

## Supplementary Data

### **Boosting photocatalytic activity of ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>-based photocatalyst for H<sub>2</sub> evolution using porous ZnWO<sub>4</sub> nanoflakelets as a cocatalyst**

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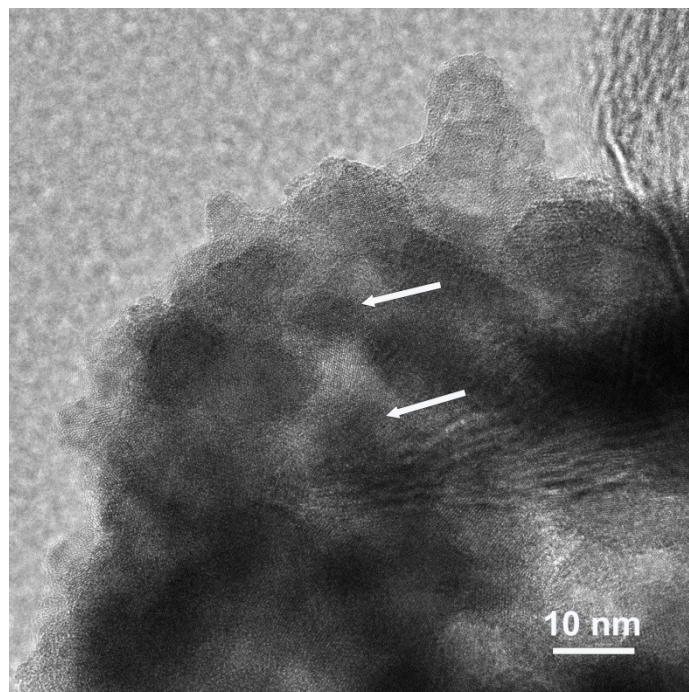
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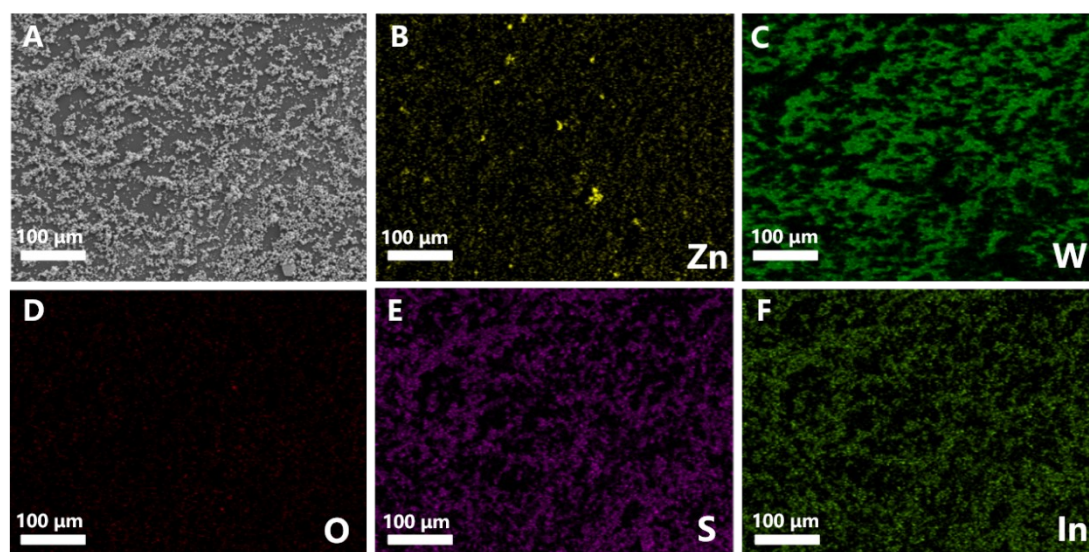
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Supplementary Fig. S1



**Fig. S1.** HRTEM image of ZIS/PZW (5%).

Supplementary Fig. S2



**Fig. S2.** (A) SEM image of ZIS/PZW (5%) and (B, C, D, E and F) corresponding element mappings (Zn, W, O, S and In).

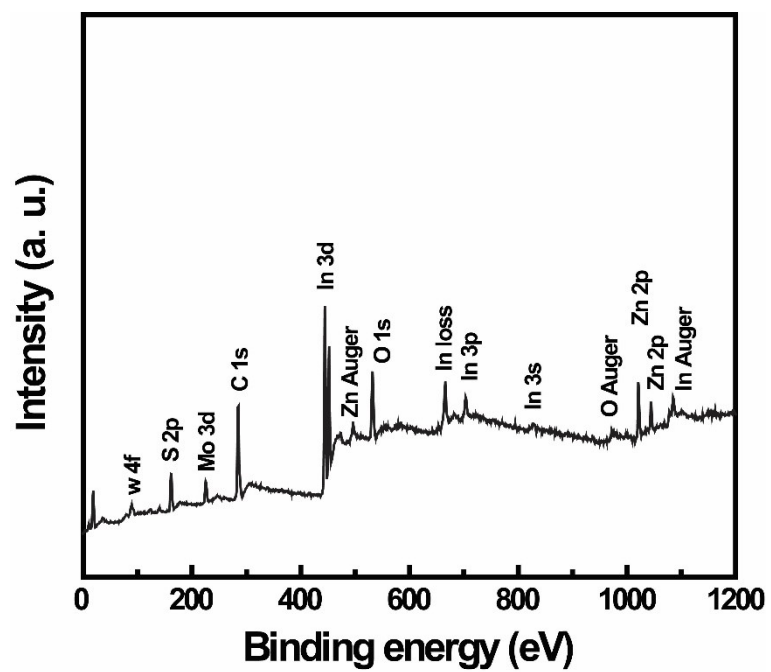


Fig. S3. XPS survey spectrum of ZIS/PZW (5%).

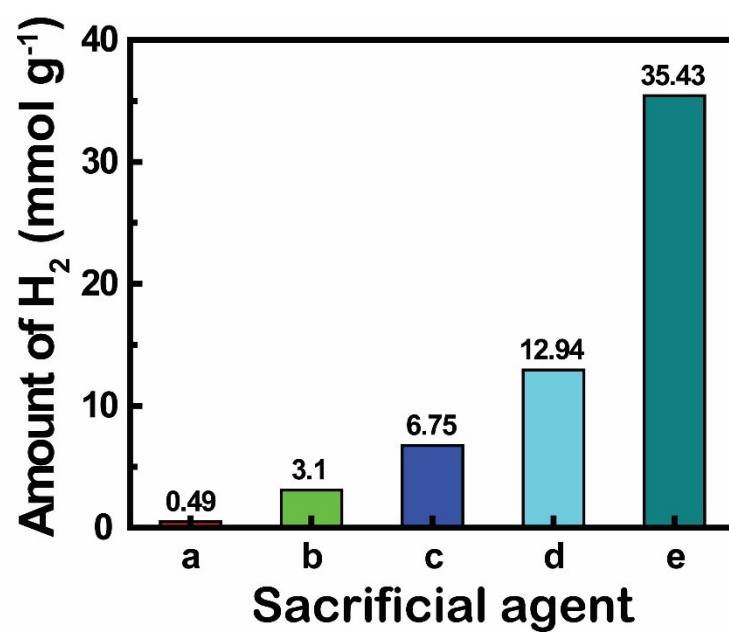
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Supplementary Table S1

**Table S1.** Photocatalytic activity of the ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>-based photocatalysts reported recently

Photocatalysts	H <sub>2</sub> generation rate (mmol g <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
ZIS/PZW (5%)	8.86	this work
ZnIn <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> nanosheets on FeWO <sub>4</sub> flowers	3.53	1
NiWO <sub>4</sub> /ZnIn <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> heterojunction	30.51	2
NiS/ZnIn <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /AgIn(WO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> nanocomposite	4.82	3
Ag <sub>2</sub> S modified ZnIn <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> nanosheets	1.00	4
ZnIn <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /black TiO <sub>2</sub> hollow spheres	5.56	5

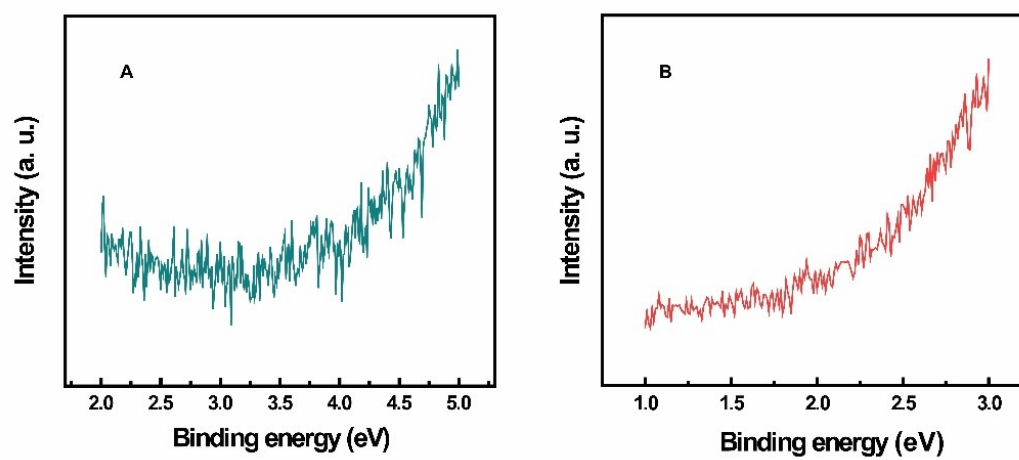
Supplementary Fig. S4



**Fig. S4.** Photocatalytic activity of ZIS/PZW (5%) for H<sub>2</sub> evolution when the sacrificial agent is (a) methyl alcohol, (b) glycol, (c) triethanolamine, (d) Na<sub>2</sub>S/Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> or (e) lactic acid (photocatalyst 15 mg; temperature 10 °C; irradiation time 4 h).

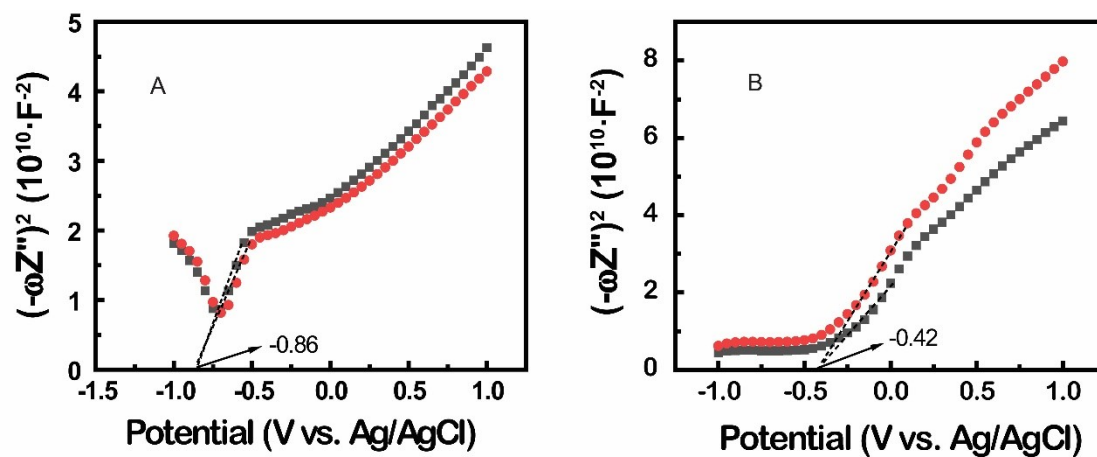
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Supplementary Fig. S5



**Fig. S5.** UPS spectra of (A) the porous  $\text{ZnWO}_4$  nanoflakelets and (B) the flower-like  $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$  microspheres.

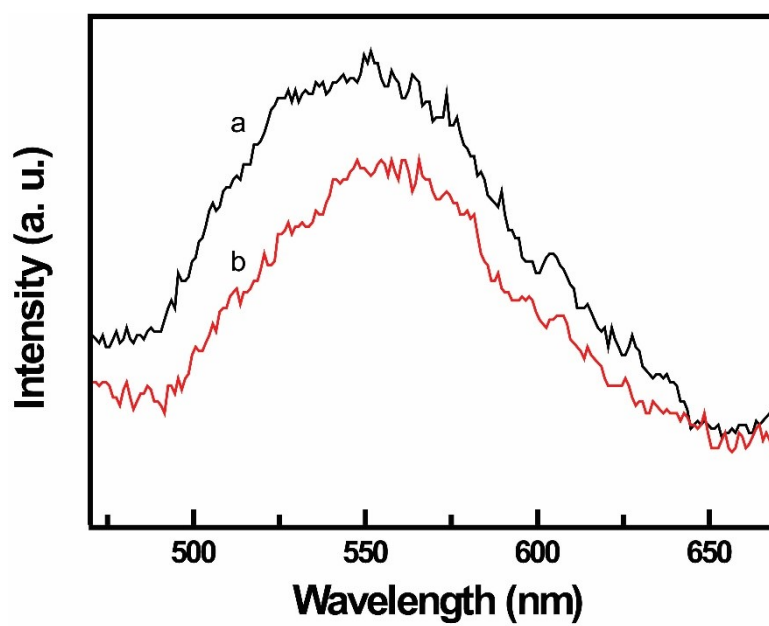
Supplementary Fig. S6



**Fig. S6.** Mott-Schottky curves of (A) the flower-like  $ZnIn_2S_4$  microspheres and (B) the porous  $ZnWO_4$  nanoflakelets.



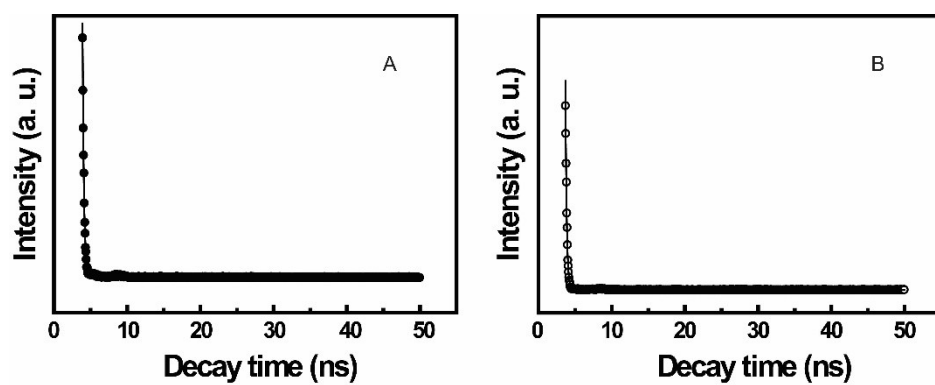
Supplementary Fig. S7



**Fig. S7.** Fluorescence spectra of (a) the  $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$  microspheres and (b) ZIS/PZW (5%) when the excitation wavelength is 360 nm.

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Supplementary Fig. S8



**Fig. S8.** Time-resolved fluorescence spectra of (A) the  $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$  microspheres and (B) ZIS/PZW (5%).

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