

Electronic Supplementary Information

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**Novel carbon-incorporated porous ZnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanospheres for  
enhanced photocatalytic hydrogen generation under visible light  
irradiation**

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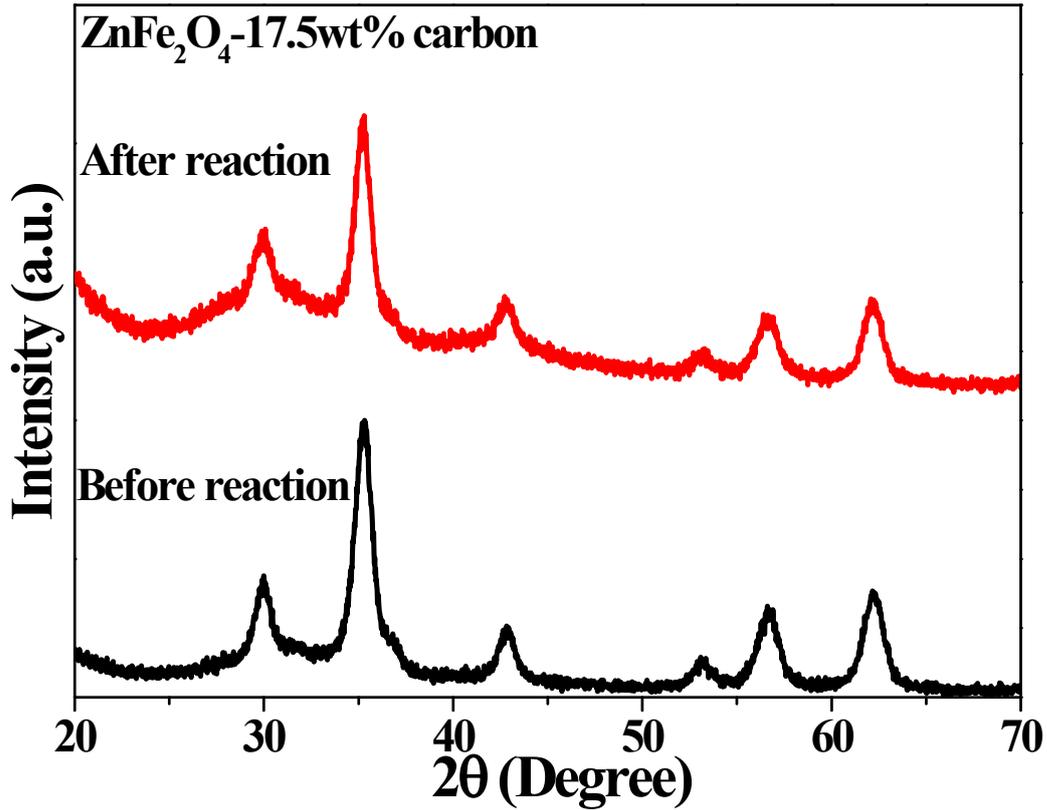


Fig. S1. XRD patterns of ZnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-17.5wt% carbon sample before and after the recycling experiments.

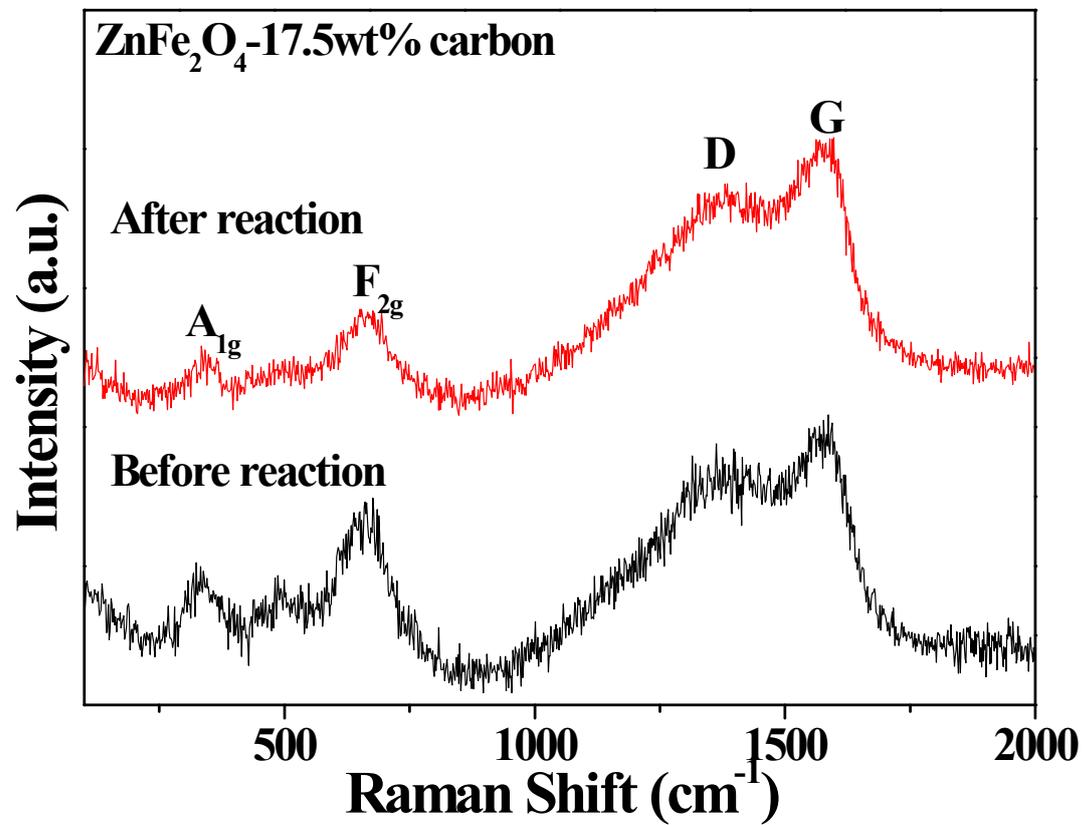


Fig. S2. Raman spectra of ZnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-17.5wt% carbon sample before and after the recycling experiments

Table S1. Comparison of photocatalytic activity in hydrogen evolution over ZnFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> system photocatalysts.

Photocatalyst	Incident light	Reactant solution	Cocatalyst	H <sub>2</sub> generation rate (μmol h <sup>-1</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanosphere	λ >420nm 300 W Xe-lamp	10 vol% CH <sub>3</sub> OH	---	155.89	This work
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -carbon Nanocomposites (sample ZF0-C3)	λ >420nm 300 W Xe-lamp	10 vol% CH <sub>3</sub> OH	---	1160.40	This work
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> porous Nanorod	λ >420nm 250 W Xe-lamp	20 vol% CH <sub>3</sub> OH	---	47.40	10
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> spherical Particles	λ >420nm 250 W UV-vis lamp	Sodium sulfite (0.05 M)	---	20	38