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## Supporting information In situ α-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> modified La<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> for enhanced photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction activity

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Samples	Fe content (wt.%)	Calculated $\alpha$ -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> content (wt.%)
1 wt.% α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /LTO	0.59	0.84
3 wt.% $\alpha$ -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /LTO	1.83	2.61
6 wt.% α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /LTO	3.97	5.67

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Sample	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Q <i>co2</i> (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	$Q_{CO2}/S_{BET}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )
LTO	52.9	10.7	0.202
α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /LTO	40.4	8.1	0.201



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Figure S3 (a) Raman spectra and (b) Fine Raman spectra of different samples.



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Figure S6 Control experiments for photocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction over α-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/LTO sample.
Reaction conditions: 1. 20 mg of α-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/LTO catalyst, 140 mL saturated CO<sub>2</sub> solution, irradiate for 5h with 125W mercury lamp; 2. without CO<sub>2</sub> (Ar atmosphere); 3. without catalyst;
4. without lamp irradiation.



Figure S7 Mass spectra of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO from photocatalytic reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> over  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/LTO sample.



Figure S8 Recycling stability tests over  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/LTO sample (3h per cycle).



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