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## **Supporting Information**

## Development of BiOI as an effective photocatalyst for oxygen evolution

## reaction under simulated solar irradiation

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Figure S1 Spectral irradiance of (a) metal halide lamp and (b) xenon lamp used in this work in comparison to solar radiation.



**Figure S2** (a)  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherm, (b) TGA plot, and (d) FTIR measurement of BiOI sample. Inset of (a) shows the Barrett–Joyner–Halenda (BJH) pore diameter of the sample.



**Figure S3** Photocatalytic  $O_2$  evolution using BiOI under metal halide lamp irradiation in the presence of different concentrations of the electron mediator and the pH adjuster: (a) NaIO<sub>3</sub>, (b) AgNO<sub>3</sub>, and (c) adjusted pH value using HNO<sub>3</sub> to 1, 3, 4, and 7.



**Figure S4** (a) XRD patterns and XPS spectra for (b) survey scan and (c) Ag 3d state of BiOI before and after the reaction with the addition of  $AgNO_3$  as the electron mediator.



**Figure S5** Magnification of the XRD patterns in the range of  $28.5^{\circ}-31^{\circ}$  for BiOI,  $1Ru_{pd}/BiOI$  and  $1Ru_{im}/BiOI$  samples.



**Figure S6** (a) SEM image of  $1Ru_{im}/BiOI$  and (b) XRD patterns of  $1Ru_{pd}/BiOI$  before and after the photocatalytic reaction.



**Figure S7** SEM images and the corresponding elemental mapping for Bi, O, I, and Ru elements of  $1Ru_{pd}$ /BiOI samples before (a–e) and after (f–j) the photocatalytic O<sub>2</sub> production.



**Figure S8** High-resolution XPS spectra for (a) Bi 4f, (b) O 1s, and (c) I 3d levels of the  $1Ru_{pd}/BiOI$  samples after the photocatalytic reaction.