## **Supplementary Material**

## Enhanced Visible-Light-Driven Photocatalysis from WS<sub>2</sub> Quantum Dots Coupled to BiOCl nanosheets: Synergistic effect and mechanism insight

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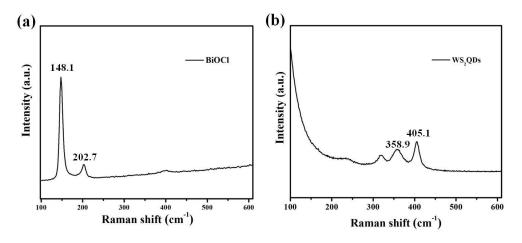


Fig. S1. Raman spectra of the BiOCl and  $WS_2/BiOCl-2$  .

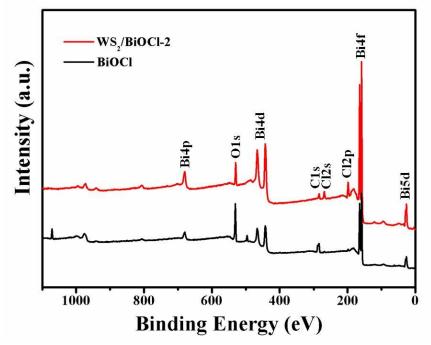


Fig. S2. XPS survey of the BiOCl and WS<sub>2</sub>/BiOCl-2 .

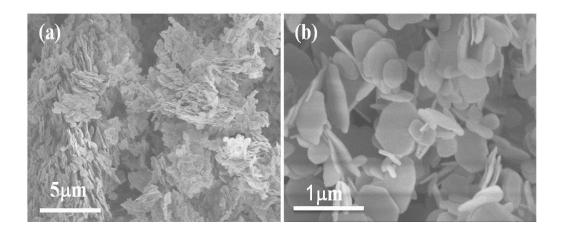
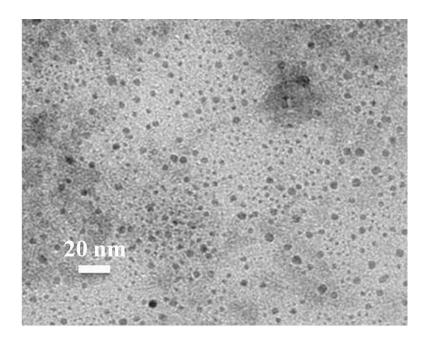


Fig. S3. (a) low magnification and (b) high magnification SEM images of the BiOCl.



**Fig. S4.** TEM image of the  $WS_2$  QDs.

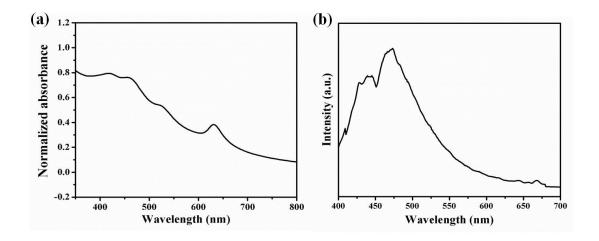


Fig. S5. (a) UV–Vis absorption spectrum and (b) PL emission spectrum (Ex = 380 nm) of the WS<sub>2</sub> quantum dots.

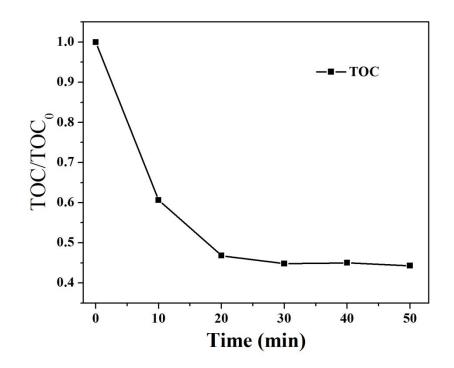


Fig. S6. Time dependent TOC removal percentage of photocatalytic degradation of RhB by the  $WS_2/BiOCl-2$  (initial RhB concentration = 30 mg/L, dosage of catalysts = 0.2 g/L);

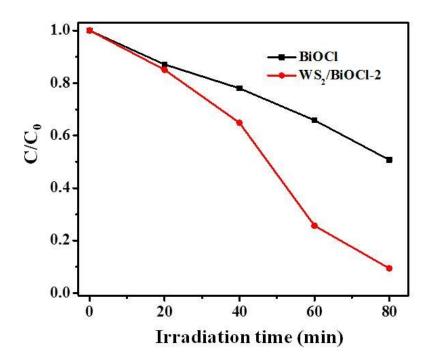


Fig. S7. (a) Photocatalytic degradation of Congo red (CR) by the BiOCl and WS<sub>2</sub>/BiOCl-2 (initial CR concentration = 40 mg/L, dosage of catalysts = 0.2 g/L).

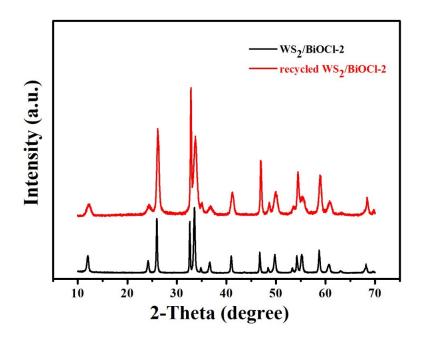


Fig.S8. XRD patterns of the WS<sub>2</sub>/BiOCl-2 before and after cyclic degradation experiments.

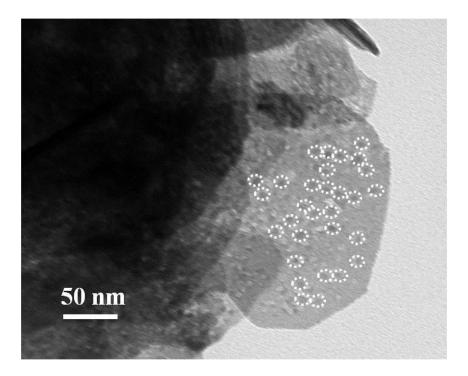


Fig.S9. TEM image of the  $WS_2/BiOCl-2$  after cyclic degradation experiments.

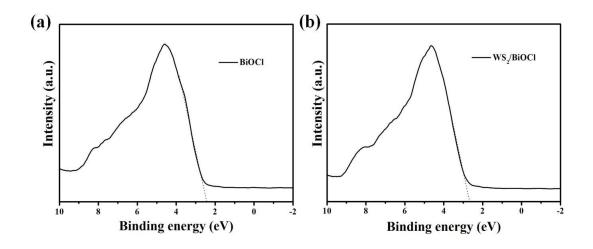


Fig. S10. Valence band XPS spectra of the (a) BiOCl and (b) WS<sub>2</sub>/BiOCl.

	WS <sub>2</sub> /BiOCl-1	WS <sub>2</sub> /BiOCl-2	WS <sub>2</sub> /BiOCl-3
W concentration (mg/L)	1.35	2.84	4.20
W % (mg/g)	13.5	28.4	42.0
WS <sub>2</sub> % (wt%)	1.82	3. 83	5.66

The samples for ICP analysis were prepared by dissolve 10 mg of the WS<sub>2</sub>/BiOCl in aqua regia and diluted to 100 mL.