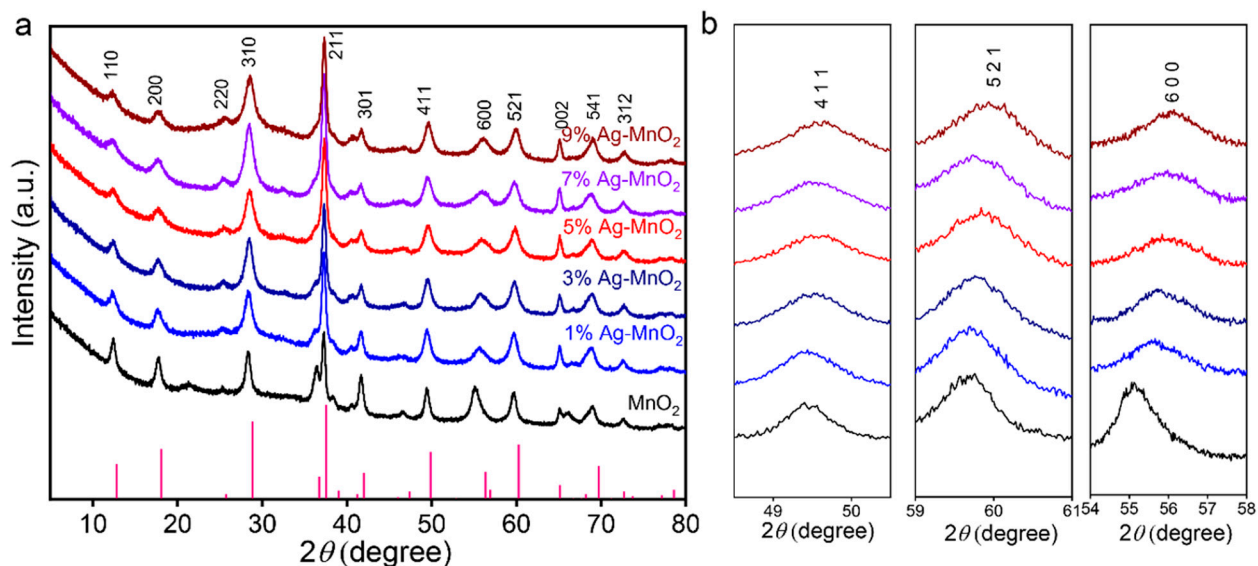
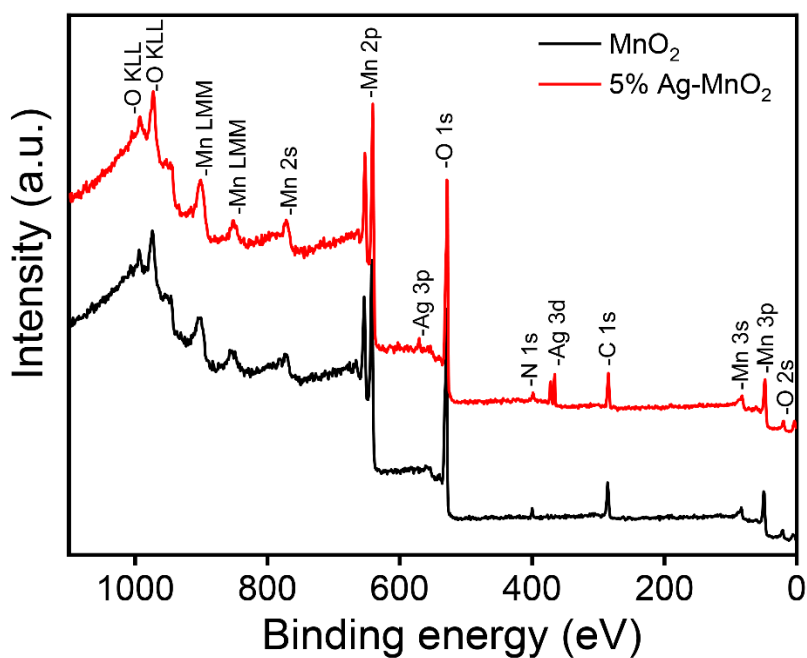


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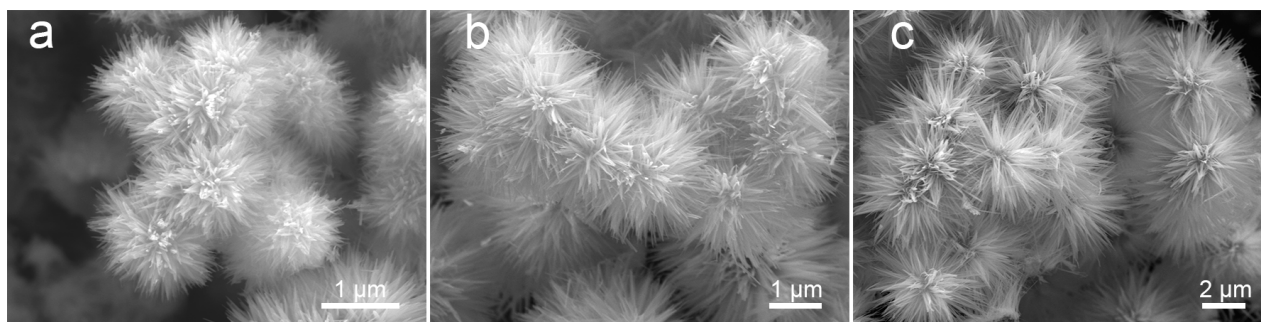
### Ag-doping effect on MnO<sub>2</sub> cathodes for flexible quasi-solid-state zinc-ion batteries



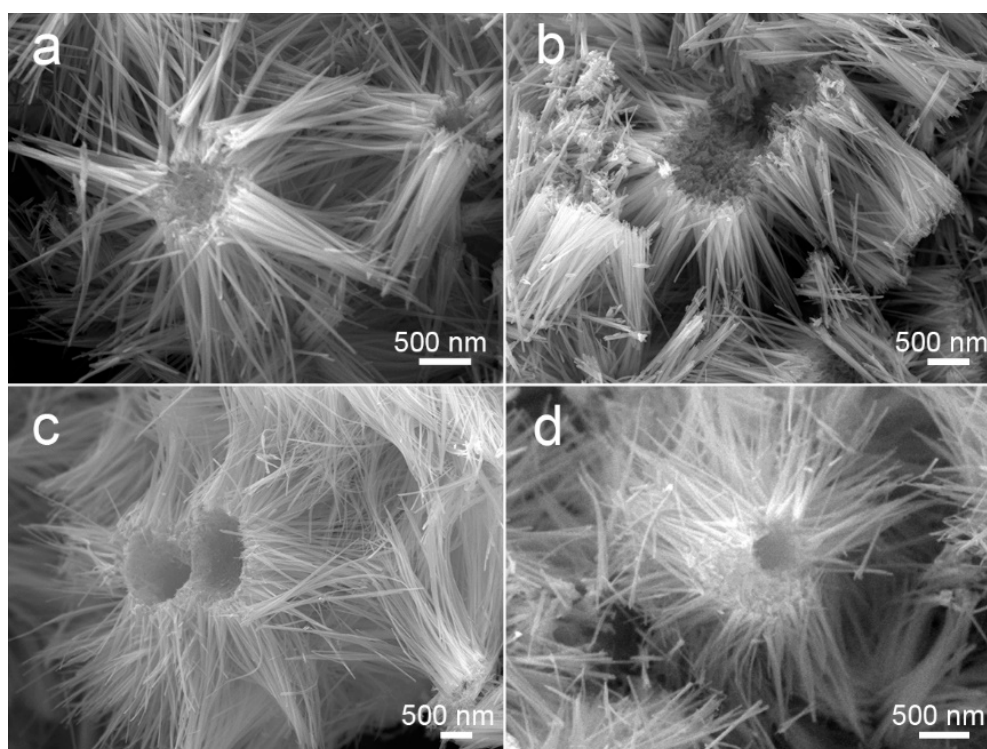
**Figure S1.** (a) XRD patterns of pure MnO<sub>2</sub> and Ag-doped MnO<sub>2</sub>, and (b) the enlarged view of 411, 521, 600 diffraction peaks.



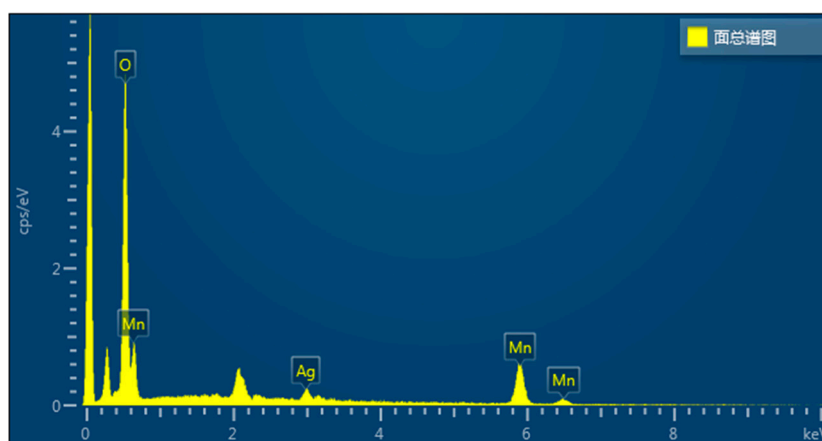
**Figure S2.** XPS survey spectrum of pure MnO<sub>2</sub> and 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>.



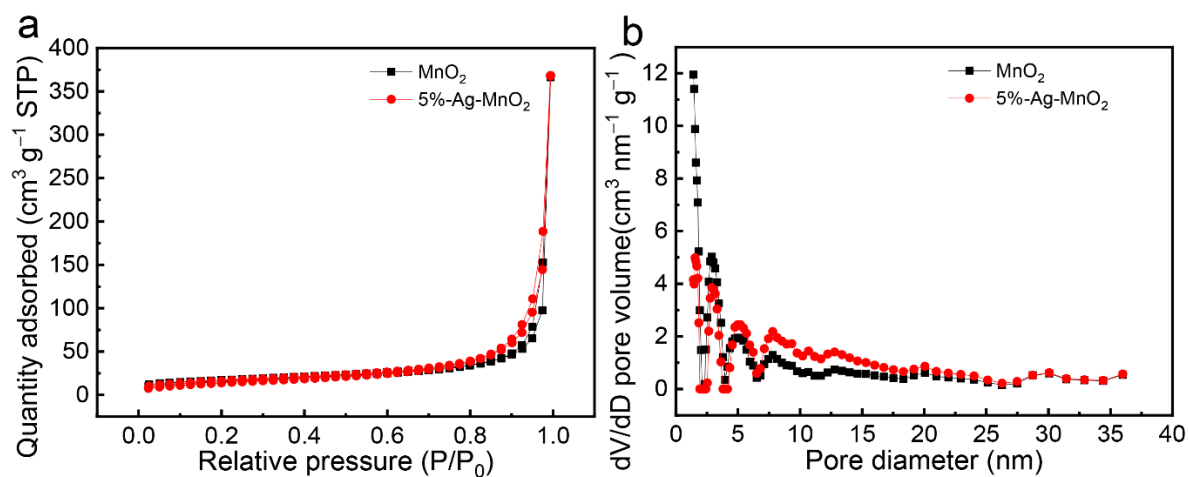
**Figure S3.** FESEM images of 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub> synthesized at different reaction time of (a) 1, (b) 2, and (c) 4 h.



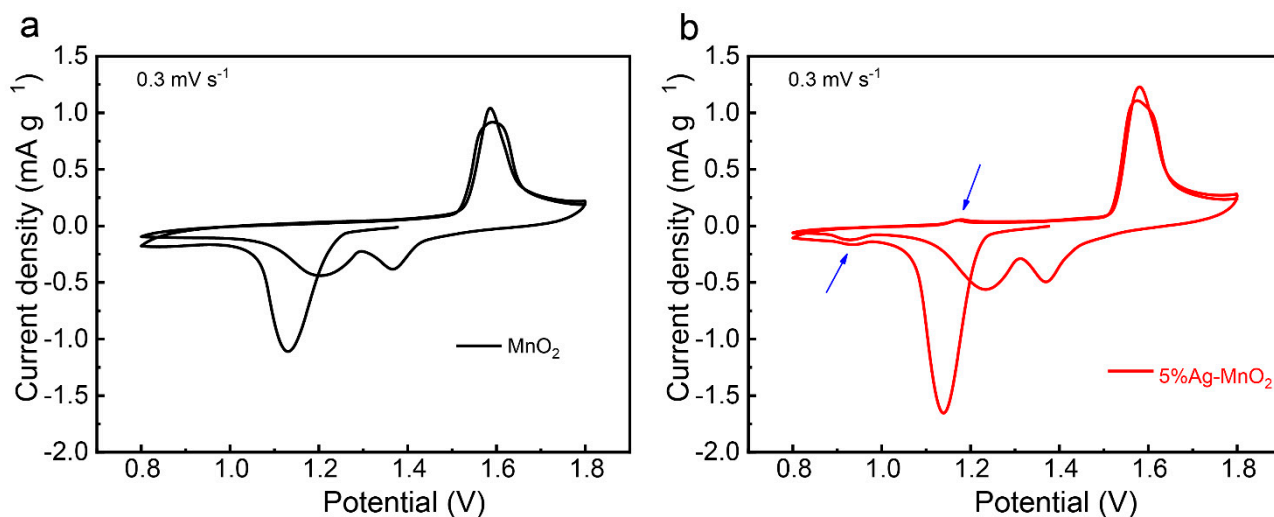
**Figure S4.** FESEM images of (a) 1%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>, (b) 3%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>, (c) 7%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>, (d) 9%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>.



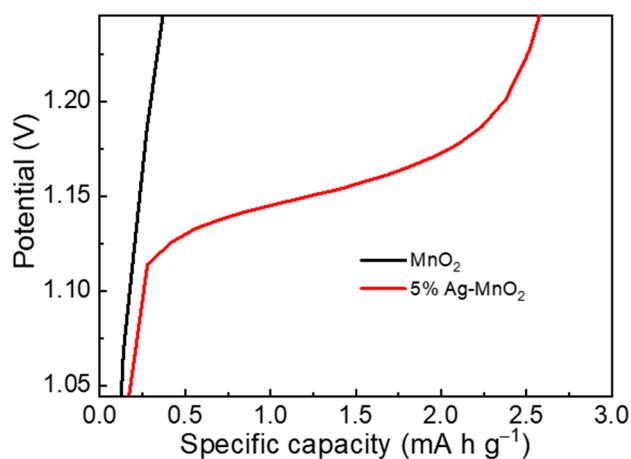
**Figure S5.** EDS spectrum of 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>.



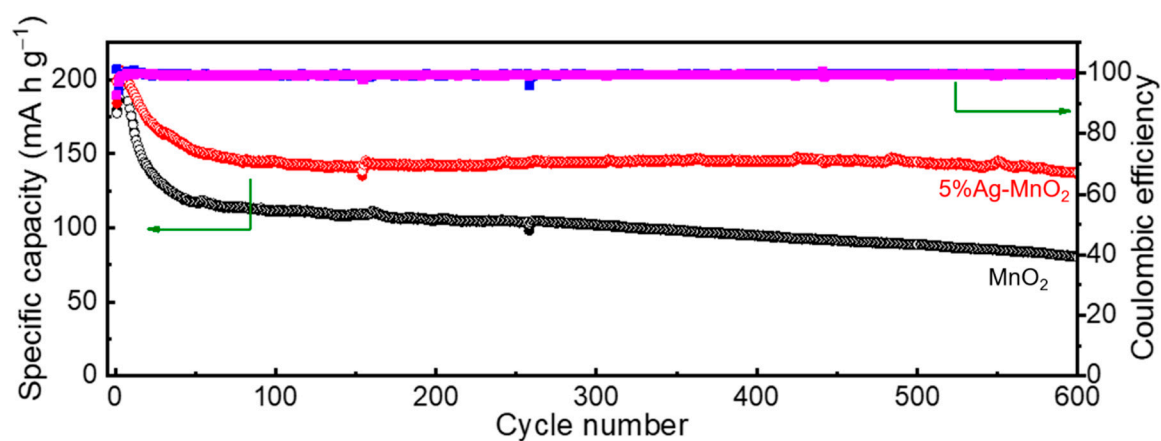
**Figure S6.** (a) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption–desorption isotherms and (b) pore size distribution curves of pure MnO<sub>2</sub> and 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>.



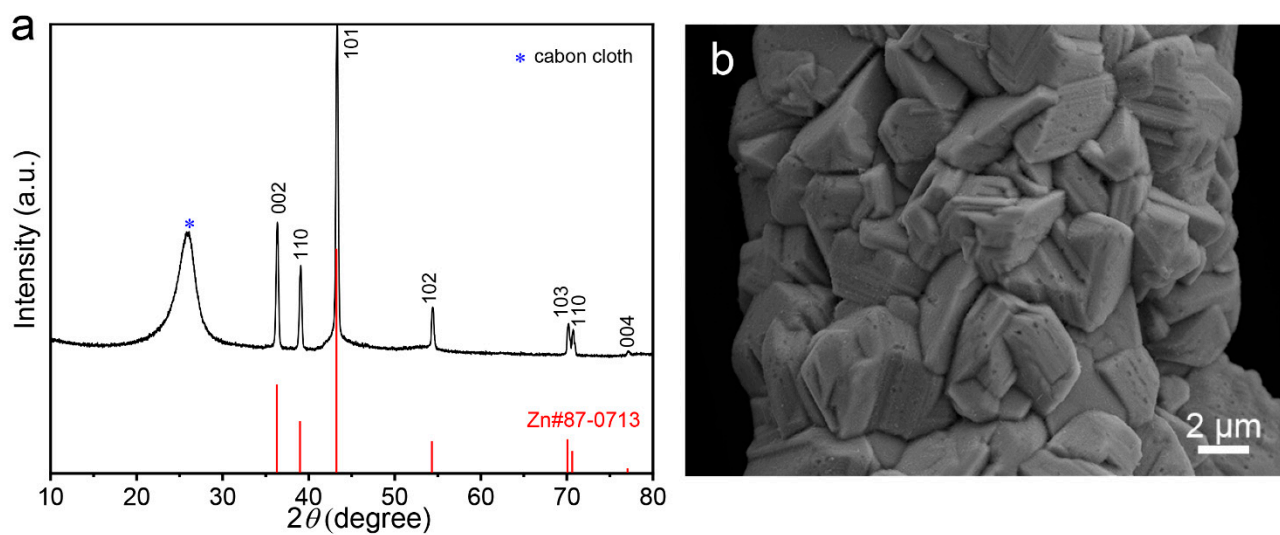
**Figure S7.** CV curves at a scan rate of 0.3 mV s<sup>-1</sup> of ZIBs based on (a) pure MnO<sub>2</sub> and (b) 5% Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S8.** Galvanostatic charge curves of pure MnO<sub>2</sub> and 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub> around 1.15 V.



**Figure S9.** Long-term cycling performance of pure MnO<sub>2</sub> and 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub> at 0.8 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S10** (.a) XRD pattern and (b) FESEM image of the Zn/carbon cloth electrode.

**Table S1.** Fractional atomic parameters of 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub> with I4/m space group.

atom	site	x	y	z	occupancy
Mn	8h	0.3325	0.1481	0.5	0.9
Ag	8h	0.3313	0.1466	0.5	0.1
O1	8h	0.1717	0.1349	0	1
O2	8h	0.4763	0.1859	0	1

**Table S2.** Cycling performance of 5%Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub> compared with reported Mn-based cathodes for ZIBs.

Cathodes	Discharge capacity (mA h g <sup>-1</sup> )/	Capacity retention (%) /	Reference
	Current density (A g <sup>-1</sup> )	Cycles/Current density (A g <sup>-1</sup> )	
$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> @C	272/0.066	69/50/0.066	[S1]
$\beta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	312/0.033	75/200/0.2	[S2]
$\beta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	375/0.1	49/1000/0.2	[S3]
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	120/0.05	94/500/0.5	[S4]
MnO@NGS	288/0.1	98/300/0.5	[S5]
$\alpha$ -Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	148/0.1	51/2000/2	[S6]
Mn <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	239/0.1	73/300/0.5	[S7]
Amorphous Mn <sub>x</sub> O <sub>y</sub>	226/0.1	57/200/0.1	[S8]
V-doped MnO <sub>2</sub>	266/0.066	49/100/0.066	[S9]
Fe-doped MnO <sub>2</sub>	270/0.1	84/100/0.1	[S10]
Ce-doped MnO <sub>2</sub>	258/0.15	60/100/1.54	[S11]
N-doped MnO <sub>2</sub>	183/0.5	83/1000/5	[S12]
<b>Ag-doped MnO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>315/0.05</b>	<b>94/500/0.5</b>	<b>This work</b>

**Table S3.** Cycling performance of our flexible quasi-solid-state ZIB compared with other flexible quasi-solid-state aqueous ZIBs.

Cathodes	Electrolyte	Specific capacity (mA h g <sup>-1</sup> )/	Reference
		Capacity retention (%) / Cycles/Current density (A g <sup>-1</sup> )	
MnO <sub>2</sub> @CNT	gum	127/-/1000/1	[S13]
MnO <sub>2</sub> @CNT	PVA	-/75/300/-	[S14]
ZnHCF@MnO <sub>2</sub>	PVA	-/71/500/0.4	[S15]
MoS <sub>2</sub> @CC	Starch/PAM	-/97/500/1	[S16]
LiMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @SS	gelatin	99/90/100/0.025	[S17]
<b>Ag-MnO<sub>2</sub>@GP</b>	<b>PAM</b>	<b>171/73/600/1</b>	<b>This work</b>

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