

Supplementary Information

Multifunctional nanoporous biocarbon derived from ginger: a promising material for CO₂ capture and supercapacitor

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Table S1: Synthesis conditions of non-porous carbon and porous activated carbon

| S.No | Sample Name | Porous carbon synthesis | | Sample Name | Activated carbon synthesis | | Activation GPC:KOH (g) |
|------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| | | Temperature (°C) | Ramp/time | | Temperature (°C) | Ramp/time | |
| 1 | GPC2 | 200 | 5 °C/2 h | GNBC2 | 800 | 5 °C/2 h | 1:3 |
| 2 | GPC3 | 300 | 5 °C/2 h | GNBC3 | 800 | 5 °C/2 h | 1:3 |
| 3 | GPC4 | 400 | 5 °C/2 h | GNBC4 | 800 | 5 °C/2 h | 1:3 |
| 4 | GPC5 | 500 | 5 °C/2 h | GNBC5 | 800 | 5 °C/2 h | 1:3 |
| 5 | GPC6 | 600 | 5 °C/2 h | GNBC6 | 800 | 5 °C/2 h | 1:3 |

Table S2: Textural parameters and X-ray diffraction data of ginger-activated carbon.

| S.No | Sample Name | S _{ABET} (m ² /g) | t-plot micropore area (m ² /g) | Pore volume (cm ³ /g) | Micropore volume (cm ³ /g) | Pore size HK method (nm) | XRD (002) peak position (2θ) | d-spacing (nm) |
|------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | GNBC2 | 1426.1 | 1344.6 | 0.6638 | 0.5606 | 1.33 | 24.05 | 0.369 |
| 2 | GNBC3 | 1328.5 | 1245.9 | 0.6215 | 0.5255 | 1.39 | 24.56 | 0.362 |
| 3 | GNBC4 | 1915.9 | 1702.5 | 0.9723 | 0.7832 | 1.73 | 24.69 | 0.359 |
| 4 | GNBC5 | 2140.4 | 1956.8 | 1.0438 | 0.8794 | 1.61 | 24.73 | 0.359 |
| 5 | GNBC6 | 2330.6 | 2224.6 | 1.1017 | 0.9953 | 1.55 | 23.4 | 0.381 |

Table S3: Summary of XPS deconvolution

| S.No | Sample Name | C 1s spectra | | | Composition from XPS (At.%) | | Composition from EDS (At.%) | |
|------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | | C-C | C-OH, C-O-C | COOH | Carbon (C 1s) | Oxygen (O 1s) | Carbon (C K) | Oxygen (O K) |
| 1 | GNBC4 | 284.3/51.31 | 285.5/18.54 | 288.6/30.15 | 94.38 | 5.62 | 96.95 | 3.05 |
| 2 | GNBC5 | 284.3/45.38 | 285.2/23.01 | 288.3/31.61 | 94.29 | 5.71 | 96.44 | 3.56 |
| 3 | GNBC6 | 284.2/52.57 | 285.2/24.02 | 288.2/23.41 | 93.24 | 6.76 | 95.93 | 4.07 |

Table S4: Comparison of specific capacitance of various waste-derived biomass carbon samples with GNBC

| S.No | Biomass | Surface area (m ² /g) | Pore volume (cm ³ /g) | Electrolyte | Specific capacitance (F/g) | Reference |
|------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | N-BPPCF | 1357.6 | 0.765 | 6M KOH | 210.6/0.5 A/g | [1] |
| 2 | P-AC | 1535.9 | - | 6M KOH | 155/0.5 A/g | [2] |
| 3 | Banana Fibers (10% ZnCl ₂) | 1097 | - | 1M Na ₂ SO ₄ | 74/0.5 A/g | [3] |
| 4 | N-APSB | 1447.65 | 0.994 | 1M H ₂ SO ₄ | 200/1 A/g | [4] |
| 5 | KOH-CG-700 | 1622.7 | 0.83 | 6M KOH | 175/ 1 A/g | [5] |
| 6 | DSAC _{1/2} | 180 | 0.093 | 1M KOH | 178/1 A/g | [6] |
| 7 | EGS-900 | 2388.38 | - | 1 M KOH | 150/ 1 A.g | [7] |
| 8 | CSC-700 | 2349.37 | - | 3M KOH | 140 / 1A/g | [8] |
| 9 | HDPC | 1582 | | 6M KOH | 180/ 0.5 A/g | [9] |
| 10 | GNBC6 | 2330.6 | 1.1017 | 3M KOH | 244/0.5 A/g | This work |

N-BPPCF-nitrogen-doped banana peel derived porous carbon, P-AC- peanut shell-derived porous activated carbon, N-APSB – nitrogen-doped peanut shell derived biochar, KOH-CG-700 – KOH activated waste coffee grounds, DSAC_{1/2} – durian shell activated carbon, EGS-900- Eucalyptus globulus seeds derived activated carbon, CSC-700 – corn stalk core derived activated carbon, HDPC – pomelo peel-derived porous carbon.

Table S5 Summary of CO₂ adsorption

| Sample | Surface area (m ² /g) | Temperature (°C) | CO ₂ adsorption (mmol/g) | | | | | | |
|--------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| | | | 1 bar | 2 bar | 3 bar | 4 bar | 5 bar | 10 bar | 30 bar |
| GNBC4 | 1915.9 | 0 | 2.65 | 4.39 | 5.83 | 7.02 | 8.04 | 11.92 | 20.1 |
| GNBC5 | 2140.4 | 0 | 3.82 | 6.38 | 8.4 | 10.2 | 11.6 | 17.3 | 25.8 |
| | | 10 | 2.98 | 5.13 | 6.9 | 8.39 | 9.67 | 14.5 | 24.1 |
| | | 25 | 2.07 | 3.66 | 5.03 | 6.22 | 7.28 | 11.31 | 20.21 |
| GNBC6 | 2330.6 | 0 | 4.87 | 7.52 | 9.37 | 10.79 | 11.9 | 15.73 | 21.7 |
| | | 10 | 3.88 | 6.2 | 7.88 | 9.22 | 10.28 | 13.8 | 20.2 |
| | | 25 | 2.65 | 4.46 | 4.46 | 5.9 | 8.01 | 11.435 | 17.74 |

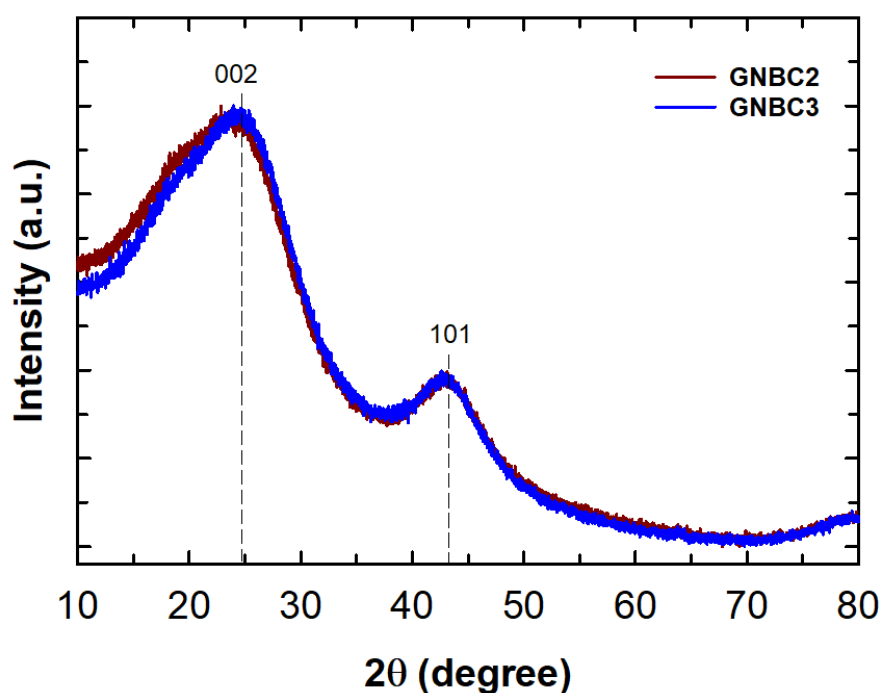


Figure S1: X-ray diffraction patterns of GNBC2 and GNBC3 samples.

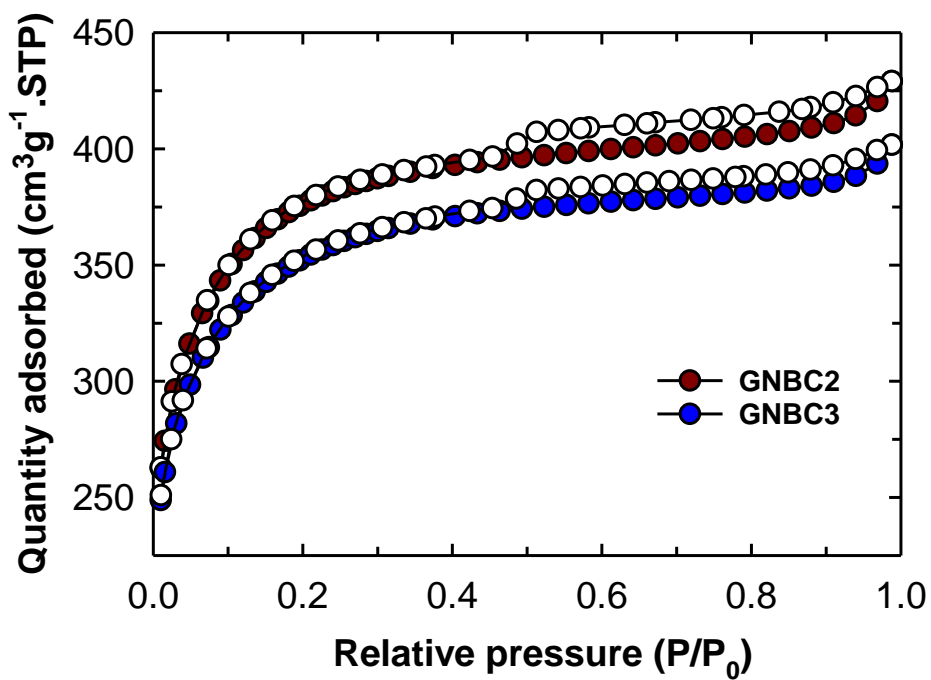


Figure S2: N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of GNBC2 and GNBC3 samples.

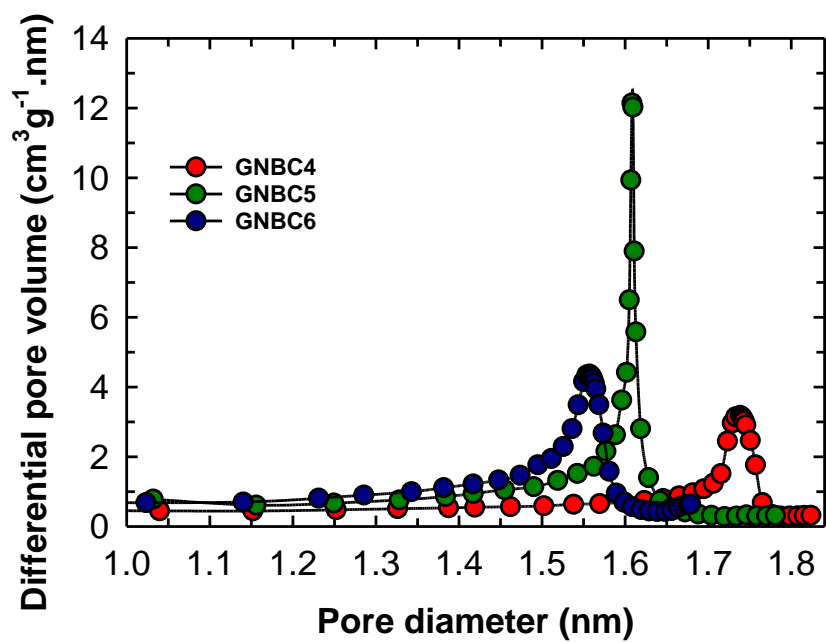


Figure S3: Pore size distribution using Horvath-Kawazoe (HK) method.

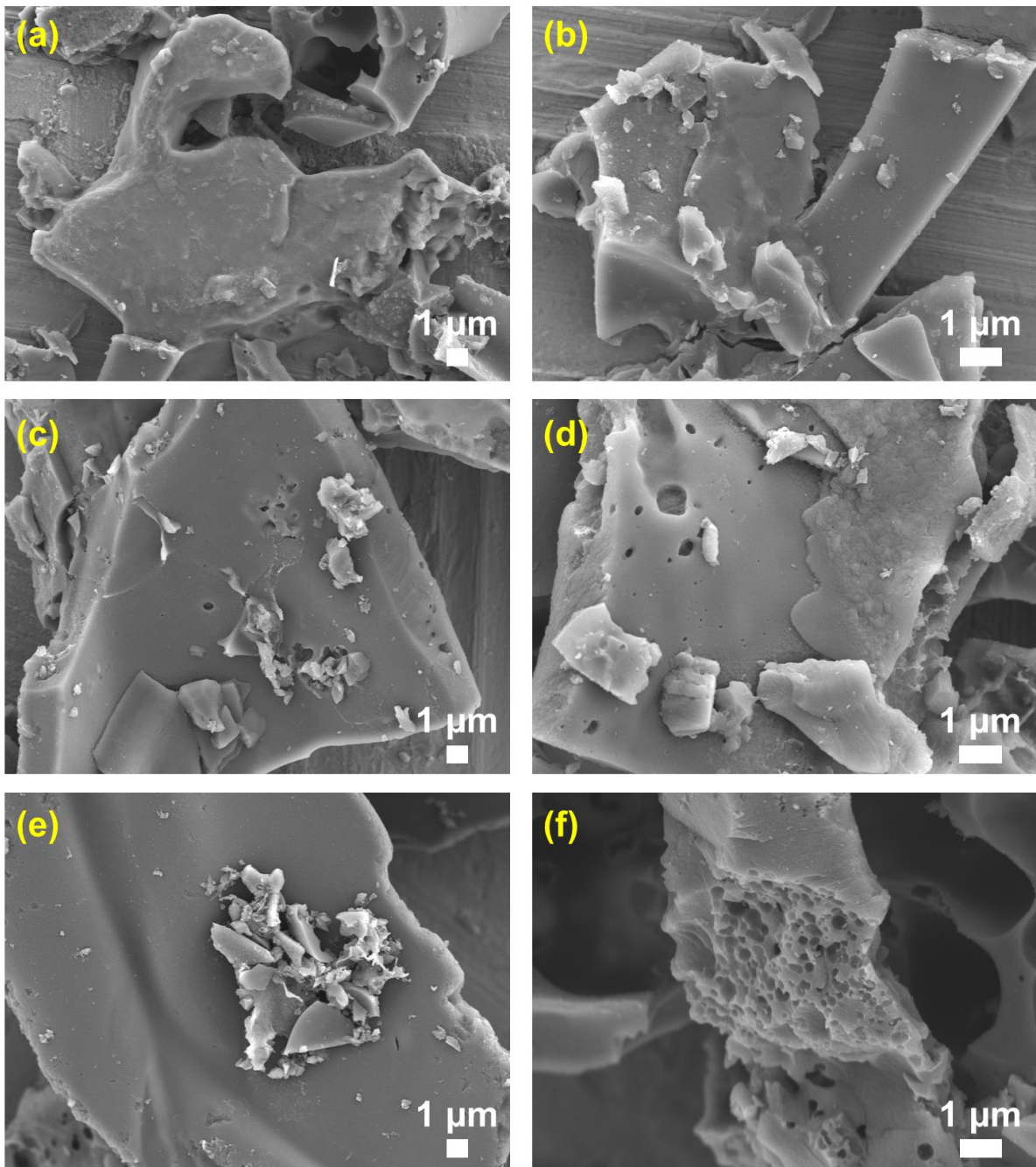


Figure S4: SEM images of (a & b) GNBC4, (c & d) GNBC5, and (e & f) GNBC6 samples.

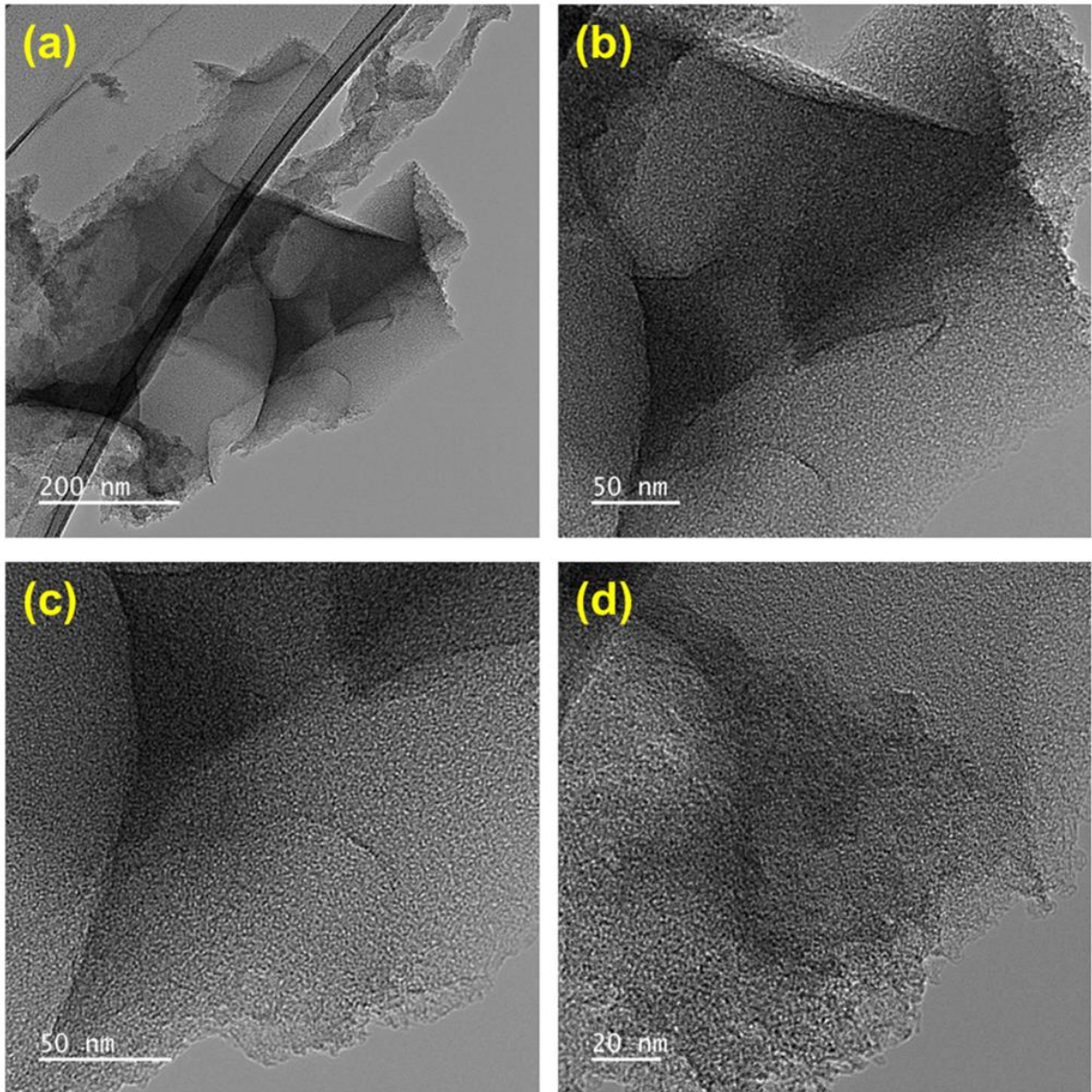


Figure S5: Low and high magnification TEM images of GNBC6 sample.

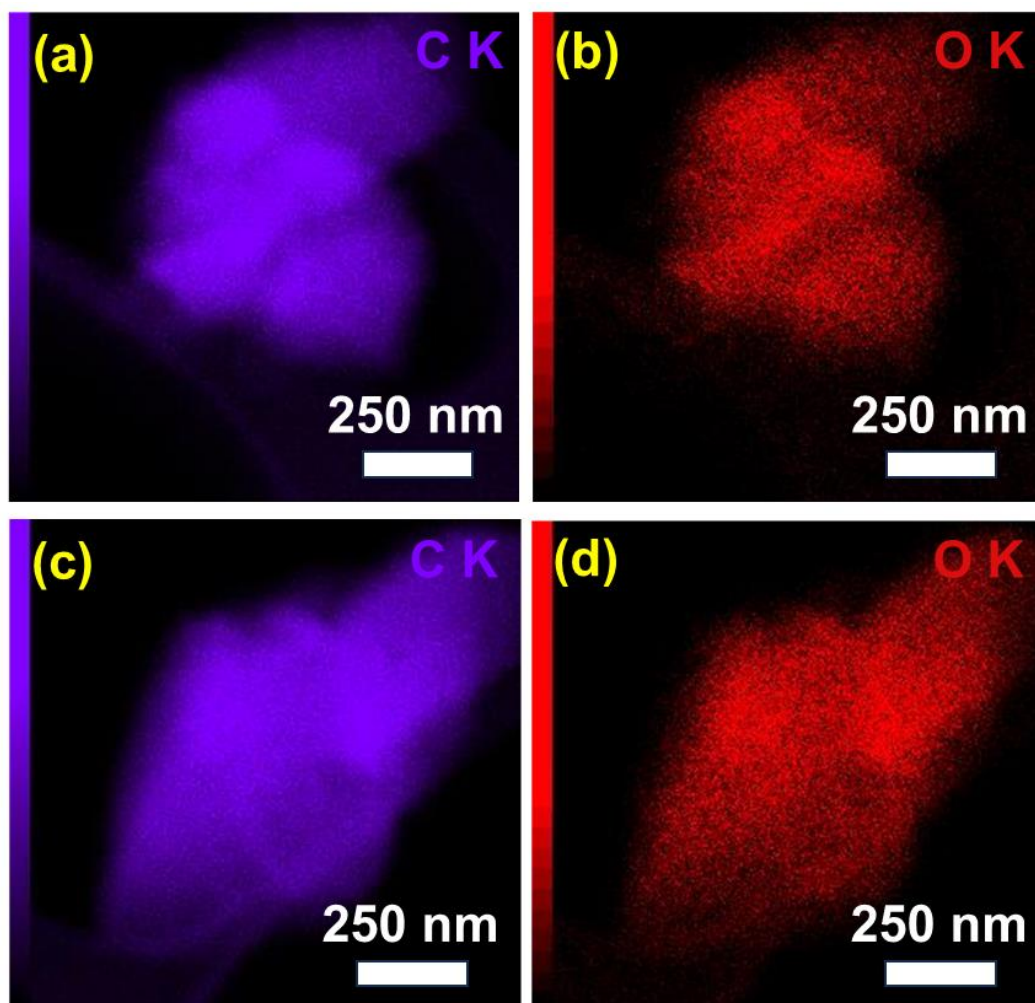


Figure S6: EDS mapping of (a & b) GNBC4, and (c & d) GNBC5 samples.

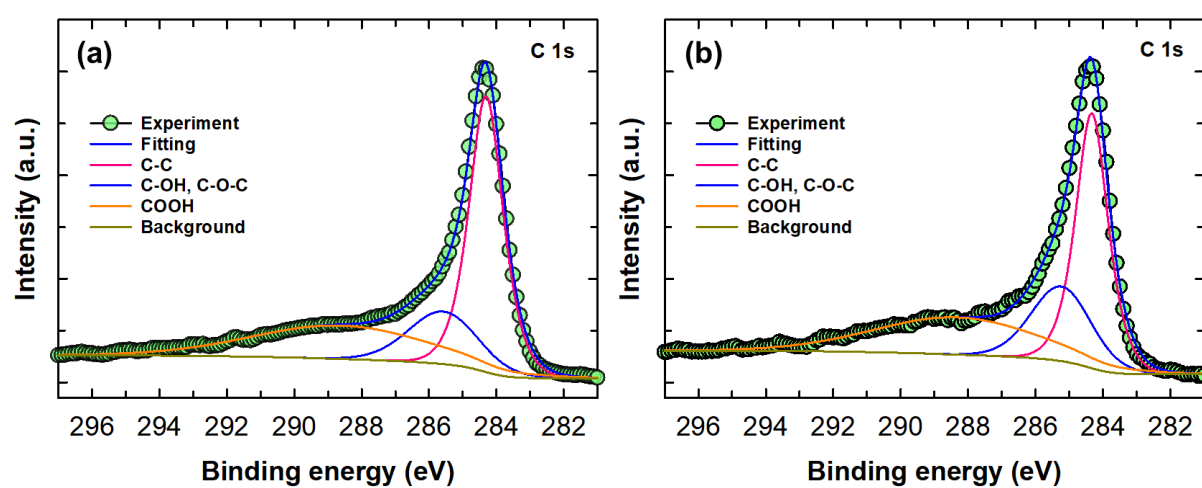


Figure S7: XPS C 1s spectral deconvolutions of (a) GNBC4, and (b) GNBC5 samples.

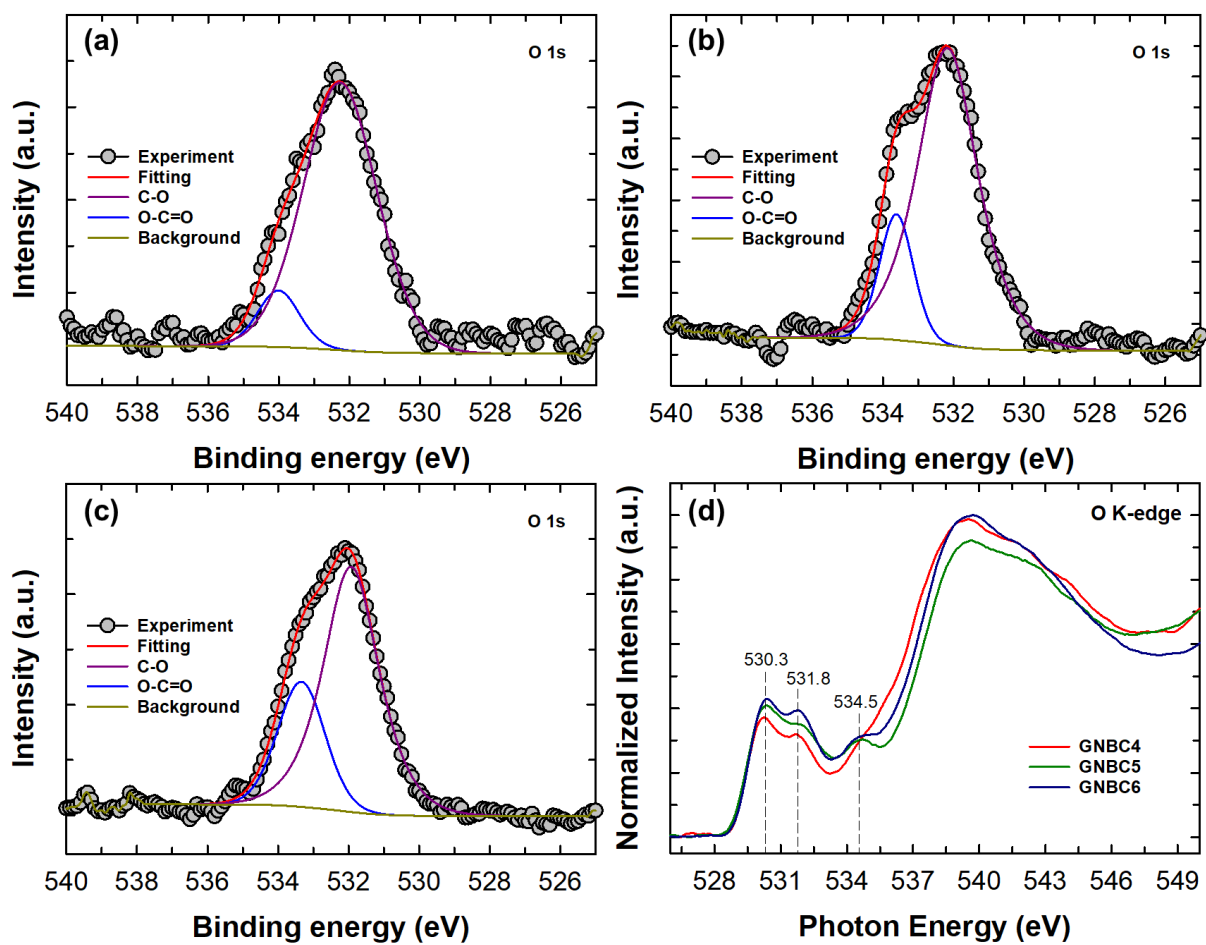


Figure S8: XPS O 1s spectral deconvolutions of (a) GNBC4, (b) GNBC5, & (c) GNBC6 and (d) C K-edge NEXAFS spectra of GNBC samples.

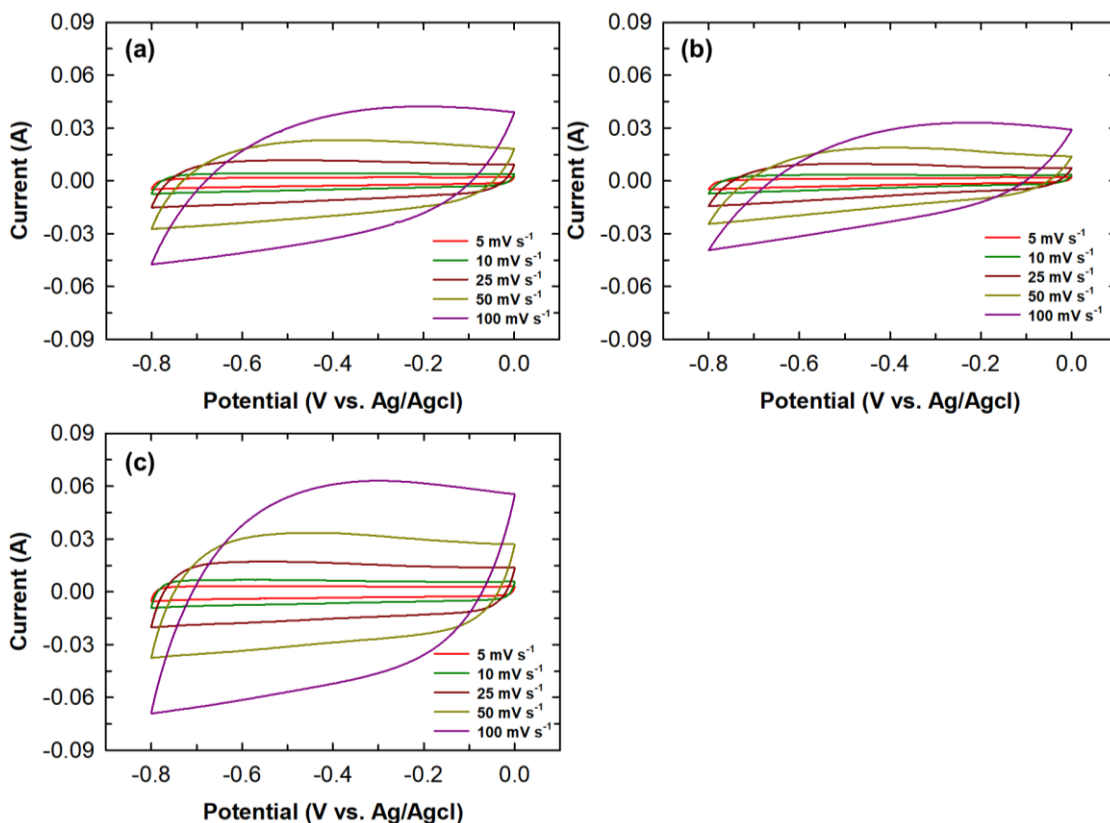


Figure S9: Cyclic voltammetry curves of GNBC samples measured at different current densities (a) GNBC4, (b) GNBC5 and (c) GNBC6.

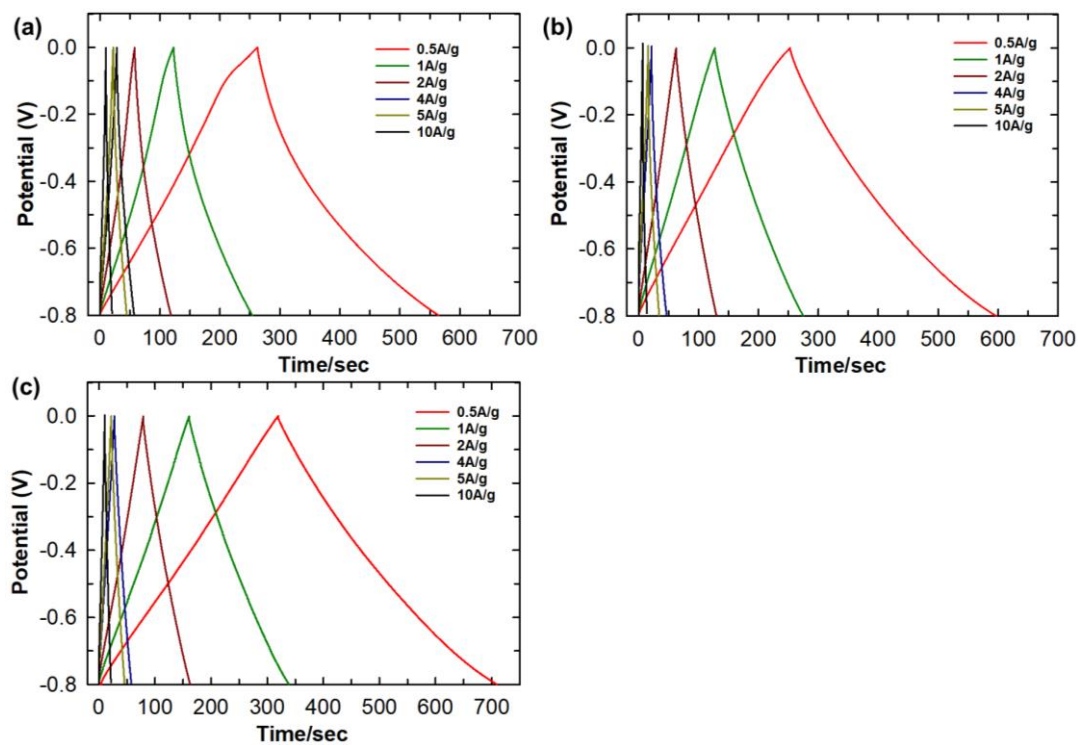


Figure S10: Charge-discharge profile of GNBC samples at different current densities of 0.5 to 10 A/g (a) GNBC4, (b) GNBC5 and (c) GNBC6.

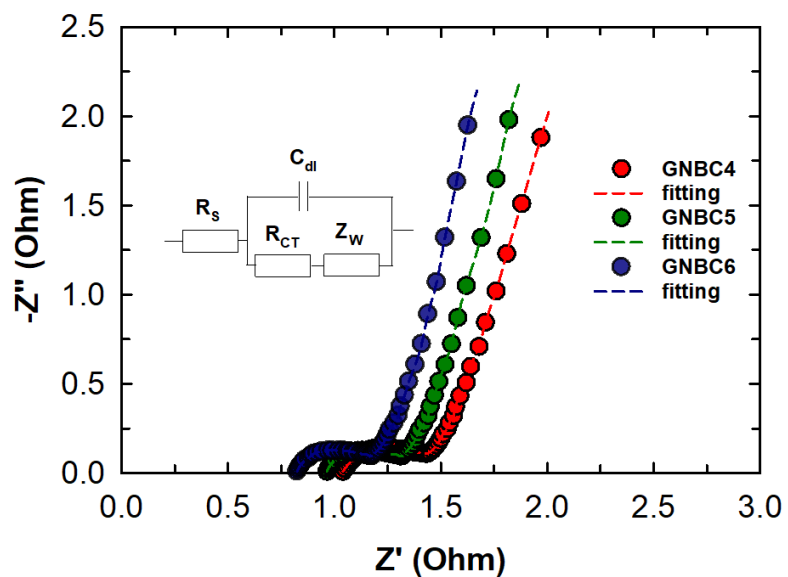


Figure S11: Three-electrode EIS of GNBC samples.

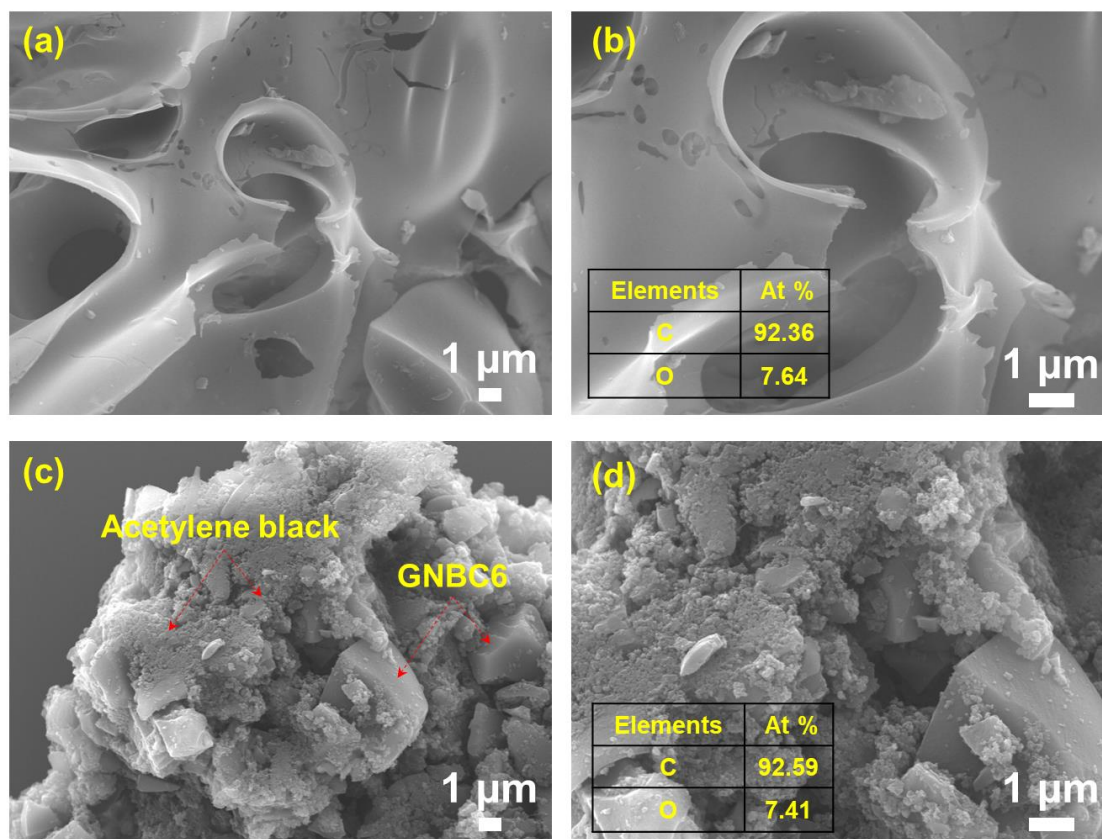


Figure S12: SEM images of GNBC6 sample (a & b) before and (c & d) after preparing electrode. Table insets on (b) and (d) are the EDS chemical compositions before and after preparing electrodes.

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