

Supporting Information

Metal-organic-framework-derived N-doped
hierarchically porous carbon polyhedrons
anchored on crumpled graphene balls as efficient
selenium hosts for high-performance lithium-
selenium batteries

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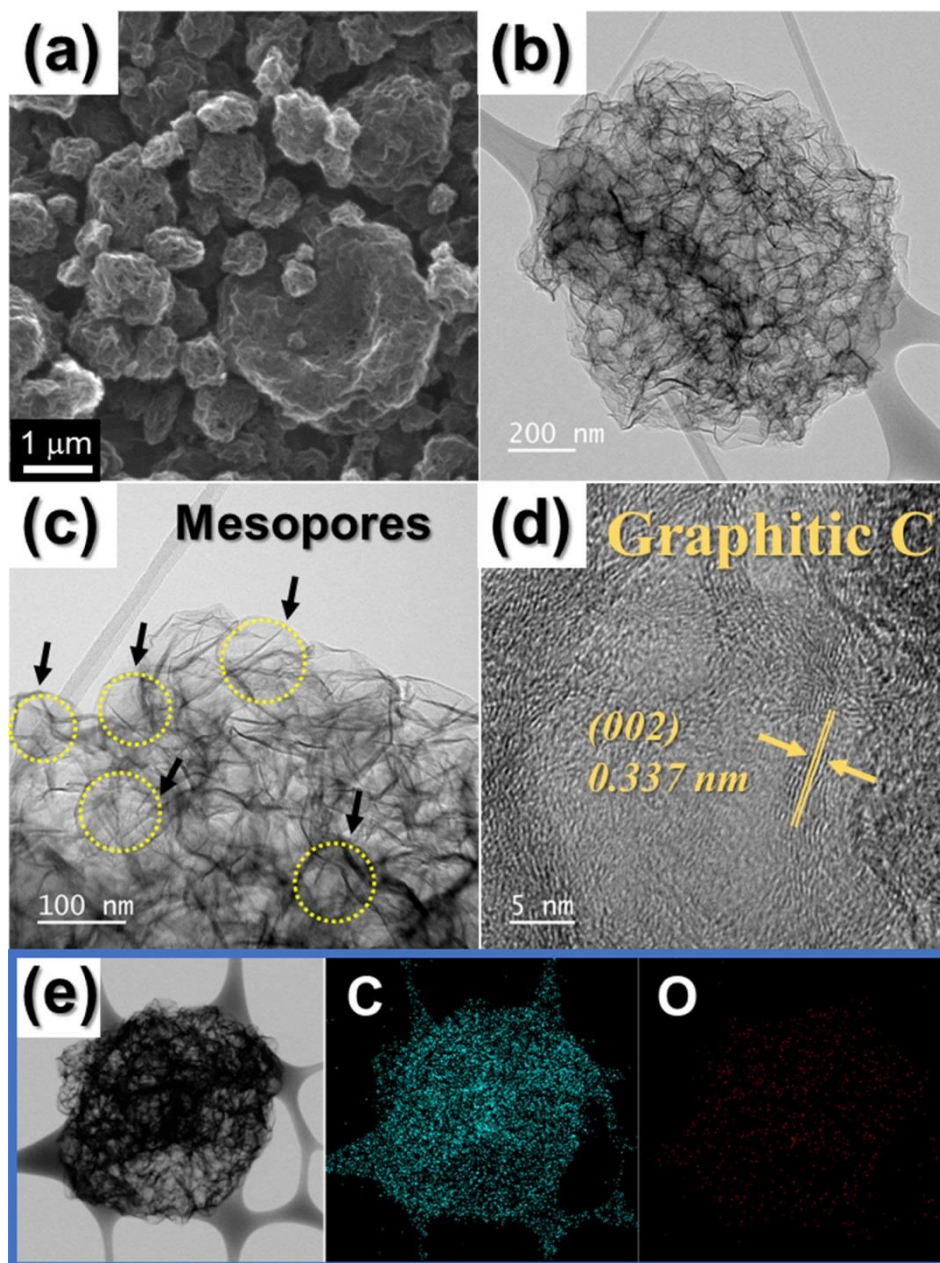


Figure S1. Morphologies, SAED patterns, and elemental mapping images of mesoporous CGB: (a) SEM image, (b and c) TEM images, (d) HR-TEM image, (e) elemental mapping images.

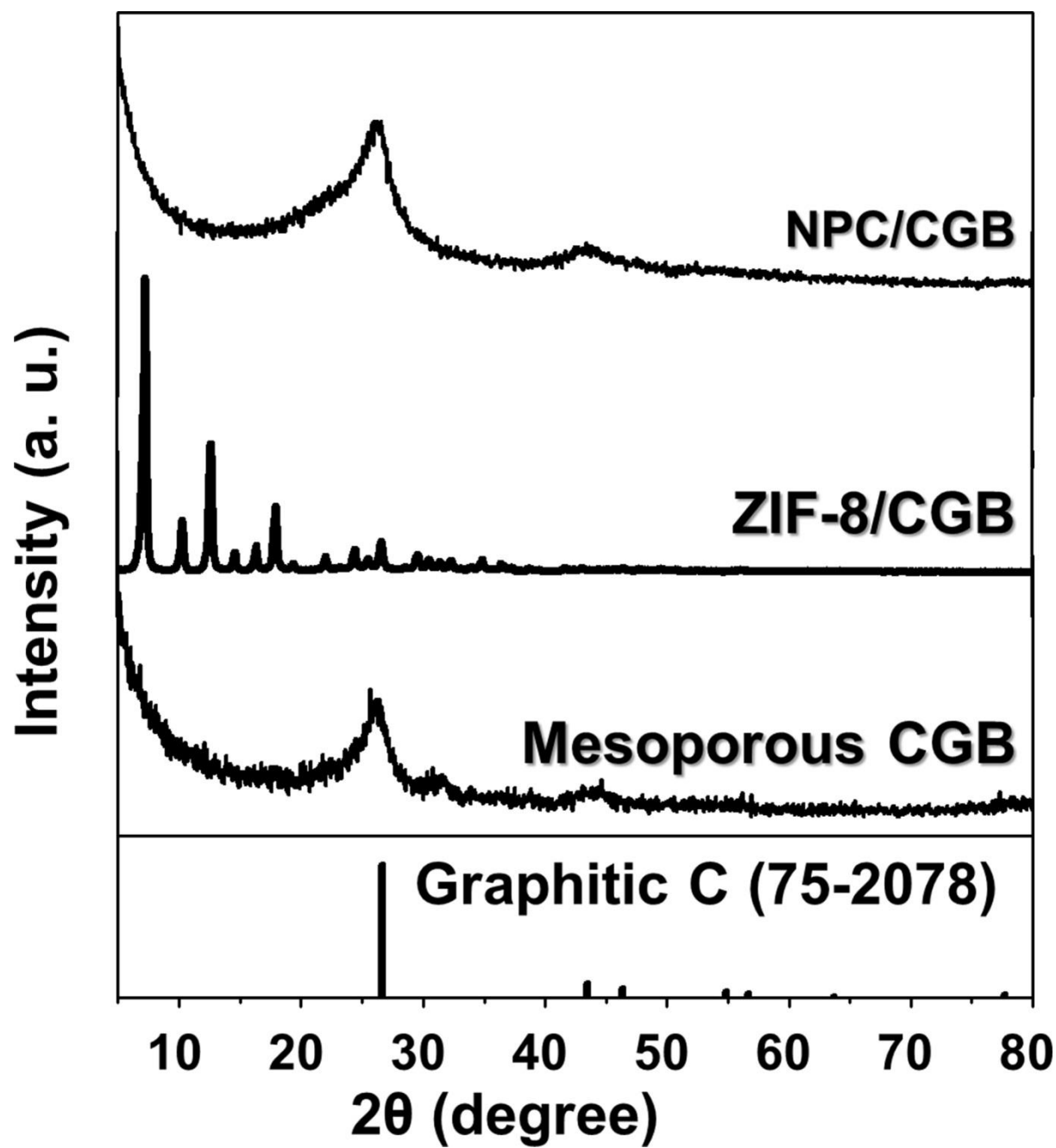


Figure S2. XRD patterns of mesoporous CGB, ZIF-8/CGB, and NPC/CGB.

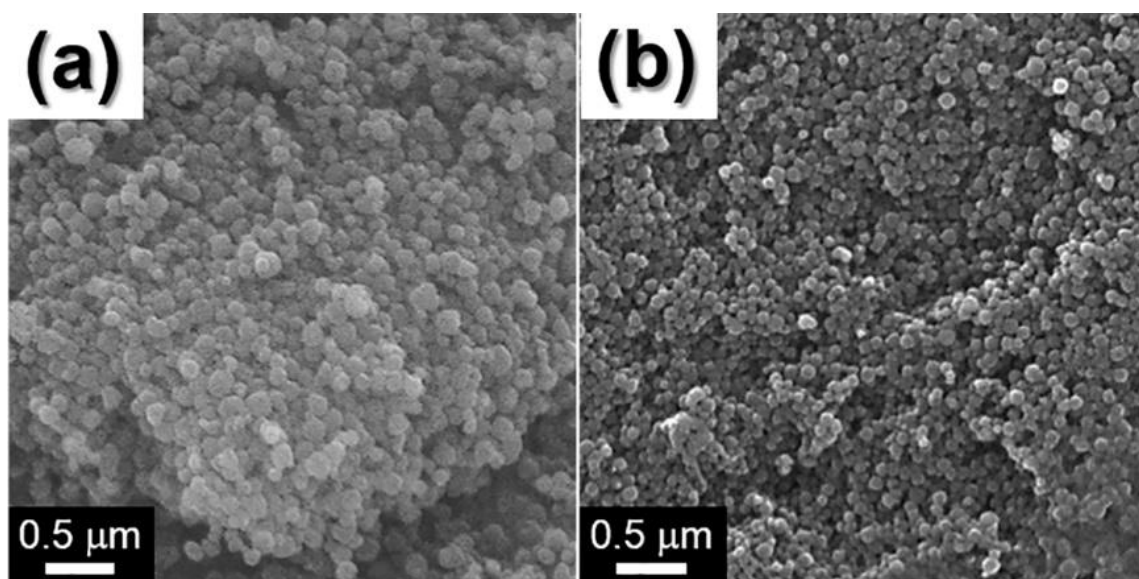


Figure S3. SEM images of ZIF-8 polyhedrons (a) before and (b) after annealing at 900 °C.

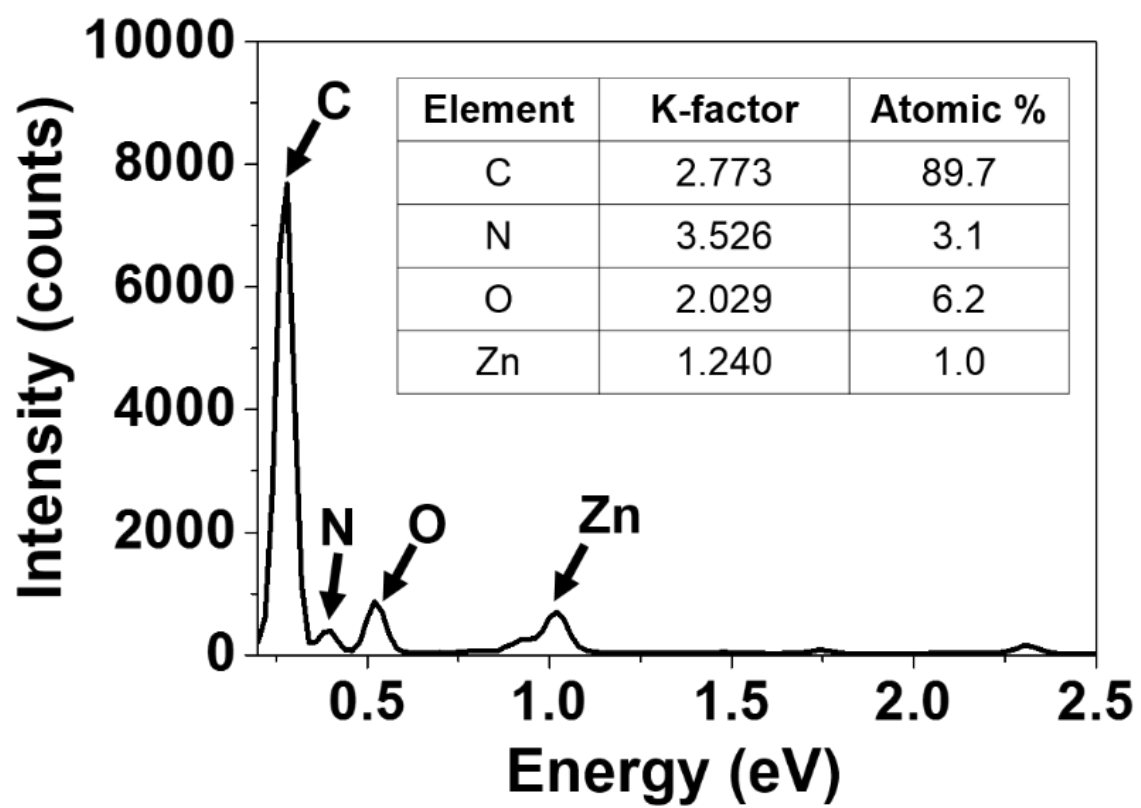


Figure S4. EDX spectrum and elemental composition table of NPC/CGC composites.

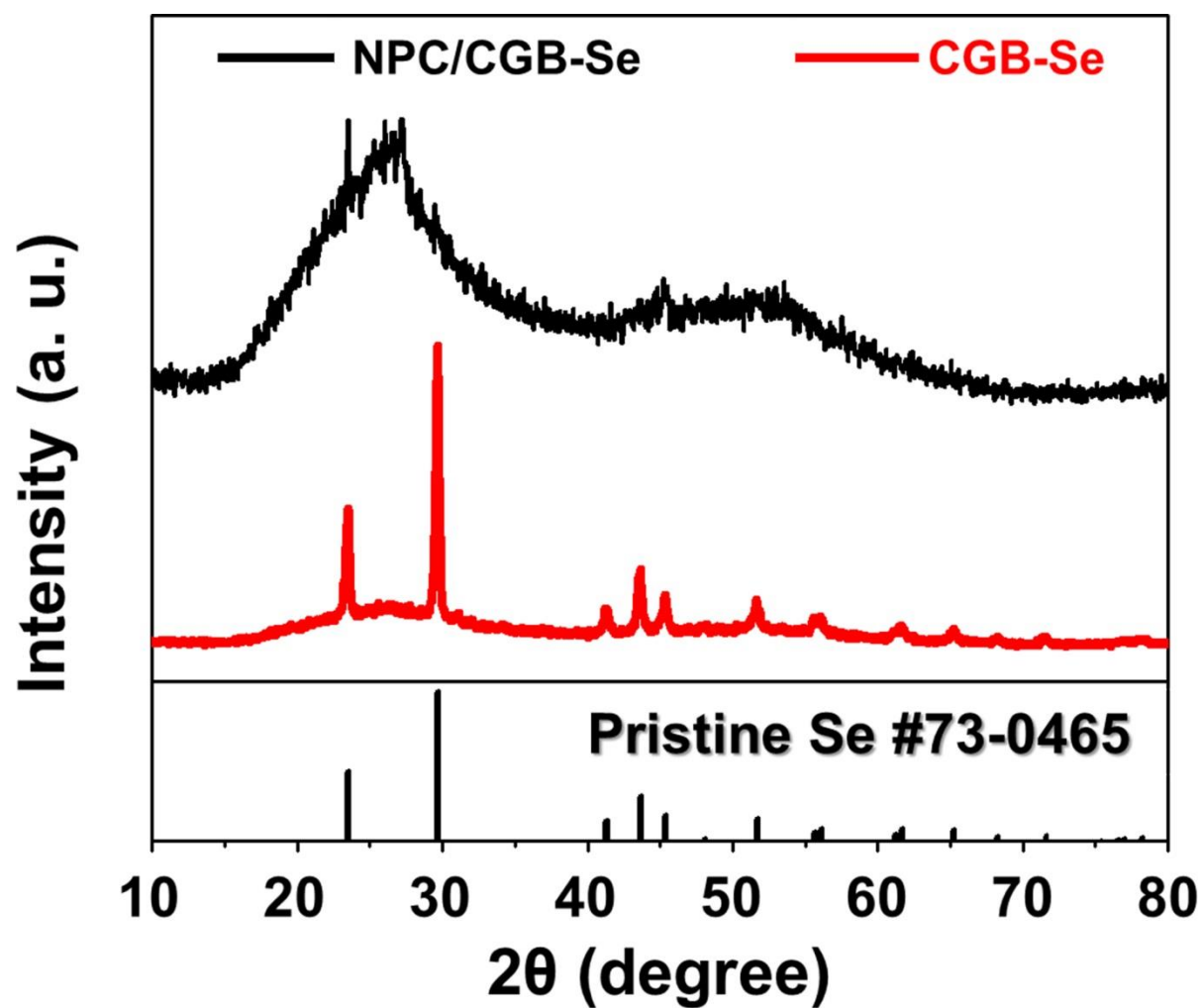


Figure S5. XRD patterns of NPC/CGB-Se and CGB-Se.

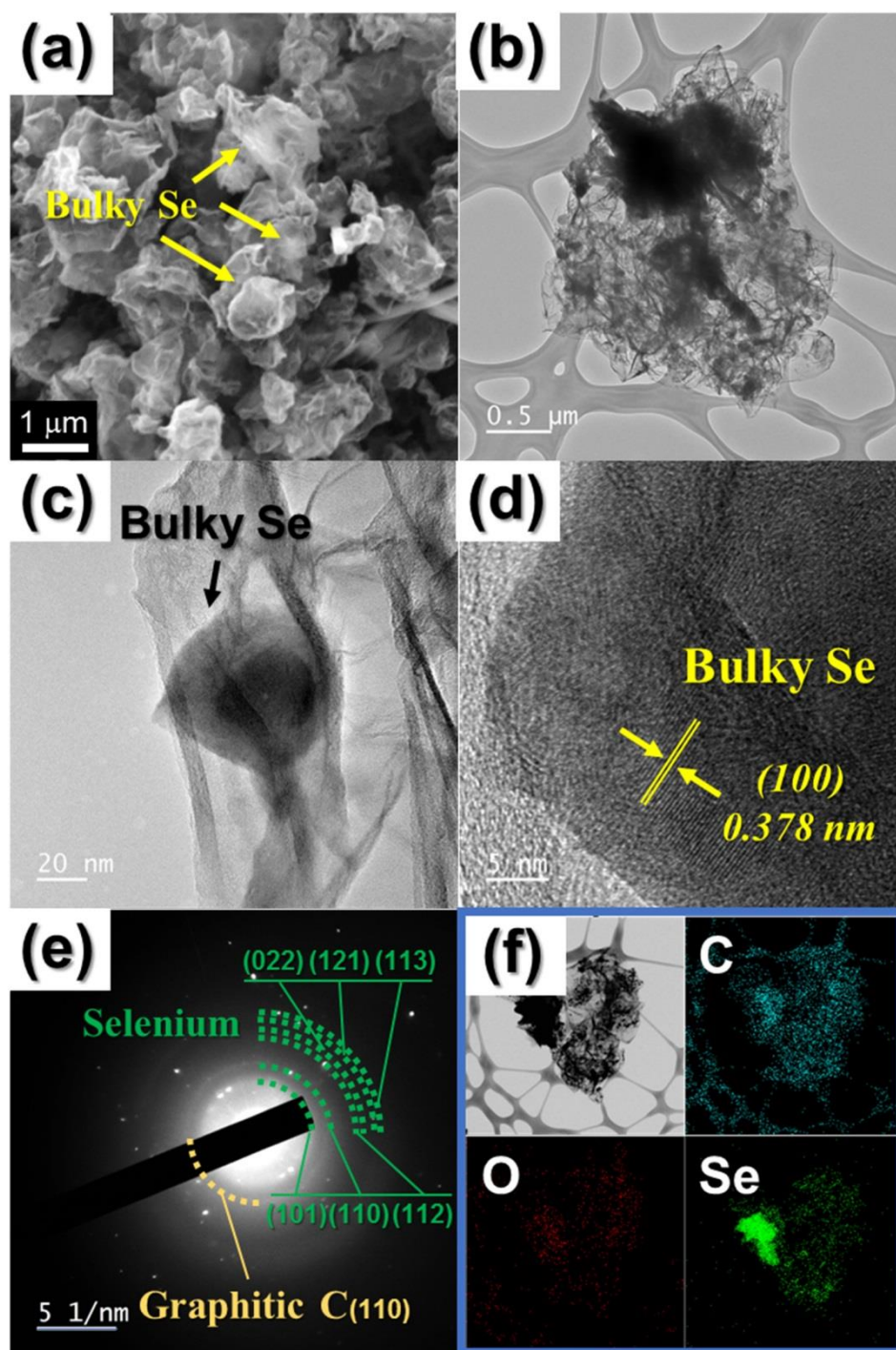


Figure S6. Morphologies, SAED patterns, and elemental mapping images of CGB-Se: (a) SEM image, (b and c) TEM images, (d) HR-TEM image, (e) SAED pattern, and (f) elemental mapping images.

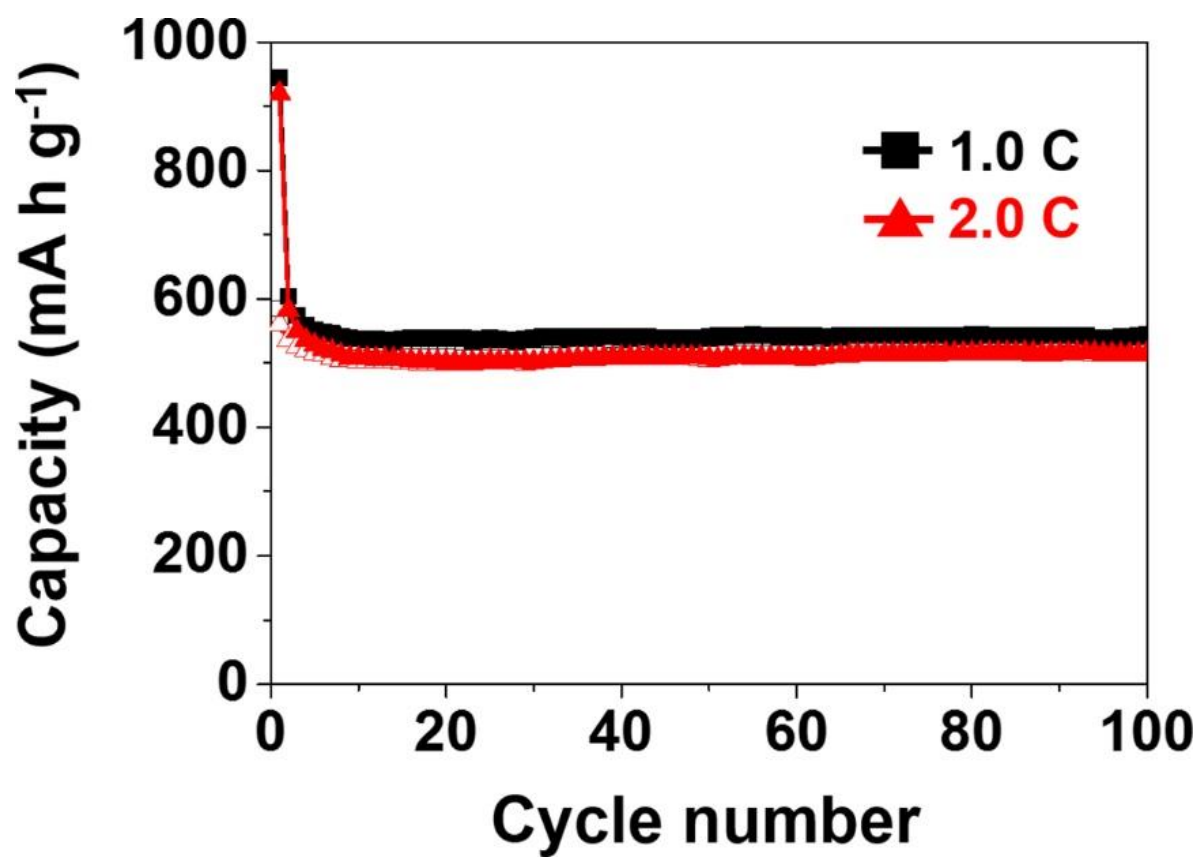


Figure S7. Cycle performances of NPC/CGB-Se at current densities of 1.0 and 2.0 C.

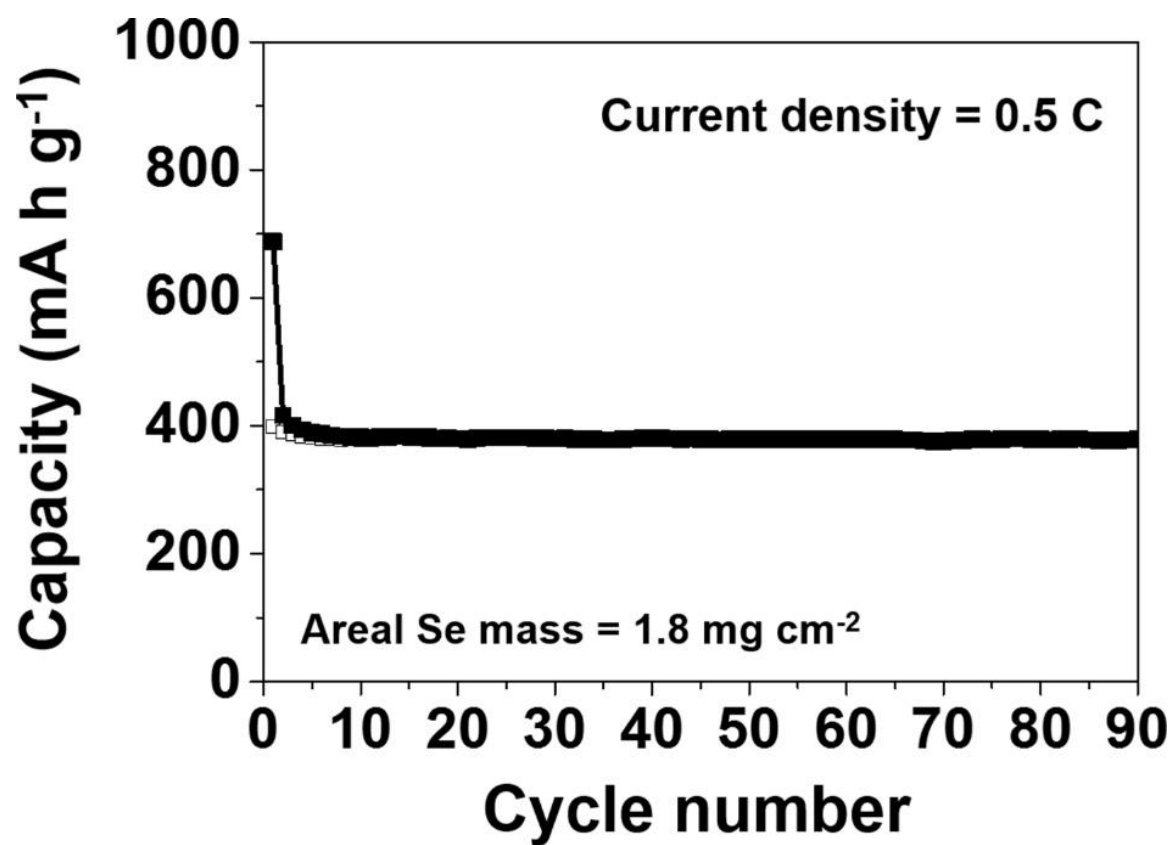


Figure S8. Cycle performance of NPC/CGB-Se with higher areal Se loading at current densities of 0.5 C.

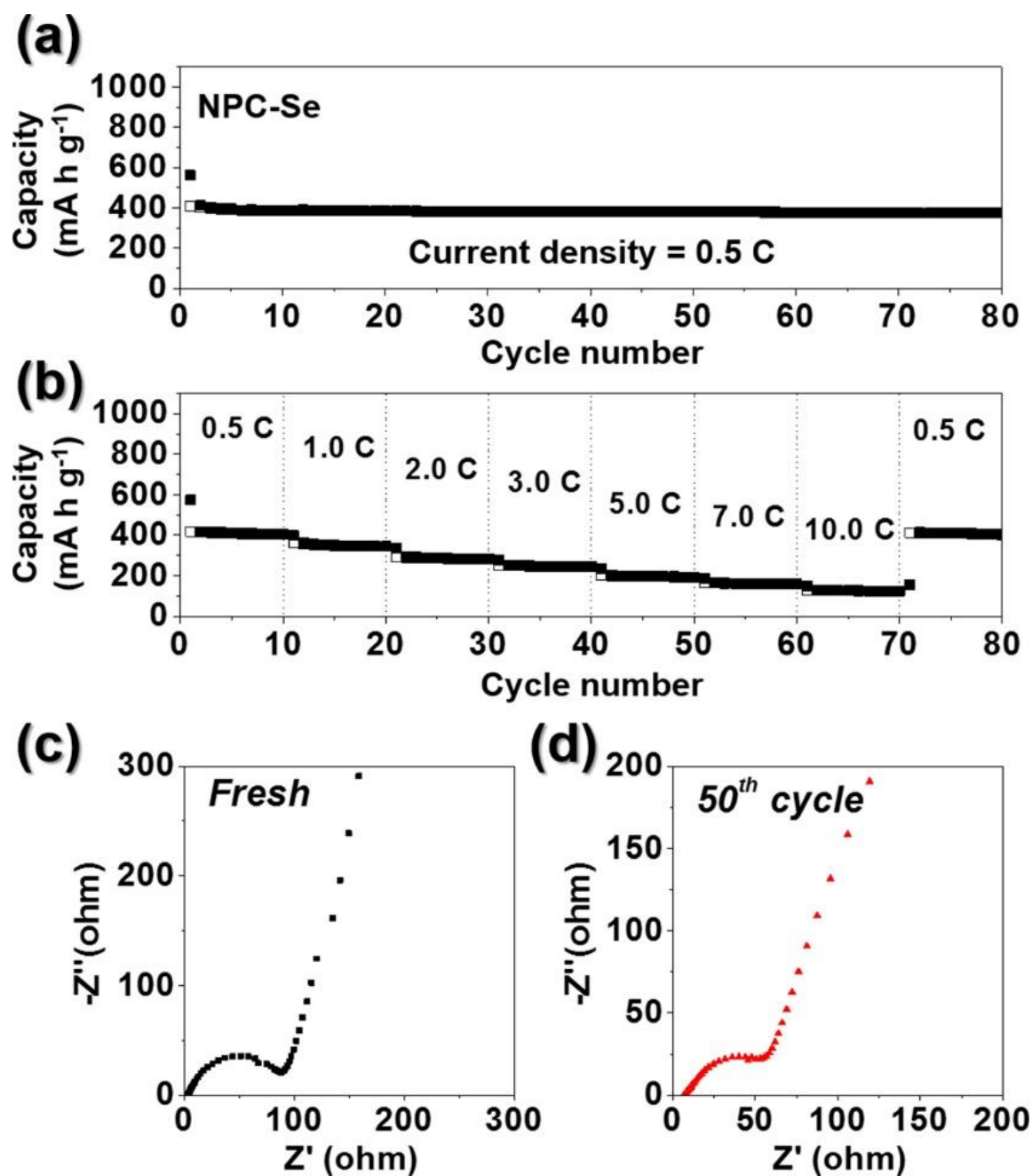


Figure S9. Electrochemical properties of NPC-Se: (a) cycle and (b) rate performances, and Nyquist plot (c) before cycling and (d) after 50 cycles.

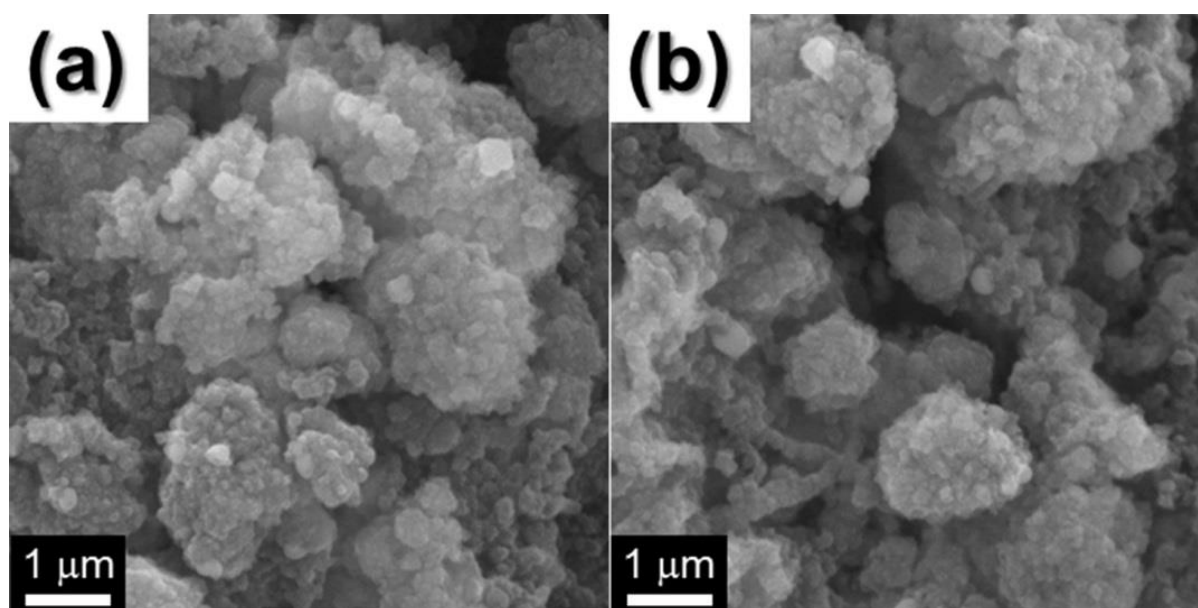


Figure S10. (a, b) SEM images of NPC/CGB-Se after 1000 cycles.

Table S1. Comparison of electrochemical performances of various nanostructured materials used as cathode materials for lithium-selenium batteries.

Morphology [preparation method]	Se content (%)	Current density	Initial discharge /charge capacities [mA h g ⁻¹]	Discharge capacity [mA h g ⁻¹] and (cycle number)	Rate capacity [mA h g ⁻¹]	Ref.
N-doped porous carbon polyhedron anchored on crumpled graphene ball [spray pyrolysis]	60	0.5 C	998/659	462 (1000)	409 (15 C)	<i>This work</i>
3D mesoporous carbon [heating melt-infiltration]	62	0.1 C (first 5 cycles)1 C	655/- 432/-	385 (1300)	274 (3 C)	(1)
metal-organic frameworks derived porous carbon microcubes [hydrothermal]	49.7	0.2 C	974/780	307.6 (460)	218.1 (5 C)	(2)
Metal complex-derived porous carbon [salt-bake approach]	72	0.1 C	904/~635	636 (150)	547 (10 C)	(3)
Three-dimensional hierarchical porous tubular carbon [KOH activation of coconut shell]	53	0.2 C	415/-	317 (900)	325 (2 C)	(4)
Porous carbon nanofiber webs [modified oxidative template assembly]	33.2	1 C	439/-	323.7 (300)	345.6 (1 C)	(5)
Heteroatom-doped microporous carbon [carbonization of polypyrrole with KOH]	60	1 C	~1200/664	506 (150)	303 (20 C)	(6)
Nitrogen-containing hierarchical porous carbon [template-assisted]	56.2	2 C	435/~314	305 (60)	~246 (5 C)	(7)
Porous hollow carbon bubbles [hydrothermal]	~50	0.1 C	691.1/454.6	606.3 (120)	431.9 (1 C)	(8)
Graphene-encapsulated selenium / polyaniline core- shell nanowires [<i>in situ</i> chemical oxidative polymerization]	~59.7	0.1 C	917/~708	540 (100)	430 (5 C)	(9)
Carbon bonded and encapsulated selenium composites [<i>in situ</i> carbonization]	54	100 mA g ⁻¹	862/560	430 (250)	280 (1200 mA g ⁻¹)	(10)

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