## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

for

Efficient visible-light-induced hydrogen evolution from water splitting using a nanocrystalline nickel phosphide catalyst

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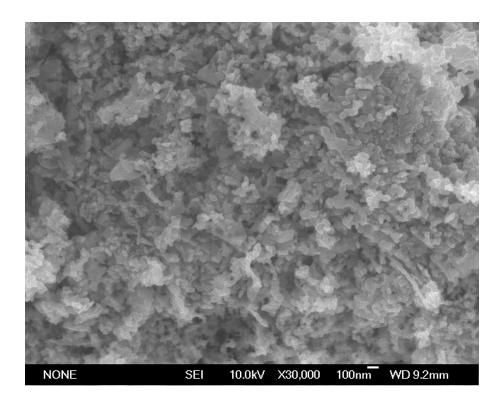
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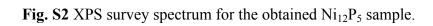
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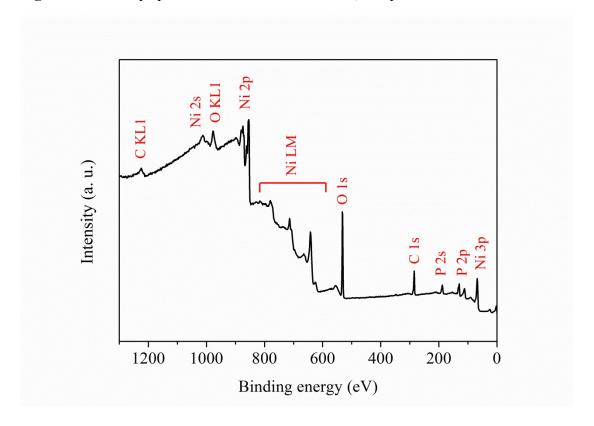
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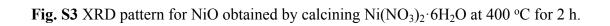
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Fig. S1 SEM image of the as-prepared sample.









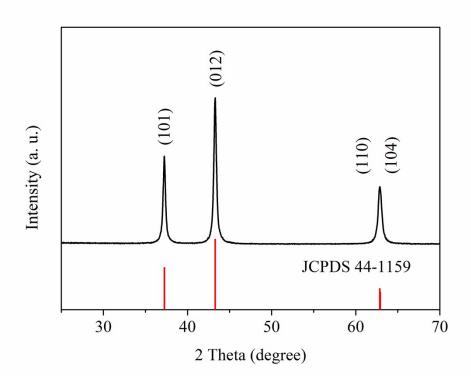
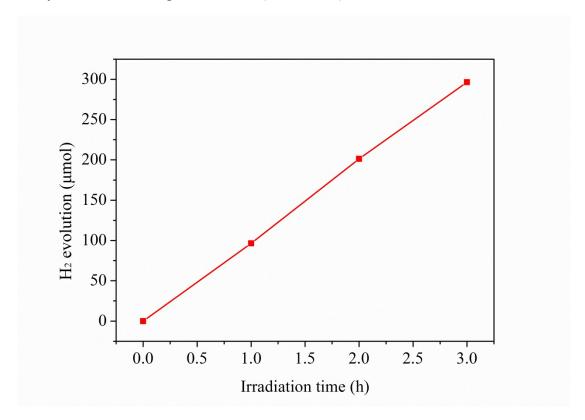
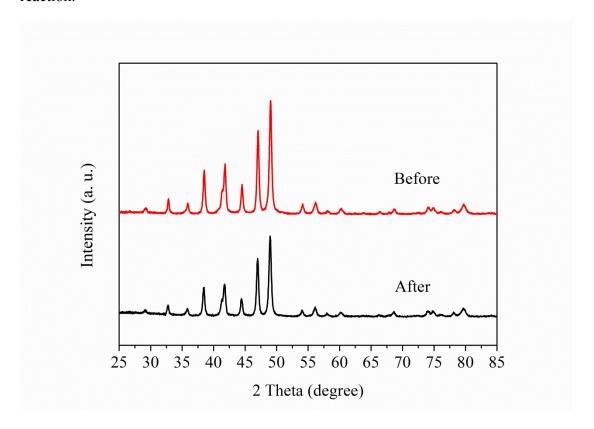


Fig. S4  $H_2$  evolution from water splitting in the presence of the commercial Pt/C catalyst under visible light irradiation ( $\lambda \ge 420$  nm).



**Fig. S5** XRD patterns for the as-prepared sample before and after the catalytic reaction.



**Fig. S6** High-resolution XPS spectra of (a) Ni  $2p_{3/2}$  and (b) P 2p for the as-prepared sample before (solid lines) and after (dash lines) the catalytic test.

