## **Supporting Information**

Functionalized  $ZnO@TiO_2$  nanorod array film loaded with  $ZnIn_{0.25}Cu_{0.02}S_{1.395}$  solid-solution: synthesis, characterization and enhanced visible light driven water splitting<sup>†</sup>

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Figure S1 Energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX) of related samples (A) ZnO NRA, (B) ZnO@TiO<sub>2</sub> NRA, and (C) ZICS-15unit sample.



Figure S2 X-ray diffraction (XRD) pattern of ZICS-20uint sample as reference.



Figure S3 Field emission scanning electron microscope (FESEM) images of ZnO corrosion of ZICS-20unit sample. (A) Top-view of ZICS-20unit sample, (B) Side-view of ZICS-20unit sample. All the insets as shown are the corresponding magnification views.



Figure S4 (A) Transmission electron microscope (TEM) image of ZnO corrosion of ZICS-20unit sample, (B) High resolution TEM (HRTEM) images of the selected square area shown in (A).