

## Supporting Information

### Sulfamethazine degradation in the VUV/PMS/Cu(II)

#### System the critical role of VUV and reduction

#### behavior of copper

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**Text S1.** Detection condition of UPLC

Waters ACQUITY UPLC®H-Class Ultra-Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) system equipped is employed to ascertain the organic concentration with a diode array detector. The SMZ detection conditions are as follows: the mobile phase consisted of 0.1% acetic acid solution and acetonitrile (V1:V2 =80:20) at a flow rate of 0.35 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. The detection wavelength was set at  $\lambda=265$  nm, with an injection volume of 10  $\mu$ L. The column temperature was maintained at 30 °C.

**Text S2.** Detection condition of UPLC-MS

Methanol and 0.1% formic acid were used as the mobile phase (60%:40%), the flow rate was set to 0.3 mL/min, the column temperature was 40°C, and the sample injection volume was 10µL. Mass spectrometry (m/z 50-500) was performed with an electrospray ionization (ESI) source in positive and negative ion modes. The gas temperature and flow rate are 300°C and 8 L/min respectively.

**Text S3.** Kinetic fitting

the pseudo-first-order kinetic model was used to fit the oxidation process.

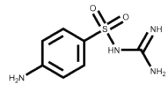
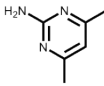
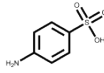
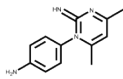
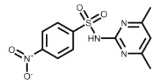
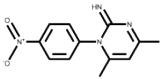
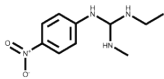
$$\ln\left(\frac{C_t}{C_0}\right) = -k_{obs}t$$

where  $C_0$  (mM) is the initial concentration of NOR,  $C_t$  (mM) represents the NOR concentration at reaction time  $t$  (min) after the introduction of calcite,  $k_{obs}$  ( $\text{min}^{-1}$ ) is the reaction rate constants of pseudo-first order.

**Table S1.** Pseudo-first-order rate obtained under different reaction conditions

| Conditions  |             |                |     |       |                                   |          |                |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----|-------|-----------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| SMZ<br>(mM) | PMS<br>(mM) | Cu(II)<br>(mM) | pH  | Types | Impact factor                     | <i>k</i> | R <sup>2</sup> |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.2767   | 0.9770         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | UVC   | \                                 | 0.1388   | 0.9773         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | \     | \                                 | 0.0638   | 0.9934         |
| 0.10        | 0           | 0              | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1460   | 0.9935         |
| 0.10        | 0           | 0              | 7   | UVC   | \                                 | 0.0643   | 0.9936         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0              | 7   | VUV   | \                                 |          |                |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.01           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1368   | 0.9928         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.02           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1468   | 0.9934         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.03           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1559   | 0.9944         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.04           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1739   | 0.9892         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.2767   | 0.9770         |
| 0.10        | 0.25        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.0904   | 0.9933         |
| 0.10        | 0.50        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1594   | 0.9863         |
| 0.10        | 0.75        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1874   | 0.9859         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.2767   | 0.9770         |
| 0.05        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.8346   | 0.9566         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.2767   | 0.9770         |
| 0.15        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1959   | 0.9282         |
| 0.20        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.0916   | 0.9836         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 3.2 | VUV   | \                                 | 0.2127   | 0.9593         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 5.2 | VUV   | \                                 | 0.2476   | 0.9147         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.2767   | 0.9770         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 8   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1687   | 0.9586         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 9   | VUV   | \                                 | 0.1912   | 0.9426         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 1mM NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>  | 0.2036   | 0.9908         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 3mM NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>  | 0.1340   | 0.9921         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 5mM NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>  | 0.1698   | 0.9905         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 1mM Cl <sup>-</sup>               | 0.2241   | 0.9522         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 3mM Cl <sup>-</sup>               | 0.1397   | 0.9705         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 5mM Cl <sup>-</sup>               | 0.1284   | 0.9826         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 1mM SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 0.2699   | 0.9226         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 3mM SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 0.2582   | 0.9517         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 5mM SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 0.2215   | 0.9284         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 1mM CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 0.1878   | 0.9476         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 3mM CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 0.3681   | 0.99394        |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 5mM CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> | 0.3679   | 0.9988         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 100mM MeOH                        | 0.0878   | 0.9983         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0.05           | 7   | VUV   | 100mM TBA                         | 0.1079   | 0.9875         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0              | 7   | VUV   | 100mM MeOH                        | 0.0422   | 0.9626         |
| 0.10        | 1.00        | 0              | 7   | VUV   | 100mM TBA                         | 0.0901   | 0.9731         |

**Table S2.** Identification of SMZ intermediate products degraded by VUV/PMS/Cu(II) system

| Product | Retention time | Molecular formula                                               | [M+H] <sup>+</sup> m/z | Molecular structure                                                                   |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P1      | 8.43           | C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S  | 214.04                 |    |
| P2      | 0.98           | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub>                    | 123.91                 |    |
| P3      | 3.69           | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>1</sub> O <sub>3</sub> S   | 173.83                 |    |
| P4      | 3.66           | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub>                  | 214.92                 |    |
| P5      | 6.24           | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> S | 308.85                 |    |
| P6      | 3.82           | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>     | 153.97                 |   |
| P7      | 0.97           | C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N <sub>3</sub>                    | 123.91                 |  |
| P8      | 5.82           | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | 244.98                 |  |
| P9      | 8.46           | C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>16</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | 224.97                 |  |

**Table S3.** Predicted acute and chronic toxicity of SMZ and its degradation by ECOSAR

| Compound         | Acute toxicity(mg/L)            |                                    |                                           | Chronic toxicity(mg/L) |              |                |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
|                  | Fish<br>(LC <sub>50</sub> )/96h | Daphnid<br>(LC <sub>50</sub> )/48h | Green<br>Algae<br>(EC <sub>50</sub> )/96h | Fish                   | Daphnid      | Green<br>Algae |
| <b>SMZ</b>       | 195                             | <b>6.02</b>                        | 19.5                                      | <b>3.26</b>            | <b>0.065</b> | <b>8.88</b>    |
| <b>P1-214.10</b> | 998000                          | 142                                | 1270                                      | 7060                   | 1910         | 1390           |
| <b>P2-309.10</b> | 215                             | 226                                | 21.7                                      | 2.24                   | 31           | 11             |
| <b>P3-245.10</b> | 1460000                         | 558000                             | 80500                                     | 89400                  | 18000        | 8700           |
| <b>P4-225.10</b> | 466                             | 46.3                               | 54.8                                      | 47.4                   | <b>3.18</b>  | 15.9           |
| <b>P5-215.14</b> | 44800                           | 43.5                               | 271                                       | 3570                   | <b>0.331</b> | 595            |
| <b>P6-124.13</b> | 19200000                        | 6350000                            | 501000                                    | 991000                 | 137000       | 39100          |
| <b>P7-124.10</b> | 62.1                            | <b>2.34</b>                        | <b>7.3</b>                                | <b>0.951</b>           | <b>0.026</b> | <b>3.04</b>    |
| <b>P8-174.13</b> | 119                             | <b>3.74</b>                        | 12.1                                      | 155                    | 65.3         | 87.2           |
| <b>P9-154.10</b> | 1350                            | 689                                | 331                                       | 116                    | 50.1         | 68.5           |

**Table S4.** Toxicity classification according to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

| Toxicity range<br>(mg/L)               | Class       |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| $LC_{50}/EC_{50}/ChV \leq 1$           | Very toxic  |
| $1 \leq LC_{50}/EC_{50}/ChV \leq 10$   | Toxic       |
| $10 \leq LC_{50}/EC_{50}/ChV \leq 100$ | Harmful     |
| $LC_{50}/EC_{50}/ChV > 100$            | Not Harmful |

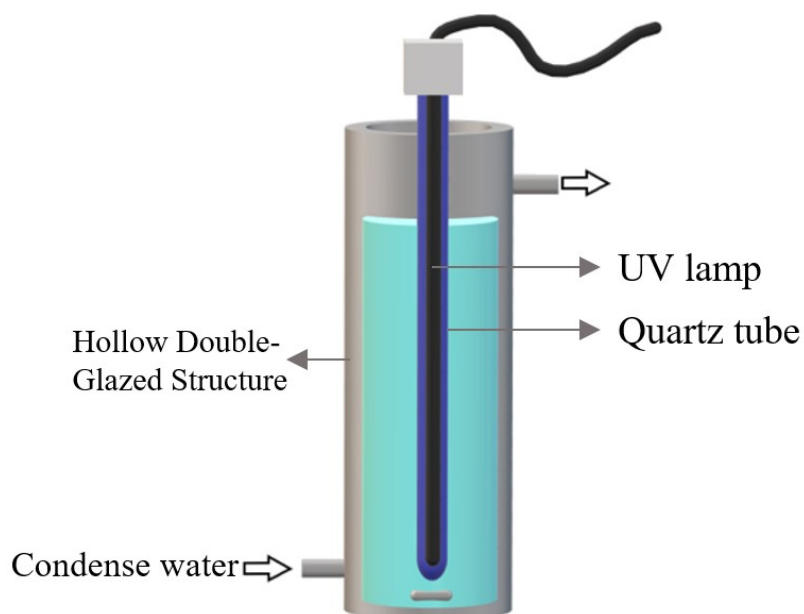


Figure S1 Experimental device diagram

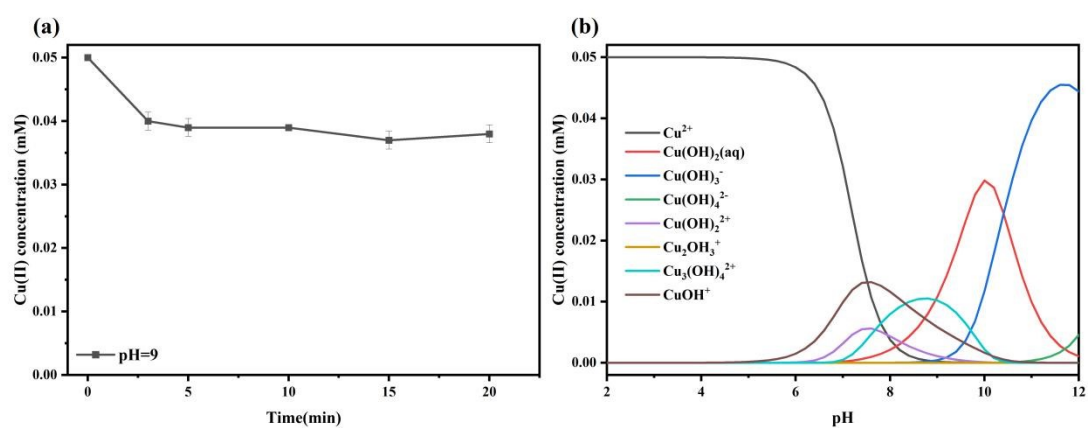


Figure S2 Concentration of Cu(II) at pH=9(a), Visual Minteq numerical simulation of Cu(II)(b).

Experimental conditions:  $[\text{Cu(II)}]_0 = 0.05 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{SMZ}]_0 = 0.1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{PMS}]_0 = 1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 9.0$ .

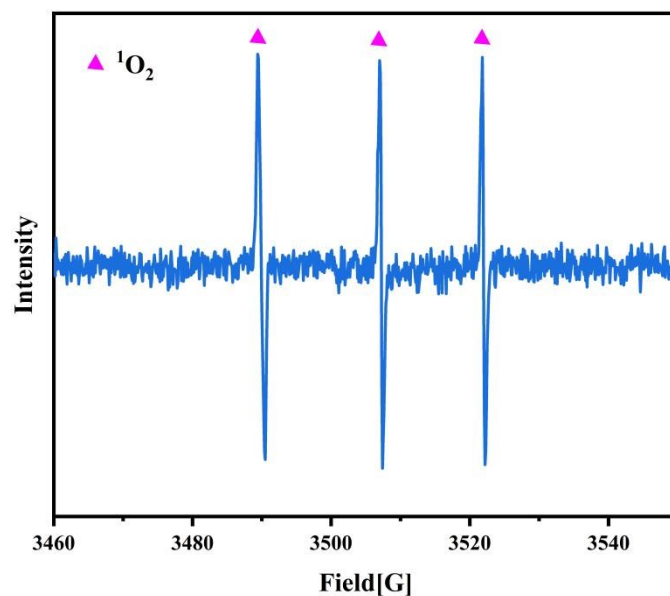


Figure S3 ESR spectra of  $^1\text{O}_2$ . Experimental conditions:  $[\text{Cu(II)}]_0 = 0.05 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{SMZ}]_0 = 0.1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{PMS}]_0 = 1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 7.0$ .

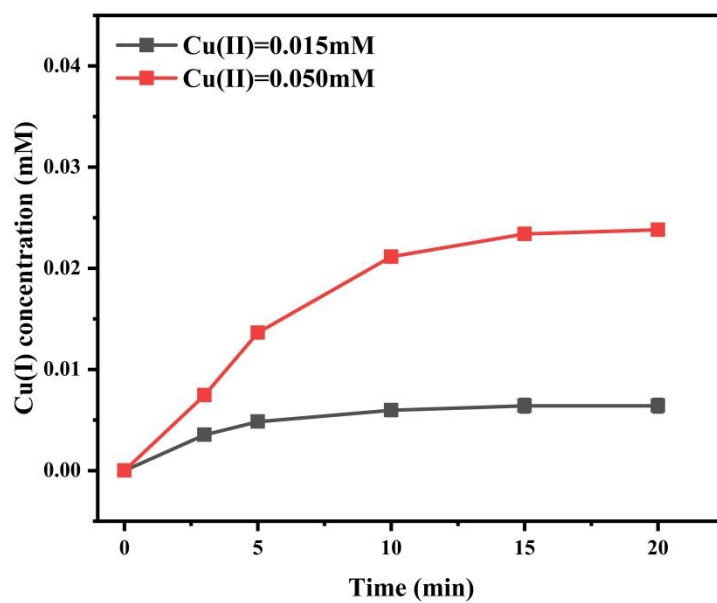
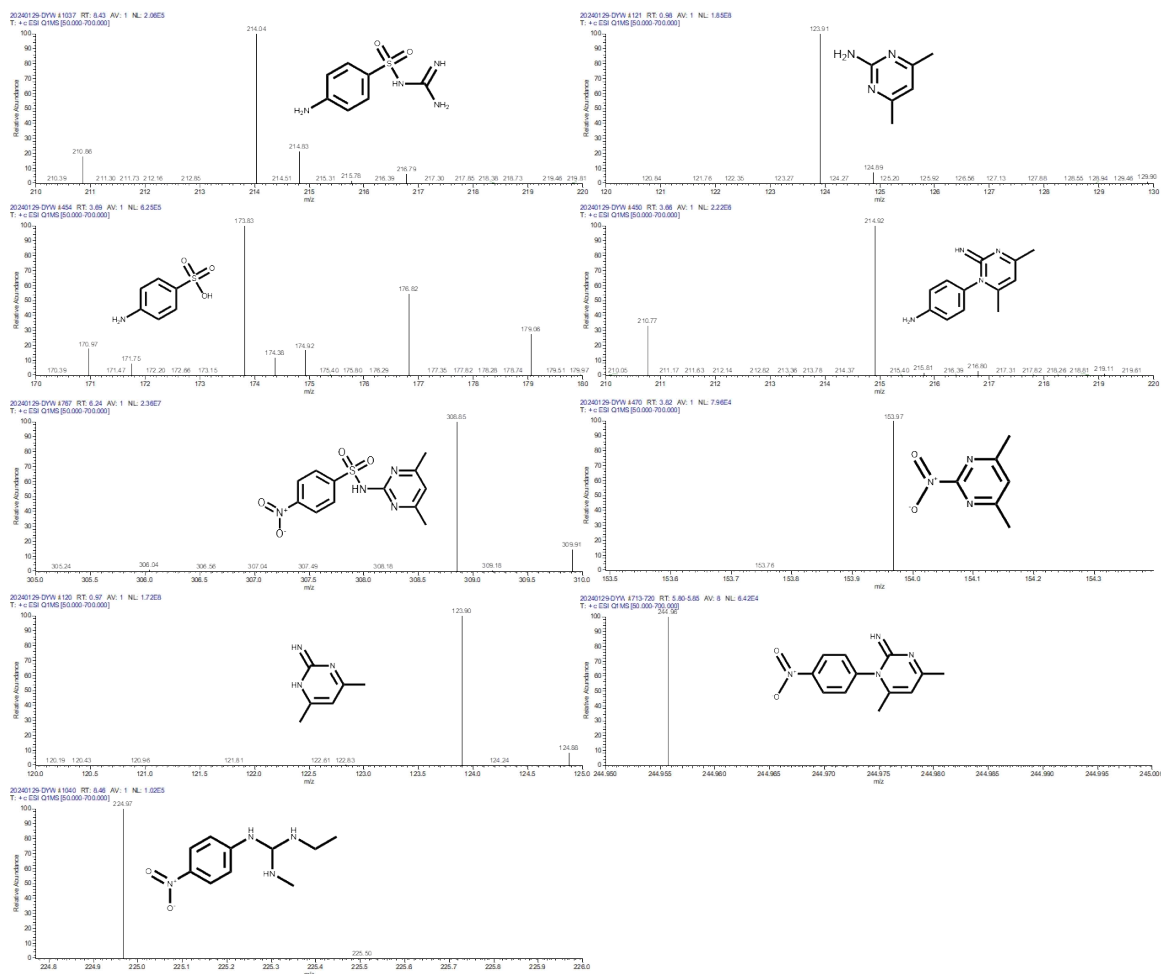


Figure S4 Cu(I) concentration change under different Cu(II) initial in VUV/PMS/Cu(II).

Experimental conditions:  $[\text{SMZ}]_0 = 0.1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{PMS}]_0 = 1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 7.0$ .



**Figure S5.** Mass spectrum of intermediate products of SMZ degraded by VUV/PMS/Cu(II) system