# Enhanced photocatalytic activity of B<sub>12</sub>-based catalyst co-

## photosensitized by TiO<sub>2</sub> and Ru(II) towards dechlorination

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#### Experimental

### Preparation of B<sub>12</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub>

[(CN)(H<sub>2</sub>O)Cob(III)7COOH]Cl (2.5 mg,  $2.4 \times 10^{-3}$  mmol) was added to 5 mL methanol dispersion of mesoporous anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres (30 mg) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. Then the hybrid B<sub>12</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> was obtained after centrifugation and washed with methanol for three times.

The Co content of  $B_{12}$ -TiO<sub>2</sub> was  $6.9 \times 10^{-5}$  mol·g<sup>-1</sup>, which was determined through detecting the absorbance change of the characteristic peak of [(CN)(H<sub>2</sub>O)Cob(III)7COOH]Cl at 523 nm in the supernatant by UV-vis spectra.

#### Preparation of Ru(II)-TiO<sub>2</sub>

 $Ru(dcb)(bpy)_2(PF_6)_2$  (5 mg, 5.8 mmol) was added to 5 mL methanol dispersion of mesoporous anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres (30 mg) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h, Then the hybrid Ru(II)-TiO<sub>2</sub> was obtained after centrifugation and washed with methanol for three times.

The Ru content of Ru(II)-TiO<sub>2</sub> was  $1.75 \times 10^{-4}$  mol·g<sup>-1</sup>, which was determined through detecting the absorbance change of the characteristic peak of Ru(dcb)(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> at 480 nm in the supernatant by UV-vis spectra.



Fig. S1 Structures of [(CN)(H<sub>2</sub>O)Cob(III)7C<sub>1</sub>ester]Cl and Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S2** UV-vis spectra of Cob(III)7C<sub>1</sub>ester (a) and Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (b) in methanol.



Fig. S3 Photographs of  $B_{12}$ -TiO<sub>2</sub> (a) and Ru(II)-TiO<sub>2</sub> (b).



Fig. S4 SEM images of titanium glycolate (a),  $B_{12}$ -TiO<sub>2</sub> (b) and Ru(II)-TiO<sub>2</sub> (c).



Fig. S5 Diffuse reflectance UV-vis spectra of  $TiO_2$  (a),  $B_{12}$ - $TiO_2$  (b) and Ru(II)- $TiO_2$ 

<sup>(</sup>c).