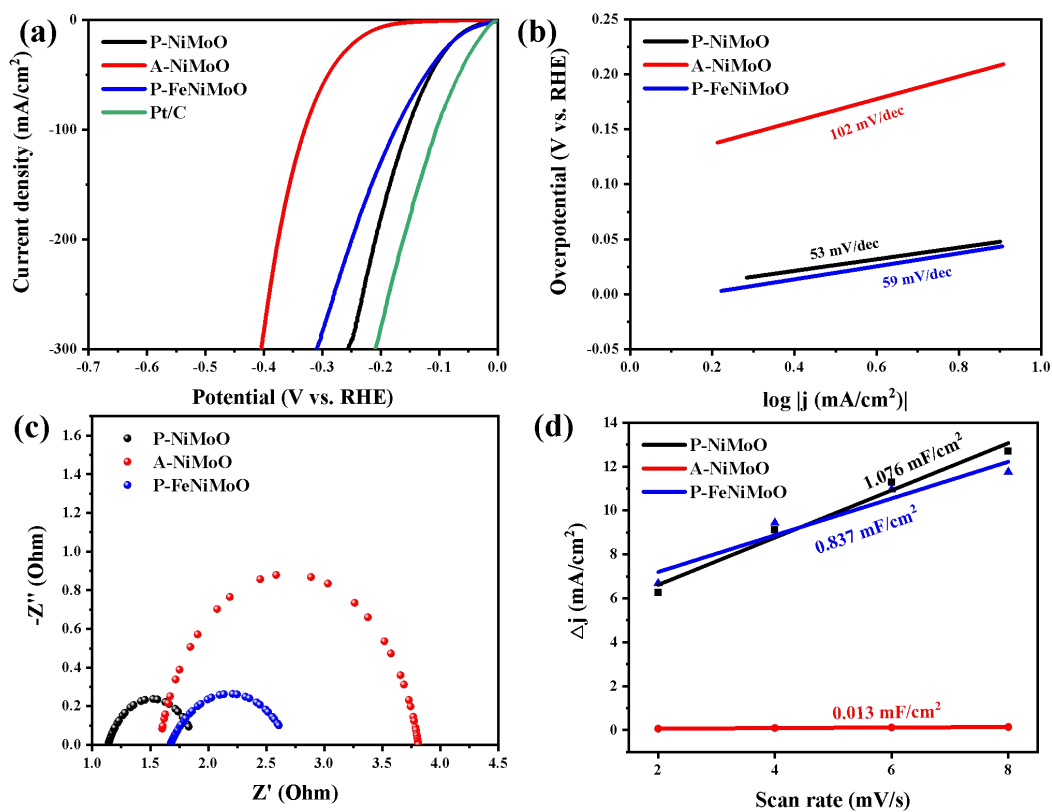


**P-NiMoO**

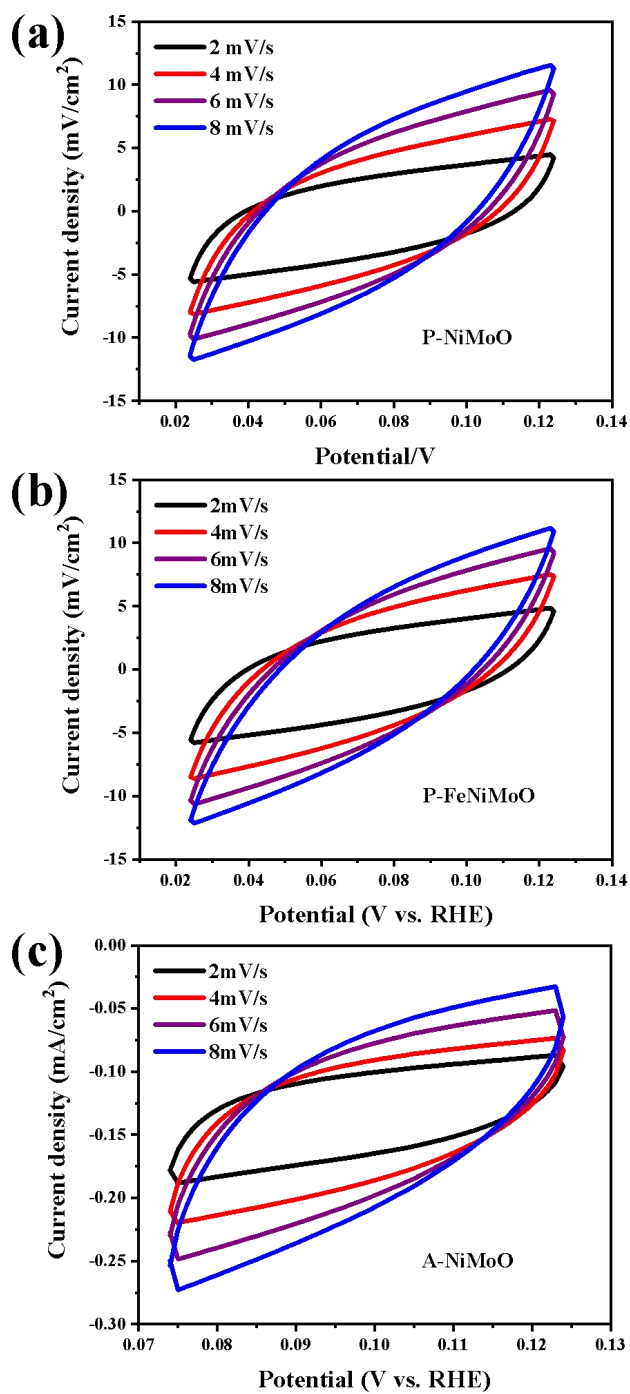
**Supplementary Figure 16.** Optical image of NiMoO precursor (L) and P-NiMoO (R).



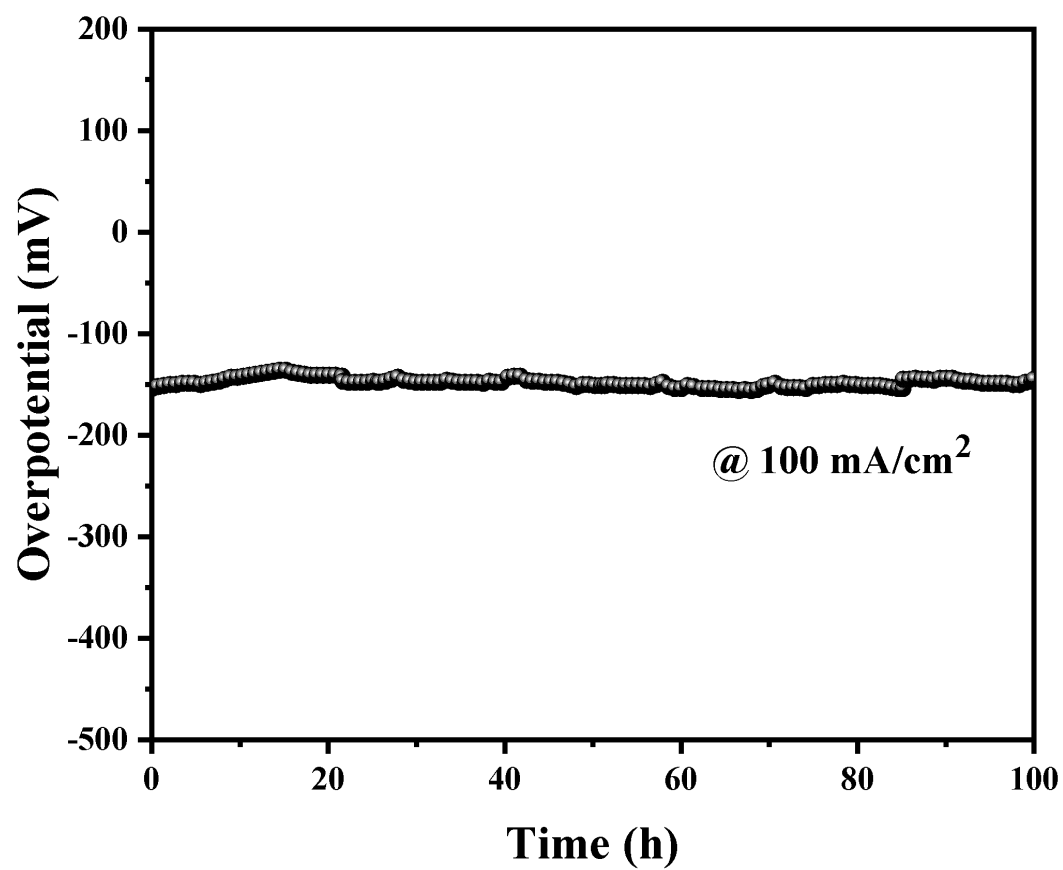
**Supplementary Figure 17.** SEM images of P-NiMoO at different magnification.



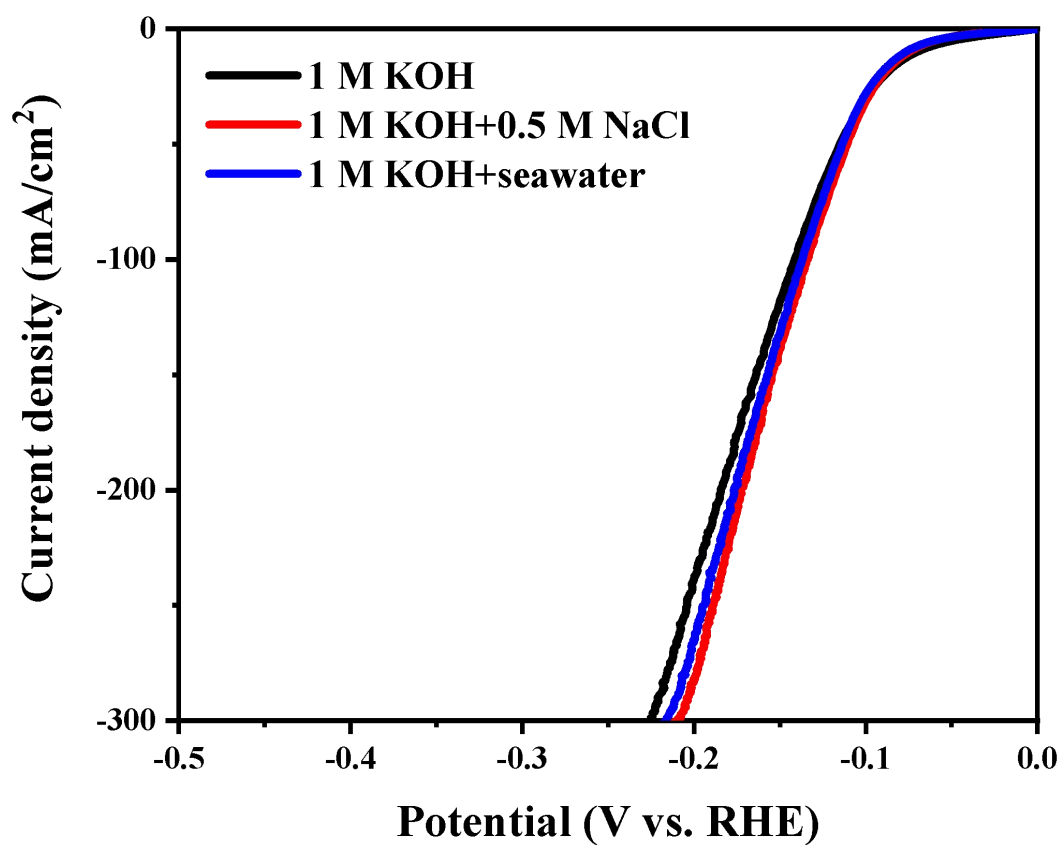
**Supplementary Figure 18.** (a) Polarization curves of P-NiMoO, A-NiMoO, P-FeNiMoO, and commercial Pt/C for HER in 1M KOH. The corresponding (b) Tafel plots, (c) EIS Nyquist plots, and (d)  $C_{dl}$  values of the above electrodes.



**Supplementary Figure 19.** CV curves of (a) P-NiMoO, (b) P-FeNiMoO, and (c) A-NiMoO electrode at scan rates ranging from 2 to 8 mV s<sup>-1</sup> with an interval of 2 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



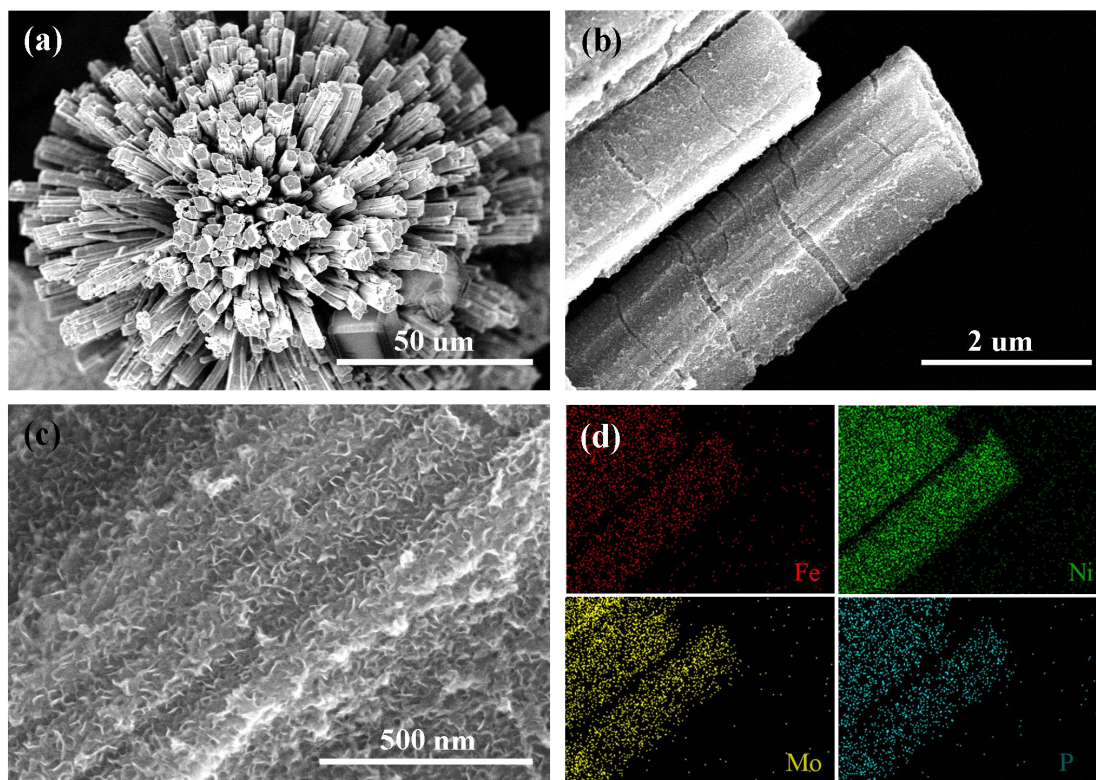
**Supplementary Figure 20.** Chronopotentiometry curve of P-NiMoO electrode at a current density of 100 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> in 1M KOH.



Supplementary Figure 21. Polarization curves of P-NiMoO electrode tested in different electrolytes in 1M KOH at 25 °C.



**Supplementary Figure 22.** The gas collecting device of evolved  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$ .



**Supplementary Figure 23.** (a-c) SEM and (d) elemental mapping images of P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> after 200h seawater electrolysis at 100 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> in 1M KOH+ seawater at 25 °C.



**Supplementary Table 1.** The element content of P-FeNiMoO and P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub> from the XPS survey.

| Sample                    | Content (at%) |      |      |      |       |       |
|---------------------------|---------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
|                           | Ni            | Fe   | Mo   | P    | O     | C     |
| P-FeNiMoO                 | 9.89          | 3.89 | 7.23 | 7.47 | 52.48 | 19.04 |
| P-NiFe@NiMoO <sub>4</sub> | 14.62         | 5.31 | 0.36 | 7.58 | 51.8  | 20.33 |

**Supplementary Table 2.** Comparison of OER performance for the samples of this work and other reported catalysts. ( $\eta_{100}$  -overpotential at 100 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)

| Catalyst                                | Electrolyte    | $\eta_{100}$<br>(mV) | Reference        |
|---|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub></b>         | <b>1 M KOH</b> | <b>238</b>           | <b>This work</b> |
| Zn <sub>0.2</sub> Co <sub>0.8</sub> OOH | 1 M KOH        | 290*                 | 1                |
| Se-doped FeOOH                          | 1 M KOH        | 279                  | 2                |
| NiCoFe-MOF                              | 1 M KOH        | 310*                 | 3                |
| FeNiP/NCH                               | 1 M KOH        | 340*                 | 4                |
| Fe <sub>x</sub> Co <sub>1-x</sub> OOH   | 1 M KOH        | 300*                 | 5                |
| NiFeRu LDH                              | 1 M KOH        | 260                  | 6                |
| NiFeV                                   | 1 M KOH        | 264                  | 7                |
| Co-Ni <sub>3</sub> N                    | 1 M KOH        | 385*                 | 8                |
| Cu@NiFe LDH                             | 1 M KOH        | 281                  | 9                |
| NiFe LDH/graphene                       | 1 M KOH        | 325*                 | 10               |
| NiFe-OH/NiFeP                           | 1 M KOH        | 245                  | 11               |
| FeCoW                                   | 1 M KOH        | 253*                 | 12               |
| NiFe LDH                                | 1 M KOH        | 450*                 | 13               |

\* The value was calculated from the curve shown in the reference.

**Supplementary Table 3.** Comparison of water splitting performance of Fe-NiMoO<sub>4</sub>-P-EO/NF|| NiMoO<sub>4</sub>-P/NF cell in this work with other reported catalysts. (V<sub>100</sub>-cell voltage at 100 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>)

| Catalyst  | Electrolyte                               | V <sub>100</sub><br>(V)    | Reference        |
|---|---|----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>P-NiFe@NiMoO<sub>4</sub>   P-NiMoO</b>                                       | <b>1 M KOH</b><br><b>1 M KOH+seawater</b> | <b>1.63</b><br><b>1.63</b> | <b>This work</b> |
| NiVIr-LDH  NiVRu-LDH  | 1 M KOH                                   | 1.67*                      | 14               |
| Ni <sub>2</sub> P-Fe <sub>2</sub> P/NF   Ni <sub>2</sub> P-Fe <sub>2</sub> P/NF | 1 M KOH                                   | 1.7                        | 15               |
|   | 1 M KOH+seawater                          | 1.79                       |                  |
| S-(Ni,Fe)OOH  NiMoN   | 1 M KOH+1 M NaCl                          | 1.631                      | 16               |
|   | 1 M KOH+seawater                          | 1.661                      |                  |
| S:CoP@NF  S:CoP@NF  | 1 M KOH                                   | 1.78                       | 17               |
| NiFeO <sub>x</sub>   NiFe-P   | 1 M KOH                                   | 1.76*                      | 18               |
| MoNi <sub>4</sub> /MoS <sub>2</sub>   Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>            | 1 M KOH                                   | 1.67                       | 19               |

\* The value was calculated from the curve shown in the reference.

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