## **Supplementary Information**

for

## Facile fabrication of alveolate $Cu_{2-x}Se$ microsheets as a new visiblelight photocatalyst for discoloration of Rhodamine B<sup>†</sup>

Wenwu Zhong,<sup>a\*,+</sup> Shijie Shen,<sup>a,+</sup> Shangshen Feng,<sup>a\*</sup> Zhiping Lin,<sup>a</sup> Zongpeng Wang<sup>a</sup> and

Baizeng Fangb\*

<sup>a</sup> Department of Materials, Taizhou University, Taizhou 318000, China. Email:

fss@tzc.edu.cn (S. Feng.), zhongww@tzc.edu.cn (W. Zhong).

<sup>b</sup> Department of Chemical & Biological Engineering, University of British Columbia, 2360

East Mall, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1Z3. E-mail: bfang@chbe.ubc.ca

<sup>+</sup> These authors contributed equally to this work.

Figure S1 Nitrogen adsorption isotherms and pore size distribution of the alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets.

Figure S2 EDS mapping of Cu and Se elements or alveolate Cu<sub>2-x</sub>Se microsheets.

**Figure S3** Dynamic absorption of RhB and visible light discoloration of RhB over the alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets with  $H_2O_2$ .

**Figure S4** pH value of RhB solution shown against the time over the alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets

Figure S5 PL spectrum of the alveolate Cu<sub>2-x</sub>Se microsheets.

Figure S6 UV–vis diffuse reflectance spectrum of the alveolate Cu<sub>2-x</sub>Se microsheets.



Figure S1 (a) Nitrogen adsorption isotherms and (b) pore size distribution of the alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets.



Figure S2 EDS mapping of Cu and Se elements or alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets.



Figure S3 (a) Dynamic absorption of RhB on the  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  and (b) the visible light discoloration of RhB over the  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  with  $H_2O_2$  for the various times.



Figure S4 The pH value of the RhB solution shown against the time over the alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets.



Figure S5 PL spectrum of the alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets.



Figure S6 UV–vis diffuse reflectance spectrum of the alveolate  $Cu_{2-x}Se$  microsheets.