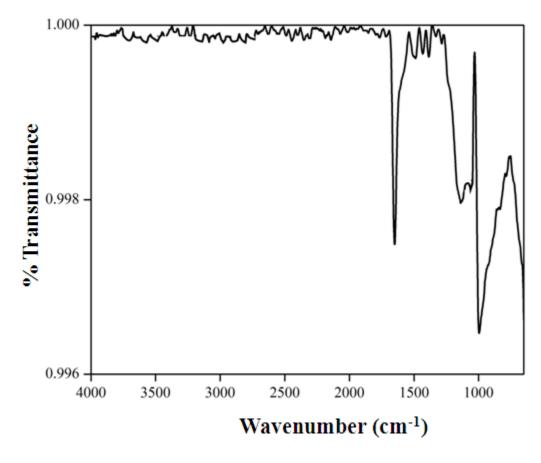
## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## One-pot, template-free syntheses of spherical ZnS nanocrystals using a new S<sup>2-</sup> source and their photocatalytic study

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Fig. S1 FT-IR spectrum of uncapped ZnS sample S3.





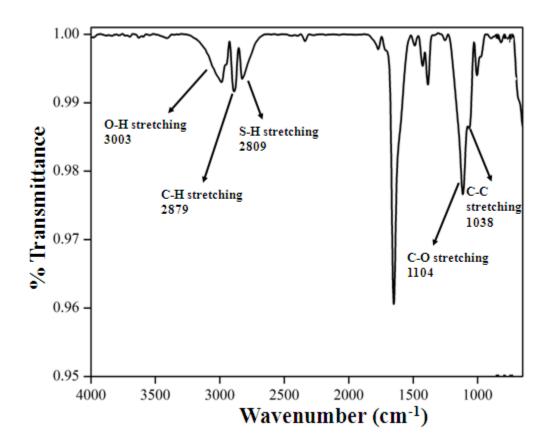


Fig. S3. Band gap calculation plot for S1.

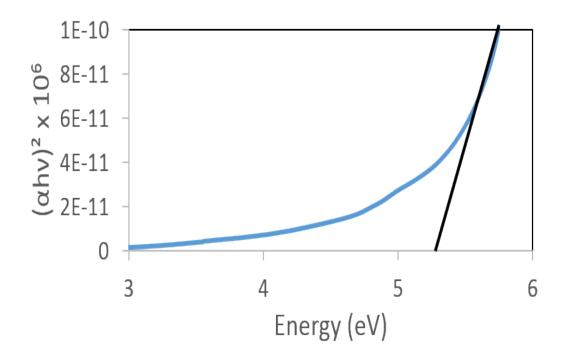
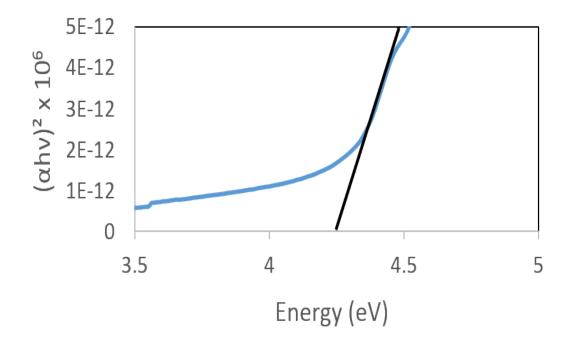


Fig. S4. Band gap calculation plot for S2.



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Fig. S5. Band gap calculation plot for S3.

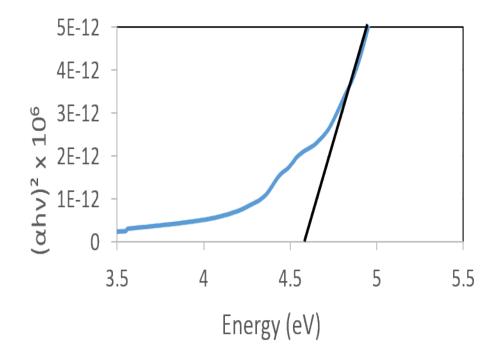
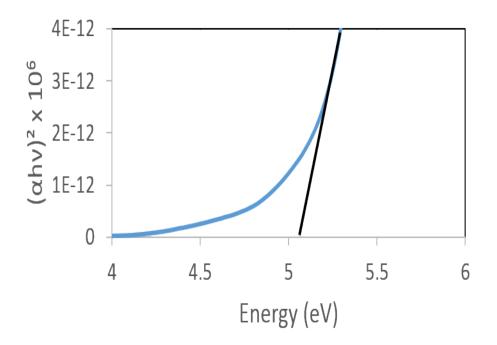
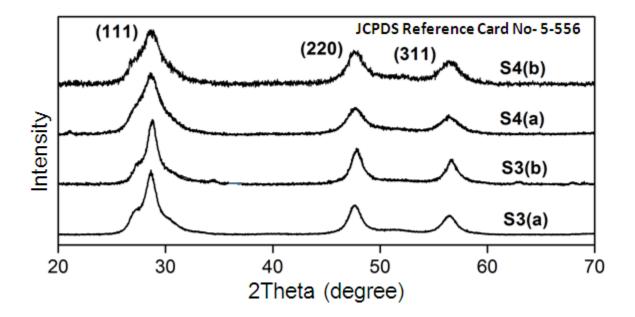


Fig. S6. Band gap calculation plot for S4.



**Fig. S7** XRD patterns of the as-prepared ZnS microspheres, uncapped (**S3(a)**) and MCE-capped (**S4(a)**) and the recycled samples after photocatalysis (**S3(b)**) and MCE-capped (**S4(b)**).



Scheme S1. Proposed mechanism of photocatalytic degradation of MO showing possible pathways en route to the formation of  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ .

