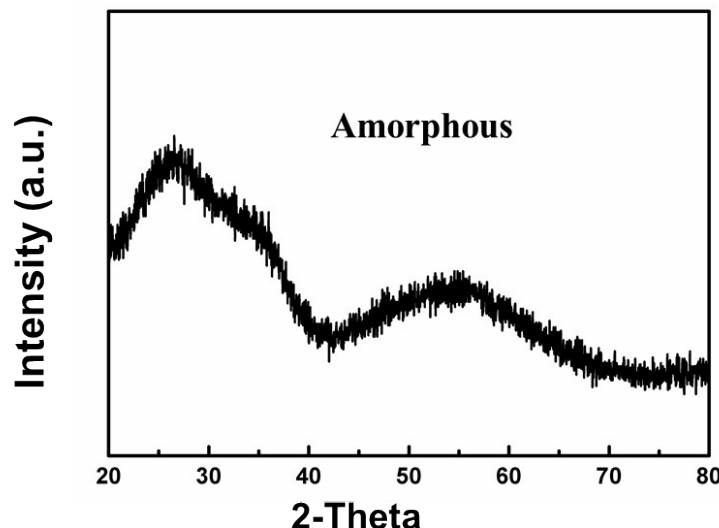


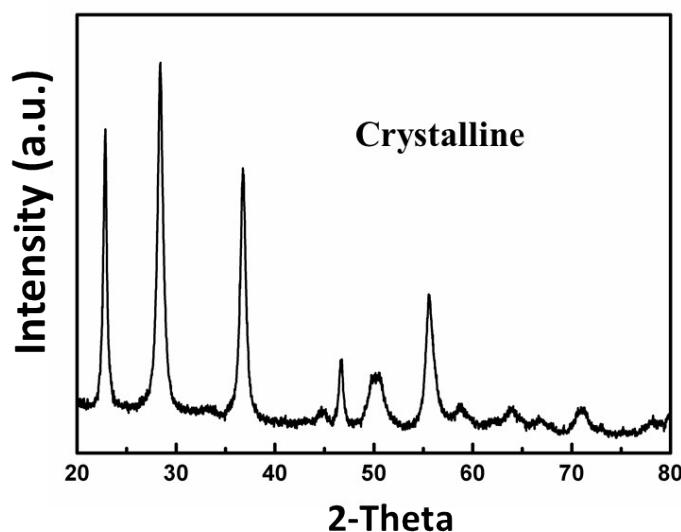
## Supporting Information

### The Crystalline/Amorphous Contact in Cu<sub>2</sub>O/Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Heterostructures: Increasing Its Sunlight-Driven Overall Water Splitting Efficiency

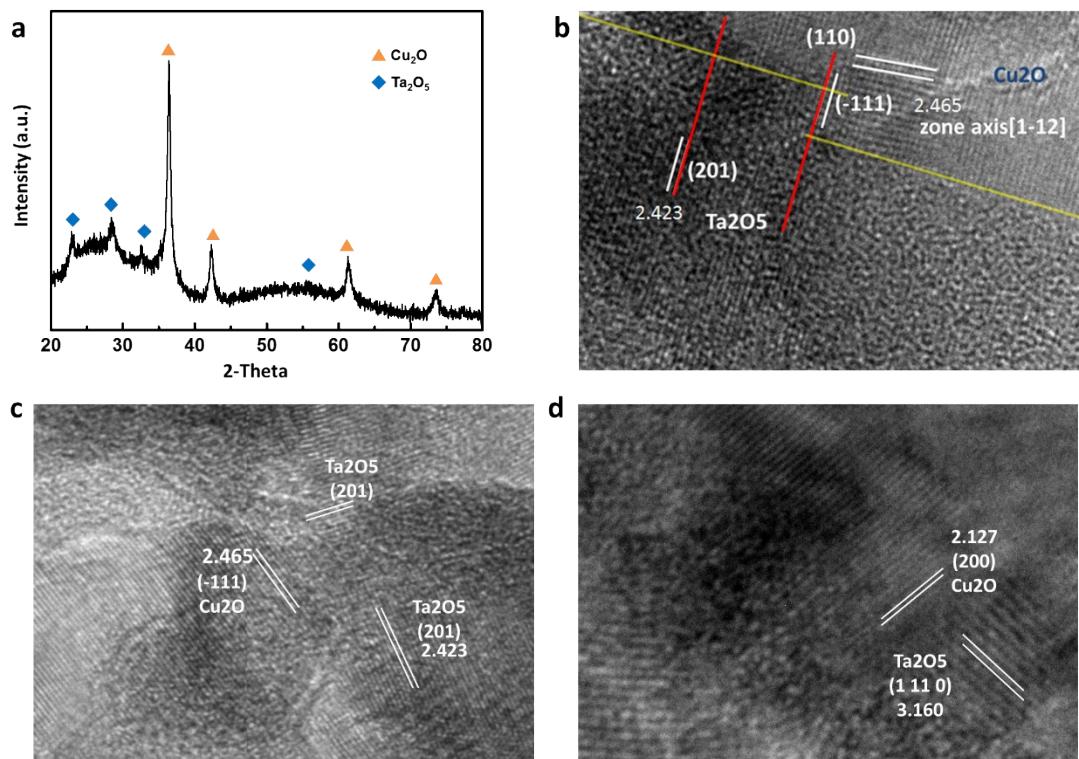
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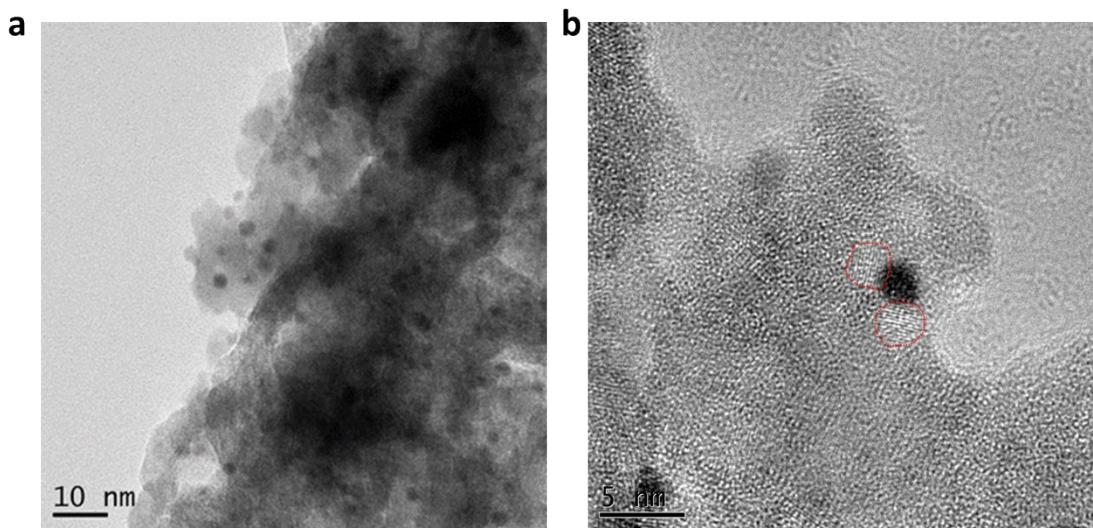
**Fig. S1** The XRD pattern of pure amorphous Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> hollow spheres.



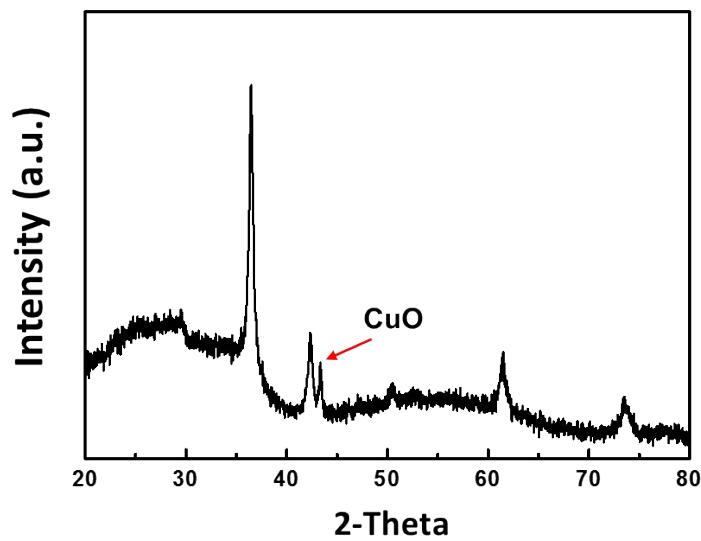
**Fig. S2** The XRD pattern of pure crystalline Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> hollow spheres.



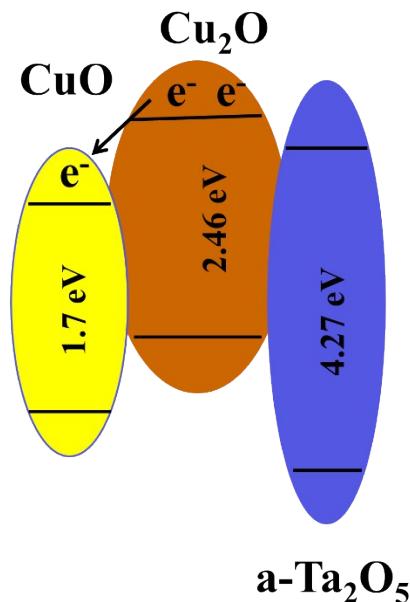
**Fig. S3** (a) The XRD pattern of crystalline  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ /crystalline  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$  heterostructure. (b)(c)(d) The HRTEM images of interface between the crystalline  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  and crystalline  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ .



**Fig. S4** (a) The TEM image and (b) HRTEM image of Pt decorated  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$ /amorphous  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$  heterostructure.



**Fig. S5** The XRD pattern of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{O}/\text{amorphous Ta}_2\text{O}_5$  heterostructure after 1 hour water splitting test.



**Fig. S6** The band structure diagram of  $\text{CuO}/\text{Cu}_2\text{O}/\text{amorphous Ta}_2\text{O}_5$  heterostructure.