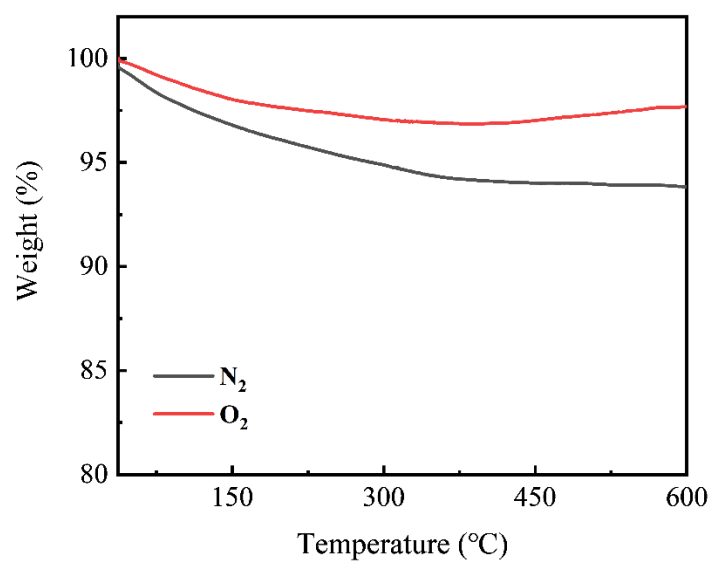
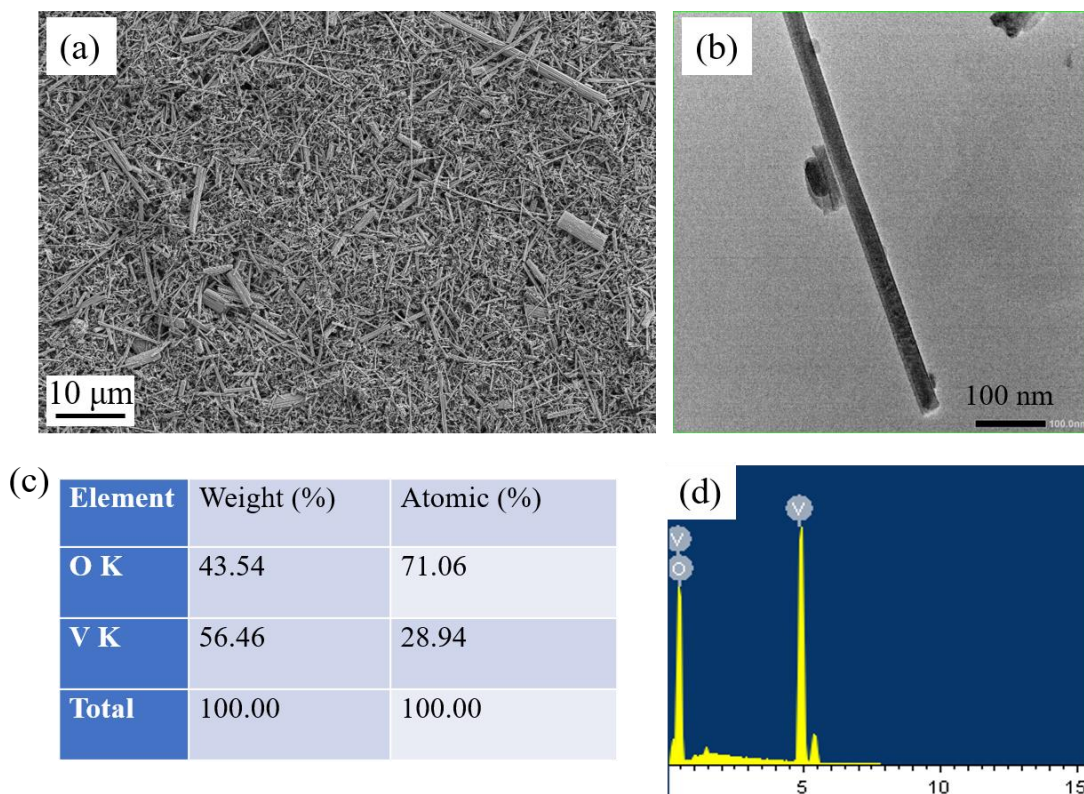


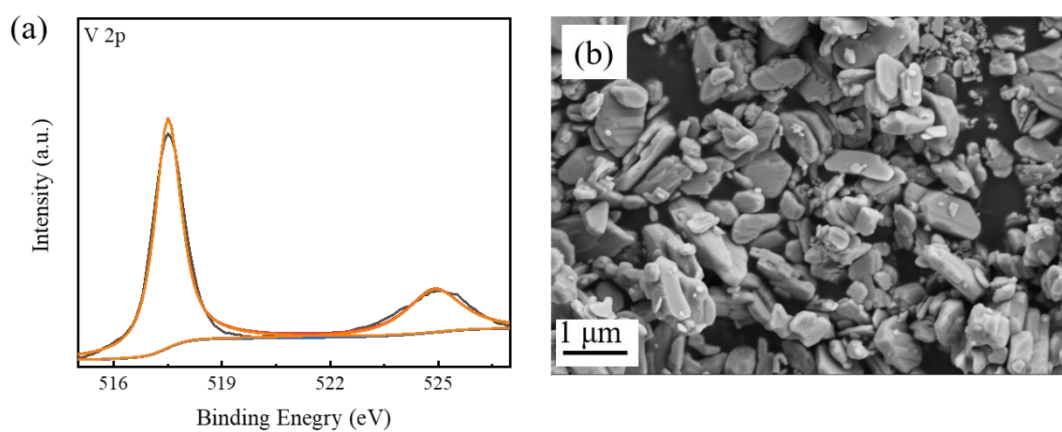
**Figure S1.** O 1s XPS spectrum in  $V_2O_5 \cdot nH_2O$  nanorods.



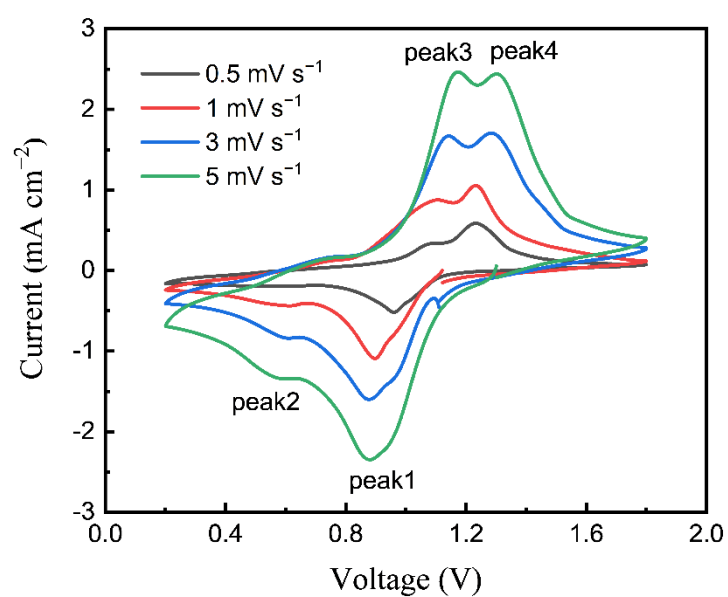
**Figure S2.** TG curves of the  $V_2O_5 \cdot nH_2O$  nanorods under  $O_2$  and  $N_2$  atmospheres.



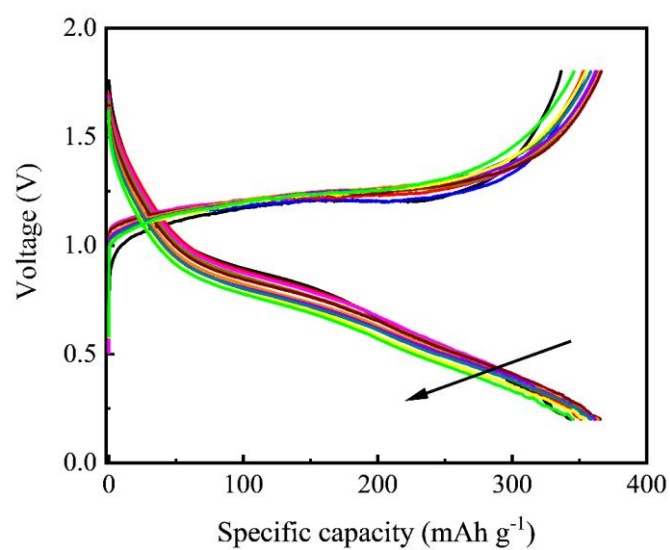
**Figure S3.** (a) SEM, (b) TEM images of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  nanorods at low magnification and (c,d) elemental results from EDX measurement.



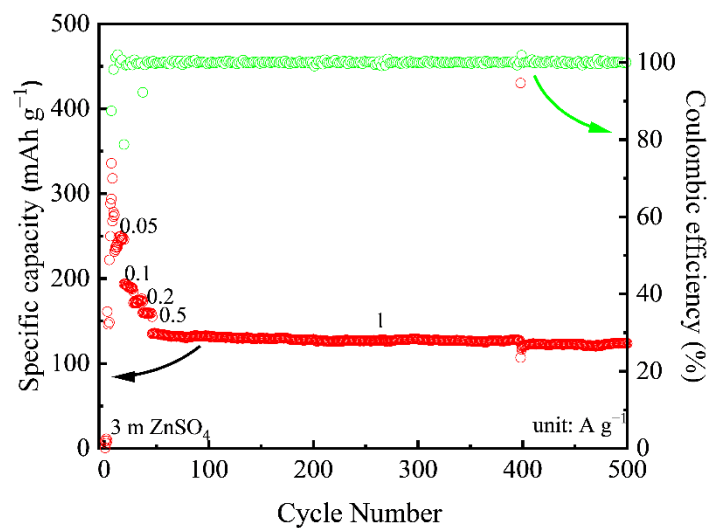
**Figure S4.** (a) V 2p XPS spectrum and (b) SEM image of commercial  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  powders.



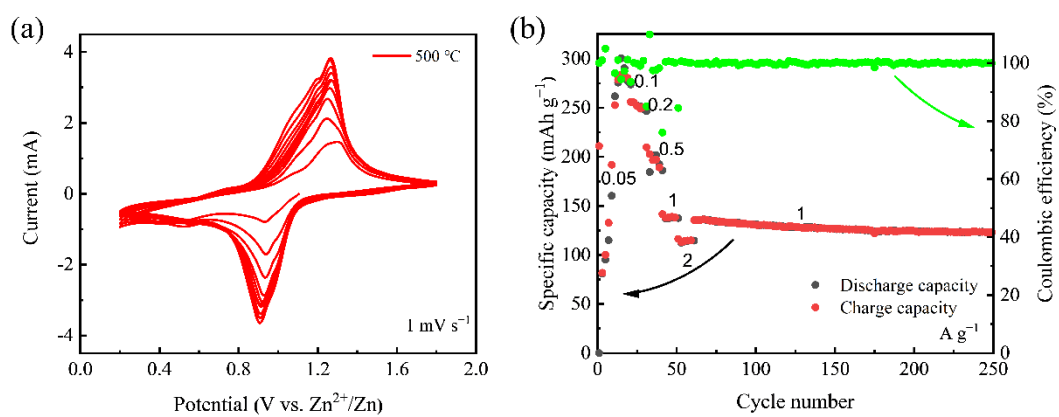
**Figure S5.** CV curves of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  nanorods at different scan rates.



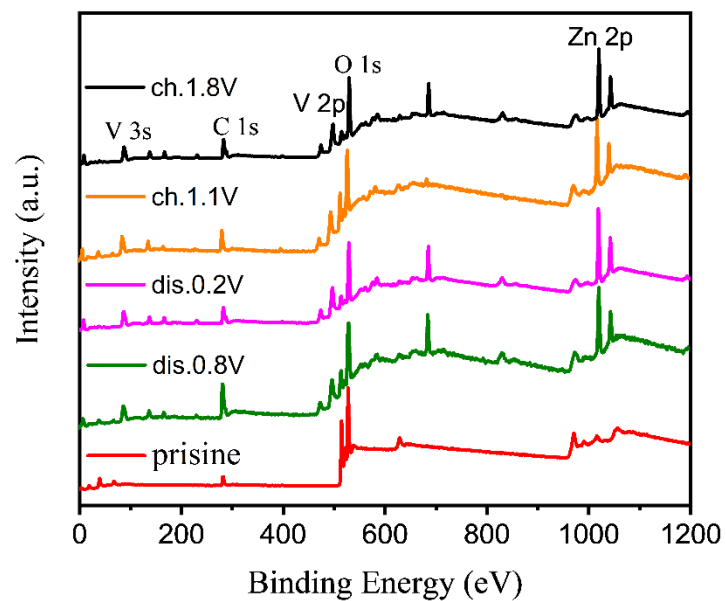
**Figure S6.** Selected discharge-charge patterns for  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  nanorods cathode at  $1.0 \text{ A g}^{-1}$  at 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th, 100th cycles.



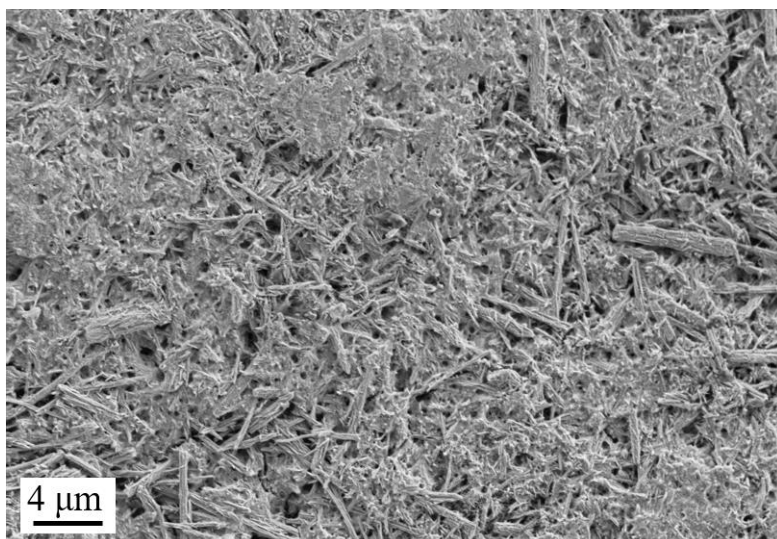
**Figure S7.** Cycling performance and corresponding Coulombic efficiencies of the commercial  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  powders at  $1.0 \text{ A g}^{-1}$  over 500 cycles.



**Figure S8.** CV curves (a) and cycling performance with Coulombic efficiencies (b) of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  nanorods annealed at  $500^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S9.** The full XPS spectra of the  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  nanorods at different charge–discharge states.



**Figure S10.** SEM image of  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  nanorods after 200 cycles at low magnification.

**Table S1.** Electrochemical performance of the reported orthorhombic V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> materials in aqueous Zn batteries.

Materials	Capacity	Cycling	Electrolyte/Zn	Ref.
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> nanoparticles	224 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	120 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 400 cycles	3M ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / Zn foil	[24]
Ball-milled commercial V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	453 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	372 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 4000 cycles	3 M Zn(CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> / Zn foil	[23]
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> hollow spheres	360 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	150 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 265 cycles	saturated ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / Zn foil	[35]
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> @CNTs	300 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	152 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 6000 cycles	saturated ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / Zn foil	[S1]
Porous V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> nanofibers	265 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.02 A g <sup>-1</sup>	166 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.59 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles	3 M Zn(CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> / Zn foil	[S2]
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> nano paper	375 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	335 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.0 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	2 M ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / Zn metal pellet	[36]
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> nanospheres	262 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	110 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.0 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 80 cycles	2 M ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / Zn metal plate	[37]
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ·nH <sub>2</sub> O nanorods	507 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	230 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.0 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles	3 m ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / Zn foil	This work
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ·nH <sub>2</sub> O nanorods	330 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	156 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.0 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	3 m ZnSO <sub>4</sub> / Zn powder	This work

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