## **Supporting Information**

Hierarchical Urchin-like Cobalt-doped CuO for Enhanced Electrocatalytic

**Oxygen Evolution Reaction** 

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**Figure S1.** LSV curve in 1 M KOH for the calibration of SCE to RHE. Pt wire is used as the counter and working electrode while SEC as reference electrode.



**Figure S2.** SEM images of (a,a1) 1% Co, (b,b1) 3% Co and (c,c1) 7% Co-doped CuO obtained through microwave-assisted synthesis route.



Figure S3. Survey XPS spectrum of 5% Co-doped CuO.



Figure S4. LSV plots of CuO particles, CuO urchin-like structure and IrO<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S5. Chronopotentiometry plots for different electrocatalysts for OER performed at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> in 1 M KOH.



**Figure S6.** (a-e) Cyclic voltammograms of (a) undoped CuO, (b) 1% Co-doped CuO, (c) (b) 3% Co-doped CuO, (d) 5% Co-doped CuO, (e) 7% Co-doped CuO, and (f) corresponding plots of current (@-0.1 V) versus scan rates.



Figure S7. (a)  $N_2$  adsorption and desorption isotherms of undoped CuO, 5% and 7% Co-doped CuO at 77 K and (b) corresponding pore diameters obtained from the desorption branch using BJH method.