## **Supporting Information**

## Macroporous polymer resin with conjugated side-chains: An efficient Ag nanoparticles support for preparing photocatalyst

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## Synthesis of TE.

4'-(p-ethanediamine phenyl)-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine (TE) was prepared as following. As step I in Fig. S1a, acetylpyridine (4.48 g, 0.04 mol), ammonium hydroxide (NH<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 80 mL), KOH (3.4 g, 0.06 mol) and bromobenzaldehyde (4 g, 0.02 mol) were added to ethanol (120 mL) under stirring and refluxed at 90 °C for 24 h. After reaction, the white powders of 4'-(p-Bromophenyl)-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine were collected after filtering and washing with ethanol. In step II in Fig. S1a, a solution of 4'-(p-Bromophenyl)-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine (2.79 g, 0.12 M) in 2-methoxyethanol (60 mL) was mixed with ethanediamine (30 mL) and CuCl (10 mg) as catalyst, which was refluxed and stirred for 3 d. After that, the yellow-blue precipitate was collected by filtration. The resulting powders (2.6 g, 7.3 mmol) were added to the aqueous mixture (100 mL) of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid disodium salt (EDTA-2Na) (3.6 g, 12.3 mmol) and NaOH (10 mg, 0.25 mmol) under stirring for 30 min, and the crude product was obtained by filtration. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and MeOH (10:1 by volume) as eluent and the vellow-green TE was obtained. The structure of TE was confirmed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (Fig. S1b)



Fig. S1. (a) Synthetic routes of TE; (b) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of TE.

## Preparation of chlorosulfonated-resin.

Chlorosulfonated-resin was synthesized as following. Firstly, the sulfonated macroporous resin was synthesized by blending concentrated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (98%, 40 mL) and porous resin (3.0 g) for overnight (see step I in Fig. S2). This gave a final sulfonation degree of 9 mmol·g<sup>-1</sup>. Secondly, the resulting sulfonated macroporous resin (3.0 g) was added to a mixture of thionyl chloride (SOCl<sub>2</sub>, 20 mL) and N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF, 200 uL) under stirring at 60 °C for 8 h. Finally, the reaction mixture was filtrated and the final yellow solid powder of chlorosulfonated-resin was obtained (see step II in Fig. S2). All the solvents used were anhydrous.



Fig. S2 Synthetic route of chlorosulfonated-resin.



Fig. S3 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of chlorosulfonated-resin, TE and sulfamide-resin.



Fig. S4 X-ray diffraction patterns of pure Ag nanoparticles, sulfamide-resin and Ag@sulfamide-resin.



**Fig. S5** (a) The curve of  $(\alpha hv)^2$  vs. hv of sulfamide-resin; (b) VB-XPS spectrum of sulfamide-resin.



Fig. S6 UV-Vis spectra of 4-AP, 4-NP before and after addition of NaBH<sub>4</sub> solution.



Fig. S7 Time-dependent UV-Vis spectra of catalytic reduction of 4-NP only with NaBH<sub>4</sub>.



Fig. S8 The conversion efficiency of 4-NP by sulfamide-resin with different Ag amount.



Fig. S9 SEM image (a) and TEM image (b) of Ag@sulfamide-resin after 8th run



Fig. S10 X-ray diffraction patterns of Ag@sulfamide-resin before and after 8th run.