

## Supporting Information

# Synthesis and Characterization of micro / nano $\alpha$ - $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ for Photocatalytic Dye Degradation

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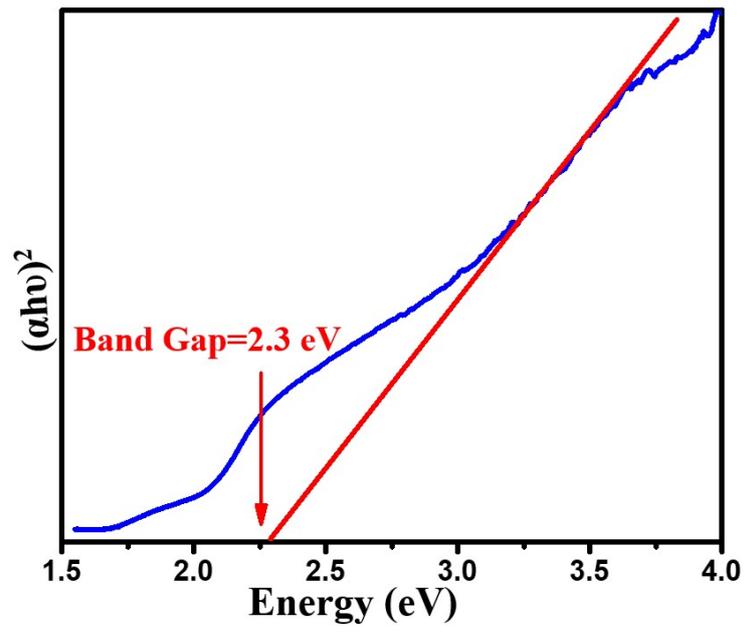
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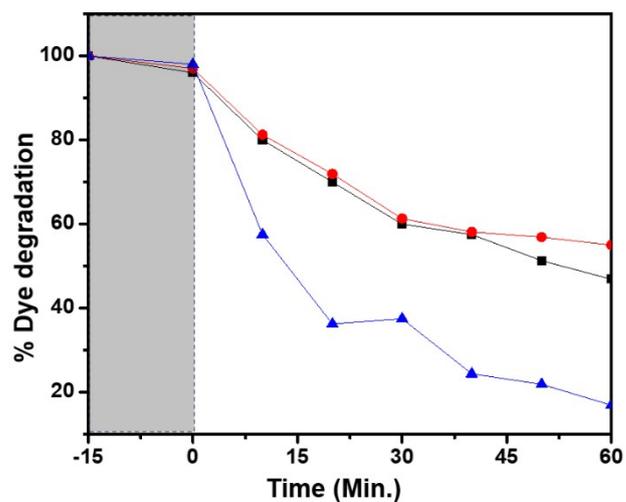
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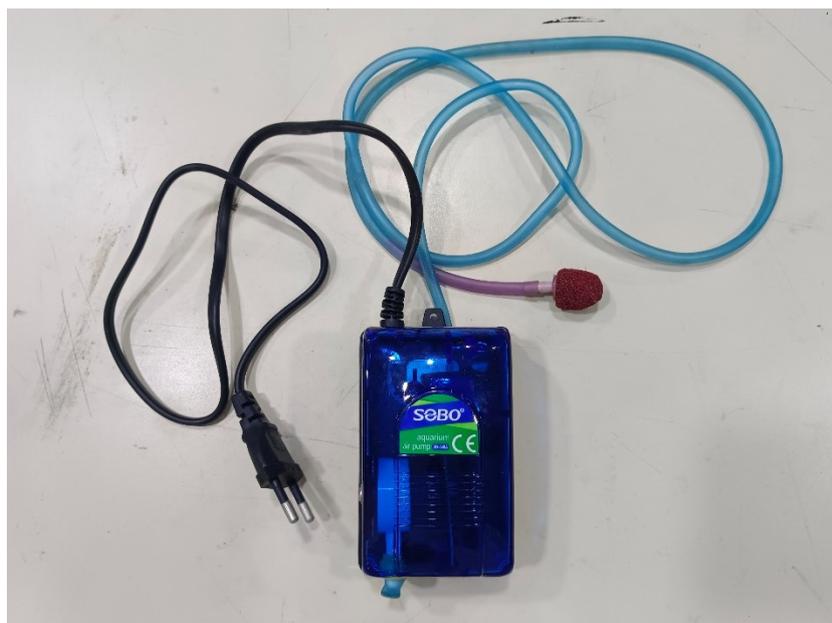
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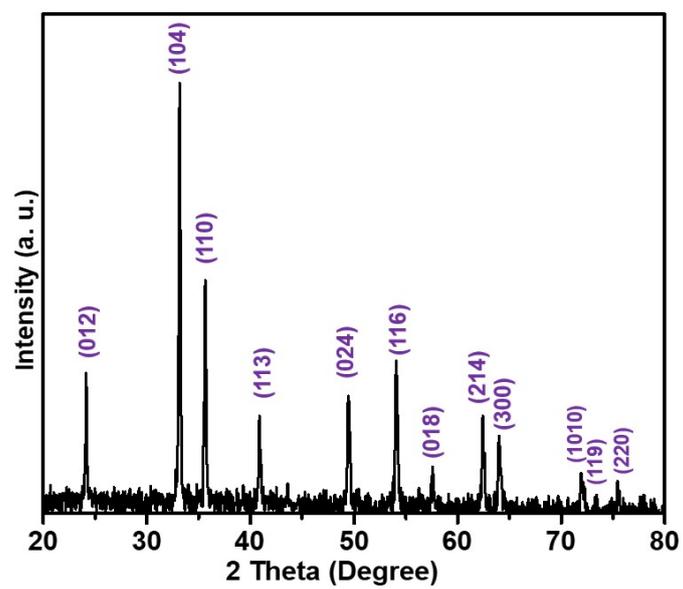
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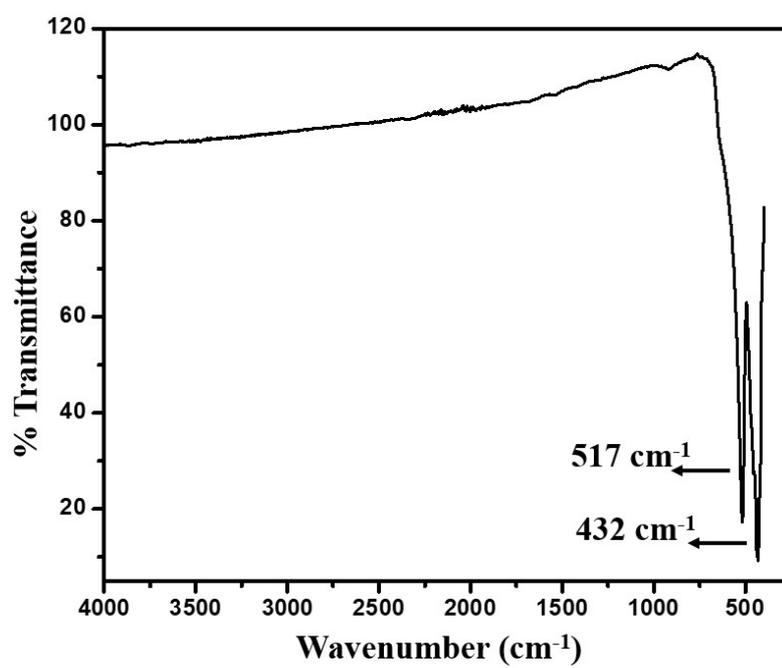
**Supporting Information Figure S2: 10 ppm Dye degradation Plot of 50mg Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> showing in dark adsorption results. For photocatalytic degradation results with sunlight-Red, for UV lamp-Green and for bubbler-Blue coloration is used.**



**Supporting Information Figure S3: Photograph of bubbler used in photocatalytic experiments**



Supporting Information Figure S4: XRD Spectrum of reused Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



Supporting Information Figure S5: FTIR spectrum of reused Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

**Supporting Information Table T1 Degradation of Rhodamine and crystal violet with Fenton reagent**

| <b>Method of preparation</b> | <b>Reaction condition</b> | <b>Dye Used and concentration</b> | <b>Rate of degradation</b> | <b>Ref.</b>   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Wet Chemical Approach        | Fenton reagent            | Rhodamine 25 ppm                  | 0.0576 /min                | 1             |
| Hydrothermal Method          | Fenton reagent            | Rhodamine 10ppm                   | 0.2279/min                 | 2             |
| Green Synthesis              | Fenton reagent            | Crystal Violet 10ppm              | 0.008/min                  | 3             |
| Solution Blow Spinning       | Fenton reagent            | Crystal Violet 5ppm               | 0.0018/min                 | 4             |
| Sol-Gel auto combustion      | Without Fenton reagent    | R6G and CV 10ppm                  | 0.0078/min                 | Present Study |

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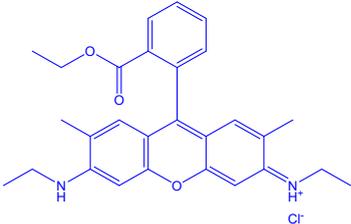
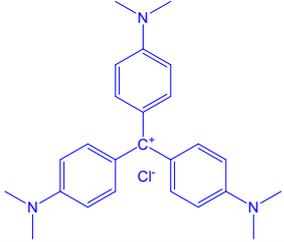
**Supporting Information Table T2 Degradation of organic pollutant with Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> through surface modification**

| Synthesis Method               | Photocatalyst                       | Dye Degradation | Degradation Time | Ref.          |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Solvothermal                   | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>      | Rhodamine       | 90 min           | 1             |
| Hydrothermal                   | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>      | Rhodamine       | 180 min          | 2             |
| Thermal Dehydration            | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>      | Rhodamine       | 120 min          | 3             |
| Seed Planting                  | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /CdS | Methylene Blue  | 420 min          | 4             |
| Precipitation by Polyol Method | Pt/ Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>  | Methylene Blue  | 120 min          | 5             |
| Sol-Gel Method                 | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>      | Malachite Green | 120 min          | 6             |
| Sol-Gel auto combustion        | Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>      | R6G and CV      | 60 min           | Present Study |

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Supporting Information Table T3 Basic Information of Rhodamine 6G and Crystal violet dye

| Name of Dye         | Rhodamine 6G dye                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Crystal violet dye                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Structure           |  The chemical structure of Rhodamine 6G dye is a xanthene derivative. It features a central xanthene ring system with a dimethylamino group (-N(CH3)2) at the 4-position and a diethylamino group (-N(CH3)2) at the 6-position. A phenyl ring is attached to the 3-position of the xanthene ring, which is further substituted with an ethyl ester group (-COOCH2CH3). |  The chemical structure of Crystal violet dye is a triphenylmethane derivative. It consists of a central carbon atom bonded to three phenyl rings. One of the phenyl rings is substituted with a dimethylamino group (-N(CH3)2) at the para position. The central carbon atom is also bonded to a chlorine atom (Cl) and carries a positive charge (C+). |
| Molecular Formula   | C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Cl                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>30</sub> ClN <sub>3</sub>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Molecular Mass      | 479.02 g / mol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 407.99 g/mol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Melting Point       | 215°C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 205°C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Solubility in Water | 20 g / cm <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 04 g / cm <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Density             | 1.26g / cm <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 1.19 g / cm <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Colure              | Bronze / Red                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Blue -violet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Absorbance          | 535-545 nm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 590 nm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Solvent             | Methanol, Ethanol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Chloroform, Alcohol and Glycerol                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Applications        | 1) R6G is widely used in biotechnology applications.<br>2) These are used in lasers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1) It is used to colorize fertilizer, antifreeze, detergent.<br>2) It is used to determine the fingerprints.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |