## **Supporting Information**

## In situ synthesis and high adsorption performance of MoO<sub>2</sub>/Mo<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub> and MoO<sub>2</sub>/MoS<sub>2</sub> composite nanorods by reduction of MoO<sub>3</sub>

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**Table S1.** Kinetic parameters for adsorption of  $Cu^{2+}$  ions on  $MoO_2/MoS_2$  ( $MoO_3:S=1:2$ ).

Samples	$q_e(\exp.) (\text{mg g}^{-1})$	Pseudo-first-order		Pseudo-second-order		
		$q_e(\text{cal.}) (\text{mg g}^{-1})$	$k_1(\min^{-1})$	$q_e(cal.) (mg g^{-1})$	$k_2(g mg^{-1} min^{-1})$	$\mathbb{R}^2$
MoO <sub>3</sub> :S=1:2	137.4226	115.1914	0.0006	135.5014	0.0371	0.998



Figure S1. The pseudo-first order sorption kinetics of RhB onto samples





**Figure S3.** (a) Adsorption curve of  $Cu^{2+}$  ions by  $MoO_2/Mo_4O_{11}$  (MoO<sub>3</sub>:S=1:0.25) composite nanorods versus contact time in water. (b) The pseudo-second order sorption kinetics of  $Cu^{2+}$  ions onto  $MoO_2/Mo_4O_{11}$  (MoO<sub>3</sub>:S=1:0.25) composite nanorods.



**Figure S4.** The pseudo-first order sorption kinetics of  $Cu^{2+}$  ions onto  $MoO_2/Mo_4O_{11}$  (MoO<sub>3</sub>:S=1:0.25) composite nanorods.



**Figure S5.** Adsorption curve of  $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $Cr^{3+}$ , and  $Pb^{2+}$  ions by  $MoO_2/Mo_4O_{11}$  (MoO<sub>3</sub>:S=1:0.25) composite nanorods versus contact time in water.

