

**Electronic Supporting Information**

**Nitrogen-doped Fluorescent Graphene Nanosheets as Visible-light-driven Photocatalysts for Dye Degradation and Selective Sensing of Ascorbic Acid**

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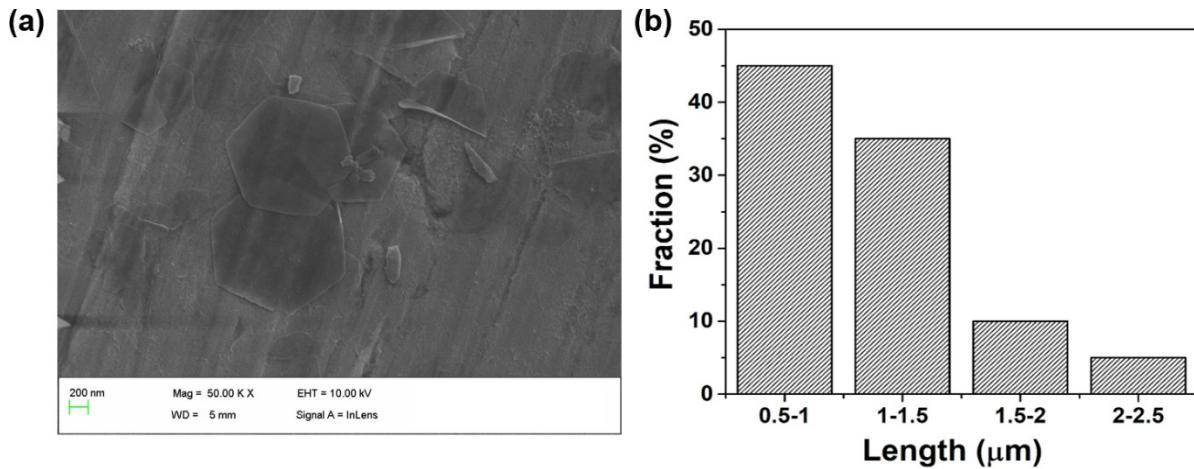
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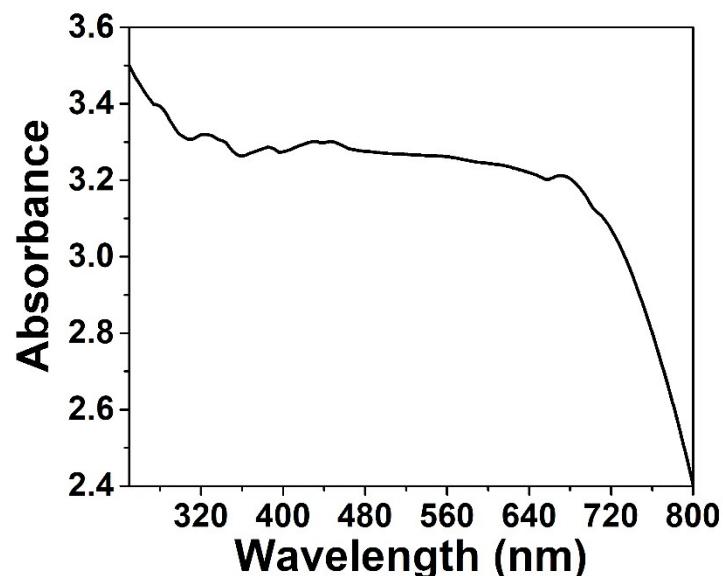
## 1. SEM image

The size distribution of N-wsGNS were characterized with SEM analysis as shown in **Fig. S1 (b)**.



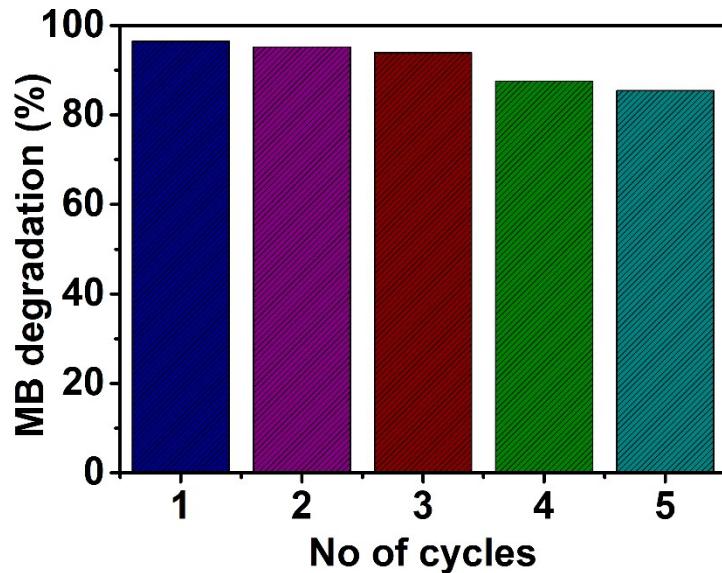
**Fig. S1 (a)** SEM image of N-wsGNS; **(b)** lateral size distribution histogram for N-wsGNS.

## 2. Optical characterization



**Fig. S2** Solid state UV-vis absorption spectrum of N-wsGNS.

### 3. Recyclability of photocatalyst



**Fig. S3** Photocatalytic performance of N-wsGNS during 5 cycle of MB degradation.

### 4. Comparative photocatalytic performance

**Table S1.** Performance comparison between various N-doped nano-carbons toward photodegradation of MB.

S. No.	Material	Light source	Degradation (%)	Time (min.)	Ref.
1.	ZnO@N-doped carbon sheets	UV-light	95	60	1
2.	N- GQDs/ TiO <sub>2</sub>	UV-light	85	70	2
3.	CQDs/HpCN	Xe arc lamp		120	3
4.	TiO <sub>2</sub> NPs@N-CDs	UV-light	90	40	4

<b>5.</b>	N-CQDs-TiO <sub>2</sub>	Visible light	86.9	420	<sup>5</sup>
<b>6.</b>	N-CQDs	Xe lamp	88	35	<sup>6</sup>
<b>7.</b>	N-CQDs	Sunlight	97	160	<sup>7</sup>
<b>8.</b>	Mg-N-CDs	Sunlight	99.1	120	<sup>8</sup>
<b>9.</b>	HA/N-CDs/Ag <sub>3</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	Visible light	98	20	<sup>9</sup>
<b>10.</b>	N-wsGNS	Visible light	99	75	This work

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