## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Ag-SPR and Semiconductor Interface Effect on Ternary CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>

Z-Scheme Catalyst for Enhanced Removal of HIV Drugs and (Photo)Catalytic Activity

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Scheme S1. Schematic representation of  $CuO@Ag@Bi_2S_3$  ternary composite prepared by uttrasonication method

Figure S1. XPS spectra of the synthesized CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite: (a) Cu 2p,
(b) Bi 4f, (c) Ag 3d, (d) C1s, (e) S 2p, and (f) O 1s.

**Figure S2.** UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra (a) and photoluminescence spectra (b) of the synthesized CuO, Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, Ag@CuO, Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, CuO@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, and CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite.

**Figure S3.** The UV-vis absorption profiles of the removal efficiencies of (a) STV and (b) ZDV HIV drugs using CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite

**Figure S4.** The degradation efficiencies of (a) MB, (b) RhB, (c) MB at 664 nm in MB + RhB, and (d) RhB at 553 nm in MB + RhB mixed dye using CuO,  $Bi_2S_3$ , Ag@CuO,  $Ag@Bi_2S_3$ ,  $CuO@Bi_2S_3$ , and  $CuO@Ag@Bi_2S_3$  ternary composite under visible light irradiation.

Figure S5. The kinetics of (a) MB, (b) RhB, (c) MB at 664 nm in MB + RhB, (d) RhB at 553 nm in MB + RhB mixed dye, and (e) MCP degradation using CuO,  $Bi_2S_3$ , Ag@CuO,  $Ag@Bi_2S_3$ ,  $CuO@Bi_2S_3$ , and  $CuO@Ag@Bi_2S_3$  ternary composite under visible light irradiation.

**Figure S6.** Reuse experiments of the synthesized CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite in the photocatalytic degradation of (a) MB and (b) RhB dyes under visible light irradiation.

**Figure S7.** Trapping experiments of active species during the photocatalytic degradation of (a) MB, (b) RhB, (c) MB at 664 nm in MB + RhB, and (d) RhB at 553 nm in MB + RhB mixed dye using CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite under visible light irradiation.

**Figure S8.** Trapping experiment of active species during degradation of MCP over CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite catalyst under visible light irradiation.

**Figure S9.** The kinetics of 4-NP reduction using CuO, Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, Ag@CuO, Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, CuO@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, and CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite.

Scheme S2. Speculated reaction mechanism of the photocatalytic degradation of organic pollutants (dyes, pesticides, and antibiotics) catalyzed by CuO@Ag@Bi<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> ternary composite.

## **Supplementary Figures**



Scheme S1



Figure S1



Figure S2



Figure S3



Figure S4

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Time (min.)

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Time (min.)





Figure S5



Figure S6



Figure S7



Figure S8



Figure S9



Scheme S2