

## Supplementary Information

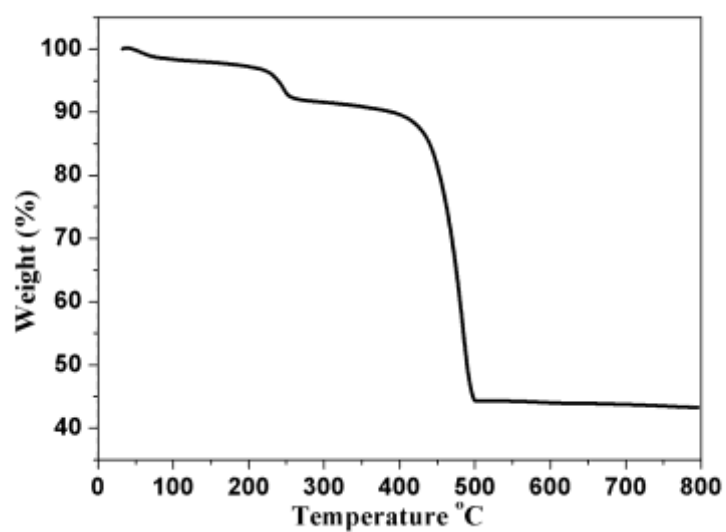
### **Engineering an Effective Noble-Metal-Free Photocatalyst for Hydrogen Evolution: Hollow Hexagonal Porous Micro-rod Assembled by In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@Carbon Core-Shell Nanoparticles**

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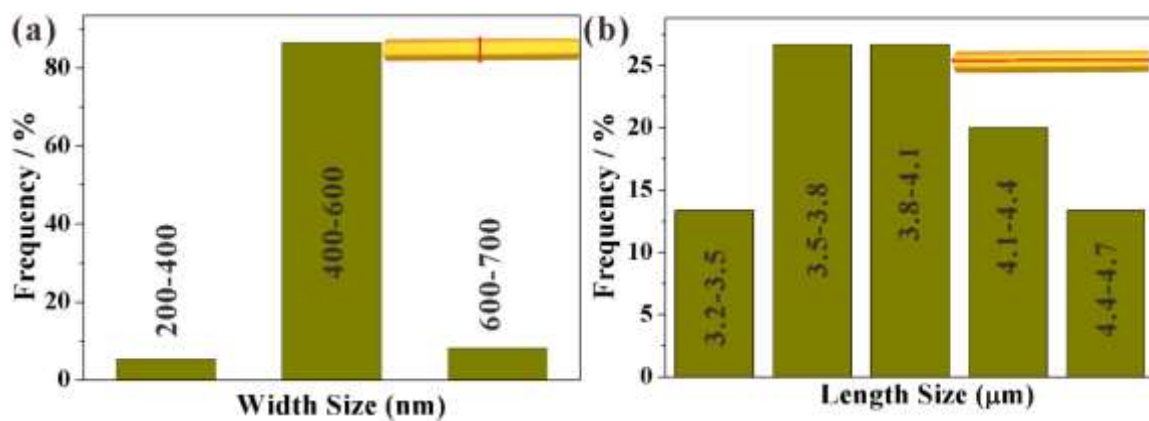
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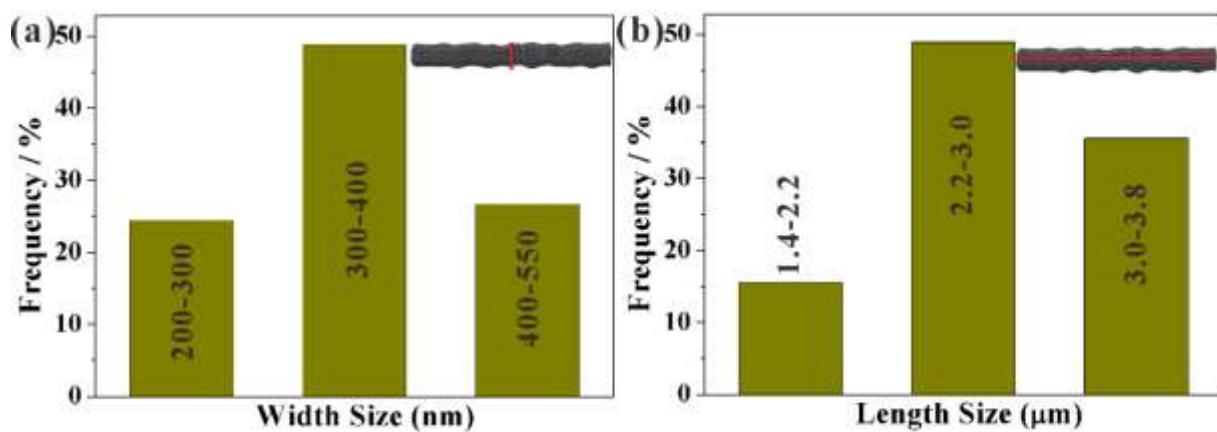
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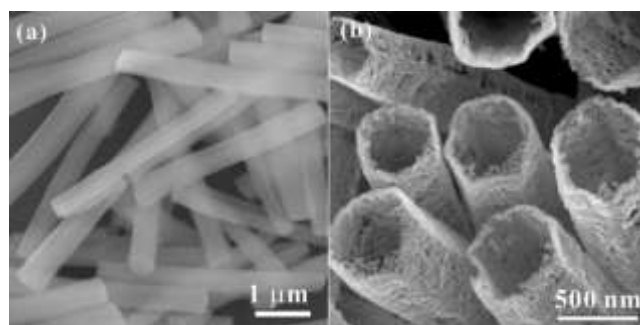
**Figure S1.** TGA curves of the as-obtained In-MIL-68 hexagonal micro-rods precursor.



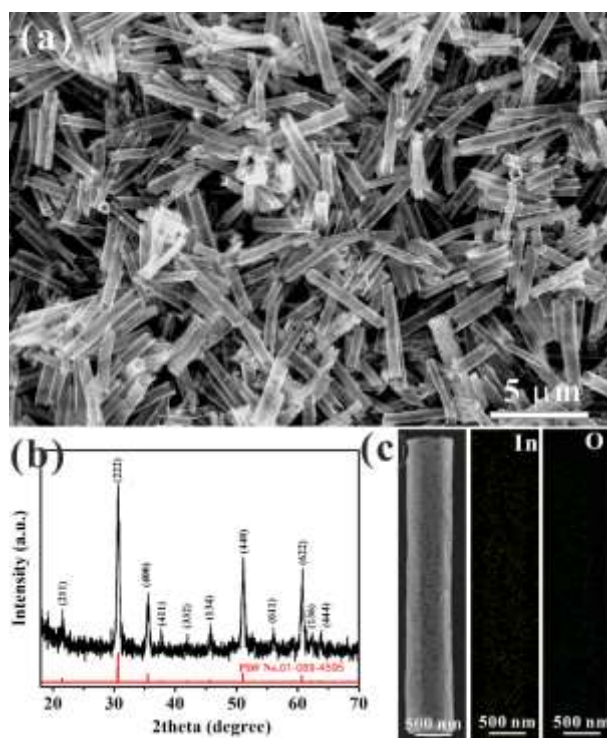
**Figure S2.** The sizes of In-MIL-68 hexagonal micro-rods precursor.



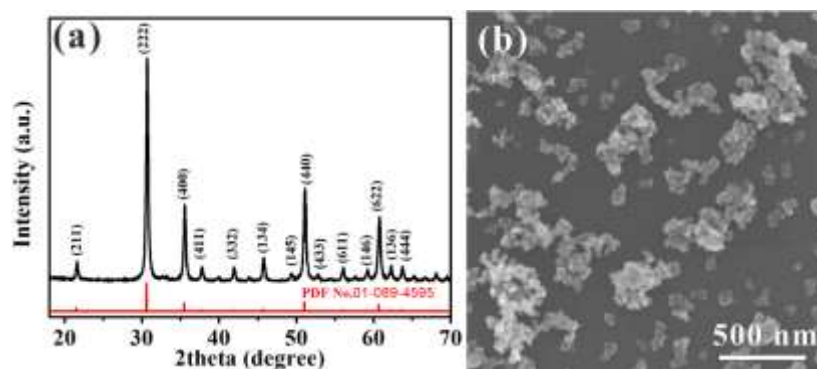
**Figure S3.** The sizes of PHIC particles.



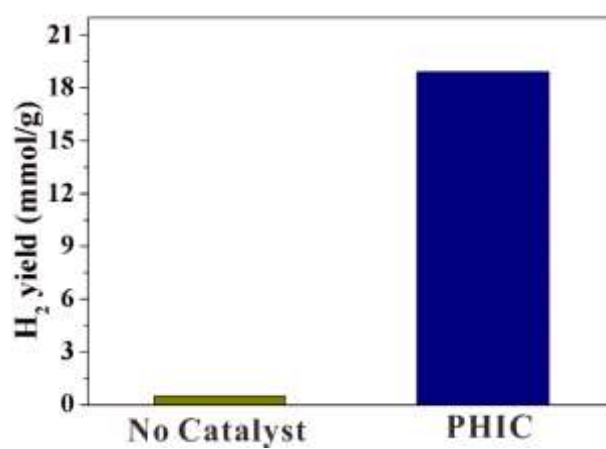
**Figure S4.** Magnified SEM image of In-MIL-68 precursors and PHIC.



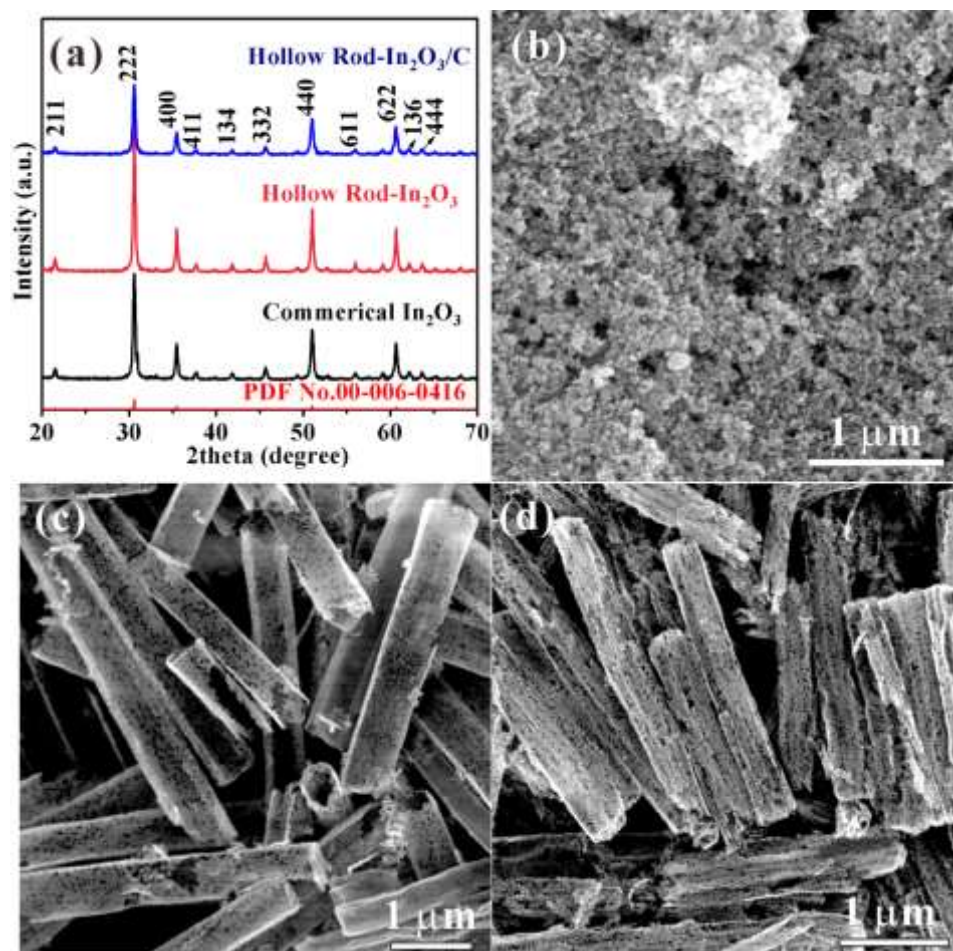
**Figure S5.** (a) SEM image of PHI, (b) XRD pattern of PHI, and (c) Corresponding elemental mapping.



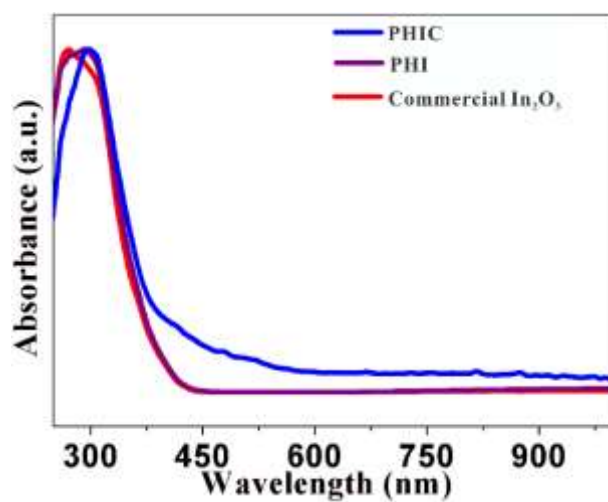
**Figure S6.** (a) XRD pattern of commercial  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ , and (b) SEM image of commercial  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ .



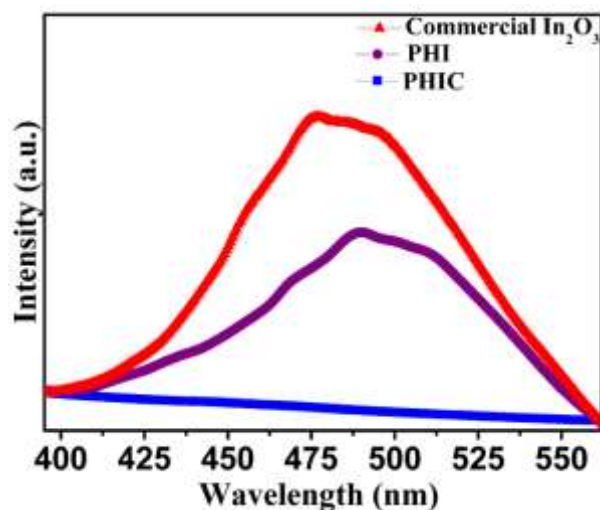
**Figure S7** Mass-normalized  $\text{H}_2$  yield for 7 h over No catalyst and PHIC.



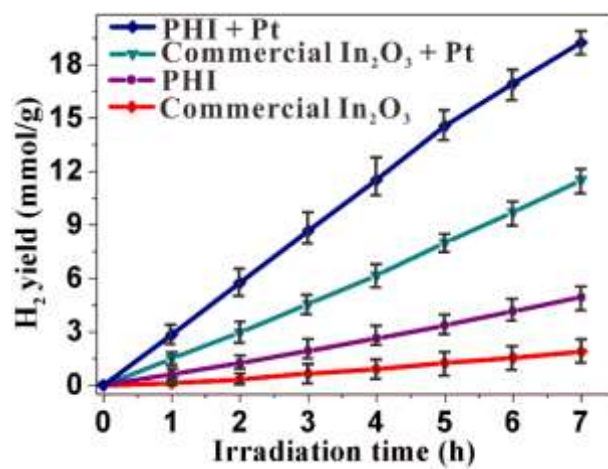
**Figure S8** XRD patterns three kinds of  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$  samples after catalytic reaction, SEM image of (b) commercial  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticles, (c) hollow  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$  rods, (d) hollow  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3/\text{C}$  rods.



**Figure S9.** UV-vis absorption spectra of PHIC, PHI, and commercial  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ .



**Figure S10.** Photoluminescence spectra of commercial  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ , PHI, and PHIC.



**Figure S11.** Comparison of the photocatalytic  $\text{H}_2$  evolution of PHI and commercial

$\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$  with Pt and without Pt.