

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Unveiling the Origin of Efficient Photocatalytic Degradation of Nitazoxanide Over Bismuth (Oxy)Iodide Crystalline Phases

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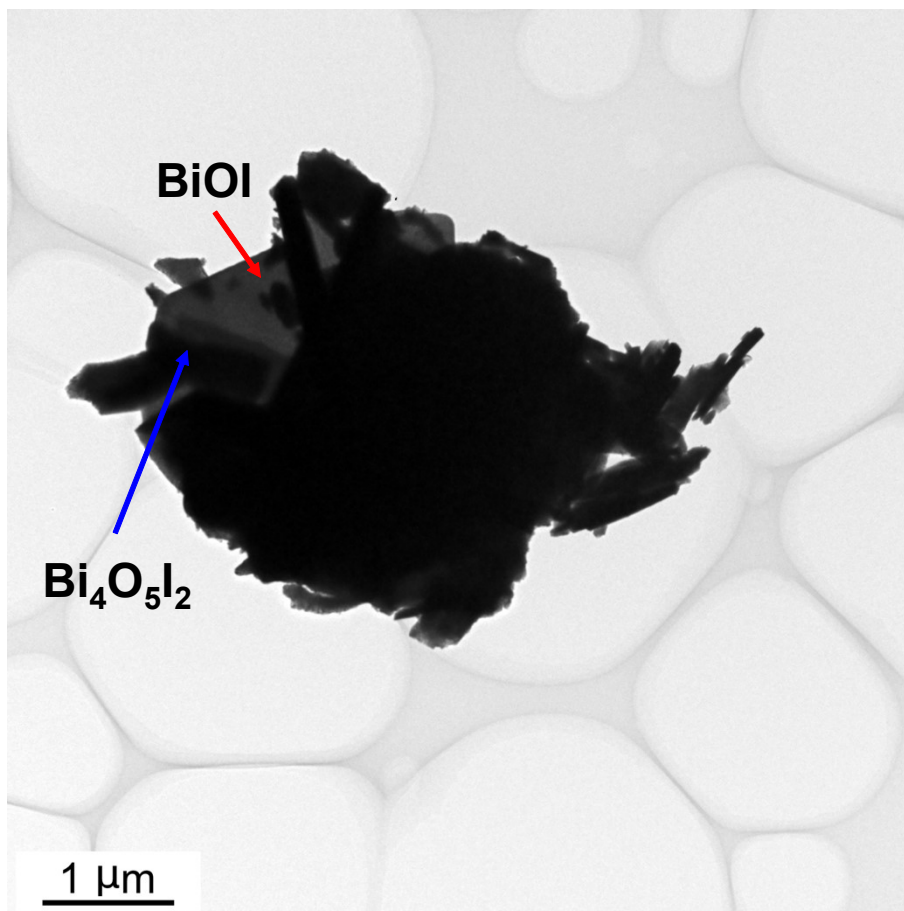
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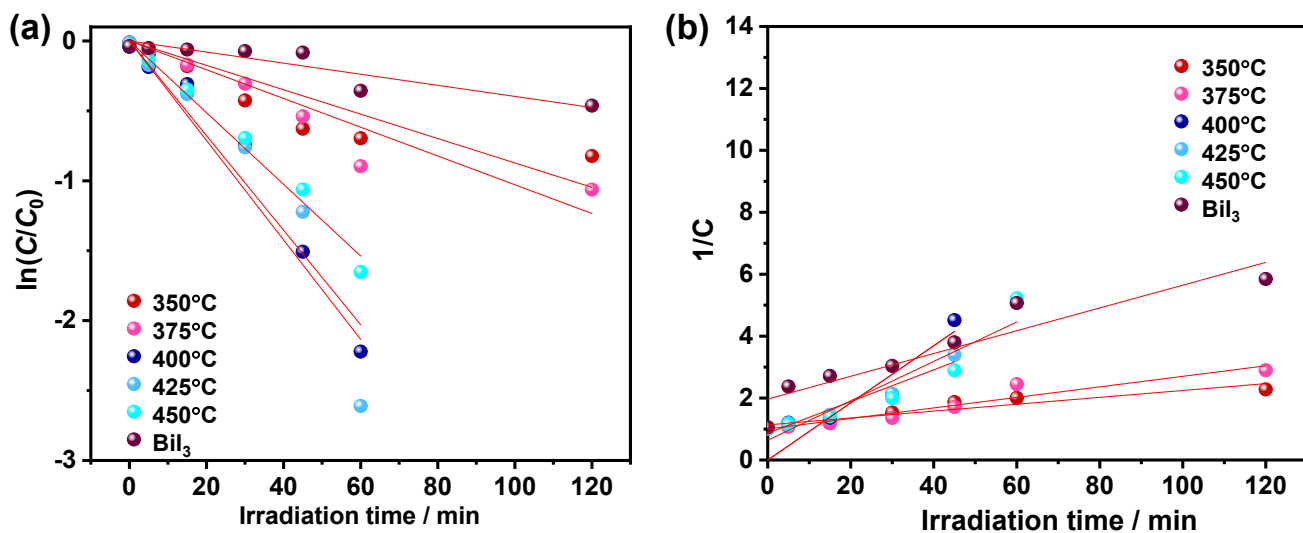
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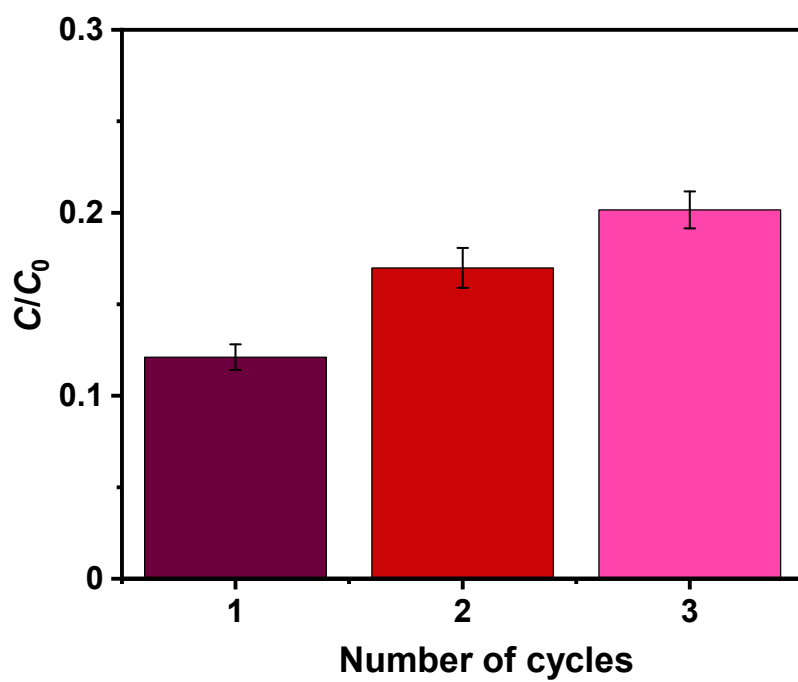
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**Figure S1.** TEM image of BiOI/Bi<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>I<sub>2</sub> heterostructures.



**Figure S2.** Comparison of pseudo-first-order (a) and pseudo-second-order (b) kinetic models of the photocatalytic removal of nitazoxanide by the synthesized photocatalysts.



**Figure S3.** Reusability test of the sample thermally treated at 375°C for the photocatalytic degradation of nitazoxanide for three consecutive cycles.

**Table S1.** Comparison of efficiencies of bismuth oxyiodides for the removal of carious pollutants.

Photocatalyst	Pollutant	Conditions	Efficiency	Ref.
BiOI/Bi <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> I <sub>2</sub> (375)	Nitazoxanide	Under visible light irradiation	100%, 60 min	<i>This study</i>
BiOI/Bi <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> I <sub>2</sub> (400)	Methylene blue	Under visible light irradiation	100%, 120 min	<i>Inorg. Chem. Commun.</i> , 2018, <b>93</b> , 65–68.
ZnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /BiOI/AgI	Rhodamine B	Under visible light irradiation	100%, 90 min photocatalysis 100%, 35 min photo-Fenton	<i>Mater. Res. Bull.</i> , 2024, <b>169</b> , 112508.
Ag-BiOI	Diclofenac sodium	Photoelectrocatalysis	92%, 240 min	<i>Sci. Rep.</i> , 2022, <b>12</b> , 4214
BiOI/UiO-66 p-n heterojunction	Sulfadiazine	Under visible light irradiation	100%, 90 min	<i>Chem. Eng. J.</i> , 2023, <b>451</b> , 138624.
BiOI	Sulfamethoxazole	Under visible light irradiation	<80%, 60 min photocatalysis 100%, 30 min in combined with chlorination	<i>Chem. Eng. J.</i> , 2023, <b>452</b> , 139103.
BiOBr <sub>x</sub> I <sub>(1-x)</sub>	Rhodamine B, tetracycline hydrochloride	Under visible light irradiation	100% RhB, 12 min 90% TCH, 12 min	<i>Mater. Res. Bull.</i> , 2024, <b>169</b> , 112506.
BiOI/BiOBr	Tetracycline	Under visible light irradiation	90%, 90 min	<i>Appl. Catal. B</i> , 2024, <b>304</b> , 123226.
BiOI/NH <sub>2</sub> -MIL125(Ti)	Oxytetracycline	Photocatalytic-ozonation	100%, 100 min	<i>Sci. Rep.</i> , 2023, <b>13</b> , 11113
Bi <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Cl/Bi <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> I <sub>2</sub>	Tetracycline, Rhodamine B	Under visible light irradiation	70.6% TC, 60 min 97.4% RhB, 60 min	<i>J. Colloid Interface Sci.</i> , 2023, <b>652</b> , 798–812.
Ag/Bi <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> I <sub>2</sub> /reduced graphene oxide	Tetracycline hydrochloride, ofloxacin, levofloxacin	Under visible light irradiation	90.2% TCH 60.9% ofloxacin 38.5% for levofloxacin after 180 min	<i>Mater. Today Sustain.</i> , 2023, <b>24</b> , 100478.

**Table S2.** Adsorption energy of nitazoxanide and water molecules.

Crystal plane	$E_{\text{ads}}$ (kcal·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$dE_{\text{ads}}/dN_i$ ( <i>nitazoxanide</i> )	$dE_{\text{ads}}/dN_i$ ( <i>water</i> )
BiOI (1 0 2)	-138.92	-64.51	-6.69
BiOI (1 1 0)	-124.54	-69.28	-5.18
BiOI ( $\bar{1} \bar{1} 0$ )	-122.20	-68.43	-4.85
Bi <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> I <sub>2</sub> ( $\bar{1} 0 1$ )	-46.81	-25.17	-0.03
BiOI (1 1 0) + Bi <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> I <sub>2</sub> ( $\bar{1} 0 1$ )	-121.52	-66.71	-5.07
BiOI (1 0 2) + Bi <sub>4</sub> O <sub>5</sub> I <sub>2</sub> ( $\bar{1} 0 1$ )	-147.10	-65.87	-7.59
Bi <sub>5</sub> O <sub>7</sub> I (2 0 0)	-43.61	-24.76	-1.63
BiI <sub>3</sub> ( $2 \bar{1} 3$ )	-42.94	-22.63	-0.07