

Supporting Information

Ionic liquids self-combustion synthesis of BiOBr/Bi₂₄O₃₁Br₁₀ Heterojunctions with exceptional visible-light photocatalytic performances

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Table S1 The pseudo-first order rate constants k for 50 mg/L of RhB degradation under visible light irradiation over various catalysts

Sample	Fitted equation	k (min ⁻¹)	Correlation coefficient (R)
BiOBr	$y = 0.0287x + 0.0921$	0.0287	0.9834
90%BiOBr	$y = 0.0875x + 0.1154$	0.0875	0.9927
85%BiOBr	$y = 0.0964x + 0.1625$	0.0964	0.9802
75%BiOBr	$y = 0.1150x + 0.1590$	0.1150	0.9878
71%BiOBr	$y = 0.0676x + 0.2269$	0.0676	0.9986
51%BiOBr	$y = 0.0434x + 0.2383$	0.0434	0.9947
31%BiOBr	$y = 0.0388x + 0.2446$	0.0388	0.9845
P25 TiO ₂	$y = 0.0080x + 0.0070$	0.0080	0.9844

Table S2 The pseudo-first order rate constants k for 30 mg/L of MO degradation under visible light irradiation over various catalysts

Sample	Fitted equation	k (min ⁻¹)	Correlation coefficient (R)
BiOBr	$y = 0.0013x + 0.0790$	0.0013	0.9983
90%BiOBr	$y = 0.0052x + 0.2446$	0.0052	0.9997
85%BiOBr	$y = 0.0088x + 0.2095$	0.0088	0.9800
75%BiOBr	$y = 0.0117x + 0.3065$	0.0117	0.9976
71%BiOBr	$y = 0.0048x + 0.3369$	0.0048	0.9983
51%BiOBr	$y = 0.0042x + 0.3439$	0.0042	0.9984
31%BiOBr	$y = 0.0034x + 0.2705$	0.0034	0.9961
P25 TiO ₂	$y = 0.00002x + 0.0030$	0.00002	0.9999

Table S3. Electronegativity, calculated CB and VB edge positions of BiOBr and Bi₂₄O₃₁Br₁₀ semiconductors.

Semiconductor	E _g /eV	Electronegativity (χ) /eV	Calculated position /eV	CB	Calculated position /eV	VB
BiOBr	2.74	6.17	0.30		3.04	
Bi ₂₄ O ₃₁ Br ₁₀	2.52	6.03	0.27		2.79	

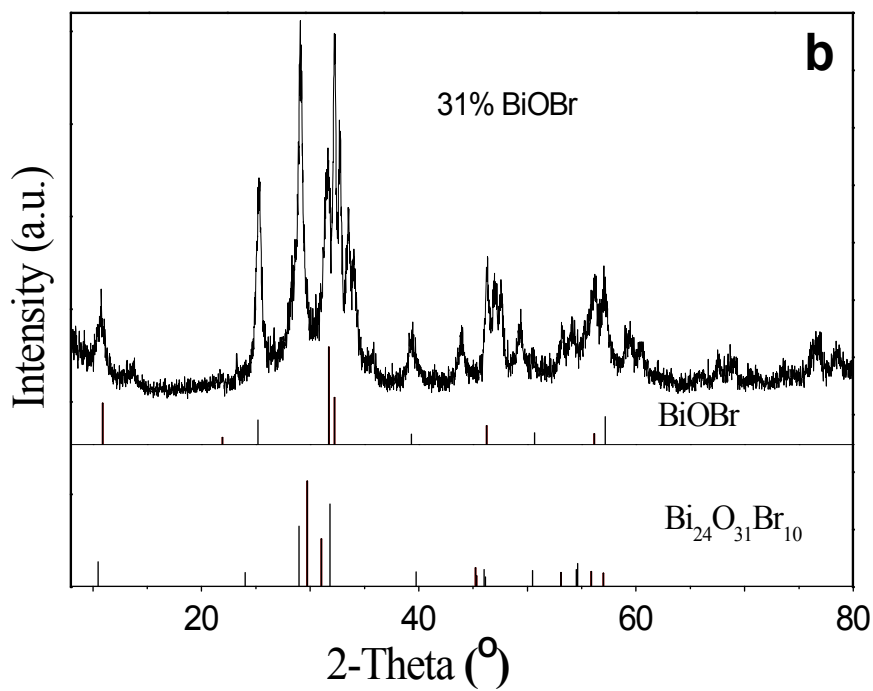
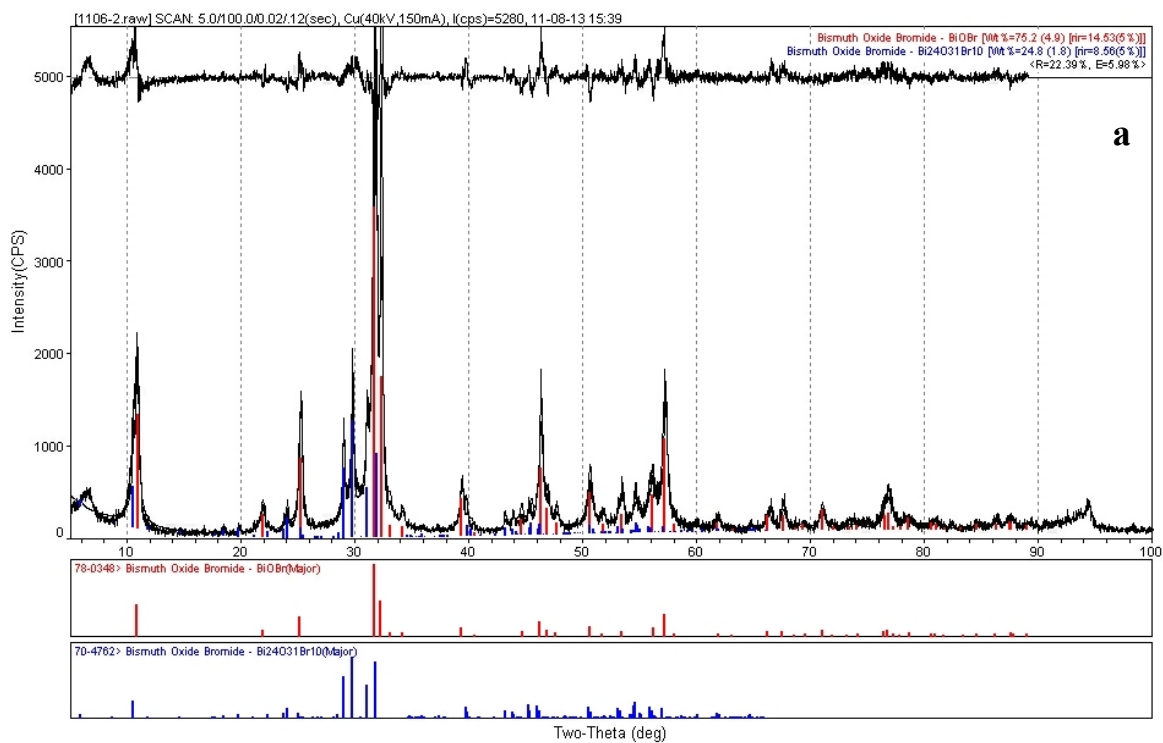


Fig. S1. (a) XRD patterns showing the composition calculation of heterojunction 75%BiOBr, and (b) XRD patterns of 31%BiOBr.

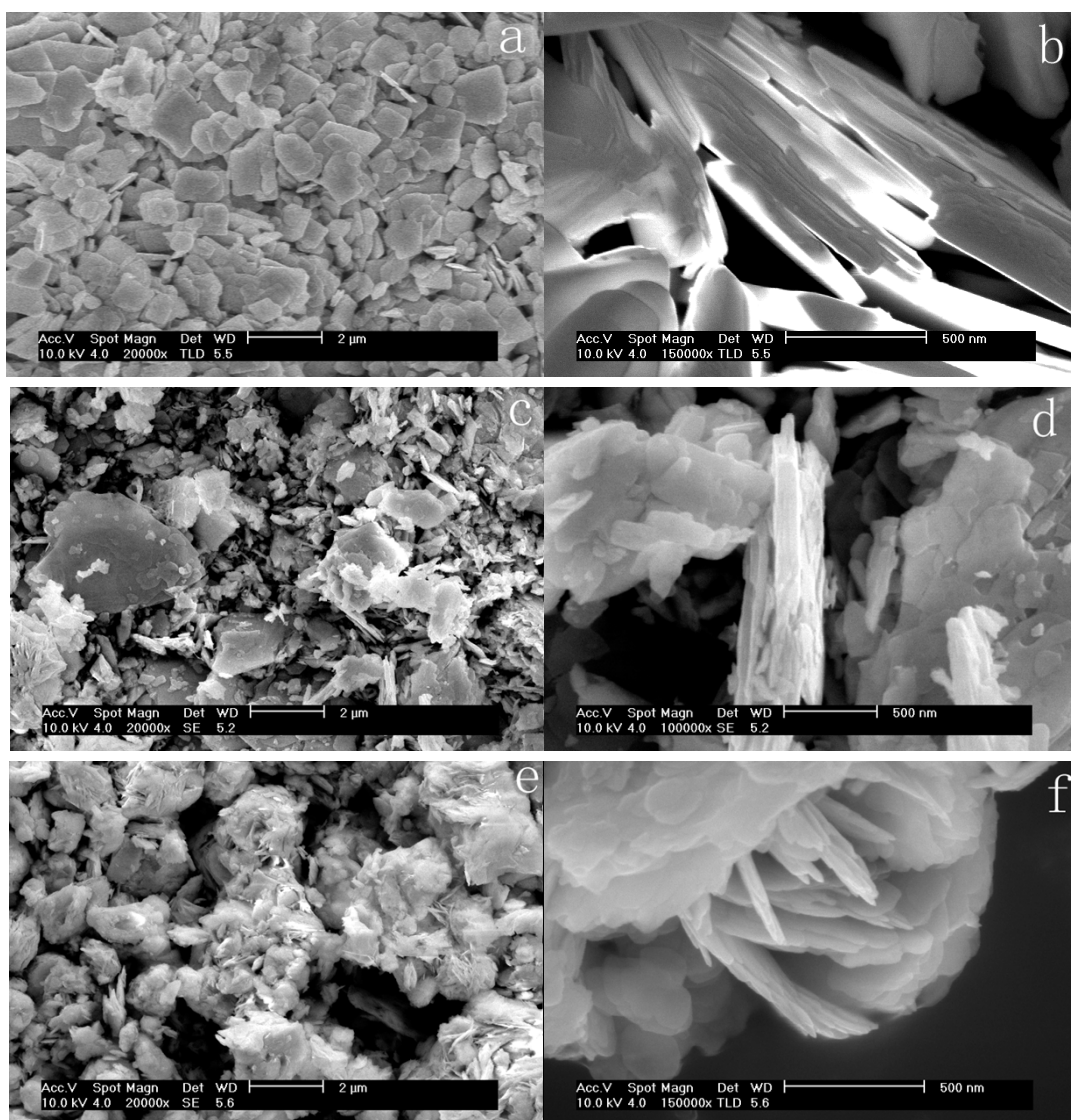


Fig. S2. SEM photographs (a) and (b) of pure BiOBr, (c) and (d) of 75%BiOBr, (e) and (f) of 31%BiOBr.

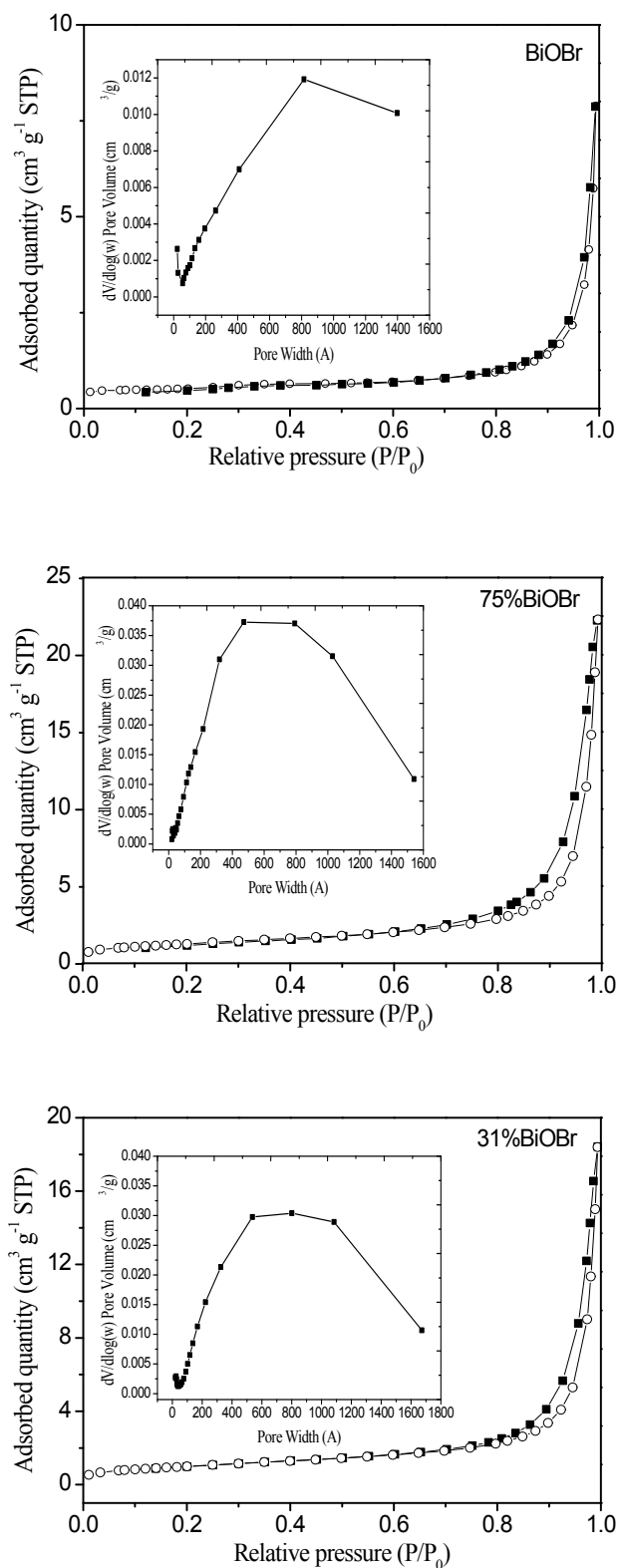


Fig. S3. N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms and the BJH desorption cumulative pore volume curves (inset) of pure BiOBr, 75%BiOBr and 31%BiOBr.

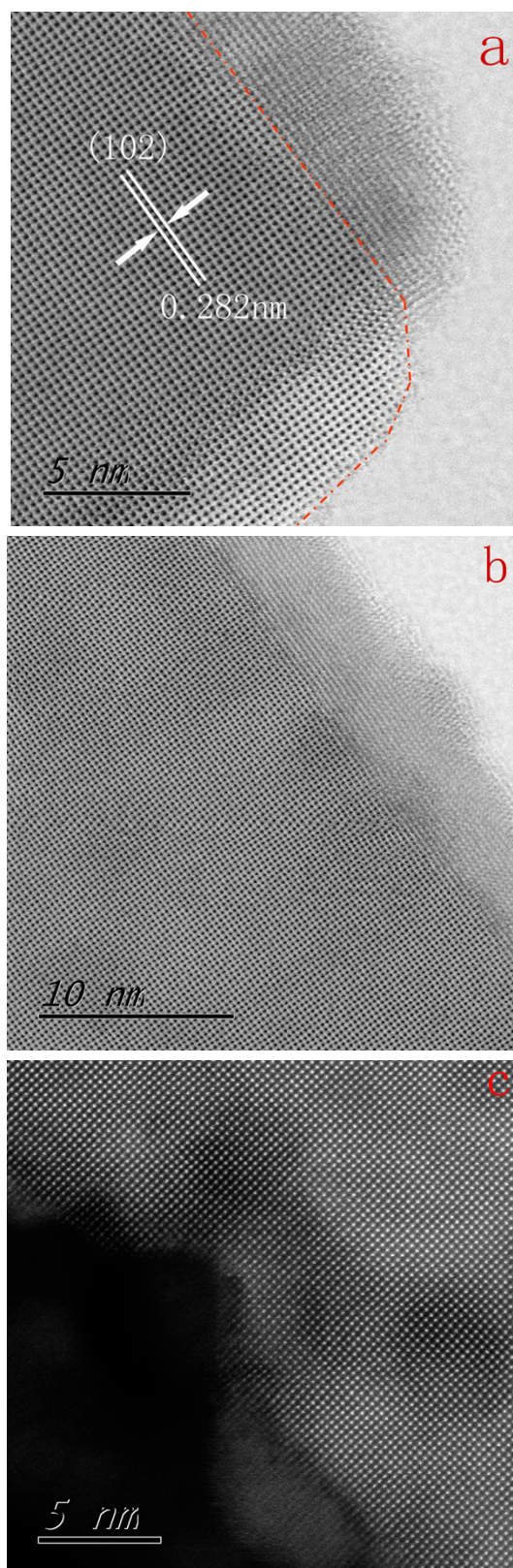


Fig. S4. (a) and (b) ABF STEM images, and (c) HAADF STEM image of the sample 75%BiOBr.

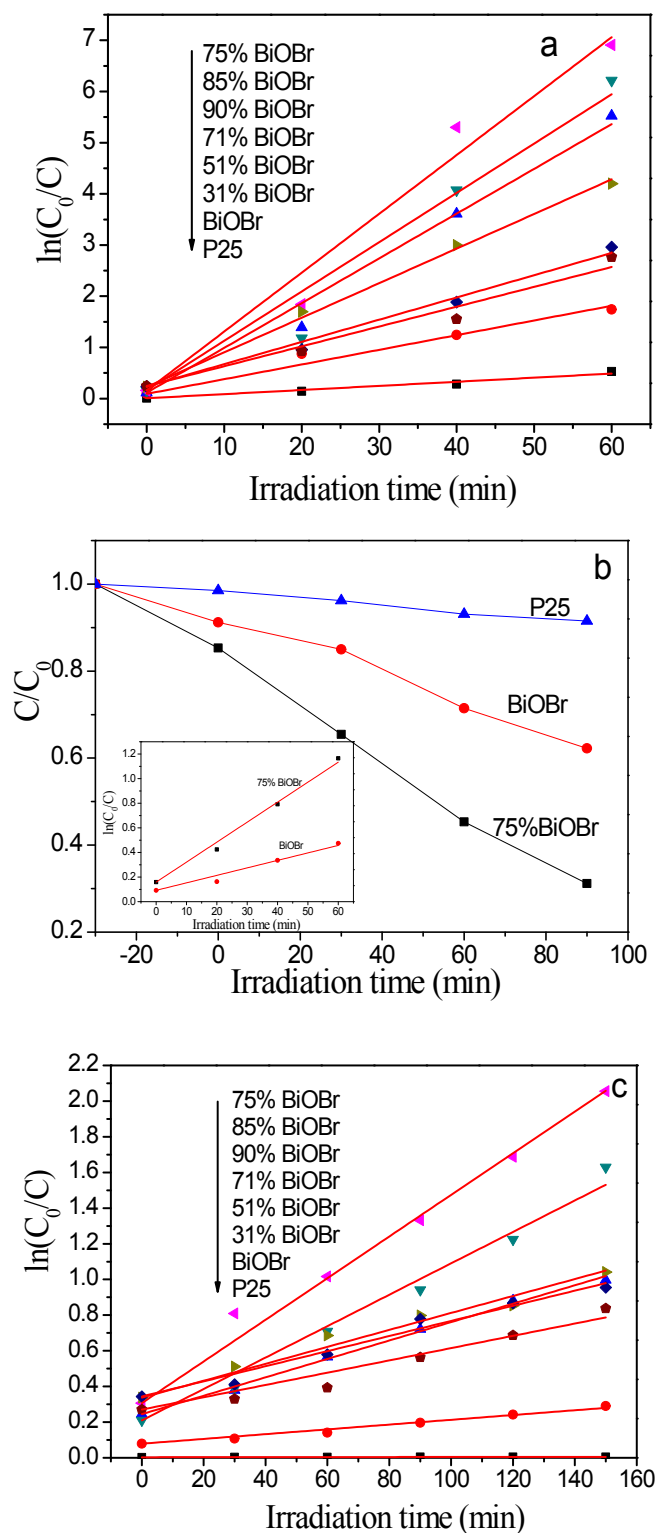


Fig. S5. (a) Time-course variation of $\ln(C_0/C)$ of RhB; (b) time-course variation of C/C_0 and $\ln(C_0/C)$ (inset) of 50 mg/L RhB under 420 nm single wavelength irradiation over 75% BiOBr, pure BiOBr, and P25 TiO_2 ; and (c) time-course variation of $\ln(C_0/C)$ of MO solution over various photocatalysts.



Fig. S6. Appearance photographs of the samples before and after adsorption of MO and RhB.

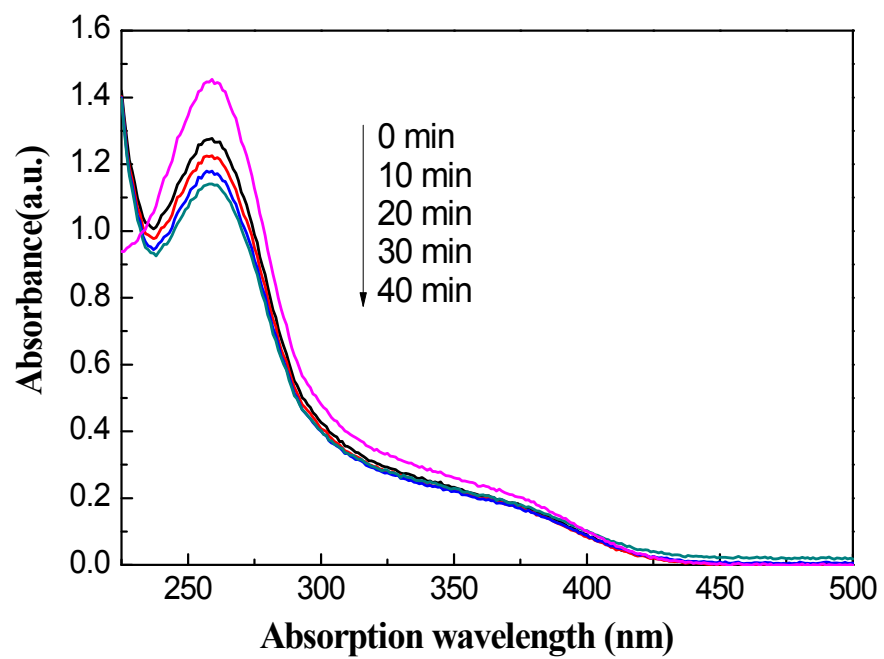


Fig. S7. UV-Vis absorption spectra of NBT in 75%BiOBr suspension under the irradiation of $\lambda > 420$ nm wavelength.