

## Supporting Information

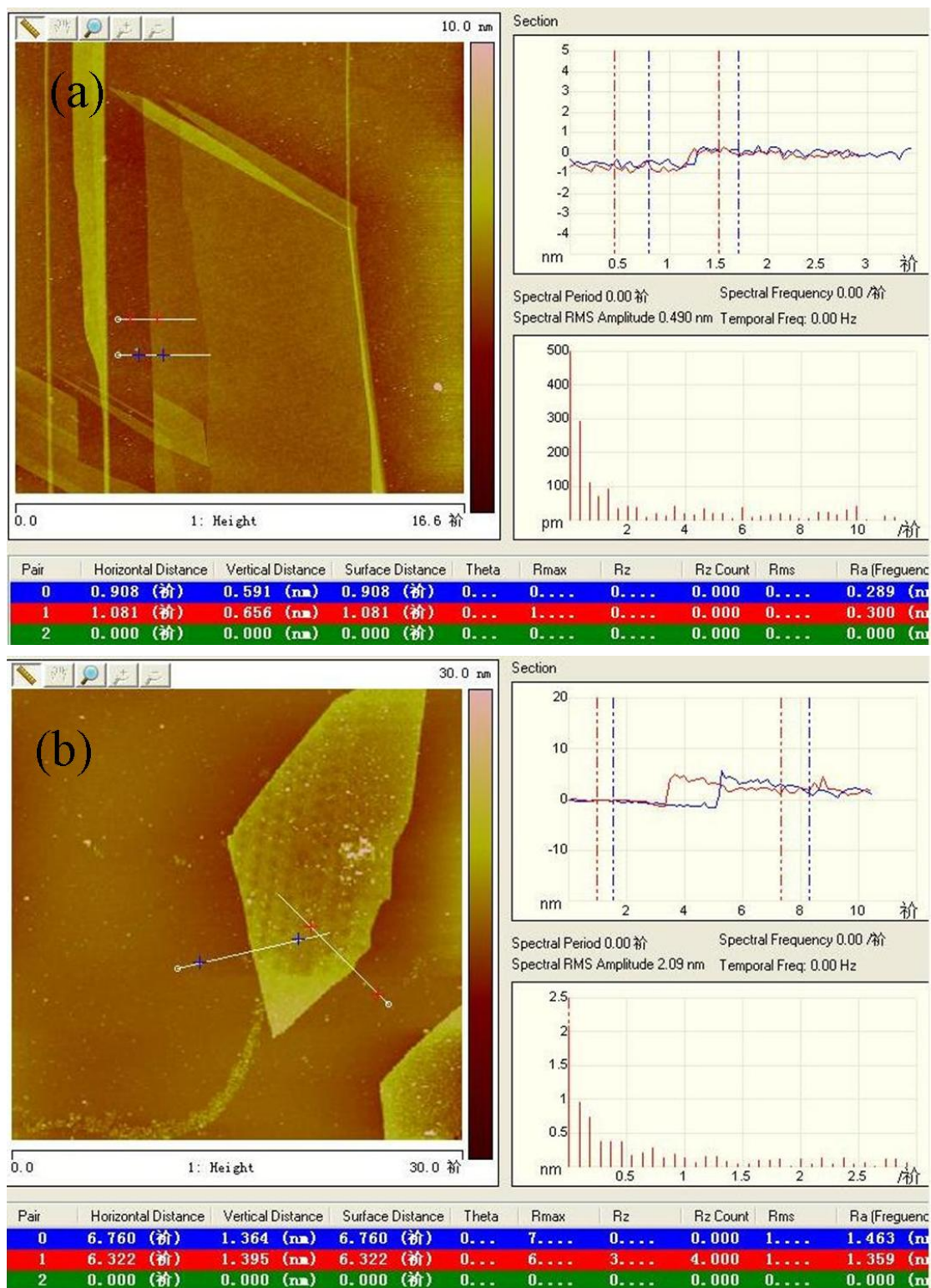
### **Microstructure Evolution of Diazonium Functionalized Graphene: A Potential Approach to Tune Graphene Electronic Structure**

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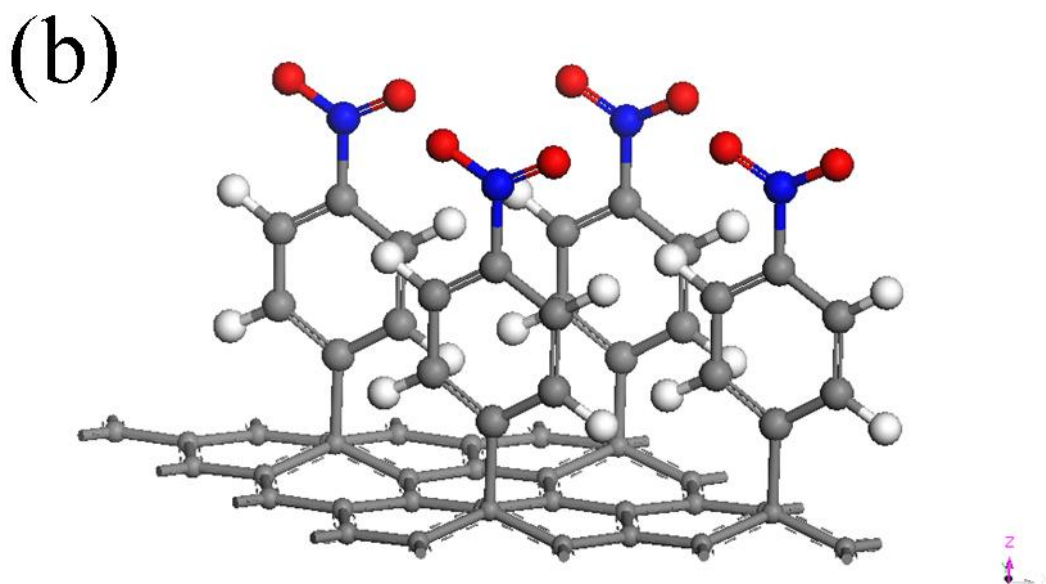
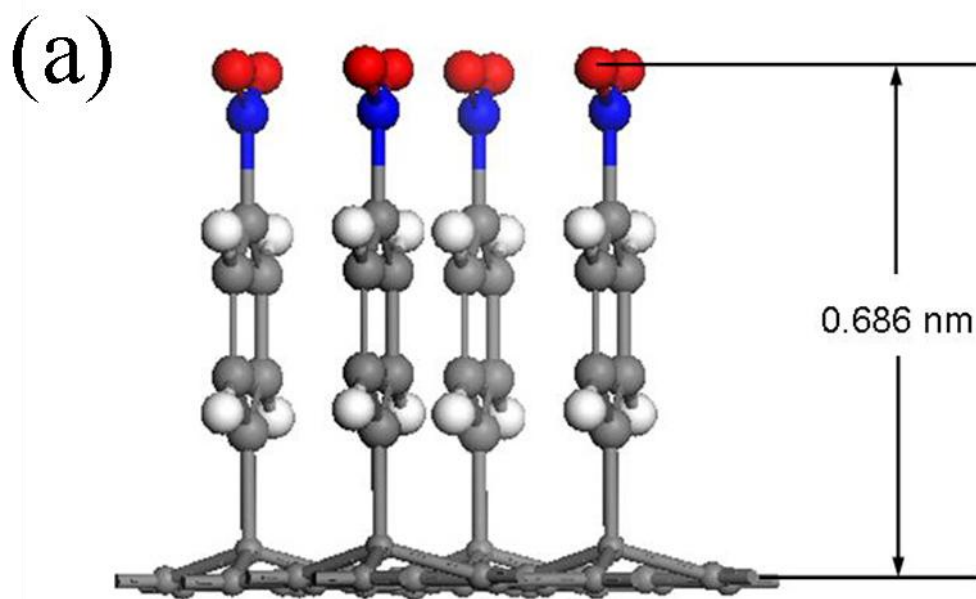
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**Figure S1.** AFM height images of (a) pristine and (b) modified monolayer graphene.



**Figure S2.** Side view of an atomic model for nitrophenyl group functionalized graphene. The grey balls represent C atoms, while the blue, red, and white ones present N atoms, O atoms, H atoms respectively.

**Table S1.** The base plane crystal lattice constant of functionalized graphene at different reaction times and different concentrations of 4-NPD

	Sample 0	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5
$t_{\text{reaction}}$	----	5h	10 h	10 h	25 h	<u>25h</u>
$C_{4\text{-NPD}}$	----	10 mM	15 mM	20 mM	35 mM	<u>20 mM</u>
$d$	2.46 Å	2.50 Å	2.54 Å	2.58 Å	2.42 Å	<u>2.44 Å</u>

$t_{\text{reaction}}$  : the reaction time;  $C_{4\text{-NPD}}$ : the concentration of 4-NPD;  $d$ : the base plane crystal lattice constant of functionalized graphene.



**Scheme S1.** Reaction between Graphene and 4-nitrophenyl diazonium, the nitrophenyl groups were bonded with nearly perpendicular configuration.