

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### **Ag-Mn<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> on Graphene Oxide Derivatives as Oxygen Reduction Reaction Catalyst in Alkaline Direct Ethanol Fuel Cells**

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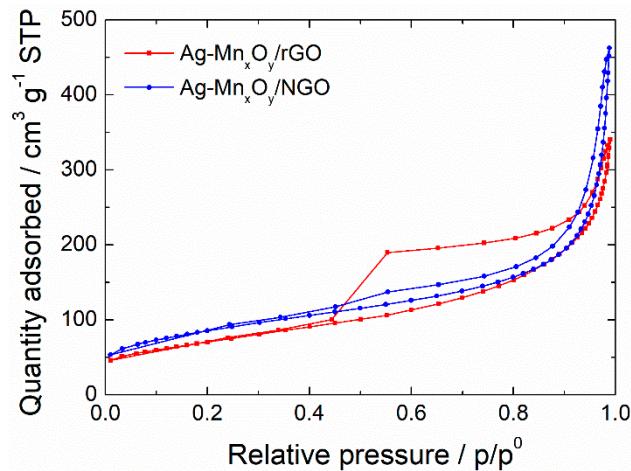


Figure S1. Adsorption/desorption isotherms of  $\text{Ag-Mn}_x\text{O}_y/\text{rGO}$  and  $\text{Ag-Mn}_x\text{O}_y/\text{NGO}$ .

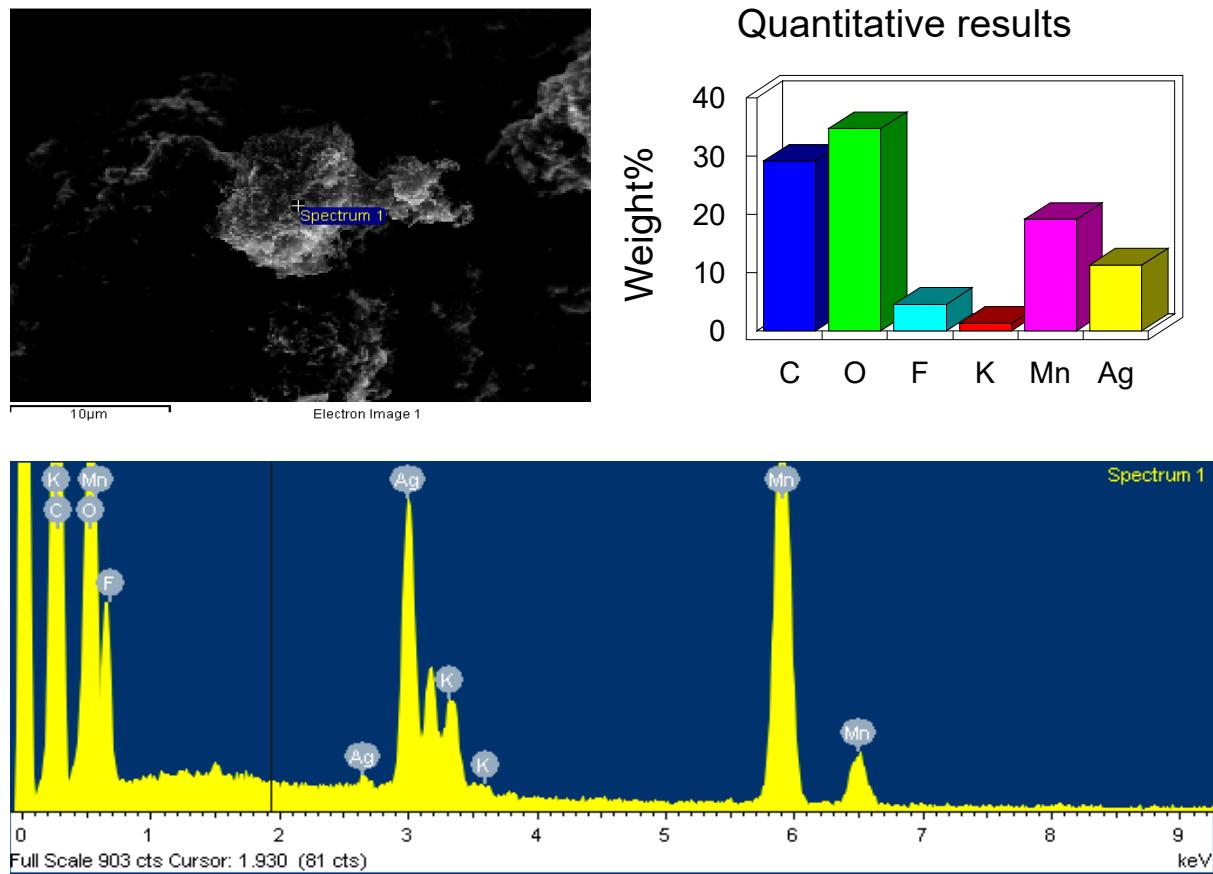
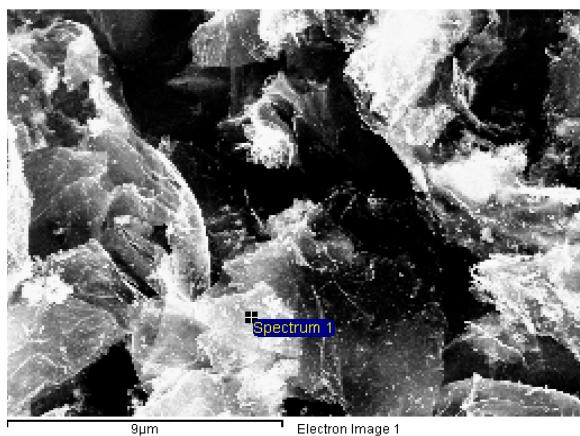
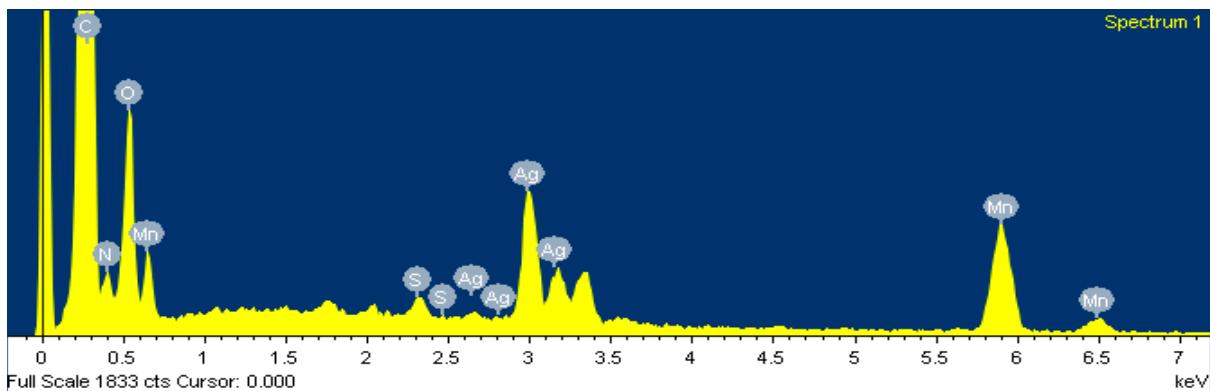
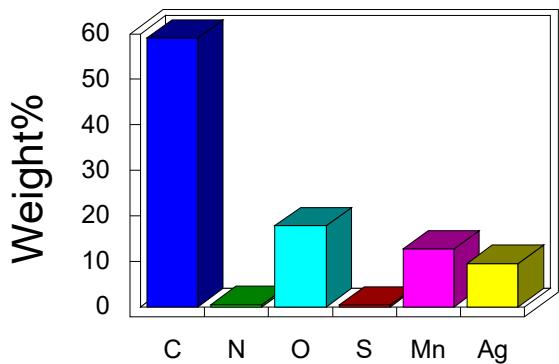


Figure S2. EDX results of  $\text{Ag-Mn}_x\text{O}_y/\text{rGO}$ .



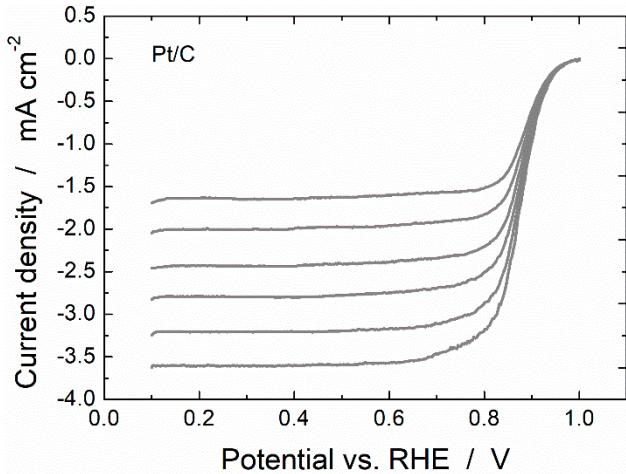
## Quantitative results



**Figure S3.** EDX results of Ag-Mn<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>/NGO.

**Table S1.** ICP-MS results of the Ag-Mn<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>/C catalysts.

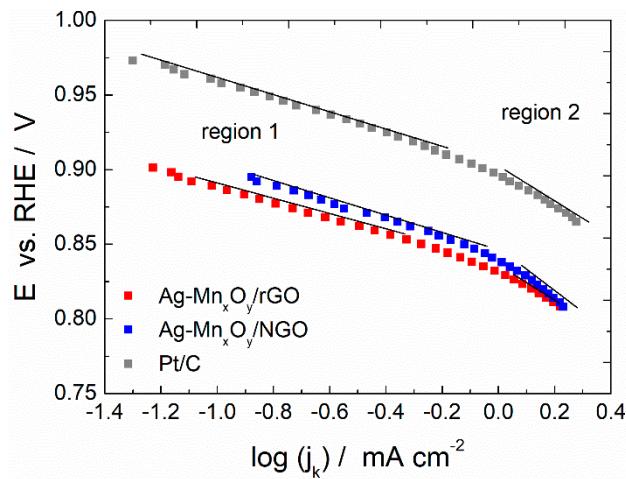
Catalysts	Mn (wt%)	Ag (wt%)	K (wt%)	Cu (ppm)	Ni (ppm)	Fe (ppm)	Al (ppm)	Cr (ppm)	Ti (ppm)	Co (ppm)	Mg (ppm)
Ag-Mn <sub>x</sub> O <sub>y</sub> /rGO	13.81	9.51	0.89	6.70	<2.4	<2.4	98.4	<2.4	<2.4	<2.4	44.9
Ag-Mn <sub>x</sub> O <sub>y</sub> /NGO	11.64	9.05	0.40	11700	11500	6600	1783	1583	267	261	125
	Ca (ppm)	Zn (ppm)	V (ppm)	Mo (ppm)	Ba (ppm)	Se (ppm)	Pb (ppm)	Sr (ppm)	Cd (ppm)	As (ppm)	
Ag-Mn <sub>x</sub> O <sub>y</sub> /rGO	35.8	15.9	<2.4	<2.4	6.13	<2.4	<2.4	<2.4	<2.4	<2.4	
Ag-Mn <sub>x</sub> O <sub>y</sub> /NGO	105	76.6	24.9	23.8	5.39	20.1	13.0	4.65	3.61	3.47	



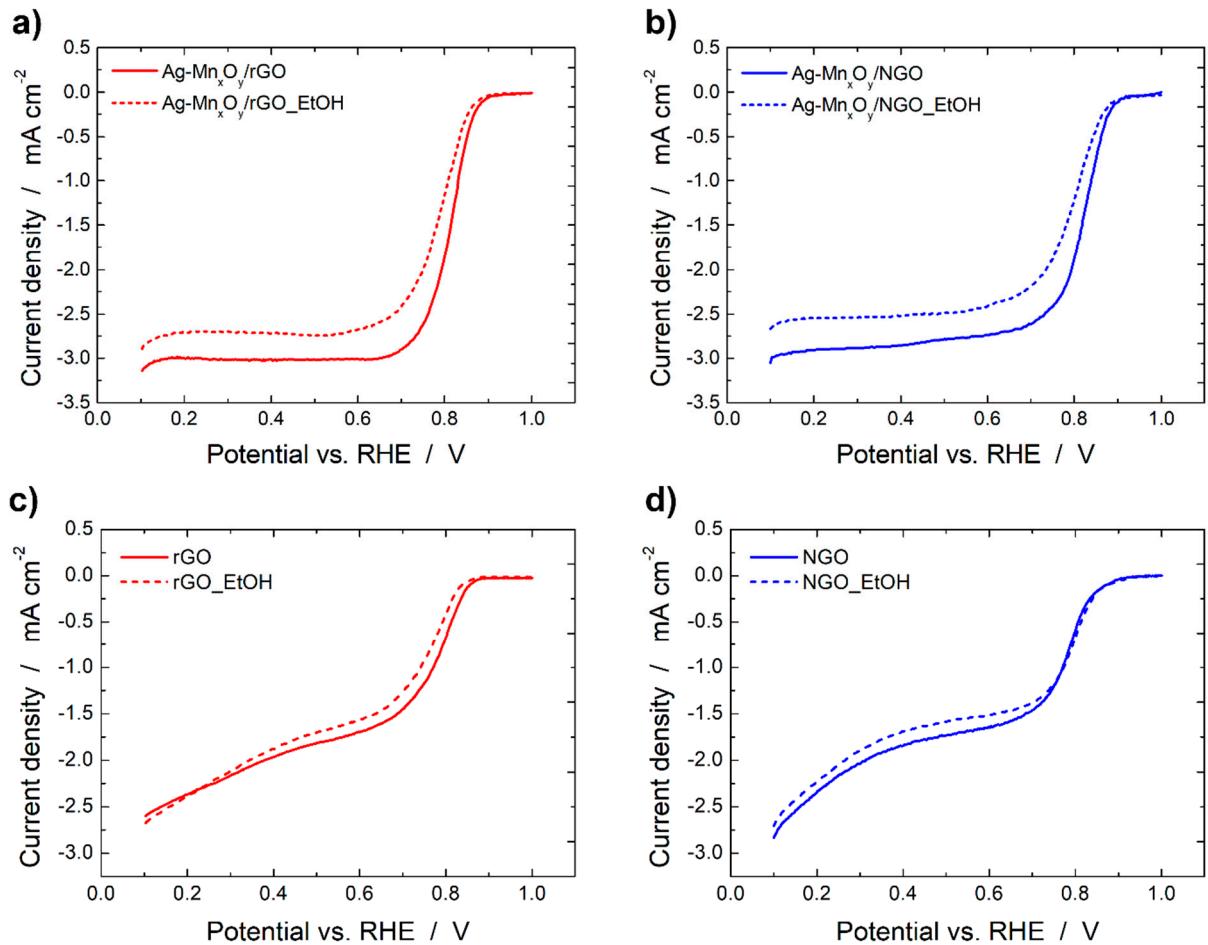
**Figure S4.** Potentiodynamic ORR curves of comm. Pt/C in  $O_2$  saturated 1 M KOH at  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  at different rotation rates.

**Table S2.** Limiting current density of the graphene derivatives,  $\text{Ag}-\text{Mn}_x\text{O}_y/\text{C}$  composites and Pt/C catalysts without/with EtOH at different rpm.

Catalysts	400 rpm / $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$	600 rpm / $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$	900 rpm / $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$	1200 rpm / $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$	1600 rpm / $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$	2000 rpm / $\text{mA cm}^{-2}$
rGO	-1.05/ -1.02	-1.24/ -1.21	-1.49/ -1.45	-1.70/ -1.65	-1.96/ -1.88	-2.17/ -2.05
NGO	-0.99/ -0.91	-1.17/ -1.09	-1.42/ -1.30	-1.60/ -1.48	-1.84/ -1.69	-2.06/ -1.87
$\text{Ag}-\text{Mn}_x\text{O}_y/\text{rGO}$	-1.56/ -1.43	-1.88/ -1.71	-2.28/ -2.07	-2.63/ -2.37	-3.01/ -2.72	-3.41/ -3.04
$\text{Ag}-\text{Mn}_x\text{O}_y/\text{NGO}$	-1.51/ -1.35	-1.80/ -1.62	-2.18/ -1.94	-2.49/ -2.21	-2.85/ -2.52	-3.18/ -2.80



**Figure S5.** Tafel Plot of  $\text{Ag}-\text{Mn}_x\text{O}_y/\text{C}$  composites and Pt/C derived from the ORR curves in  $O_2$  saturated 1 M KOH at  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  at different rotation rates.



**Figure S6.** Potentiodynamic ORR curves of Ag-Mn<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>/rGO (a) and Ag-Mn<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>/NGO (b) catalysts and blank support materials (c, d) in O<sub>2</sub> saturated 1 M KOH at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> at 1600 rpm with and without EtOH.