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## Surfactant-free CuO mesocrystals with controllable dimensions: Green ordered-aggregation-driven synthesis, formation mechanism and their photochemical performances

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Fig. S1 The size distribution diagrams of the as-prepared spindle-like CuO products (sample A): (a) length; (b) width.



**Fig. S2** XRD patterns of the products obtained at low reaction temperature based on the synthesis of sample A, (a) 25 °C; (b) 40 °C; (c) 55 °C: (d) 70 °C.



**Fig. S3** XRD patterns of the products obtained in different molar concentration ratios between sodium hydroxide and copper salt, (a) 1:10; (b) 1:5; (c) 1:1; (d) 10:1.



Fig. S4 A TEM image of the products obtained in the in the concentration of regents  $(Cu(NO_3)_2 = 0.4 \text{ M}, NaOH = 2 \text{ M})$  under otherwise the same conditions.



Fig. S5 A plot of the extent of photodegradation of RhB by different catalysts under UV light, Curve a: sample A; Curve b: sample B.