Supporting Information:

"Photodegradation of methyl orange and photoinactivation of bacteria by visible light activation of persulphate using tris(2,2'-bipyridyl)ruthenium(II) complex"

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Fig. SI 1. (A) Emission spectrum of Warm white LED bulb (orange line) used for irradiation. http://www.kwalityindia.com/main.html

Colour	Luminous Flux(lm) *(mW) @350mA		Luminous Flux(lm) *(mW) @700mA		Forward voltage Vf(v) @350mA	Forward voltage Vf(v) @700mA	Typ.CRI Color Rendering Index	CCT/גע	201/2
	min	typ	min	typ					
WW (warm white)	50	60	85	102	2.8-3.8	3.0-4.1	80	2600K- 23700K	125

Temperature coefficient of Vf : -3 mV/°C W,G,B,-2 mV/°C R&A

Thermal Resistance junction to lead: 10°C/W

*CCT- correlated color temperature

Source : http://www.kwalityindia.com/index.html



Fig. SI 2. Photograph of experimental set up of photolysis. Quartz cuvettes containing the reaction mixture are placed at appropriate distance from the array. For dark controls, the

reaction vessels are covered with aluminium foil. (A) LED bulbs are switched off (B) LED bulbs are switched on.



Fig. SI 3. (A) Cell viability of *E.coli* in the presence of radical scavengers and inorganic salts. Methanol (0.1 M), and Sodium nitrite (0.02M) Na₂HPO₄(0.1 M), Na₂SO₄(0.1 M) and NaHCO₃(0.1 M) *E.coli* concentration = $\sim 10^7$ cfu mL⁻¹, [persulphate] = 2mM, [complex1] = 1µM, Light dosage = 513 Jcm⁻².



Fig. SI 4. Photograph of Agarose gel showing the extracted chromosomal DNA of *E. coli* treated with complex1 and persulphate in dark (control) Lane1, and in presence of light (Lane

2) *.E.coli* concentration = $\sim 10^7$ cfu mL⁻¹, [complex1] = 1 μ M, [persulphate] = 2mM, Light dosage = 513 Jcm⁻².



Fig. SI 5. Cell viability vs Time plot for photoinactivation of *E.coli* in absence, and presence of resorcinol (5 & 10 mg L⁻¹). *E.coli* concentration = $\sim 10^7$ CFU mL⁻¹, [complex1] = 1 μ M, [persulphate] = 2 mM, Light dosage = 684 Jcm⁻².



Fig. SI 6. Absorption spectrum of the peak at RT 7-8 min corresponding to the chromatogram of *E.coli* cells photolysed with complex1 and persulphate in the presence of resorcinol. Inset shows the HPLC profile. *E.coli* concentration = $\sim 10^7$ cfu mL⁻¹, [complex1] = 1µM, [persulphate] = 2mM, Resorcinol = 10 mgL⁻¹. Light dosage = 684 Jcm⁻².

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