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## **Supporting information**

## Iron cations induced biphase symbiosis of h-WO $_3$ /o-WO $_3$ ·0.33H $_2$ O and their crystal phase transition

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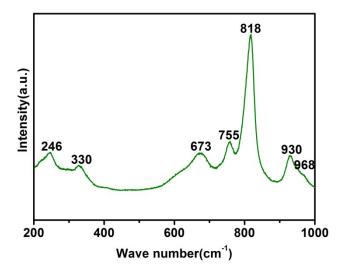


Fig. S1 The Raman spectrum of WFe0 (pure WO<sub>3</sub>) sample.

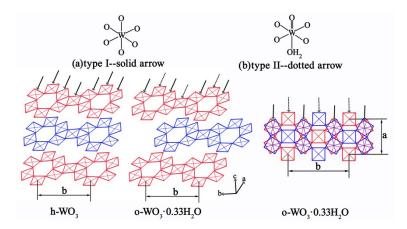


Fig. S2 Schematic illustration of h-WO<sub>3</sub> and o-WO<sub>3</sub>·33H<sub>2</sub>O structure (the second layer is shown with blue color).

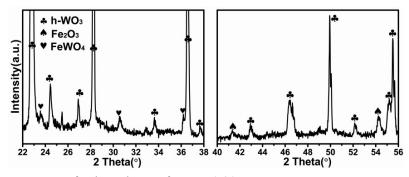
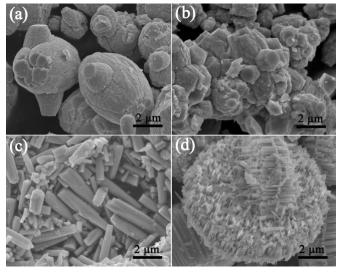


Fig. S3 The XRD patterns of enlarged areas for WFe0.20.



**Fig. S4** The SEM images of samples with different nitrates: (a)  $Ni(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ ; (b)  $Co(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ ; (c)  $Cd(NO_3)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ ; (d)  $KNO_3$ 

Samples with different morphologies were obtained by using different nitrates, revealing that it is the metal cations that can react with  $WO_{3}$ .

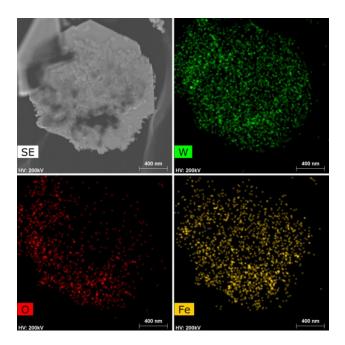
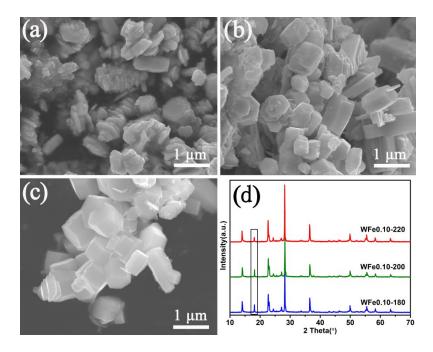
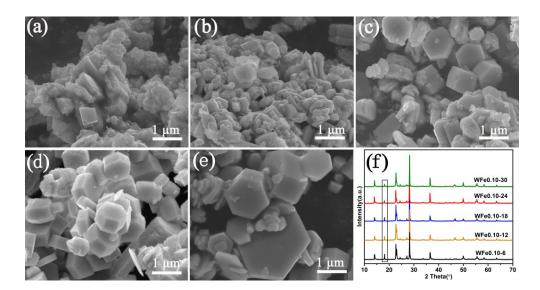


Fig. S5 The EDX elemental mapping images of WFe0.20.

A large number of  $Fe_2O_3$  and  $FeWO_4$  nanoparticles homogeneously disperse in agglomerated species while some their clusters still disperse on the surface of hexagonal prisms.



**Fig. S6** The SEM images of samples obtained at different temperature with pH 2.0 for 24 h. (a) 180 °C; (b) 200 °C; (c) 220 °C; (d) the XRD spectra of three samples.



**Fig. S7** The SEM images of samples obtained with different reaction time at 220  $^{\circ}$ C and pH 2.0: (a)

6 h; (b) 12 h; (c) 18 h; (d) 24 h; (e) 30 h, (f) the XRD spectra of five samples.