

## Supporting Information

### Controlled growth of nanostructured biotemplates with cobalt and nitrogen co-doping as a binderless, lithium-ion battery anode

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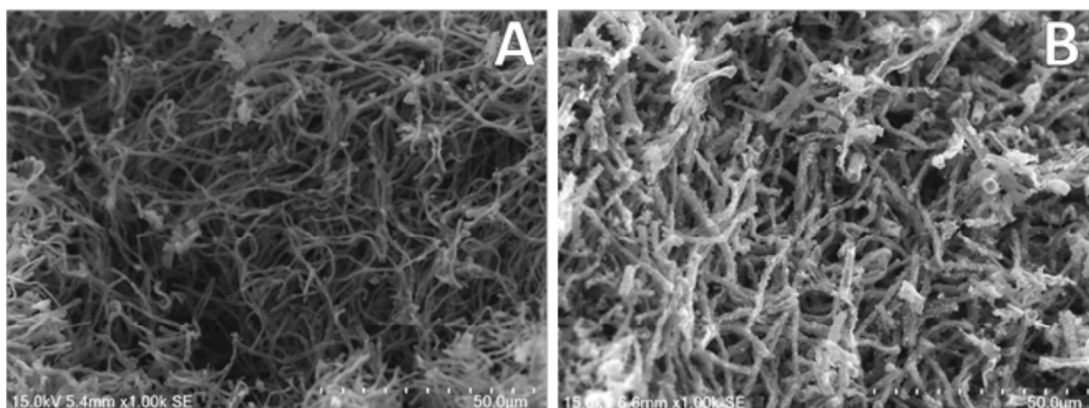
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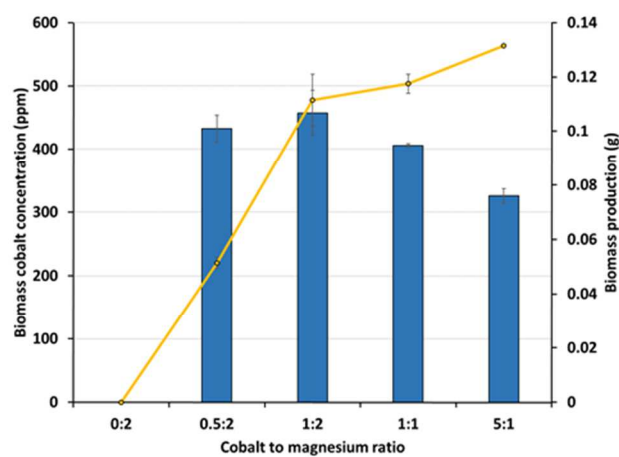
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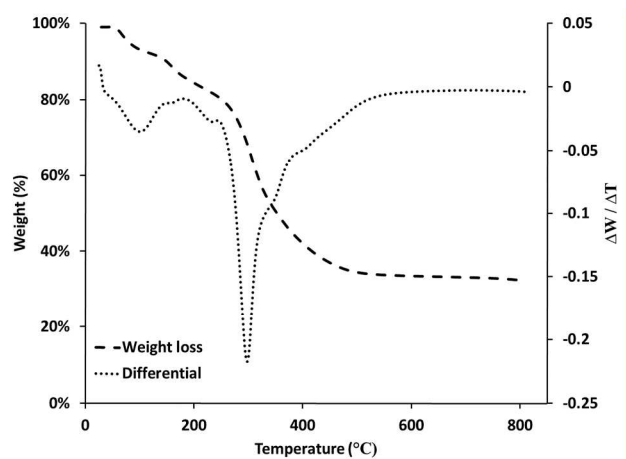
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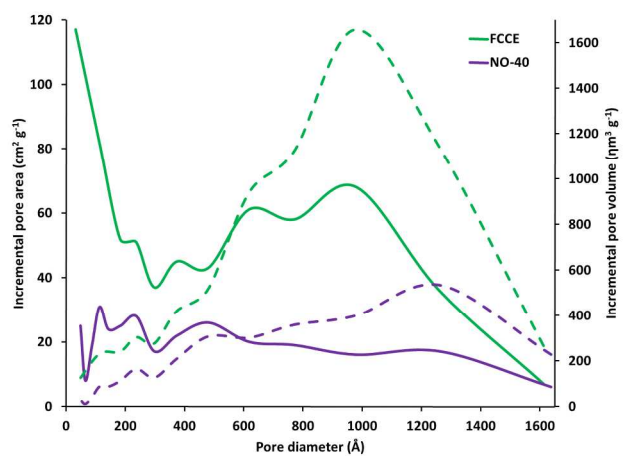
**Figure S1** SEM images of fungal mats and mycelia structure from (A) NO-40, (B) FCCE-S.



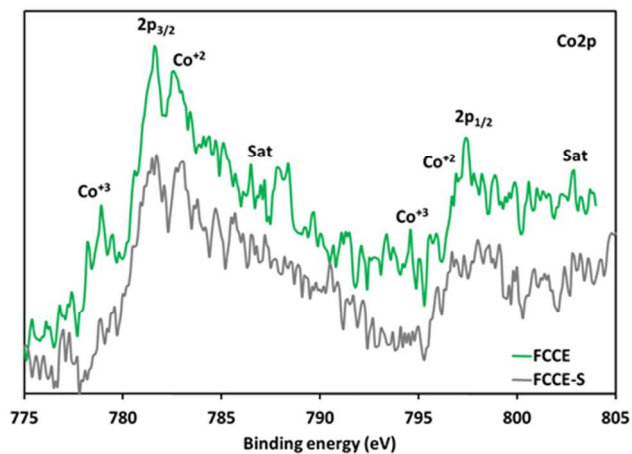
**Figure S2** Cobalt concentration (bar) and biomass production (line) of 48 h *N. crassa* cultures grown in different molar concentrations of Co and Mg.



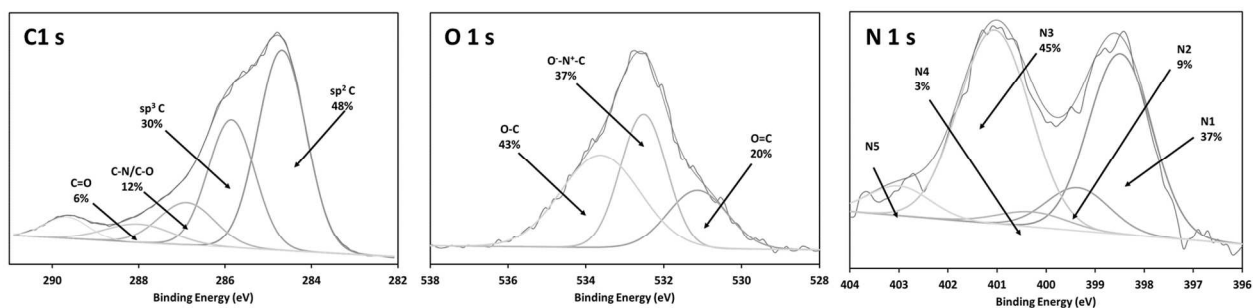
**Figure S3** Weight loss and differential data from the pyrolysis of fungal mats of *N. crassa* grown at 20°C min<sup>-1</sup>.



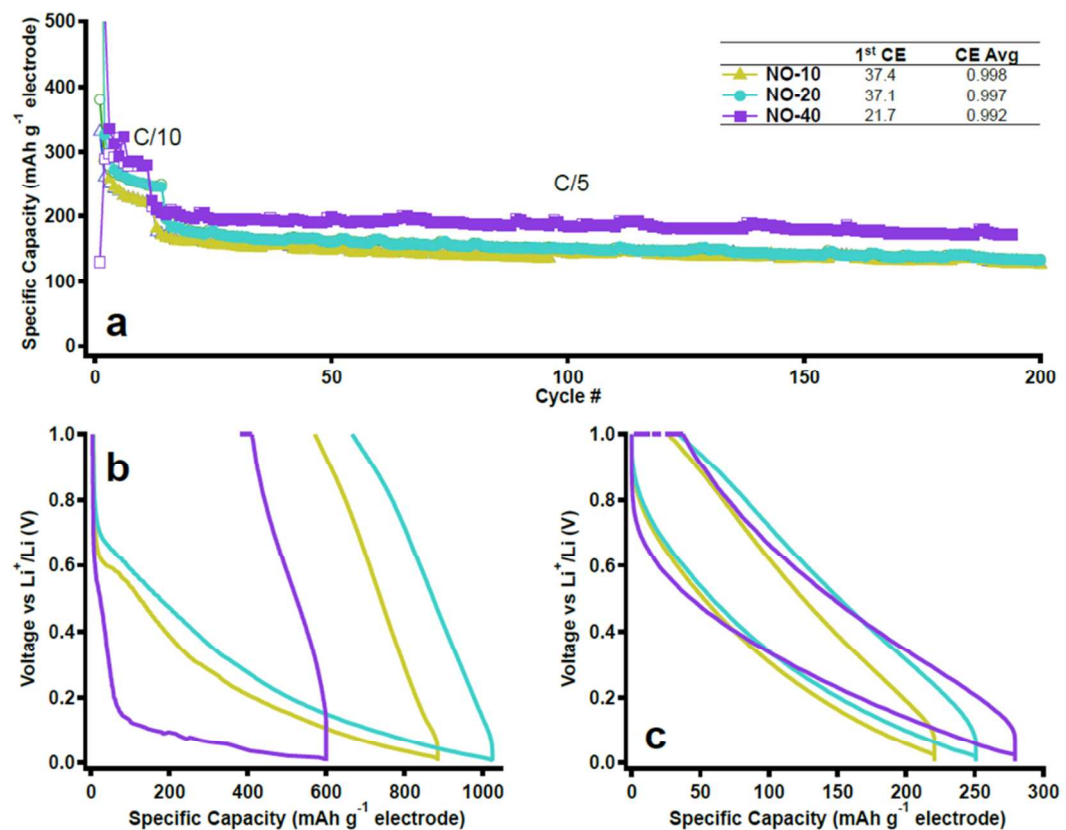
**Figure S4** Incremental pore volume (dashed) and incremental pore area (solid) for FCCE and NO-40 electrode materials.



**Figure S5** XPS spectra for Co2p transition from graphitic electrodes generated from fungal mats cultured with 10 mM  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (FCCE) and autoclaved fungal mats soaked with  $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  (FCCE-S).



**Figure S6** XPS spectra for FCCE-S. N 1S labels are N1: pyridinic; N2: amine or imine; N3: pyrrolic; N4: quaternary; N5: pyridinic-N-oxide.



**Figure S7** (a) Cycling behavior of three samples without lyophilization. Voltage ranges is 0.005 – 1V. 1<sup>st</sup> cycle CE and long cycling average CE is displayed in table. (b) 1<sup>st</sup> cycle voltage profile of three samples. (c) 10<sup>th</sup> cycle voltage profile of three samples.