## **Supporting Information**

## Amino acid-assisted synthesis of $In_2S_3$ hierarchical architectures for selective oxidation of aromatic alcohols to aromatic aldehydes

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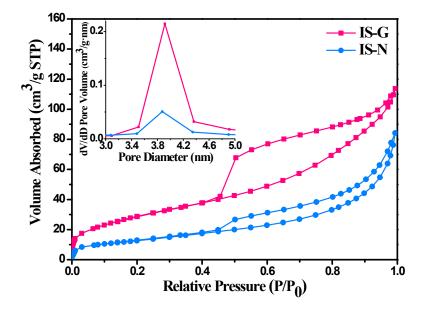


Fig. S1. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of the IS-G and IS-N composites; the inset is the corresponding pore diameter distribution of In<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> samples.

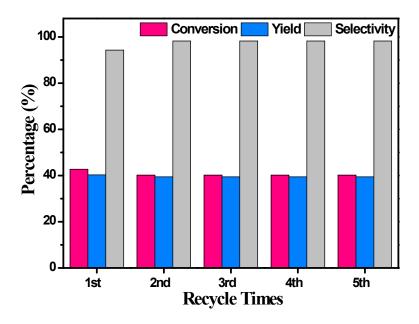


Fig. S2. Recycle experiment for photocatalytic oxidation of benzyl alcohol with IS-G catalyst under visible light irradiation for 2 h.

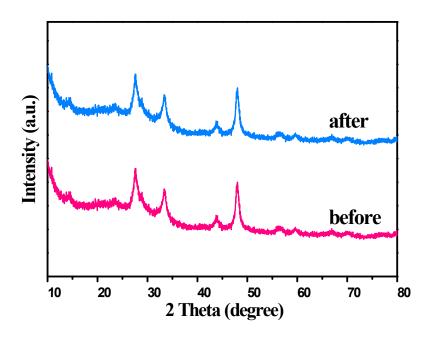


Fig. S3. XRD patterns of IS-G catalyst before and after the photocatalytic reactions.

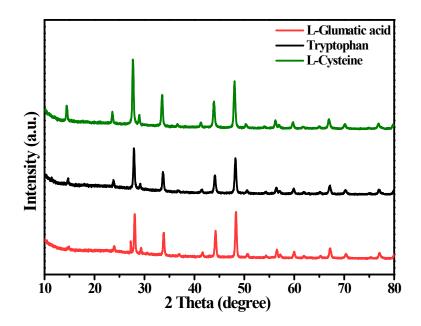


Fig. S4. XRD images of  $In_2S_3$  in the presence of different amino acids: L-Glutamic acid, Tryptophan, L-cysteine.

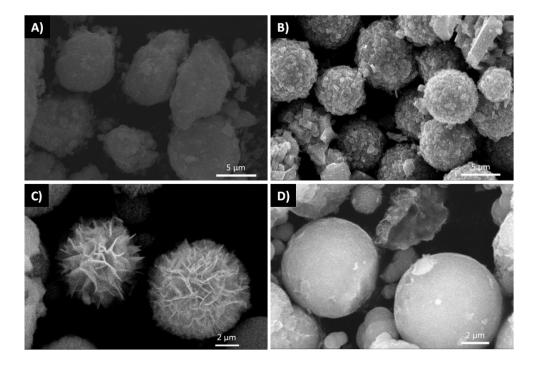


Fig. S5. FESEM images of the morphologies of  $In_2S_3$  in the presence of different amino acids: (A) without amino acids, (B) L-Glutamic acid, (C) Tryptophan, (D) L-cysteine.

Table S1. Molecular structures, morphology of the different amino acids used in the synthesis and the conversion rates (C) for selective oxidation of benzyl alcohol to benzaldehyde with as synthesized  $In_2S_3$  samples.

Amino acids	Molecular structure	Morphology	C (%)
Aspartic acid	О H <sub>2</sub> N-СH-С-ОН СН <sub>2</sub> О=С-ОН	Spheres of thick flakes	40
Serine	О Н <sub>2</sub> N—СН—С—ОН СН <sub>2</sub> ОН	Spheres of tiny flakes	30
Glycine	О Н <sub>2</sub> N—СН <sub>2</sub> —С—ОН	Spheres of uniform flakes	42
L-Glutamic	$\begin{array}{c} O \\ O \\ HO-C \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} NH_2 \\ C-OH \\ O \\ \end{array}$	Spheres of nanobricks	35
Tryptophan	$\bigvee_{\substack{N\\N\\H}}^{O} \stackrel{O}{\underset{NH_2}{\longleftarrow}}$	Spheres of thin flakes	32
L-cysteine	O H <sub>2</sub> N-CH-C-OH I CH <sub>2</sub> I SH	Spheres with slippery surface	30