MoS<sub>2</sub> coated CoS<sub>2</sub> nanocomposites as Counter Electrode in Pt-free Dye-sensitized Solar Cells

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## **Supplementary Information**

Figure. S1 FE-SEM images of (a, b) CoS<sub>2</sub> (c, d) MoS<sub>2</sub> coated CoS<sub>2</sub> nanocomposite

Figure. S2 SEM images of MoS<sub>2</sub>

Figure. S3 SAED pattern of  $CoS_2$  (a),  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  (b), elemental mapping of  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  nanocomposite (c, d, e, f)

Figure. S4 (a) HR-TEM image of  $CoS_2$  (b) Raman spectra of  $MoS_2$  and  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  nanocomposite

Figure. S5 Nyquist plots of DSSCs fabricated with (a) Pt (b)  $CoS_2$  (c)  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  CEs under dark and illumination conditions

Figure. S6 Bode-phase plots of DSSCs fabricated with Pt,  $CoS_2$ , and  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  CEs (a) under dark (b) illumination conditions.

Figure. S7 Tafel plot of dummy cells fabricated with Pt, CoS<sub>2</sub>, and MoS<sub>2</sub> coated CoS<sub>2</sub> CEs.

Figure. S8 EQE spectra of DSSCs fabricated with Pt,  $CoS_2$  and  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  nanocomposite CEs respectively.

Figure. S9 (a) J-V plot, (b) Nyquist plot, (c) Bode-Phase plot, (d) EQE plot of DSSCs with MoS<sub>2</sub> CE



Figure S1. FE-SEM images of (a, b) CoS<sub>2</sub> (c, d) MoS<sub>2</sub> coated CoS<sub>2</sub> nanocomposite, respectively.



Figure S2. SEM images of  $MoS_2$ 



Figure S3. SAED pattern of  $CoS_2$  (a),  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  (b), elemental mapping of  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  nanocomposite (c, d, e, f)



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Figure S6. Bode-phase plots of DSSCs fabricated with Pt,  $CoS_2$ , and  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  CEs (a) under dark and (b) under illumination conditions.



Figure S7. Tafel plot of dummy cells fabricated with Pt, CoS<sub>2</sub>, and MoS<sub>2</sub> coated CoS<sub>2</sub> CEs.



Figure S8. EQE spectra of DSSCs fabricated with Pt,  $CoS_2$  and  $MoS_2$  coated  $CoS_2$  nanocomposite CEs respectively.



Figure S9. (a) J-V plot with parameters inset, (b) Nyquist plot, (c) Bode-Phase plot, and (d) EQE spectra of DSSCs with  $MoS_2$  CE.