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3 A unique semiconductor-carbon-metal hybrid structures design as

- 4 counter electrode in dye-sensitized solar cells
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20 Figure S1. XRD patterns of IC and IA.



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23 Figure S2. EDS spectrum of ICA, the ICA hybrid structures with a [In]/ [C]/ [Au] molar ratio of

24 12.4/65.6/0.2.



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Figure S3. UV-vis diffuse reflectance of as-prepared In_2S_3 and (b) The absorption^{1/2} versus energy curve, exhibits that the band gap of the as-prepared In_2S_3 is ~2.1 eV. (c) Valence-band Spectra of as-prepared In_2S_3 (1.51 eV).



32 Figure S4. Positron annihilation spectra of bare In_2S_3 , IA and ICA, showing longer positron





Figure S5. Nyquist plots of EIS data for the symmetrical cells with Pt and four as-prepared
electrodes, the EIS measurement was performed at 0 V from 0.1-10⁶ Hz. This sequential
electrochemical test was repeated 10 times.