Supporting information

## **Supporting Information Summary**

The Supporting Information includes the FTIR, Raman, XPS, Zn-doped BiOBr of bandgap, EIS, MB degradation rate, RhB degradation rate, OFI degradation, six repeated cycles figures, and a comparative table of innovation with other articles.



Figure S1 FTIR spectra of BiOBr and  $Zn^{2+}/BiOBr-8$ .



Figure S2 Raman spectra of BiOBr and Zn<sup>2+</sup>/ BiOBr-8.



Figure S3 XPS spectra of the as-prepared Zn<sup>2+</sup>/BiOBr-8 material:(a) Survey of the sample; (b) Bi 4f;(c) Br 3d;(d) O 1s;(e) Zn 2p.



**Figure S4** Plot of (αhv)1/2-hv of BiOBr and Zn<sup>2+</sup>/BiOBr-x;



Figure S5 Electrochemical impedance (EIS) spectra of BiOBr and Zn/BiOBr-8.



Figure S6 Degradation rates of MB (20mg/l) of the samples

The 20 mg catalyst was added to 40 ml RhB with a concentration of 20 mg/l and illuminated for 20 min. RhB degradation rates of 20 mg/l by pure BiOBr,  $Zn^{2+}/BiOB-5$ ,  $Zn^{2+}/BiOB-8$  and  $Zn^{2+}/BiOB-10$  reached 44.1%, 69.82%, 90.96% and 64.53%, respectively.



Figure S7 Degradation rates of RhB (10mg/l) of the samples

The 20 mg catalyst was added to 40 ml OFl with a concentration of 20 mg/l, illuminated for 100 min. The OFl degradation rates of pure BiOBr,  $Zn^{2+}/BiOB-5$ ,  $Zn^{2+}/BiOB-8$  and  $Zn^{2+}/BiOB-10$  for 20 mg/l reached 58.19%, 66.59%, 75.4% and 64.89%, respectively.



Figure S8 Degradation rates of OFl (20mg/l) of the samples



Figure S9 Degradation rate of RhB, MB, and OFl by Zn<sup>2+</sup>/BiOBr-8



Figure S10 The degradation rate of  $Zn^{2+}/BiOBr-8+H_2O_2$  in six cycles

Table 1 Comparison of photocatalytic activity of composite BiOBr based photocatalyst

Catalysts	Removal efficiency (%)	Removal time (min)	Dye type	Dye concentration (mg/L)	Light source	Reaction volume (ml)	Catalyst usage (mg)	Refs*
Bi2MoO6/ BiOBr	90	40	MB	20	50W LED λ>410nm	30	30	i
Bi/BiOBr/ AgBr	95.6	90	RhB	10	10W LED 400nm<λ	100	50	ii
BiOCl/ BiOBr	93	360	MB	10	LED λ>410nm	30	30	iii
Co <sup>2+</sup> / BiOBr	98.9	150	MB	10	500W Xe λ>400nm	60	60	iv
Ln <sup>3+</sup> / BiOBr/rGO	70	65	RhB	10	300W Xe λ>420nm	100	50	v
Yb <sup>3+</sup> , Er <sup>3+</sup> / BiOBr	56	80	RhB	10	1000W halogen	100	100	vi
BiOBr	40.52	100	MB	10	300 W Xe λ>400nm	40	20	this study
Zn <sup>2+</sup> /BiOBr	96.78	100	MB	10	300 W Xe λ>400nm	40	20	this study

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