

## Supplementary Data

# A renewable photocatalytic system with dramatic photocatalytic activity for H<sub>2</sub> evolution and constant light energy utilization: Eosin Y sensitized ZnWO<sub>4</sub> nanoplates loaded with CuO nanoparticles

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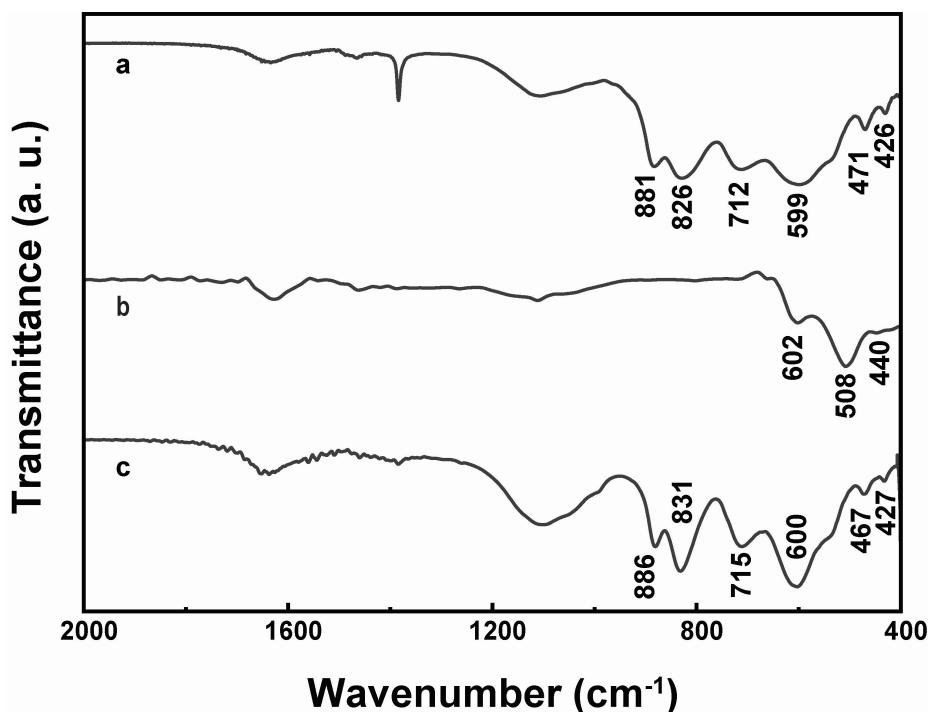
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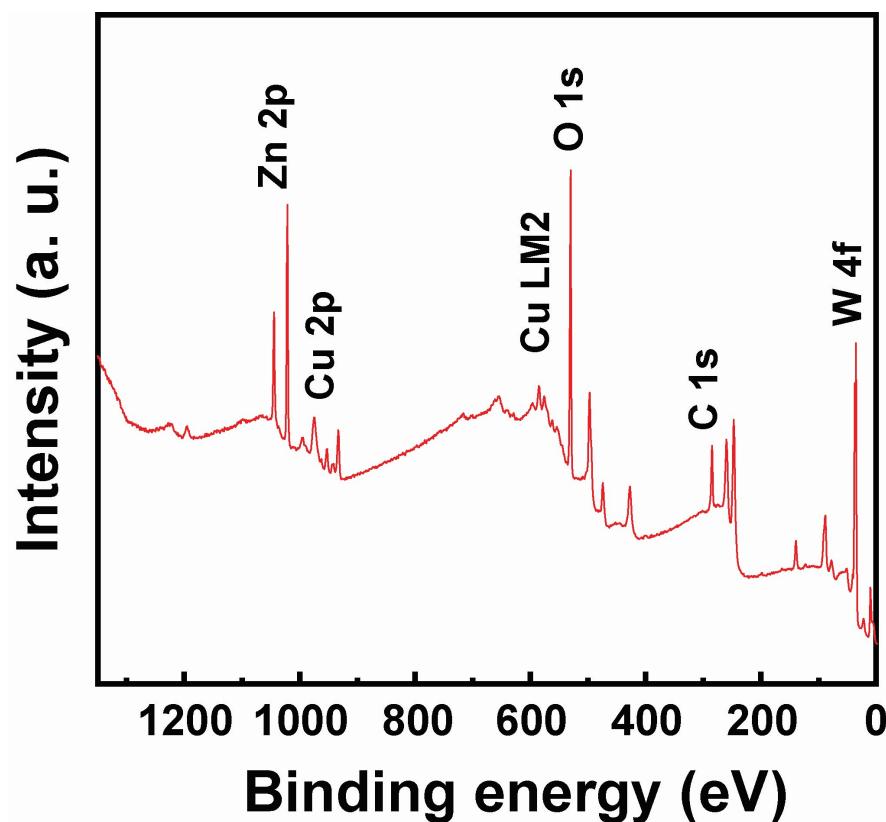
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Supplementary Fig. S1



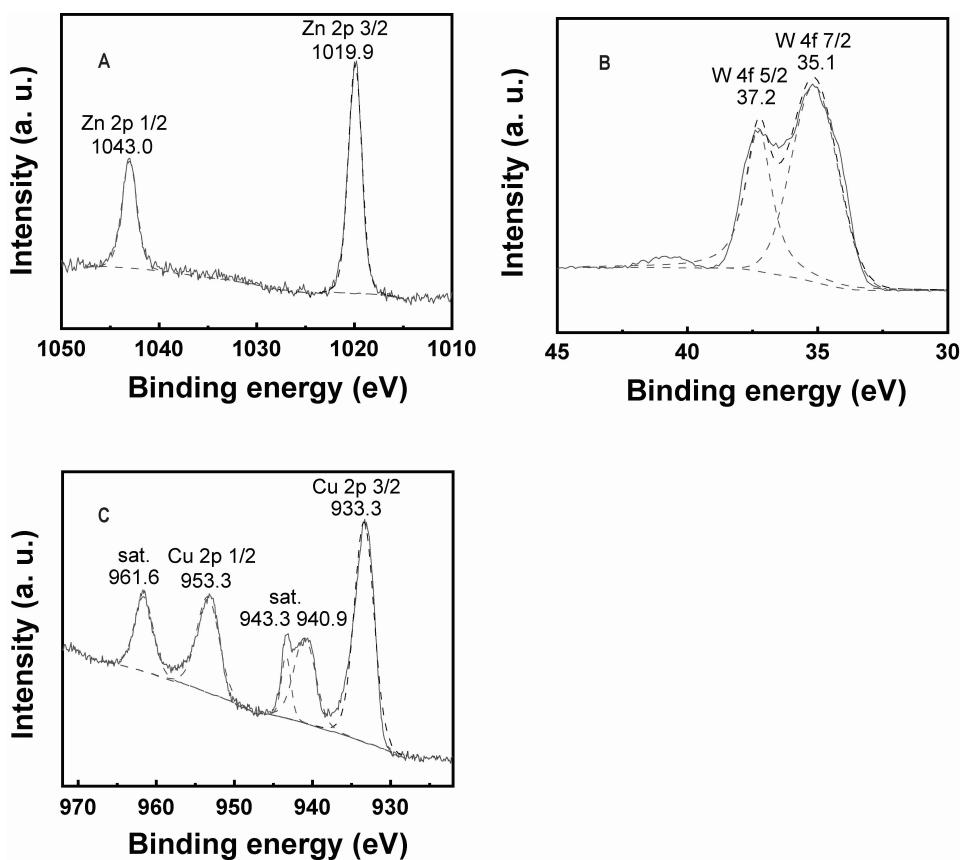
**Fig. S1.** FT-IR spectra of (a) the ZnWO<sub>4</sub> nanoplates, (b) the CuO nanoparticles and (c) ZnWO<sub>4</sub>/CuO (6%).

Supplementary Fig. S2



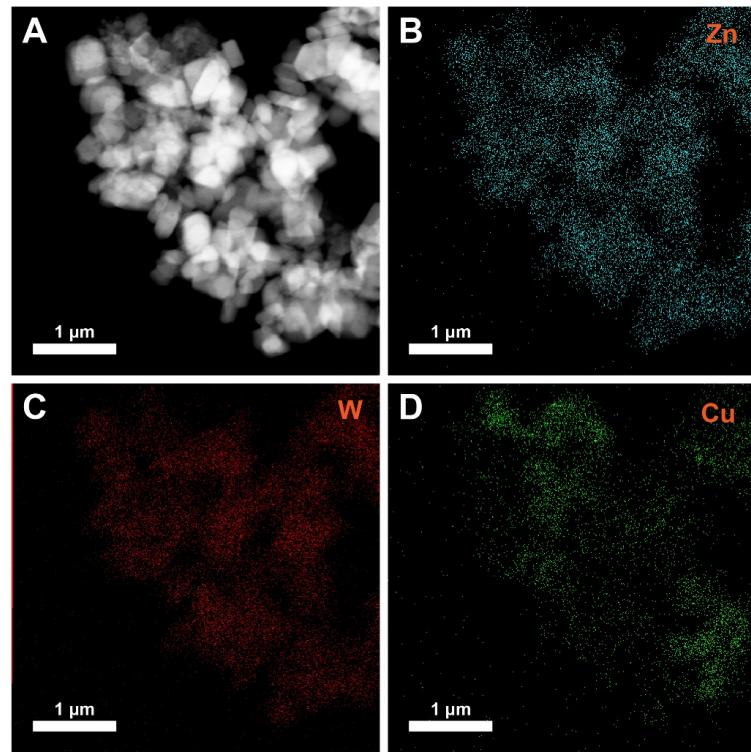
**Fig. S2.** XPS survey spectrum of  $\text{ZnWO}_4/\text{CuO}$  (6%).

Supplementary Fig. S3



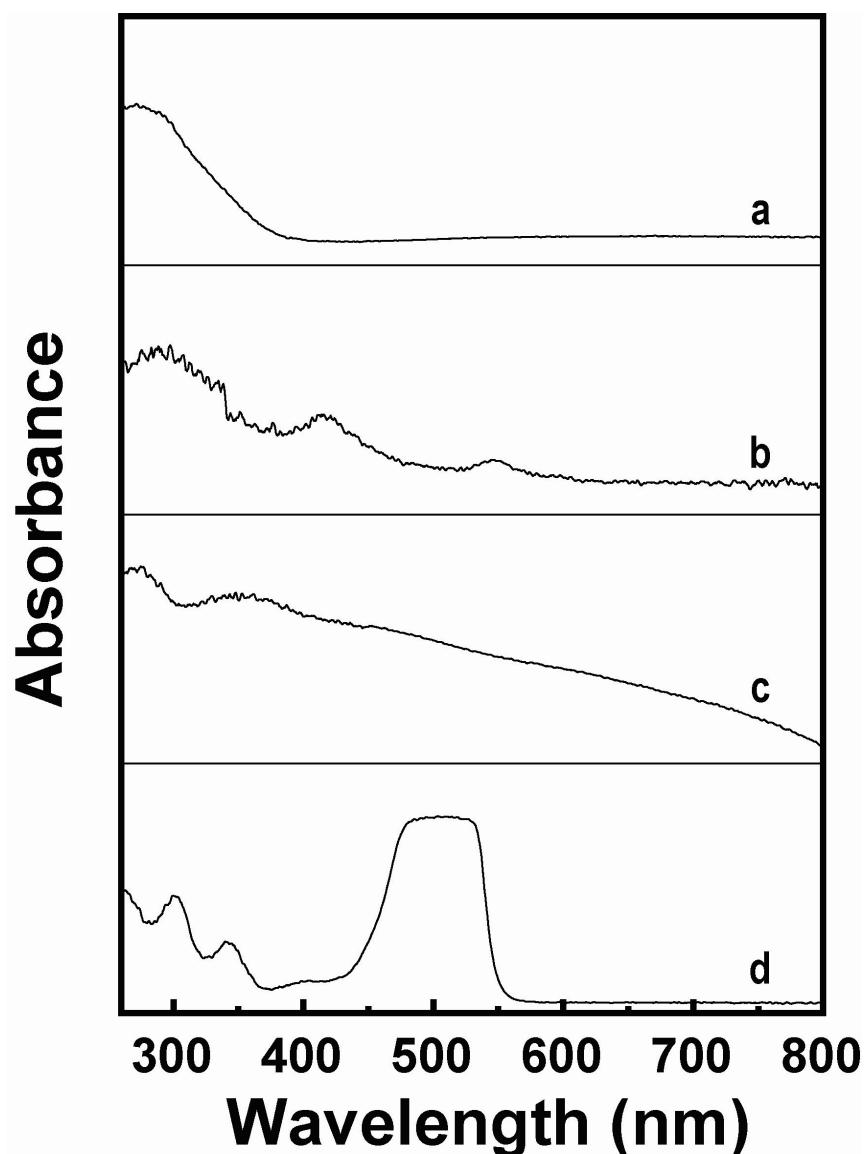
**Fig. S3.** (A) Zn 2p and (B) W 4f high-resolution XPS spectra (solid) of the  $\text{ZnWO}_4$  nanoplates, and curve-fitting analysis (dot line) of states of Zn and W; (C) Cu 2p high-resolution XPS spectrum of the  $\text{CuO}$  nanoparticles (solid), and curve-fitting analysis (dot line) of states of Cu.

Supplementary Fig. S4



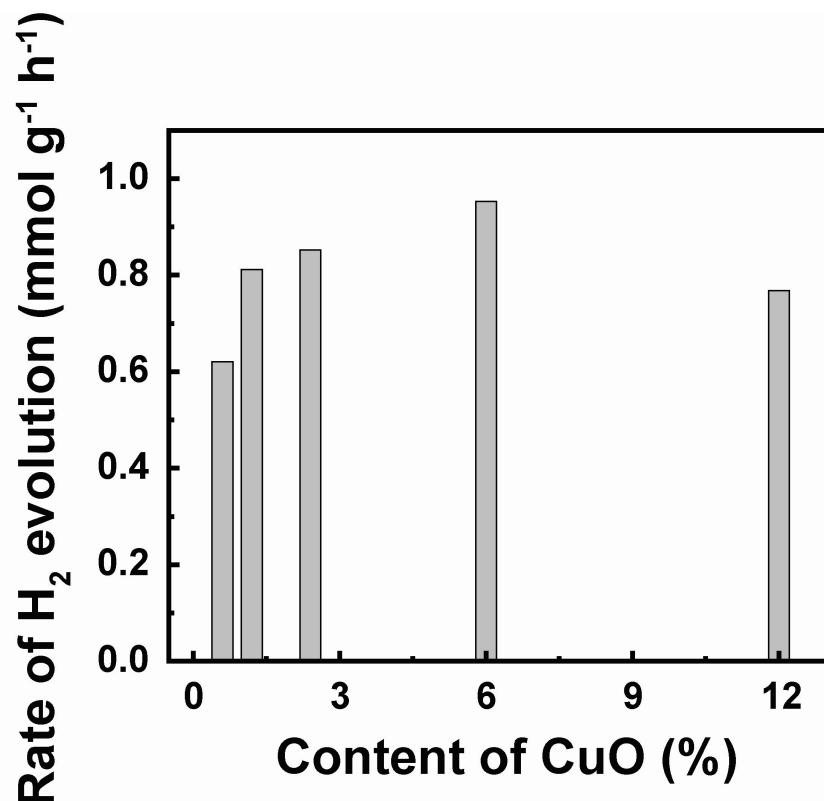
**Fig. S4.** Element mappings of  $\text{ZnWO}_4/\text{CuO}$  (6%) (Zn, W and Cu).

Supplementary Fig. S5



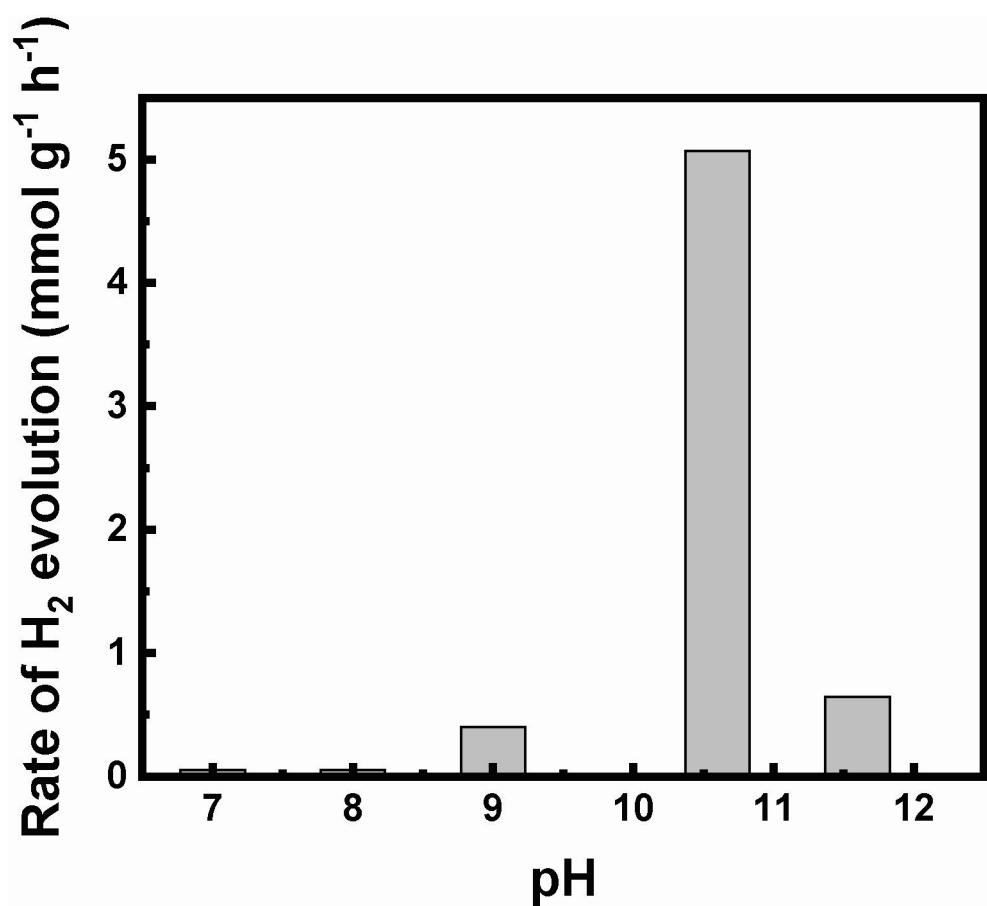
**Fig. S5.** UV-vis spectra of (a) the ZnWO<sub>4</sub> nanoplates, (b) the CuO nanoparticles, (c) ZnWO<sub>4</sub>/CuO (6%) and (d) the EY solution.

Supplementary Fig. S6



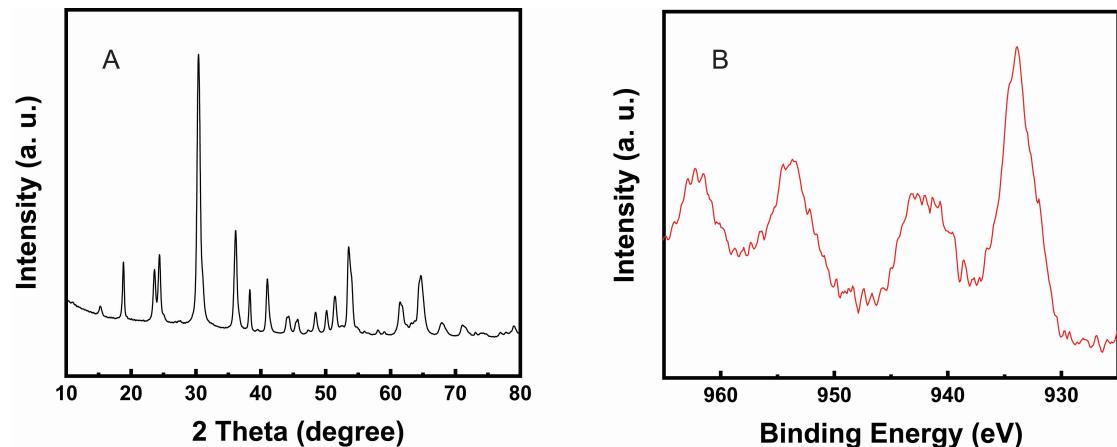
**Fig. S6.** Effect of the CuO content on H<sub>2</sub> evolution.

Supplementary Fig. S7



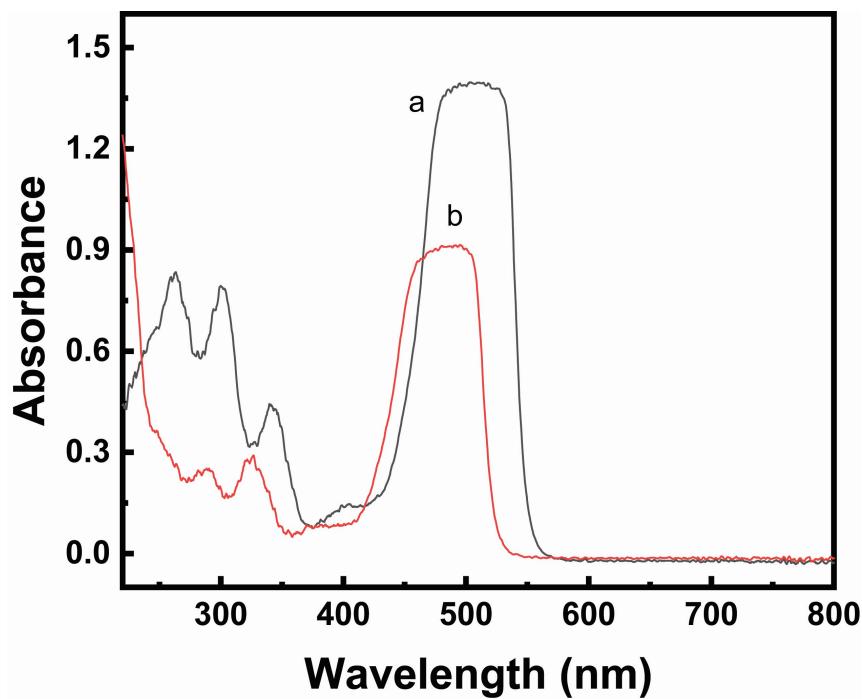
**Fig. S7.** Effect of pH of TEOA solution on  $\text{H}_2$  evolution.

Supplementary Fig. S8



**Fig. S8.** (A) XRD pattern and (B) Cu 2p high-resolution XPS spectrum of the used ZnWO<sub>4</sub>/CuO (6%).

Supplementary Fig. S9



**Fig. S9.** UV-vis spectra of the EY solution after irradiated for (a) 0 min and (b) 4 h in the presence of ZnWO<sub>4</sub>/CuO (6%) and TEOA.