Supplementary Information

Band-gap engineering of BiOCl by oxygen vacancies for efficient

photooxidation properties under visible-light irradiation

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Fig. S1 XRD patterns of pure BOC.



Fig. S2 (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of OV-rich BOC.



Fig. S3 SEM images of (a) OV-poor BOC and (d) pure BOC; planar-view TEM images of (b) OV-poor BOC and (e) pure BOC; side-view HRTEM images of (c) OV-poor BOC and (f) pure BOC.



Fig. S4 (a) High-resolution XPS spectra of Bi 4f and (b) High-resolution XPS spectra of O 1s for the OV-rich, OV-poor and pure BOC samples.



Fig. S5 (a) Bi L-edge extended XAFS oscillation function $\kappa^3 \chi(\kappa)$ and (b) the corresponding Fourier transforms for the OV rich/poor BOC and pure BOC.



Fig. S6 (a) comparison of the photocatalytic O_2 production rate under visible-light irradiation ($\lambda \ge 420$ nm) over OV-rich/poor BOC and pure BOC. (b) Cycling test of O_2 production from water under visible-light irradiation ($\lambda \ge 420$ nm) over OV-rich BOC.



Fig. S7. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of OV-rich/poor BOC and pure BOC.



Fig. S8 XRD patterns of OV-rich BOC before and after the cycling test of O_2 evolution under visible light irradiation.



Fig. S9 Simulated crystal structure of BiOCl with oxygen vacancies: (a) side view and (b) top view of (001) facet.



Fig. S10 Band structure of (a) perfect BiOCl and (b) BiOCl with oxygen vacancies.



Fig. S11 Total and partial electronic density of states (DOS) of (a) perfect BiOCl and (b) BiOCl with oxygen vacancies.



Fig. S12 XPS valence band spectra of OV-rich/poor BOC and pure BOC.