

## Supporting Information

### **A unique route to fabricate mesoporous carbon with abundant ferric species as heterogeneous Fenton catalyst under neutral condition**

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Table S1. Pore structural parameters of the prepared KIT-6 and mesoporous Fe/mC catalysts.

catalyst	$S_{\text{BET}}$ ( $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ )	$d_{\text{BJH}}$ (nm)	Pore volume ( $\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ )
KIT-6	758.4	5.32	0.82
Fe/mC-450-H	689.2	3.96	0.36
Fe/mC-450-N	675.7	3.42	0.31
Fe/mC-800-H	340.8	4.36	0.27

Table S2. XPS of Fe 2p in mesoporous Fe/mC catalysts.

catalyst	Fe <sup>2+</sup>	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	Fe <sup>0</sup>
Fe/mC-450-N	51.47%	48.53%	0
Fe/mC-450-H	42.58%	36.34%	21.08%

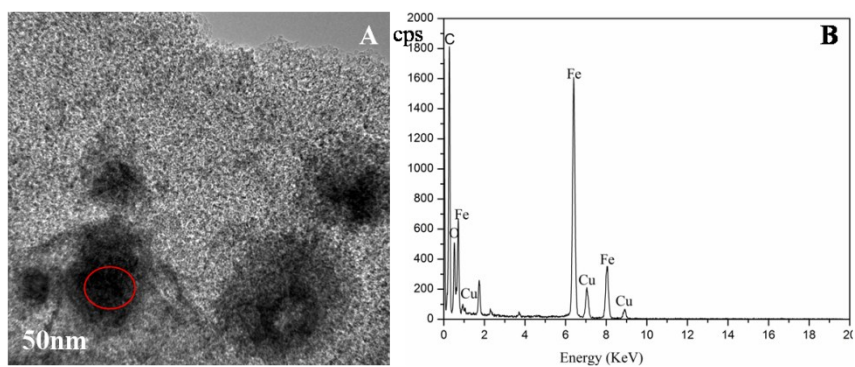


Figure S1. TEM images of the mesoporous Fe/mC-800-H (A) and the corresponding EDS pattern.

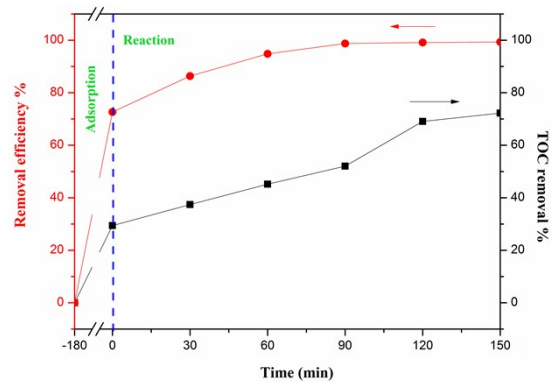


Figure S2 Removal efficiency and relative TOC removal of the MB solution (0.6 g. L<sup>-1</sup> catalysts, 200 mg. L<sup>-1</sup> MB, 150 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 25 °C) on the sample Fe/mC-450-H.

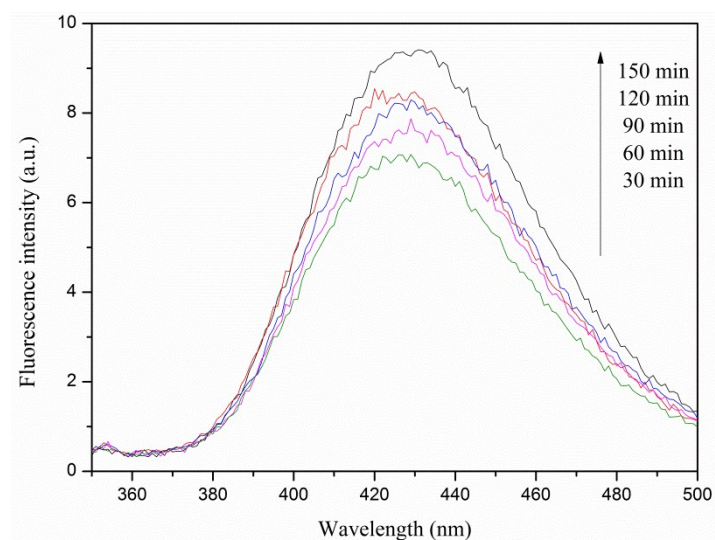


Figure S3 PL spectra recorded during the degradation on the Fe/mC-450-H sample in 2 mM NaOH solution in the presence of 0.5 mM terephthalic acid.