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FeOOH activating resorcinol-formaldehyde resin nanospheres for

the photo-Fenton degradation of organic pollutants

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Fig. S1 SEM image of the pristine RFS nanospheres.



Fig. S2 Degradation rate of RhB with different catalysts in dark condition. Experimental conditions: 0.5 g L^{-1} of photocatalysts, 15 ppm of RhB solution.



Fig. S3 UV-vis absorbance spectral and photographs changes of RhB after different irradiation time with 6FeOOH/RFS composite. Experimental conditions: 0.5 g L⁻¹ of photocatalysts, 15 ppm of RhB solution, visible light irradiation($\lambda > 420$ nm).



Fig. S4 Zero-order kinetics curves of the degradation of RhB by different photocatalysts.



Fig. S5 The degradation rate of RhB with different concentrations by 6FeOOH/RFS composite. Experimental conditions: 0.5 g L⁻¹ of photocatalysts, visible light irradiation($\lambda > 420$ nm).



Fig. S6 Degradation rate of DMP with different catalysts. Experimental conditions: 10 ppm of DMP solution, 1 g L⁻¹ of photocatalysts, visible light irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm).



Fig. S7 (a to f) The original HPLC data of **Fig. 4f** (HPLC chromatograms of the degradation of DMP by 6FeOOH/RFS composite after different reaction times).



Fig. S8 Photocatalytic production H_2O_2 of the (a) RFS nanospheres and (b) 6FeOOH/RFS composite after four cycling runs. Experimental conditions: 20 mg of catalysts, 40 mL of H_2O , visible light irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm).



Fig. S9 (a) XRD pattern and (b) FTIR spectrum of the 6FeOOH/RFS composite before and after four cycles of RhB degradation.



Fig. S10 (a) Survey XPS spectrum, high resolution (b) C1s, (c) O1s and (d) Fe2p XPS spectra of 6FeOOH/RFS composite after four cycles of RhB degradation.



Fig. S11 Cyclic voltammogram of (a) RFS and (b) FeOOH in 0.1 M Na₂SO₄ solution (pH 6.8) before and after AM 1.5G irradiation

| Samples | C [atom%] | O [atom%] | Fe [<i>atom%</i>] |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| Before reaction | 62.68 | 30.17 | 7.15 |
| After four cycles | 63.82 | 29.74 | 6.44 |

Table S1. The atomic ratios of the 6FeOOH/RFS composite before and after four

 cycles of RhB degradation according to the XPS detection