

## Supplementary Information

Green synthesis of EuCN S-scheme photocatalysts via *Centella asiatica* extract  
for enhanced MB photodegradation and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> photoproduction:

DFT investigation and mechanistic insights

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### S1. *Centella asiatica*



Figure S1: *Centella asiatica*

## S2. Preparation of *Centella asiatica* extract



Figure S2: Extraction procedure of *C. asiatica* leaf extract

## S3. Synthesis of graphitic carbon nitride

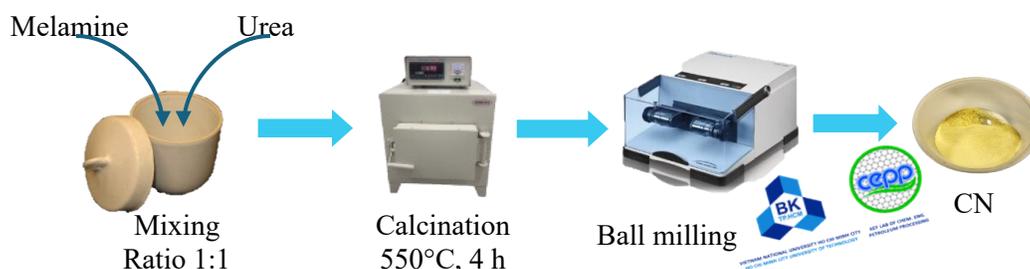


Figure S3: Preparation process of CN

## S4. Green synthesis of europium oxide

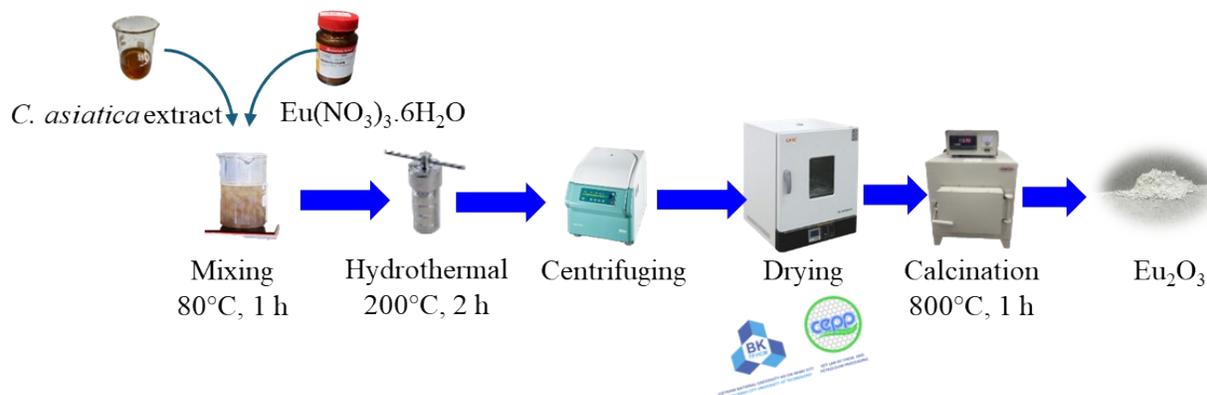


Figure S4: Green synthesis strategy for  $\text{Eu}_2\text{O}_3$  nanoparticle

## S5. Synthesis of europium oxide decorated on graphitic carbon nitride composite

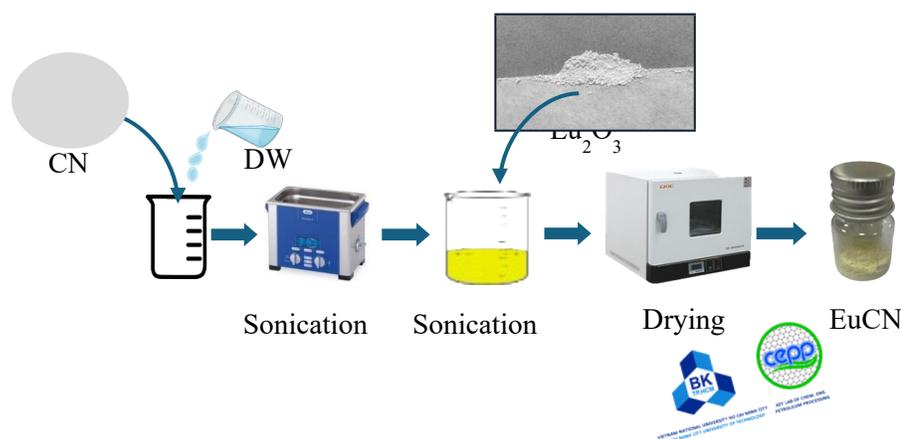


Figure S5: Synthesis procedure of EuCN composites

## S6. HPLC measurement and results

### S6.1. Chromatographic conditions

For flavonoids	For vitamin C
<p>Chromatographic analysis was performed using an HPLC system equipped with a C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm) or an equivalent stationary phase. The detection wavelength was set at 370 nm. The mobile phase consisted of methanol-water-phosphoric acid (100:100:1, v/v/v). The flow rate was maintained at 1.5 mL/min, the column temperature was controlled at 30°C, and the injection volume was 20 μL. The mobile phase composition was adjusted when necessary to optimize peak separation.</p>	<p>Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) was analyzed using an HPLC system equipped with a C18 column (250 mm × 4.6 mm, 5 μm). Detection was performed using a UV detector set at 245 nm. The mobile phase consisted of a phosphate buffer solution adjusted to pH 2.5. The flow rate was maintained at 1.0 mL/min, and the injection volume was 20 μL. The phosphate buffer was prepared by dissolving 7.8 g of dibasic sodium phosphate and 6.1 g of monobasic potassium phosphate in water and diluting to 1000 mL. The pH was adjusted to 2.5 using phosphoric acid (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>). The solution was filtered and degassed prior to use.</p>

### ***S6.2. Preparation of standard solution***

<b>For flavonoids</b>	<b>For vitamin C</b>
<p>A stock standard solution of isorhamnetin was prepared by accurately weighing approximately 20 mg of isorhamnetin into a 100 mL volumetric flask. Seventy milliliters of methanol were added, followed by sonication with intermittent shaking until complete dissolution. After cooling to room temperature, methanol was added to volume and the solution was mixed thoroughly. For the mixed standard solution, approximately 20 mg of quercetin and 20 mg of kaempferol were accurately weighed into a 100 mL volumetric flask. Sixty milliliters of methanol were added, and the mixture was sonicated with intermittent shaking until completely dissolved. After cooling, exactly 25.0 mL of the isorhamnetin stock solution was added, and the solution was diluted to volume with methanol. The final solution was filtered through a 0.45 µm membrane filter prior to injection.</p>	<p>Approximately 50 mg of ascorbic acid reference standard was accurately weighed and transferred into a 100 mL volumetric flask. About 50 mL of distilled water was added, and the solution was sonicated and shaken until complete dissolution. After cooling to room temperature, distilled water was added to volume and mixed thoroughly. The solution was filtered through a 0.45 µm membrane filter prior to injection.</p>

### ***S6.3. Preparation of sample solution***

<b>For flavonoids</b>	<b>For vitamin C</b>
<p>Approximately 0.5 g of <i>Centella asiatica</i> powdered sample was accurately weighed and extracted with 25 mL of distilled water. The extraction was performed by sonication at 40°C for 1 h. The extract was subsequently filtered through a 0.45 µm membrane filter to obtain the sample solution for HPLC analysis.</p>	

## S6.4. System suitability and analytical procedure

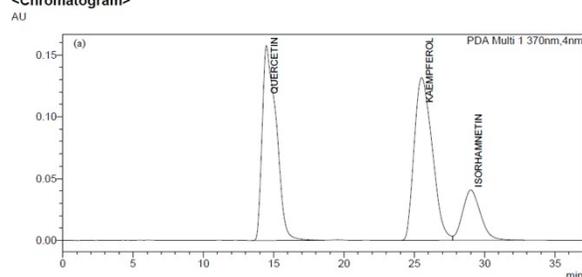
### For flavonoids

### For vitamin C

The standard solution was injected into the HPLC system, and chromatograms were recorded. System suitability was evaluated based on the following criteria: the relative standard deviation (RSD) of peak areas from six consecutive injections was required to be  $\leq 2.0\%$ , and the peak symmetry factor was required to be  $\leq 2.0$ . After the system met the suitability requirements, the sample solution was injected under the same chromatographic conditions, and chromatograms were recorded for quantitative analysis.

## S6.5. Results

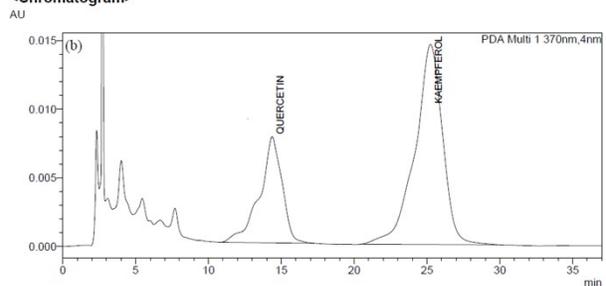
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Name	Tailing Factor	Theoretical Resolution(US)
1	14.483	10941595	157043	QUERCETIN	1.663	977
2	25.520	11742840	131530	KAEMPFEROL	1.330	1766
3	29.008	3587809	40718	ISORHAMNETIN	--	2357
Total		26272044	329290			

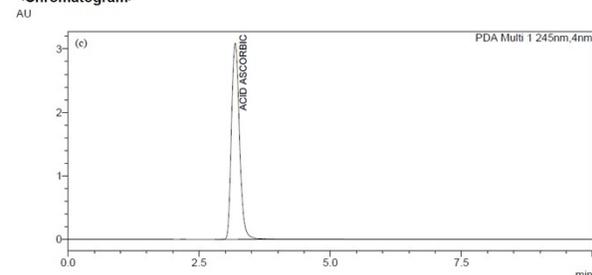
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1	14.372	829779	7748	QUERCETIN	0.769	557
2	25.242	1923343	14576	KAEMPFEROL	0.831	997
Total		2753122	22324			3.859

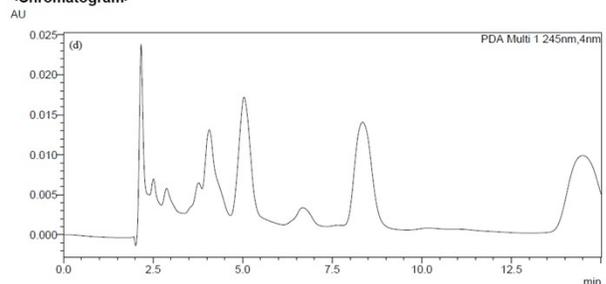
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Peak#	Ret. Time	Area	Height	Conc.	Unit	Mark	Name
1	3.189	33095841	3099410	0.000	mg/L		ACID ASCORBIC
Total		33095841	3099410				

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Figure S6: Representative HPLC chromatograms of the standard and sample solutions for polyphenols and vitamin C: (a) polyphenol standard, (b) polyphenol sample, (c) vitamin C standard, and (d) vitamin C sample

## S7. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> measurement

The calibration curve of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as shown in Figure S7.

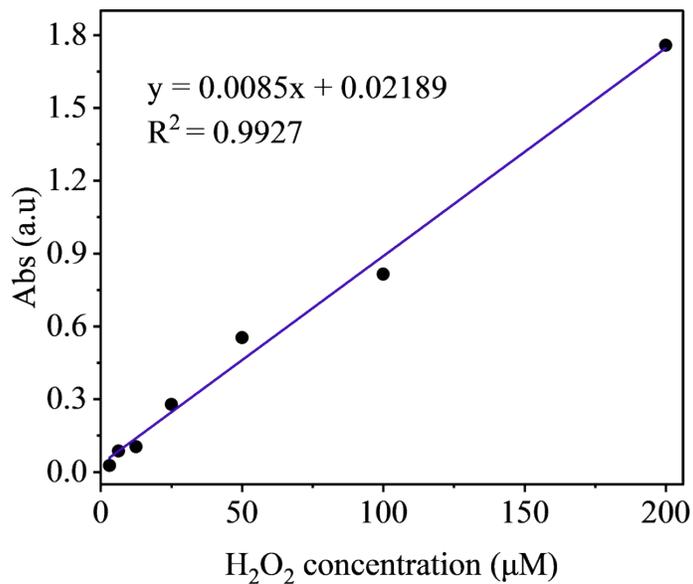


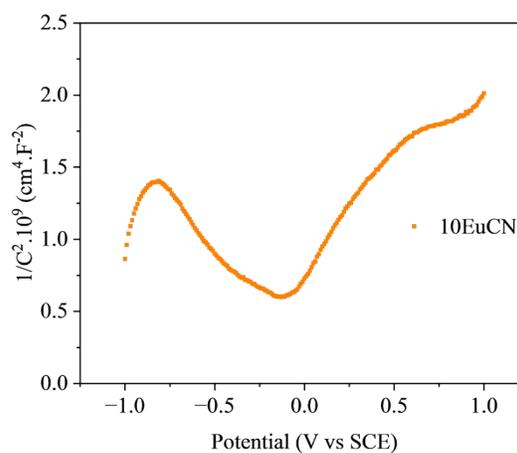
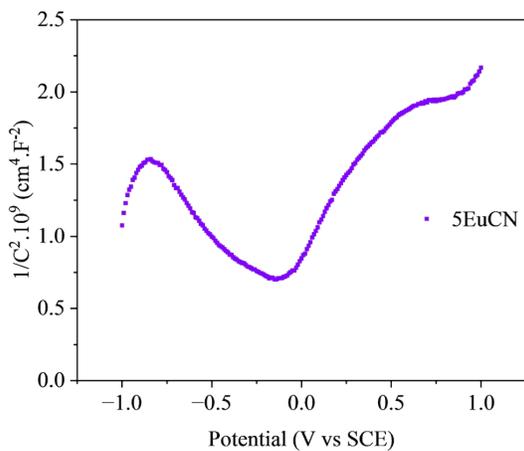
Figure S7: H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> calibration curve.

Based on Figure S7, the concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was determined according to the following Equation (S1).

$$y = 0.0085x + 0.0219 \quad (\text{S1})$$

where x is the H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration (μM) and y is the absorbance (a.u), respectively.

## S8. Mott-Schottky curves



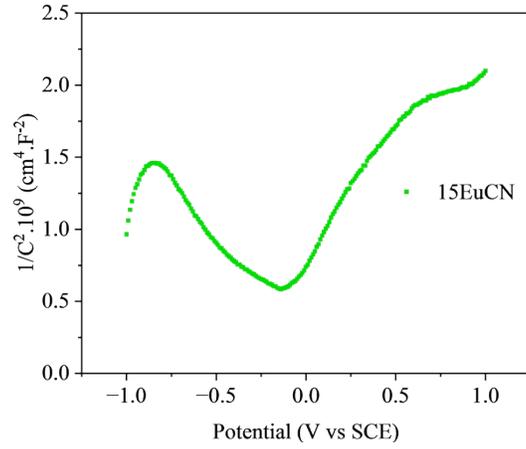


Figure S8: Mott-Schottky curves of (a) 5EuCN, (b) 10EuCN, and (c) 15EuCN composite

### S9. DFT calculation

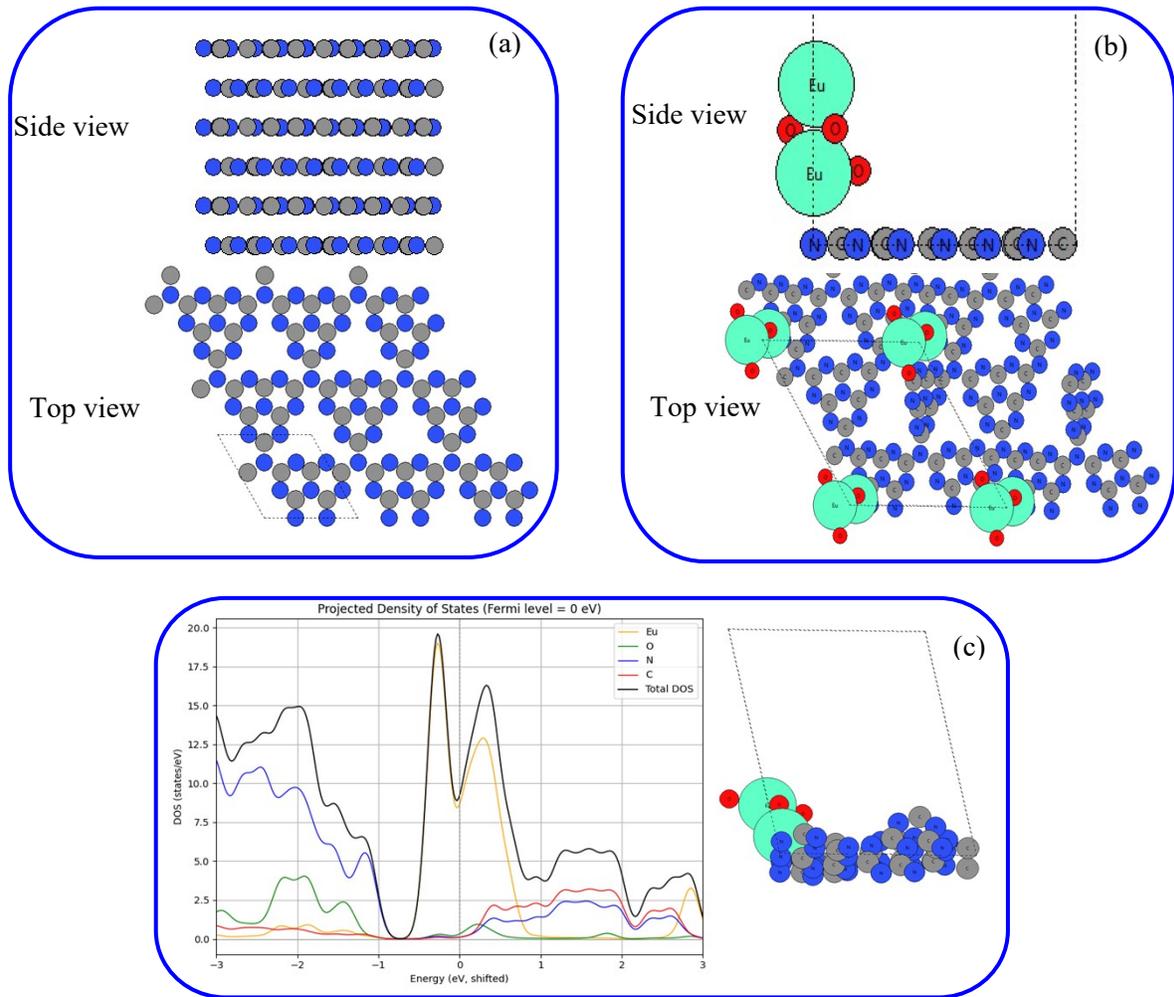


Figure S9: Building structure for (a) CN and (b) EuCN; (c) total DOS of EuCN composite