Supporting Information for

Using hydrogen and oxygen in water directly for hydrogenation reactions and glucose oxidation by photocatalysis

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Experimental Section

Materials

Arabinose (99%), 4-nitrobenzonitrile (97%), 4-aminobenzonitrile (98%), 4-nitrobenzaldehyde (99%), orthoaminoacetophenone (98%), ethyl-4-nitrobenzoate (98%), 1-iodo-4-nitrobenzene (98%), 4-iodoaniline (98%), 4-aminostyrene (98%), nitroethane (99%), ethylamine (70%), 4-nitroacetophenone (98%), and 4aminoacetophenone (99%) were purchased from Alfa Aesar. PdCl₂ (99.5%) was obtained from Jinke Chemical Reagent Shenyang Co., Ltd, China. Hydroxyacetic acid (95%), 4-nitrophenylacetylene (97%), and 4-ethynylaniline (97%) were provided by Ark. Glucose (99%), formic acid (99%), 4-chloronitrobenzene (99%), 4-chloroaniline (99%), aniline (99%) and benzaldehyde (98%) were supplied by J&K Scientific Co., Ltd. Erythrose (75%) was provided by Aladdin. Deuterium oxide (99.9%) was offered by Beijing InnoChem Science & Technology Co., Ltd. TiO₂, acetophenone (98%), ortho-nitroacetophenone (95%), metanitroacetophenone (98%), ethyl-4-aminobenzoate (98%), 1-phenylethanol (97%) and benzyl alcohol (97%) were obtained from Acros. Meta-aminoacetophenone (97%) was offered by Accela. Hydroazobenzene (98%) and 4-nitrostyrene (95%) was purchased from TCI. All chemicals were used without further purification. Double distilled water was used throughout the experiments.

Characterization of the catalysts

The transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images of the catalysts were obtained using a TEM JEOL-1011 with an accelerating voltage of 120 kV. The sample was dispersed in ethanol with the aid of sonication and dropped on an amorphous carbon film supported on a copper grid for the TEM analysis. The contents of metals in the catalysts were determined by ICP-AES method (VISTA-MPX).



Fig. S1. TEM images of bare TiO₂ and TiO₂ with different Pd contents. (a)TiO₂; (b) Pd/TiO₂ with 1 wt% Pd;
(c) Pd/TiO₂ with 2 wt% Pd; (d) Pd/TiO₂ with 3 wt% Pd.



Fig. S2. Kinetic experiments for the photocatalytic hydrogenation of the mixture of nitrobenzene and benzyaldehyde. Reaction conditions: nitrobenzene, 0.1 mmol; benzyaldehyde, 0.1 mmol; glucose, 0.5 mmol; water, 1 mL; temperature, 25 °C; 0.025 g Pd/TiO₂ with 2wt% Pd; UV-light irradiation (350 nm, 4 mW/cm²); illuminated area, 2 cm².



Fig. S3. Photocatalytic behavior of different substrates over Pd/TiO₂. Reaction conditions: substrates, 0.1 mmol; glucose, 10 mmol; water, 5 mL; temperature, 25 °C; 0.025 g Pd/TiO₂ with 2wt% Pd; UV-light irradiation (350 nm, 4 mW/cm²); illuminated area, 2 cm².



Fig. S4. TEM image of TiO_2 with 2 wt% Pd after four cycles reuse.