

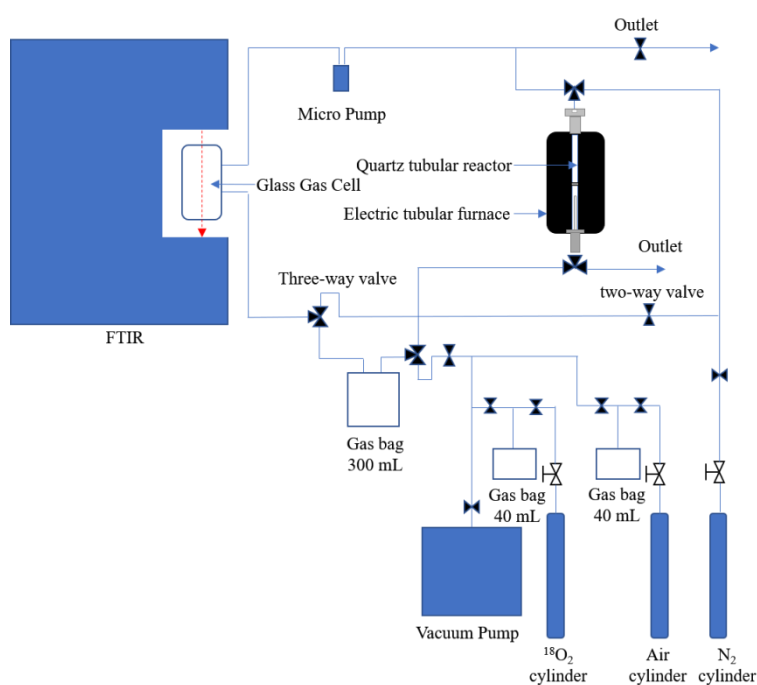
## Supporting information

### Novel photoactivation and solar-light-driven thermocatalysis on $\epsilon$ - $\text{MnO}_2$ nanosheets lead to highly efficient catalytic abatement of ethyl acetate without acetaldehyde as unfavorable by-product

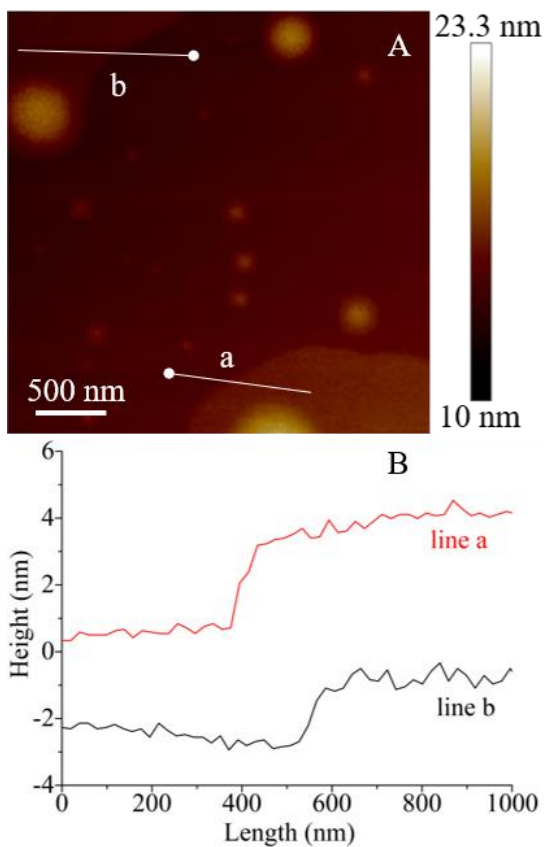
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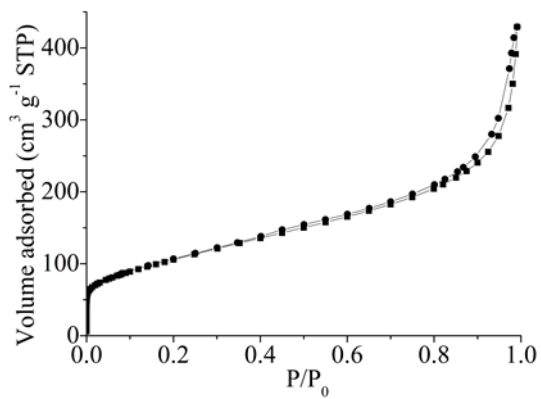
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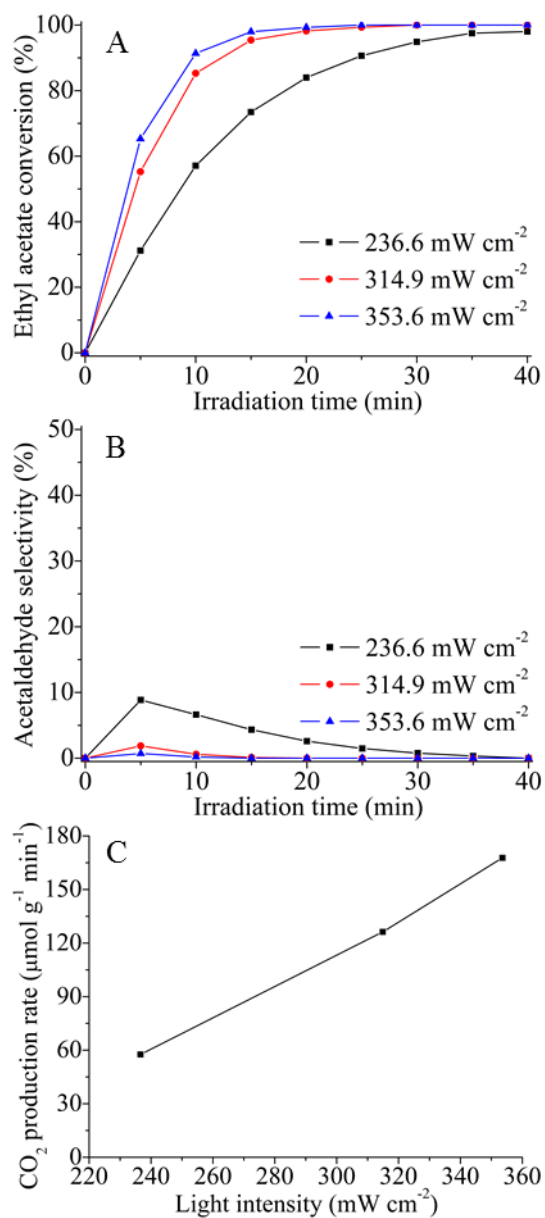
**Scheme S1.** The Set-up for the isotope labelling experiment by monitored the  $^{18}\text{O}_2$  or  $^{16}\text{O}_2$  reacted with ethyl acetate ( $^{12}\text{C}_4\text{H}_8^{16}\text{O}_2$ ) on the  $\epsilon$ - $\text{MnO}_2$  by FTIR.



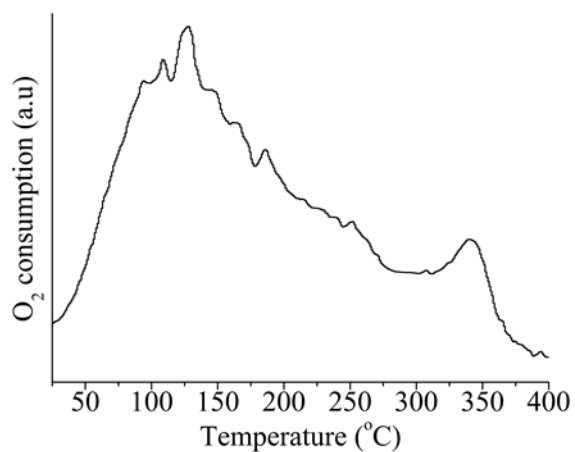
**Figure S1.** AFM image (A) and height-length contour (B) across the white lines of the  $\epsilon$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> sample.



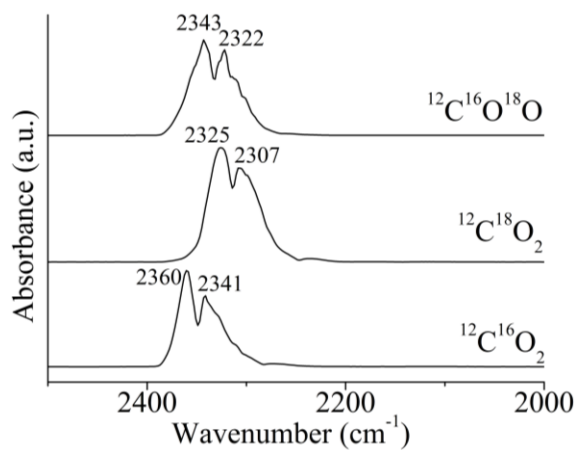
**Figure S2.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption of the  $\epsilon$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> sample.



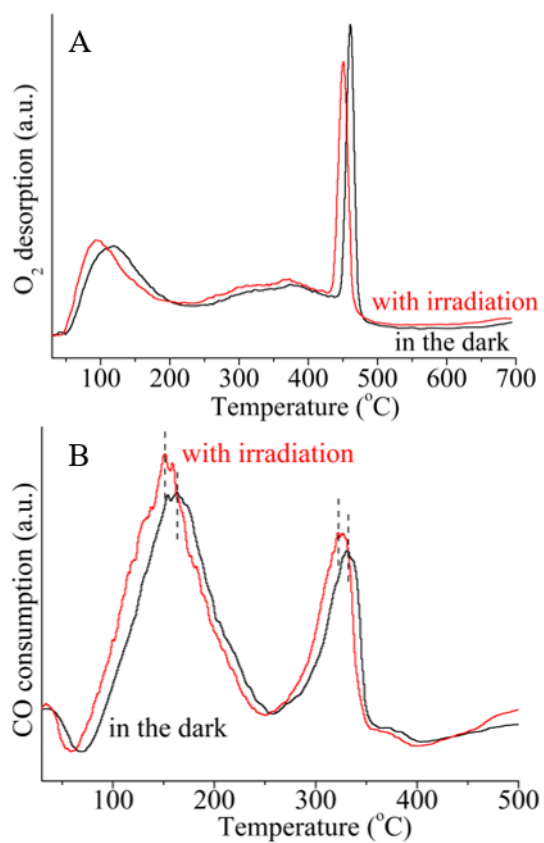
**Figure S3.** The time course of ethyl acetate conversion (A) and acetaldehyde selectivity (B), and the  $r_{\text{CO}_2}$  value (C) of the  $\epsilon\text{-MnO}_2$  sample under the UV-Vis-IR irradiation with different light intensities.



**Figure S4.** The O<sub>2</sub>-TPO profile of the ε-MnO<sub>2</sub> sample pre-reduced by CO at 170 °C.



**Figure S5.** FTIR spectra of pure gases of <sup>12</sup>C<sup>16</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, <sup>12</sup>C<sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, and <sup>12</sup>C<sup>16</sup>O<sup>18</sup>O prepared by the oxidation of <sup>12</sup>C<sup>16</sup>O by <sup>18</sup>O<sub>2</sub> on 1.0 wt% Pt/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S6.** The O<sub>2</sub>-TPD profiles of the  $\epsilon$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> sample in the dark or with the UV-vis-IR irradiation (A). The CO-TPR profile of the  $\epsilon$ -MnO<sub>2</sub> sample without adsorbed oxygen species in the dark or with the UV-vis-IR irradiation (B).