## **Supporting Information**

## CdS nanospheres decorated hollow polyhedral ZCO derived from metal-organic framework (MOF) for effective photocatalytic water evolution

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Fig. S1 Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curve of as-prepared bimetallic ZnCo-ZIF

and ZIF-67 under  $N_2$  with a ramp of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C}\cdot\text{min}^{\text{-1}}.$ 



Fig. S2 (a) XRD patterns of ZCO, (b) SEM images of ZCO, (c) SEM images of

 $Co_3O_4$ , The SEM images of  $Co_3O_4$  sample fabricated with different temperature: (d)

350 °C, (e) 450 °C, (f) 550 °C.



Fig. S3 (a) XRD patterns of ZnCo-ZIF, (b) low-magnification and (c) high-

magnification FESEM images of ZnCo-ZIF, (d) XRD patterns of ZIF-67, (e) low-

magnification and (f) high-magnification FESEM images of ZIF-67.



Fig. S4 EDS spectra of the 30wt% CdS/ZCO sample.



Fig. S5 TEM images of ZCO.



Fig. S6 TEM images of 30 wt% CdS/ZCO and the corresponding TEM elemental

mapping of O, Zn, S, Cd and Co.

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Fig. S7 (a) TEM image of CdS, (b) XRD patterns of CdS.



Fig. S8 (a) UV-Vis absorption spectra of ZCO and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, (b) Band gap value of ZCO

and Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.



Fig. S9 The  $H_2$  evolution rates of CdS/ZCO loaded with different CdS percentages

when the sacrifice agent is methanol.



Fig. S10 The  $\mathrm{H}_2$  evolution rates of CdS/ZCO and ZCO without amino group when

sacrifice agent is lactic acid.

	Atomic concentration (%)		Atomic ratio
Sample	Ν	С	N/C
10 wt% CdS/ZCO	4.6	26.7	0.17
20 wt% CdS/ZCO	10.7	34.2	0.31
30 wt% CdS/ZCO	14.9	37.4	0.39
50 wt% CdS/ZCO	6.6.	36.5	0.18

Table S1 The summary of the atomic compositions of the composites calculated with

the EDX data.