

## Supporting Information

### Facile fabrication of porous BiVO<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres with improved visible-light photocatalytic properties

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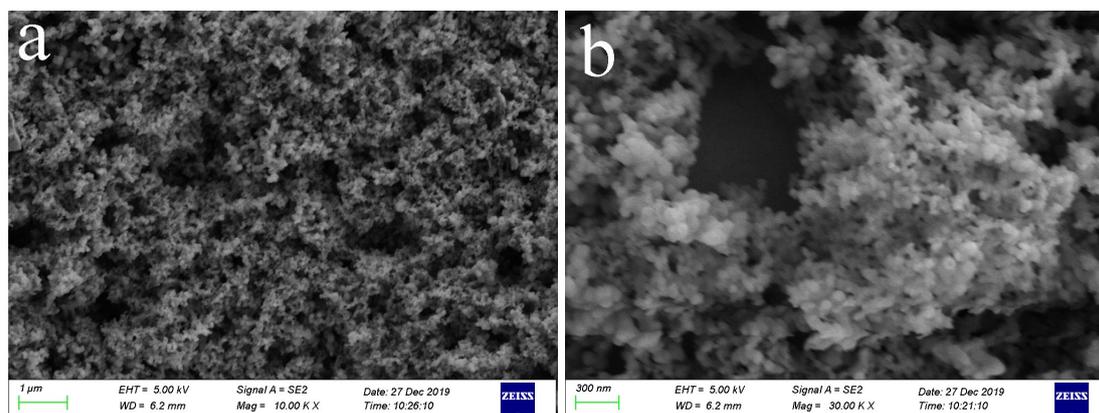
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**Fig. S1** SEM images of the as-synthesized product at the reaction time of 2 h.

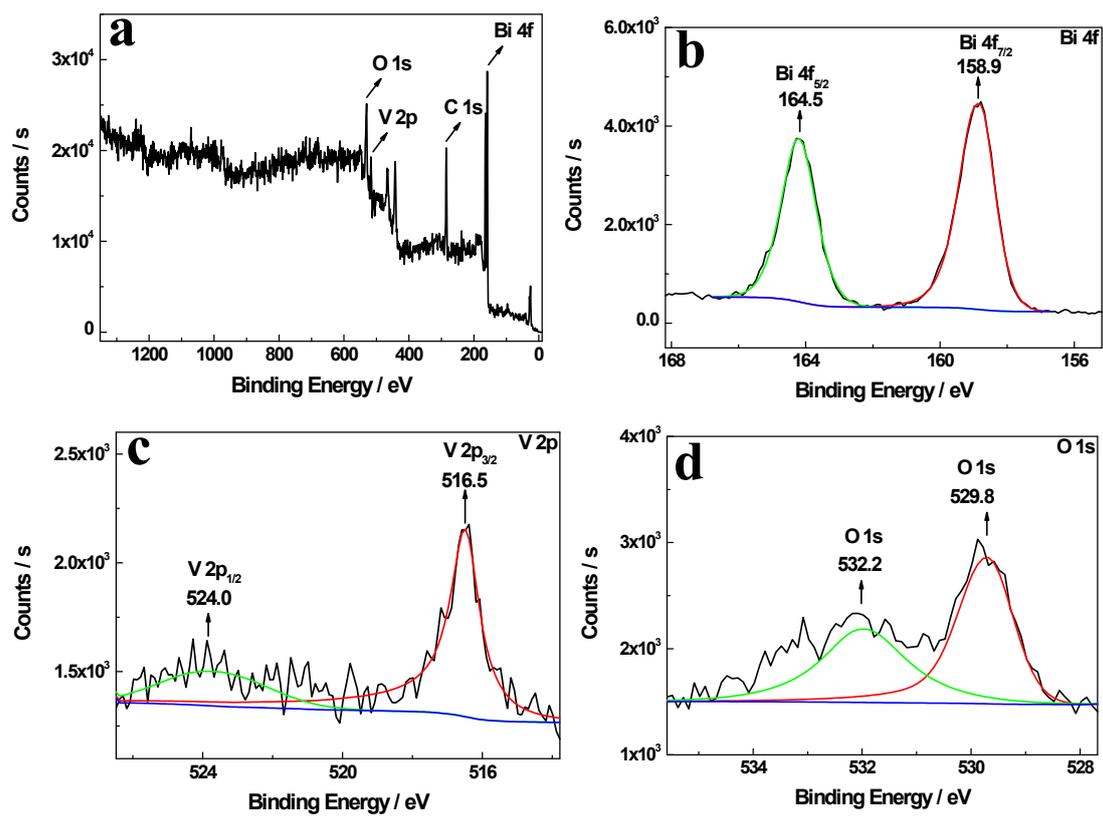


Fig. S2 The wide spectrum (a), Bi 4f (b), V 2p (c) and O 1s (d) XPS spectra of BiVO<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres.

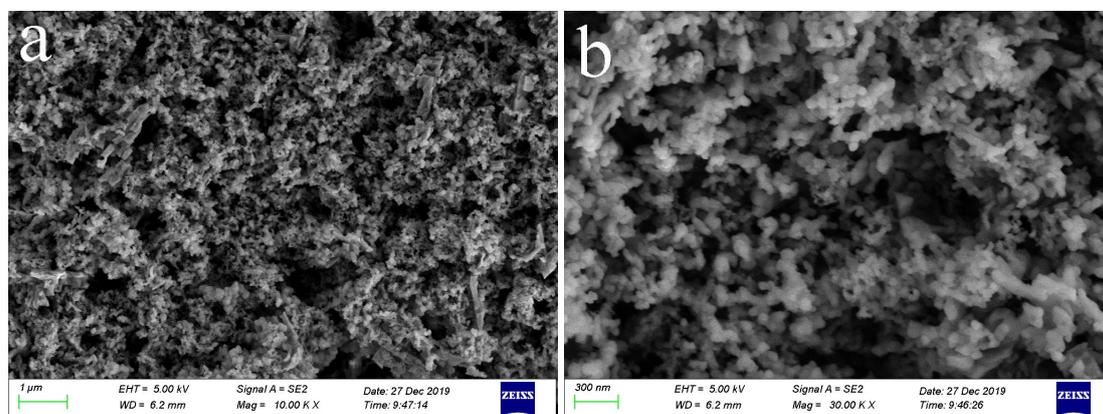


Fig. S3 SEM images of the as-prepared products at the reaction time of 10 min.

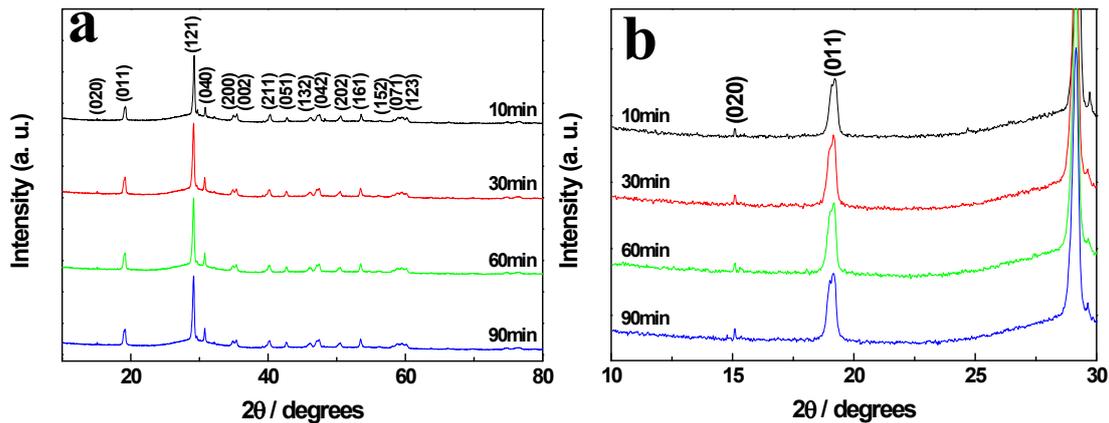


Fig. S4 XRD patterns (a) and a partial enlarged XRD patterns (b) of the as-prepared products at the reaction time of 10 min, 30 min, 60 min and 90 min.

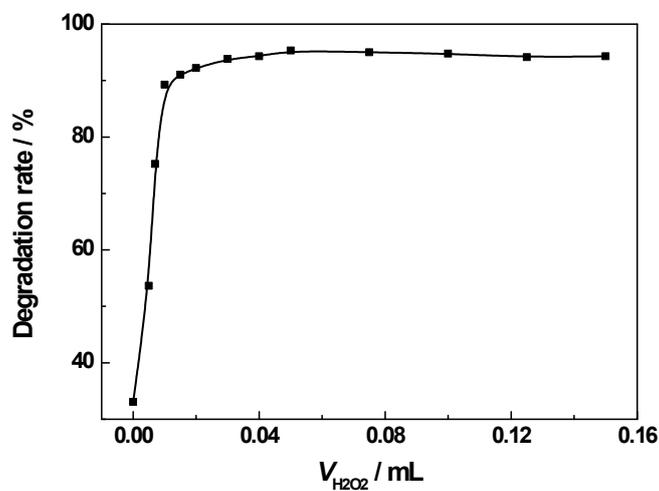


Fig. S5 Effect of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> amount on the photocatalytic degradation rate of MO in the presence of BiVO<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres.

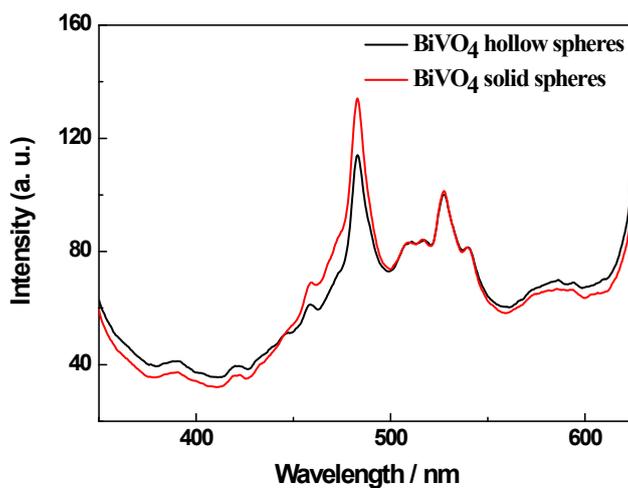


Fig. S6 PL spectra of BiVO<sub>4</sub> hollow spheres and BiVO<sub>4</sub> solid spheres at an excitation wavelength of 325 nm.