

## **Supplementary Materials**

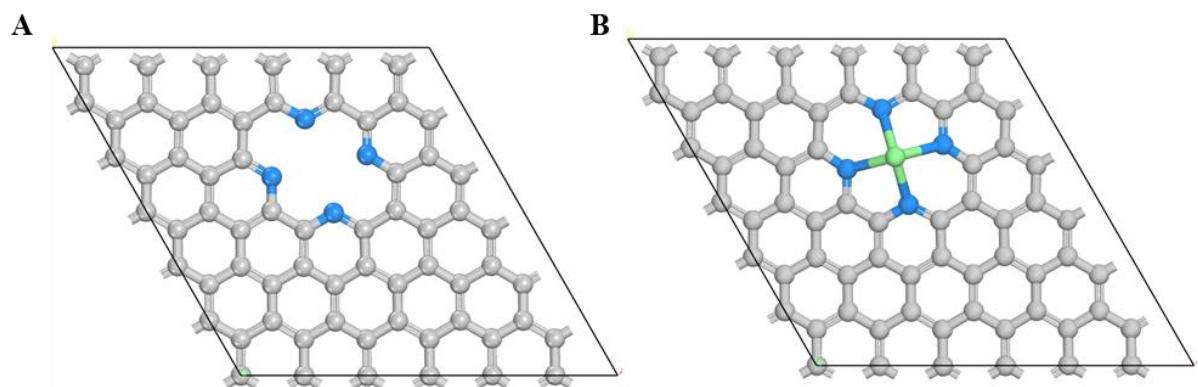
### **Sub-2 nm PtBi alloy nanoparticles on Bi-N-C single-atom catalyst for selective oxidation of glycerol to 1,3-dihydroxyacetone**

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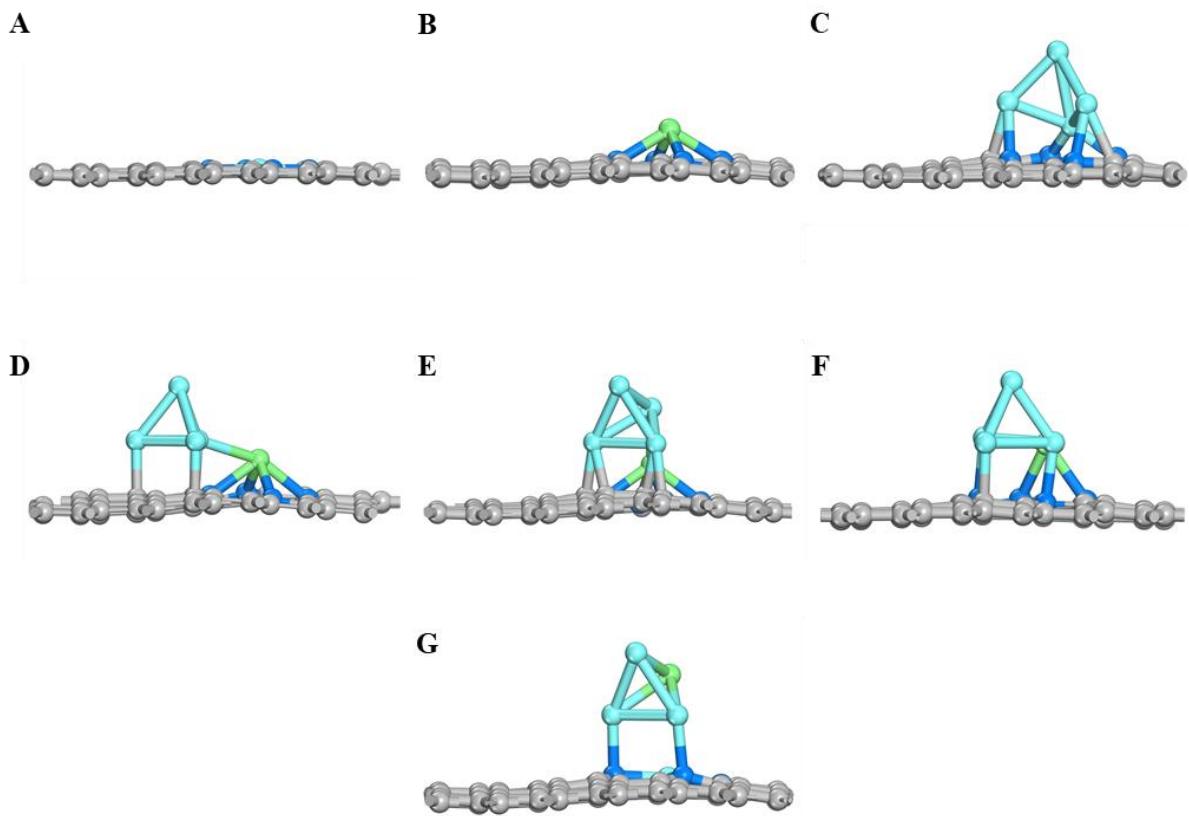
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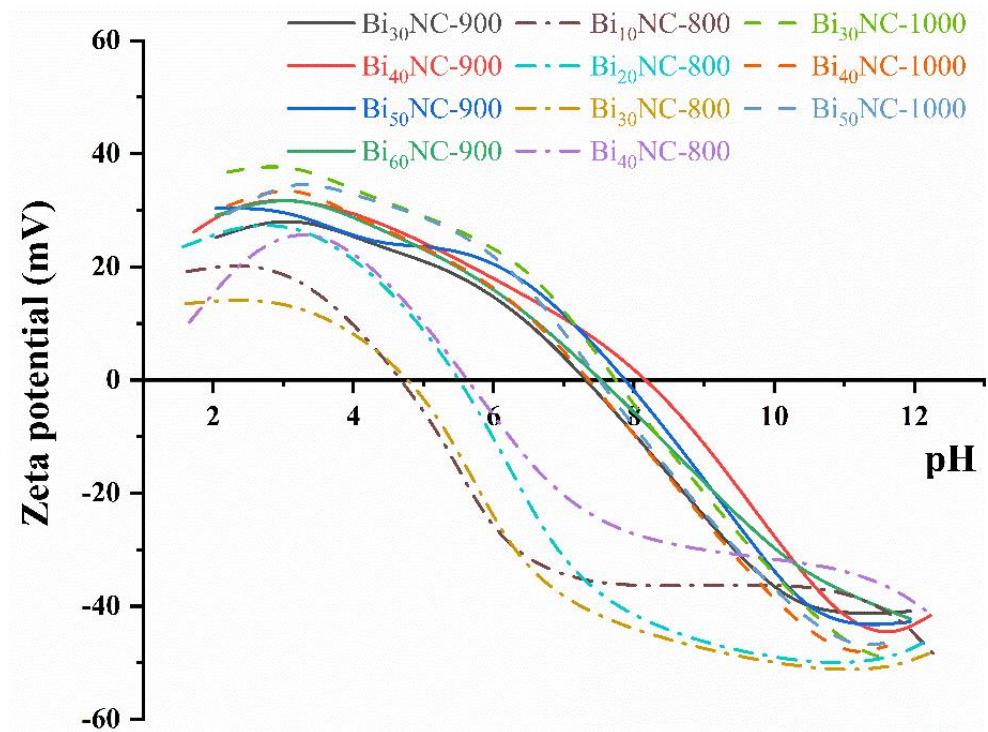
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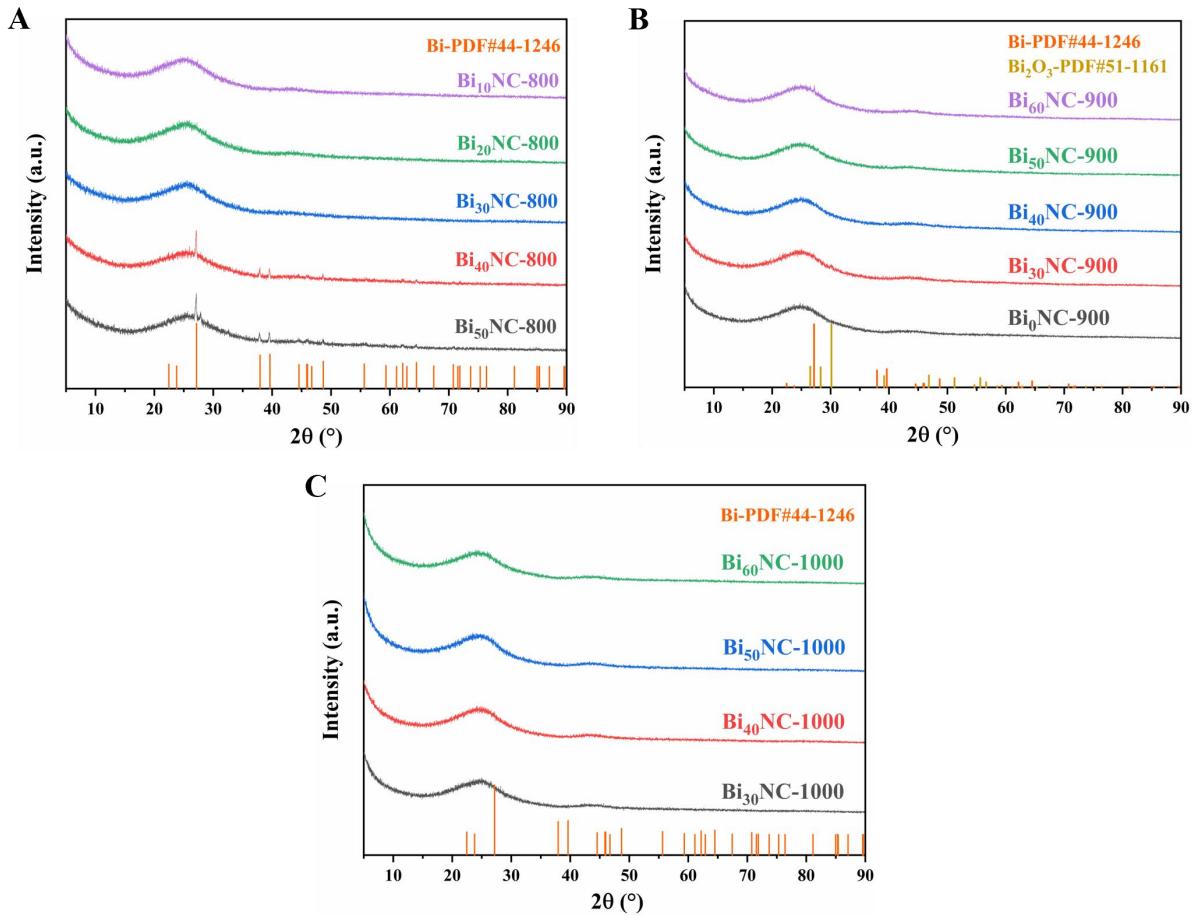
**Supplementary Figure 1.** The top view of the optimized geometries of the N-doped graphene (A) and Bi modification N-doped graphene (B) models.



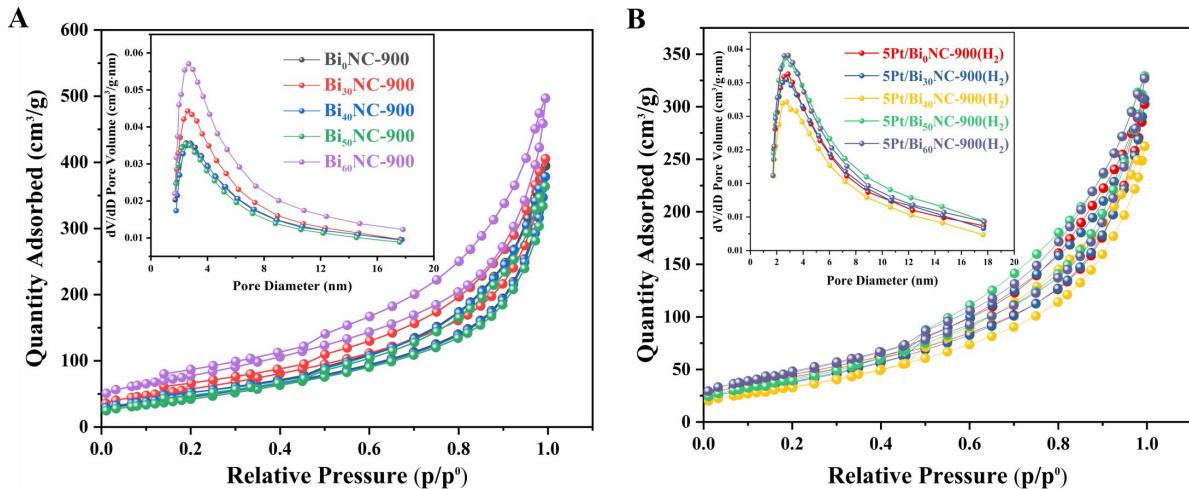
**Supplementary Figure 2.** The side views of the optimized geometries of (A) a single atomic Pt-N<sub>4</sub> site, (B) a single atomic Bi-N<sub>4</sub> site, (C) a Pt<sub>4</sub> cluster on N<sub>4</sub> vacancy, (D-G) four geometries of a Pt<sub>4</sub> cluster on a single atomic Bi-N<sub>4</sub> site.



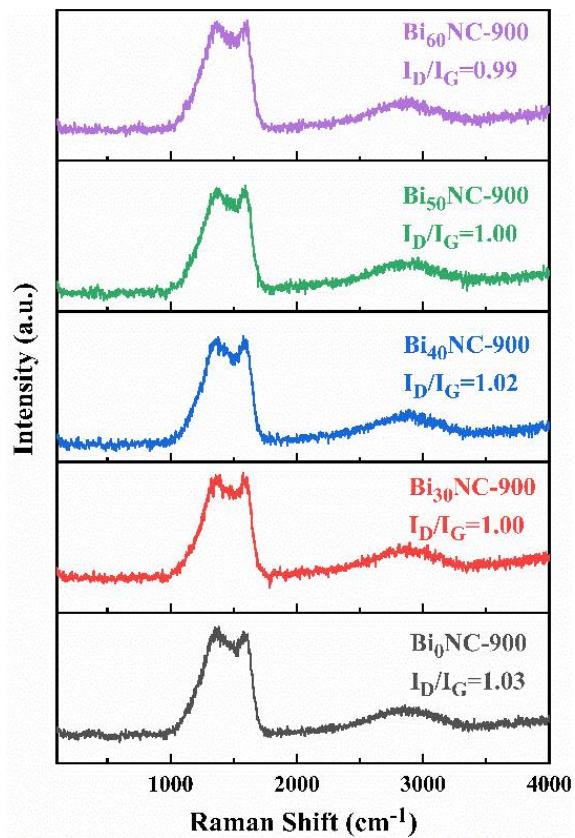
**Supplementary Figure 3.** Zeta potential measurements of  $\text{Bi}_x\text{NC-}t$ .



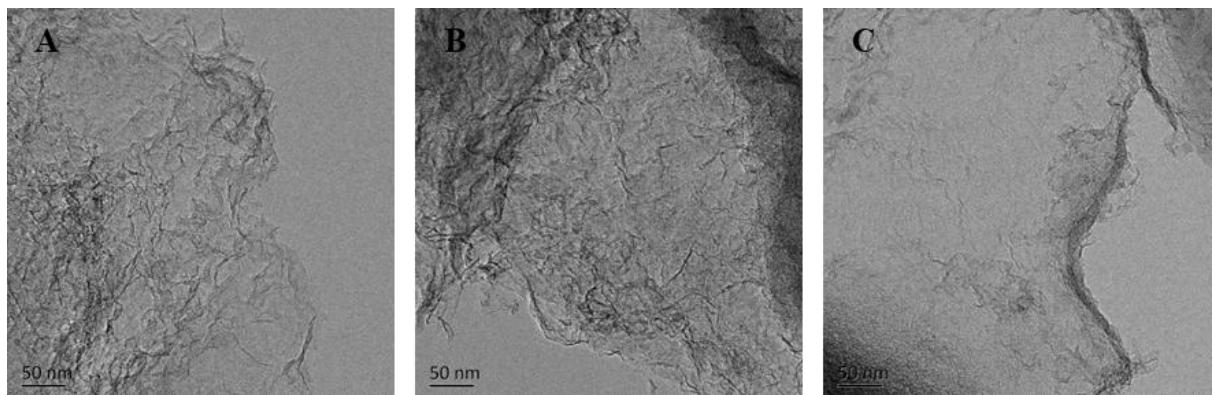
**Supplementary Figure 4.** XRD patterns of (A) Bi<sub>x</sub>NC-800, (B) Bi<sub>x</sub>NC-900 and (C) Bi<sub>x</sub>NC-1000.



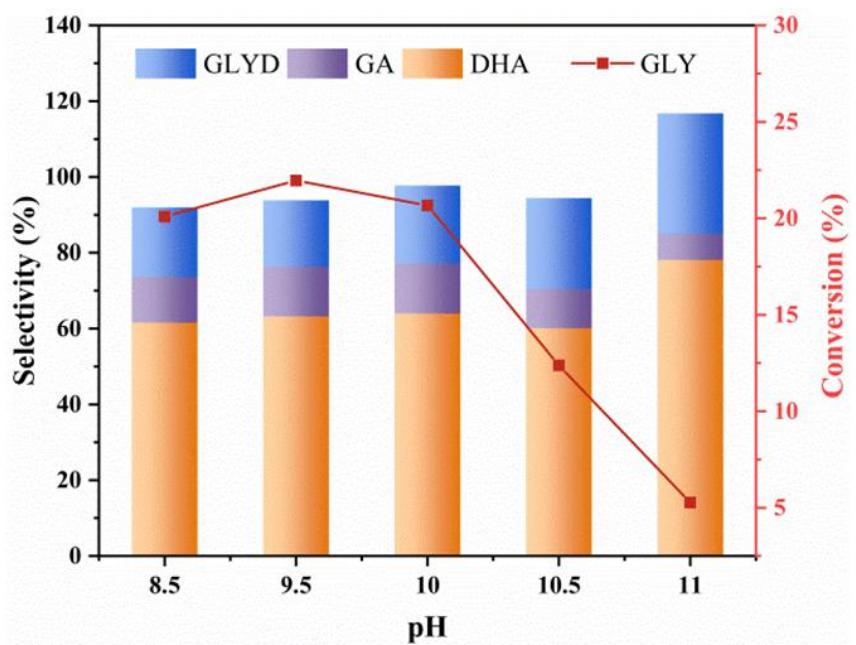
**Supplementary Figure 5.**  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms of (A)  $\text{Bi}_x\text{NC}-900$  and (B)  $5\text{Pt}/\text{Bi}_x\text{NC}-900(\text{H}_2)$ . The insets show the corresponding pore size distributions.



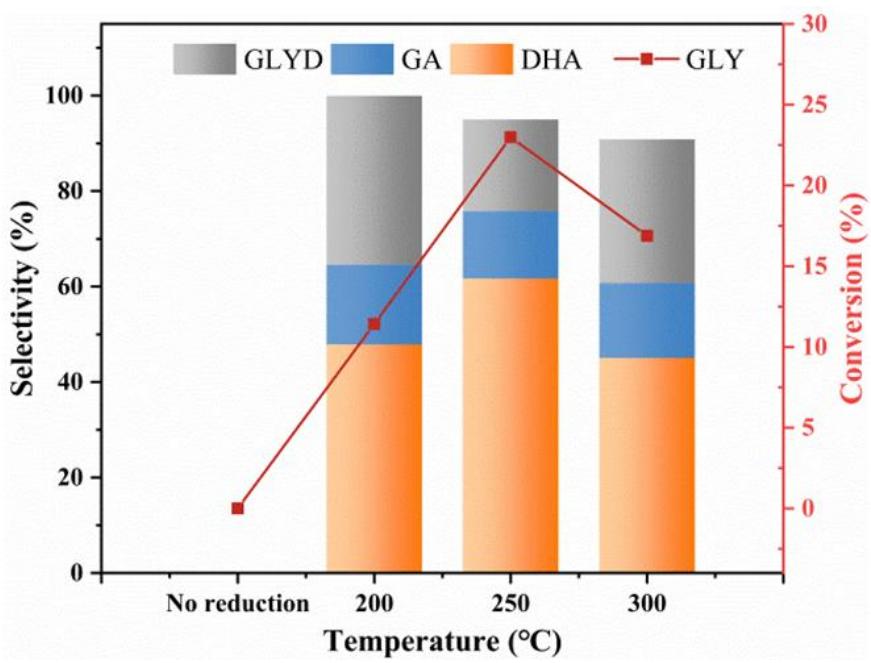
**Supplementary Figure 6.** Raman spectra of  $\text{Bi}_x\text{NC}-900$ .



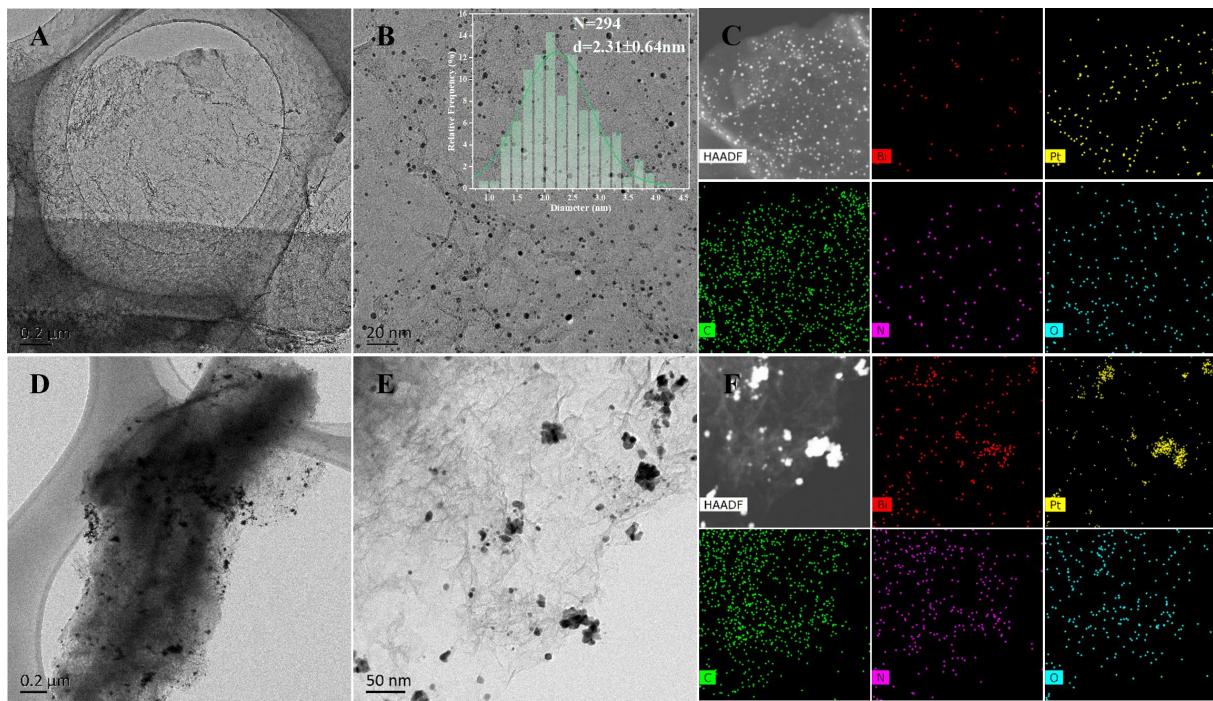
**Supplementary Figure 7.** TEM images of (A) Bi<sub>30</sub>NC-900, (B) Bi<sub>40</sub>NC-900 and (C) Bi<sub>50</sub>NC-900.



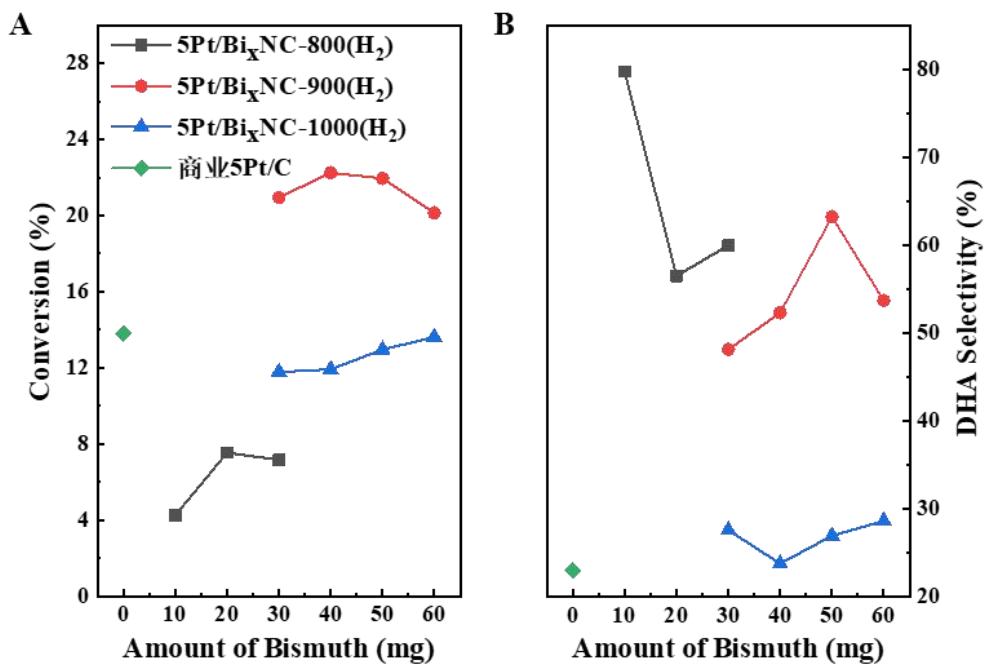
**Supplementary Figure 8.** The effect of pH during impregnation on the performance of glycerol oxidation over 5Pt/Bi<sub>50</sub>NC-900(H<sub>2</sub>). (Reaction Conditions: 20 g 10 wt.% glycerol solution, 20 mg catalyst, glycerol/Pt molar ratio = 4,300, O<sub>2</sub> flow at 150 Ncm<sup>3</sup>/min, 1,200 rpm, 60 °C, 4 h.)



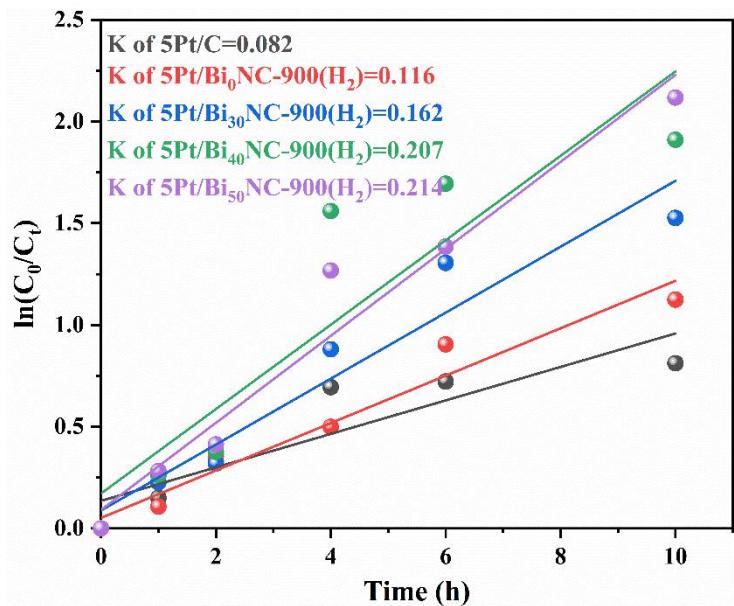
**Supplementary Figure 9.** The effect of H<sub>2</sub> reduction temperature on the performance of glycerol oxidation over 5Pt/Bi<sub>50</sub>NC-900(H<sub>2</sub>). (Reaction Conditions: 20 g 10 wt.% glycerol solution, 20 mg catalyst, glycerol/Pt molar ratio = 4,300, O<sub>2</sub> flow at 150 Ncm<sup>3</sup>/min, 1,200 rpm, 60 °C, 4 h.)



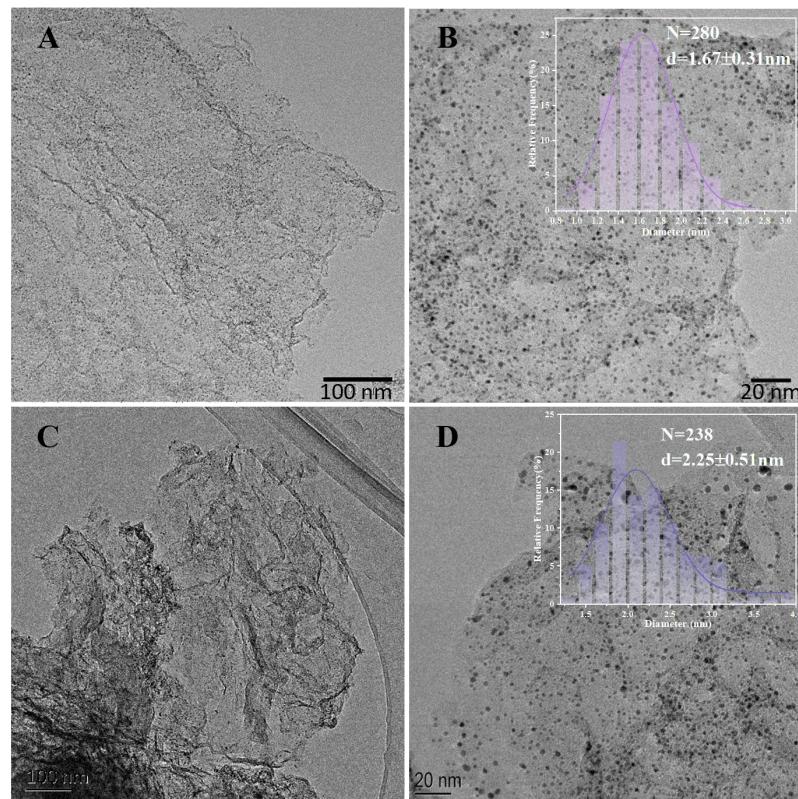
**Supplementary Figure 10.** (A-B) TEM images and histogram of Pt NP diameters, (C) HAADF-STEM image and associated EDS element maps of 5Pt/Bi<sub>30</sub>NC-1000(H<sub>2</sub>). (D-E) TEM images, (F) HAADF-STEM image and associated EDS element maps of 5Pt/Bi<sub>30</sub>NC-800(H<sub>2</sub>).



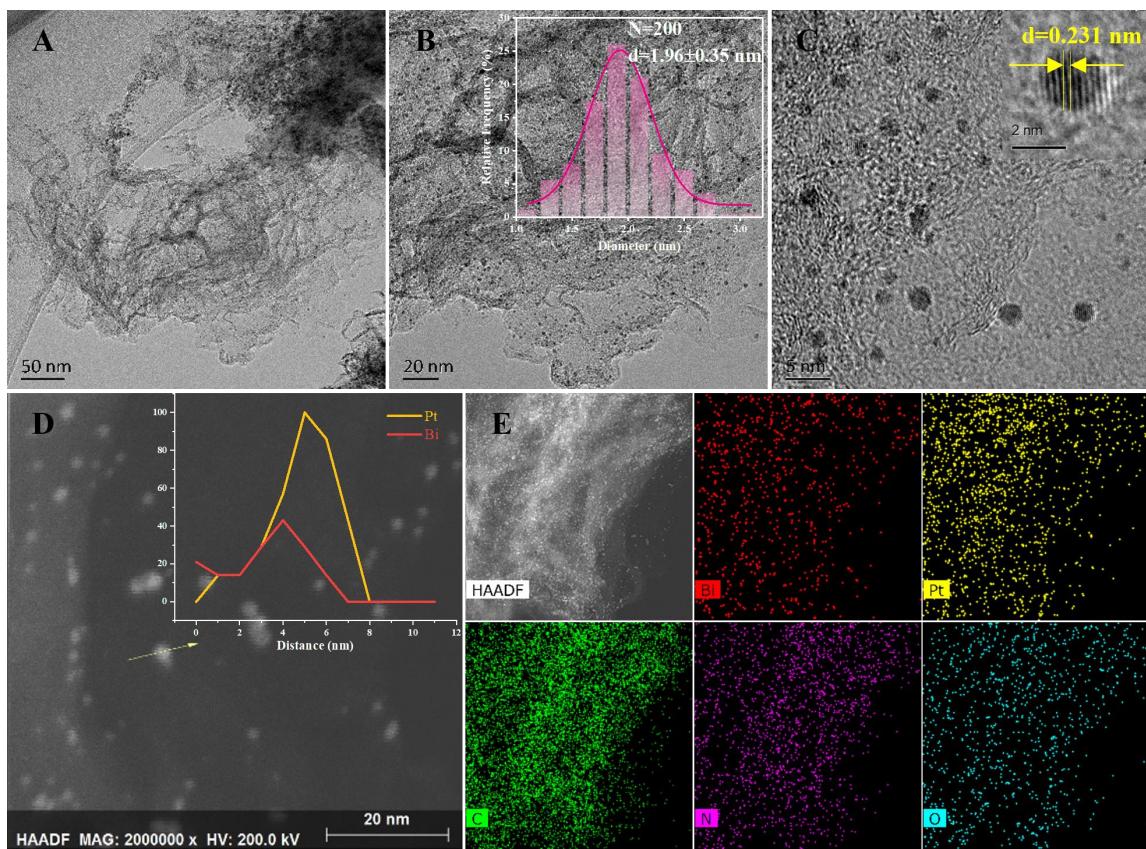
**Supplementary Figure 11.** Effect of amount of bismuth on (A) glycerol conversion and (B) DHA selectivity over 5Pt/Bi<sub>x</sub>NC-t(H<sub>2</sub>). (Reaction Conditions: 20 g 10 wt.% glycerol solution, 20 mg catalyst, glycerol/Pt molar ratio = 4,300, O<sub>2</sub> flow at 150 Ncm<sup>3</sup>/min, 1,200 rpm, 60 °C, 4 h.)



**Supplementary Figure 12.** Pseudo-first-order reaction rate constant  $K$  of  $5\text{Pt}/\text{Bi}_x\text{NC-900}(\text{H}_2)$  and commercial  $5\text{Pt}/\text{C}$  catalysts.



**Supplementary Figure 13.** (A-B) TEM images of 5Pt/Bi<sub>50</sub>NC-900(H<sub>2</sub>) (before annealing). (C-D) TEM images of 5Pt/Bi<sub>50</sub>NC-900(H<sub>2</sub>) (after four times annealing).



**Supplementary Figure 14.** (A-C) TEM images and (D) HAADF-STEM image and EDS line scanning of a bright dot, (E) HAADF-STEM image and associated EDS element maps of 2Bi-5Pt/NC-900(H<sub>2</sub>).

**Supplementary Table 1. Bi contents in  $\text{Bi}_x\text{NC-}t$  measured by ICP-OES**

Sample	Bi (wt.%)
$\text{Bi}_{10}\text{NC-}800$	1.66
$\text{Bi}_{30}\text{NC-}800$	4.37
$\text{Bi}_{50}\text{NC-}800$	6.77
$\text{Bi}_{30}\text{NC-}900$	2.56
$\text{Bi}_{40}\text{NC-}900$	2.79
$\text{Bi}_{50}\text{NC-}900$	2.51
$\text{Bi}_{60}\text{NC-}900$	3.68
$\text{Bi}_{30}\text{NC-}1000$	0.13
$\text{Bi}_{40}\text{NC-}1000$	0.03
$\text{Bi}_{50}\text{NC-}1000$	0.14
$\text{Bi}_{60}\text{NC-}1000$	0.20

**Supplementary Table 2. The specific surface areas and pore size distribution of Bi<sub>x</sub>NC-900 and 5Pt/Bi<sub>x</sub>NC-900(H<sub>2</sub>)**

Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Average pore diameter (nm)
Bi <sub>0</sub> NC-900	173.9	5.5
Bi <sub>30</sub> NC-900	213.8	5.3
Bi <sub>40</sub> NC-900	171.8	5.6
Bi <sub>50</sub> NC-900	166.3	5.4
Bi <sub>60</sub> NC-900	282.6	5.3
5Pt/Bi <sub>0</sub> NC-900(H <sub>2</sub> )	160.3	5.6
5Pt/Bi <sub>30</sub> NC-900(H <sub>2</sub> )	149.5	5.7
5Pt/Bi <sub>40</sub> NC-900(H <sub>2</sub> )	130.8	5.7
5Pt/Bi <sub>50</sub> NC-900(H <sub>2</sub> )	161.3	5.7
5Pt/Bi <sub>60</sub> NC-900(H <sub>2</sub> )	175.9	5.6

**Supplementary Table 3. The representative literature results of PtBi catalysts for the selective oxidation of glycerol to DHA are compared**

Authors	Catalysts	d <sub>TEM</sub> (nm)	D <sub>Pt</sub> (%)	Reaction conditions	Sel. <sub>DHA</sub> (%)	TOF <sup>b</sup> (h <sup>-1</sup> )	TOF <sup>c</sup> (h <sup>-1</sup> )
This work	5Pt/Bi <sub>50</sub> NC-900(H <sub>2</sub> )	1.3	77.0	O <sub>2</sub> 150 Ncm <sup>3</sup> /min; 60 °C; 1 h; glycerol/Pt = 670	77.4	224.4	166.7
				O <sub>2</sub> 150 Ncm <sup>3</sup> /min; 60 °C; 4 h; glycerol/Pt = 670	70.2	163.5	121.6
				O <sub>2</sub> 150 Ncm <sup>3</sup> /min; 60 °C; 6 h; glycerol/Pt = 670	68.4	113.7	84.6
Huang et al. <sup>[1]</sup>	Pt/0.1Bi@NC	2.2	52.2 <sup>a</sup>	60 °C; 1 atm air; 1 h; glycerol/Pt = 308	82.3	125.9	65.7
Feng et al. <sup>[2]</sup>	3Pt-0.3Bi/SBA-15	5.2	21.8 <sup>a</sup>	1 atm air; 30 °C; 15 h; glycerol/Pt = 65	40.9	12.5	2.7
Xue et al. <sup>[3]</sup>	Pt-7Bi/HT	3.5	32.3 <sup>a</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> 150 mL/min; 70 °C; 4 h; glycerol/Pt = 424	80.6	54.8	19.3
Xiao et al. <sup>[4]</sup>	Pt-Bi/AC	4.9	22.2		62.8	414.0	91.9
	Pt-Bi/ZSM-5	4.1	27.6	30 psig O <sub>2</sub> ; 77 °C; 0.8 h; glycerol/Pt = 228	11.7	190.8	52.7
	Pt-Bi/MCM-41	2.2	39.4		46.3	245.4	96.7
Ning et al. <sup>[5]</sup>	Pt/Bi-MCM-41	2.3	33.9		11.3	168.6	57.2
	PtBi <sub>5</sub> /NCNT	5.4	21.0 <sup>a</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> 150 Ncm <sup>3</sup> /min; 60 °C; 6 h; glycerol/Pt = 482	55.5	116.6	24.5
	Pt/NCNT +Bi/NCNT	3.2	35.4 <sup>a</sup>	O <sub>2</sub> 150 Ncm <sup>3</sup> /min; 60 °C; 6 h; glycerol/Pt = 547	53.3	87.7	31.0
Nie et al. <sup>[6]</sup>	Pt/NCNT+Bi(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	3.7	30.6 <sup>a</sup>		64.4	87.4	26.7
	Pt-Bi/MWCNTs	2.8	53.4	60 °C; O <sub>2</sub> 150 mL/min; 0.2 h; glycerol/Pt = 460.	86.7	500.8	267.4
				60 °C; O <sub>2</sub> 150 mL/min; 1.6 h; glycerol/Pt = 460	51.1	276.7	147.8
				60 °C; O <sub>2</sub> 150 mL/min; 4.5 h; glycerol/Pt = 460	35.6	172.6	92.2
Hu et al. <sup>[7]</sup>	3%Pt-0.6%Bi	4.5	20.3	70 °C, 60 psig, 1 h; glycerol/Pt = 3,251	-	300.0	60.9

<sup>a</sup>D<sub>TEM</sub> (%) = 5.66/r, where r represents the radius of Pt NPs (Å).

<sup>b</sup>TOF=  $\frac{n_{OGLY} \times Conv.\% \times Ar_{Pt}}{m_{cat} \times \omega_{Pt} \times D_{Pt} \times t}$  (The Pt dispersion is considered in the calculation).

<sup>c</sup>TOF=  $\frac{n_{OGLY} \times Conv.\% \times Ar_{Pt}}{m_{cat} \times \omega_{Pt} \times t}$  (The Pt dispersion is not considered in the calculation).

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