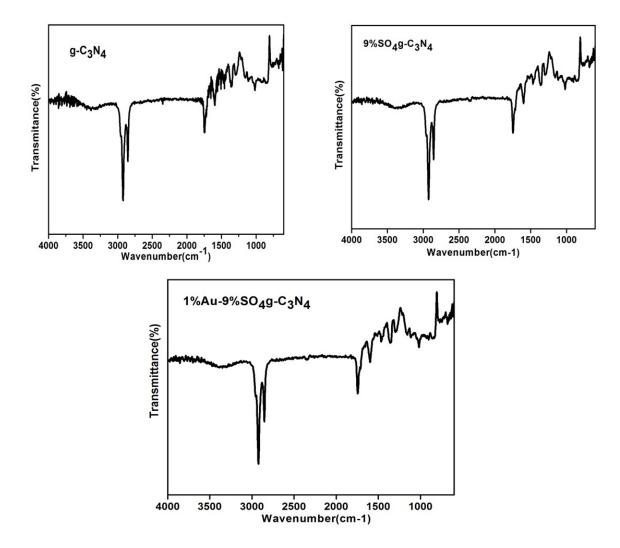
## **Supplementary Information**

## Effect of Sulfate Pre-treatment to improve deposition of Au-nanoparticles in Gold-Modified sulphated $g-C_3N_4$ plasmonic photocatalyst towards visible light induced water reduction reaction

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FTIR

Fig. S1 FTIR spectra of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, 9%SO4g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> and 1%Au-9%SO<sub>4</sub>g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>