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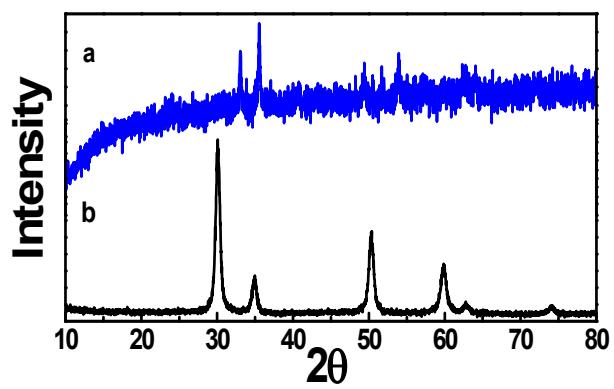
## **Graphene Oxide – Metal Oxide Nanocomposites: Fabrication, Characterization and Removal of Cationic Rhodamine-B Dye**

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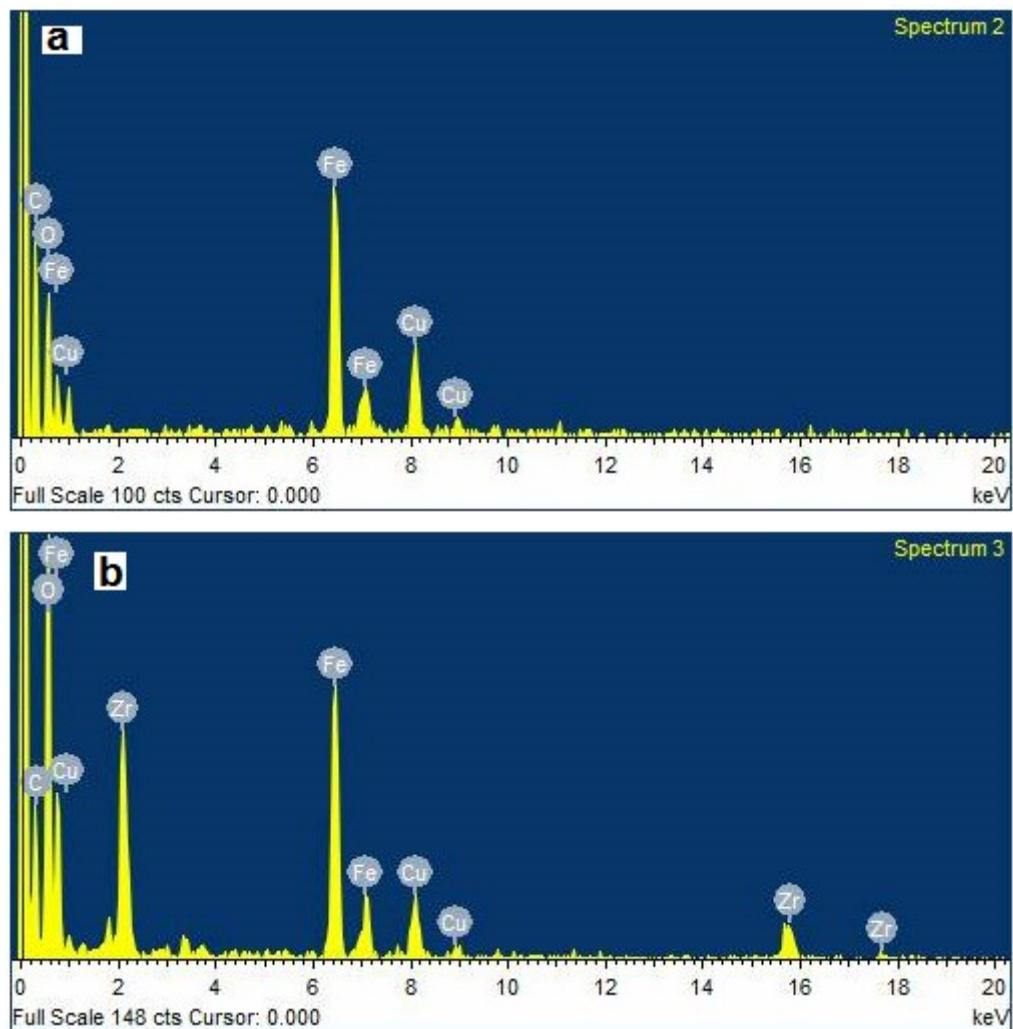
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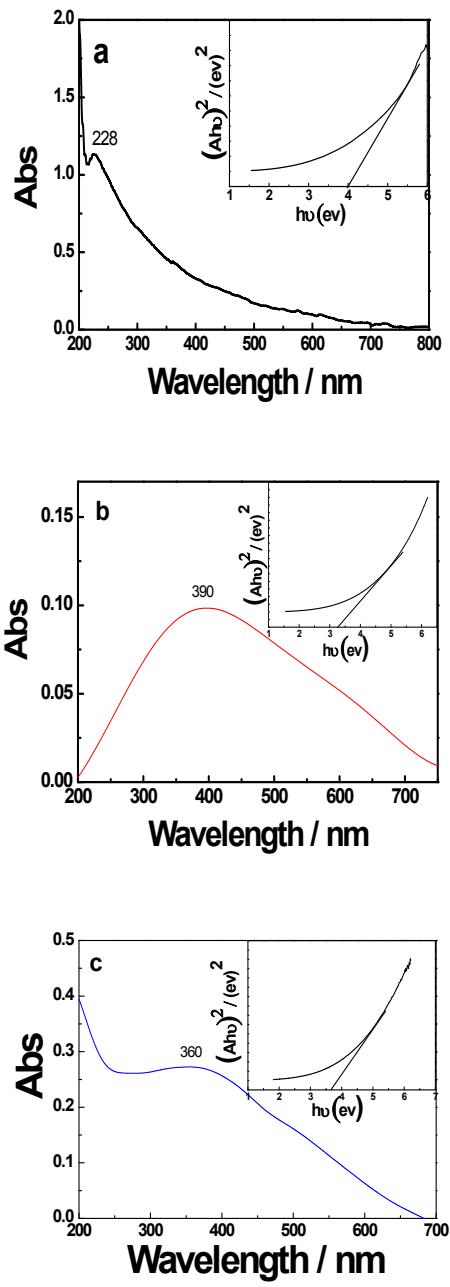
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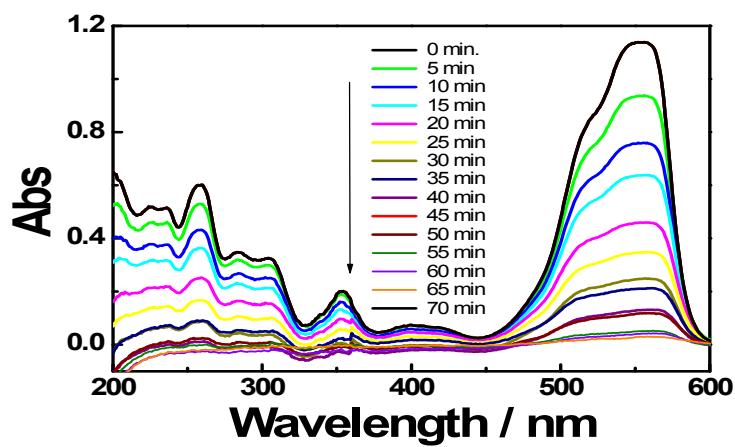
**Fig. S1** XRD patterns of: (a)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ NPs (b)  $\text{ZrO}_2$  NP



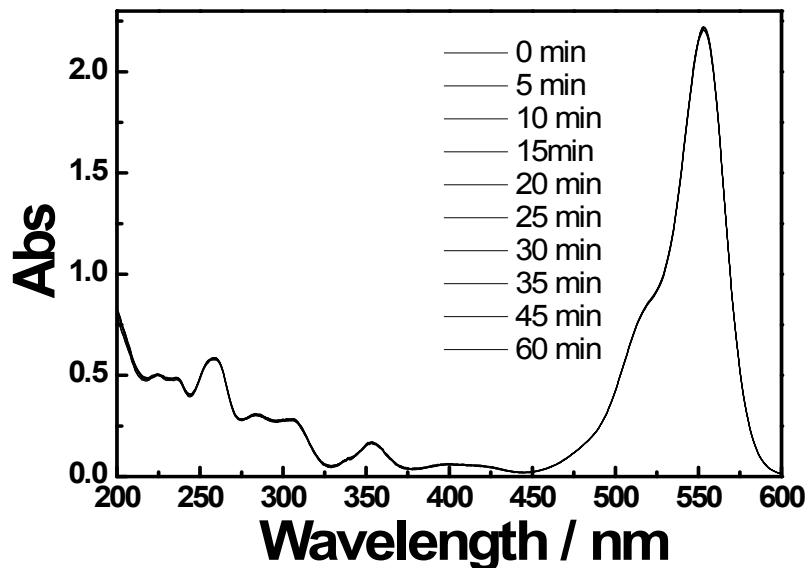
**Fig. S2** EDX analysis of: (a)  $\text{GO}-\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ , and (b)  $\text{GO}-\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4 @ \text{ZrO}_2$ .



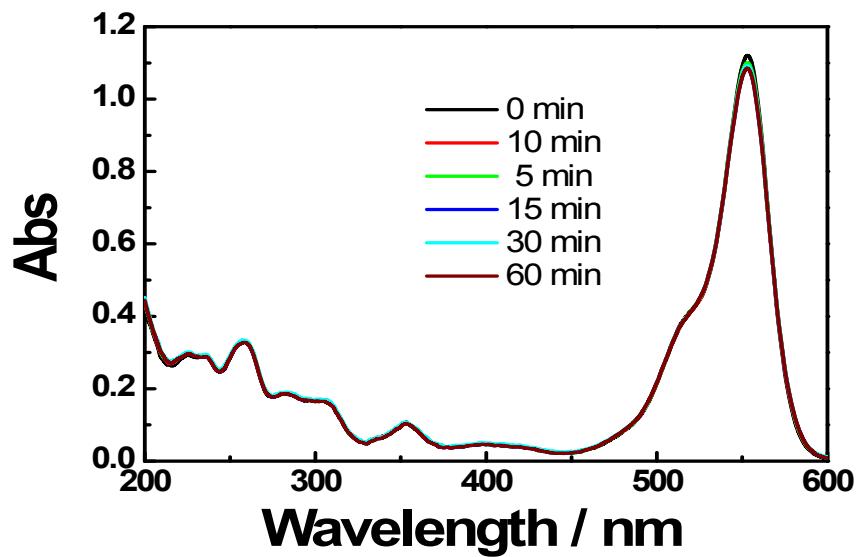
**Fig. S3** UV-visible absorbance spectra of: (a) GO, (b) GO-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@ZrO<sub>2</sub>, and (c) and GO-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in water.



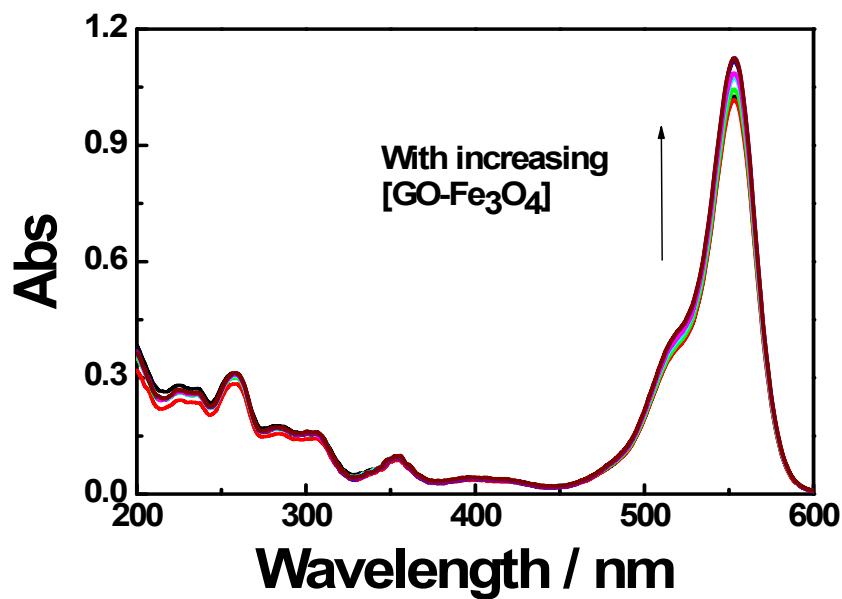
**Fig. S4** UV-absorbance spectra of RhB in the presence of GO-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in water at the indicated time intervals under UV irradiation at 256 nm.



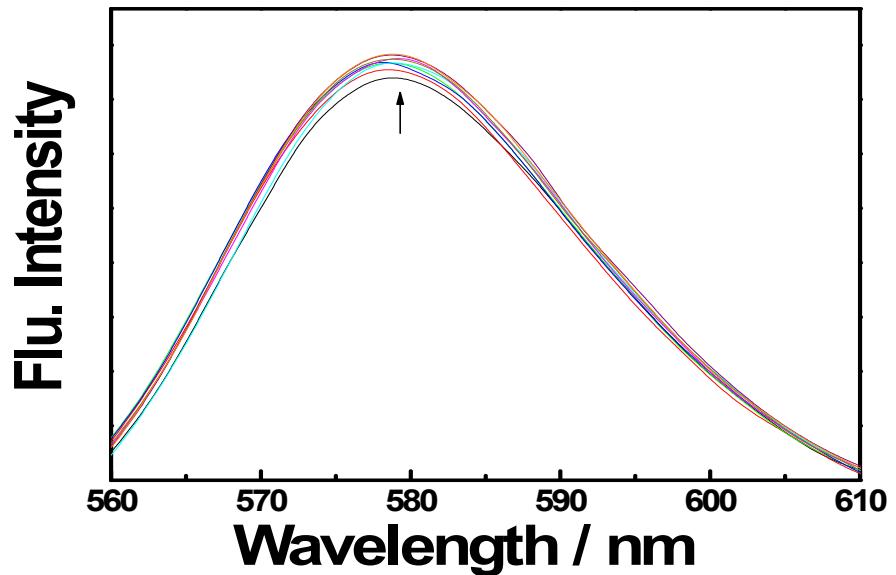
**Fig. S5.** UV absorbance spectrum of RhB in water with different time under radiation.



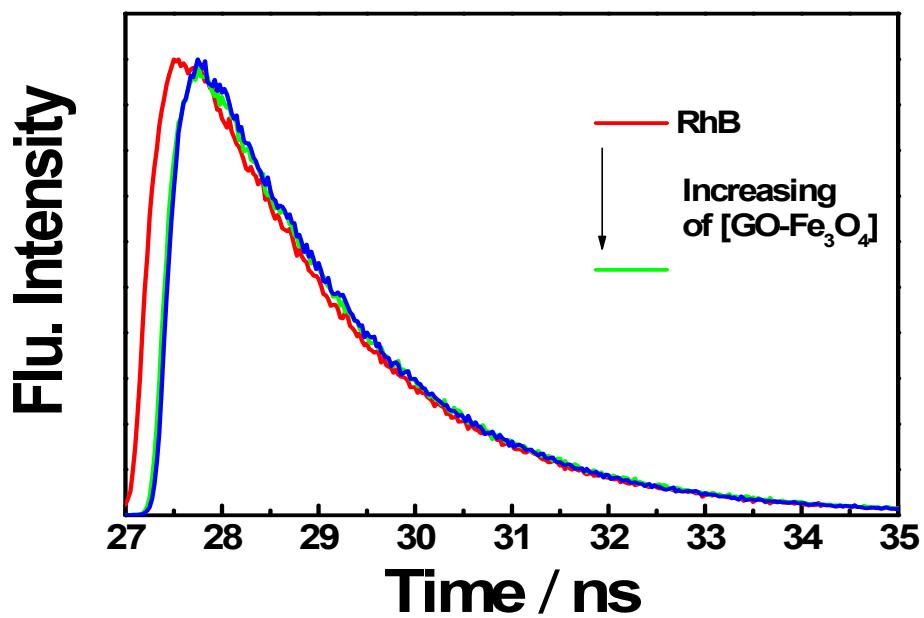
**Fig. S6.** UV- absorbance spectra of RhB in the presence of GO- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  in water with different time under simulator of sun light.



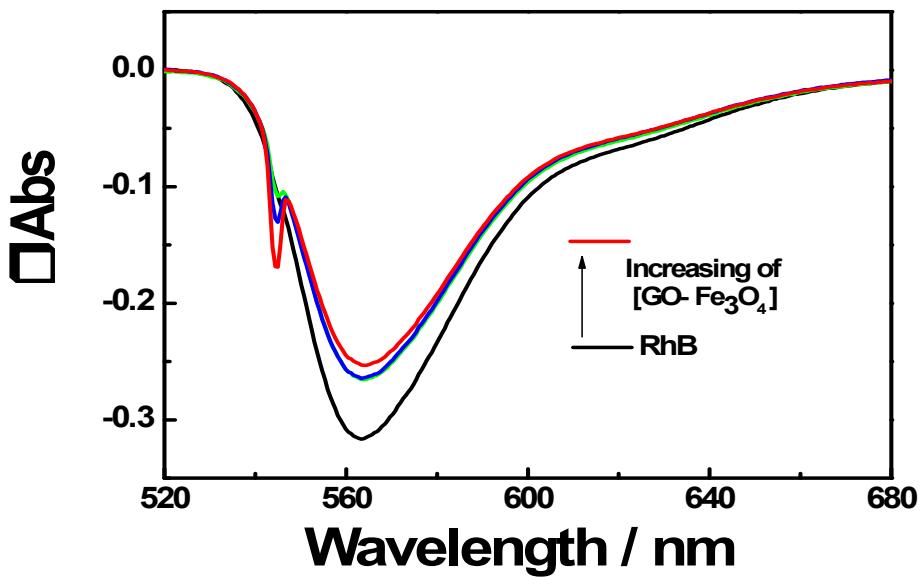
**Fig. S7.** UV-visible absorption spectra of RhB ( $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with different concentrations of GO- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  in water.



**Fig. S8.** Fluorescence spectra of RhB ( $1.7 \times 10^{-5}$  M) with different concentrations of GO-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> without radiation in water.



**Fig. S9.** Fluorescence decay profiles of the singlet-excited state of RhB in the presence of GO-Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> in water;  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 420$  nm;  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 580$  nm.



**Fig. S10** Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of RhB in the presence of GO- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  in oxygen-free water solutions;  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 550$  nm.