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Supplementary Information

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"Synthesis of three-dimensional WO₃octahedra: Characterization, optical and efficient photocatalytic properties"

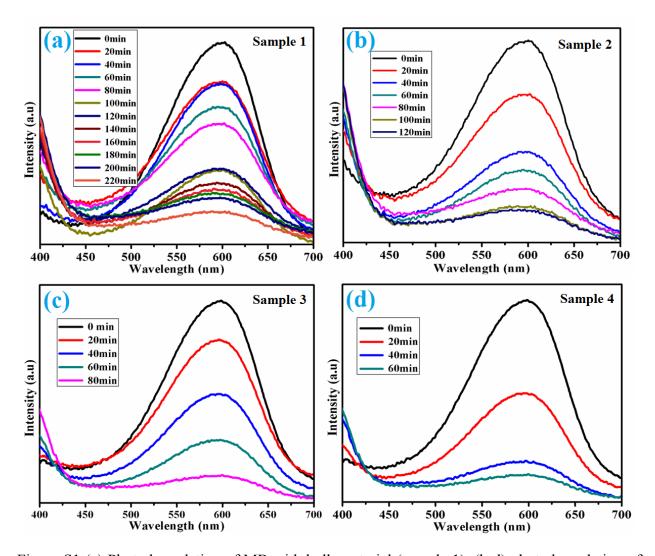


Figure S1 (a) Photodegradation of MB with bulk material (sample 1), (b-d) photodegradation of MB in the presence of different concentrations (20 mg, 30 mg and 100 mg) of the WO₃octahedra.

Fig. S1 shows the absorption spectra of the aqueous solution of MB in the presence of different concentrations (20 mg, 30 mg and 100 mg) of the as-synthesized WO₃octahedra under visible light irradiation at room temperature. Fig. S1 (a) reveals the photodegaradation plot of MB in the presence of bulk material (sample 1, 100 mg). It takes a very long time to degrade the dye and it degraded 90 % of MB after 220 min with a rate constant of 0.00611 min⁻¹. Fig. S1 (b-d) shows the degradation of MB in the presence of different concentrations of the obtained morphology under visible light. The sample 2 (20 mg) and sample 3 (30 mg) also successfully degraded 92 %

and 93 % of the dye within 120 and 80 minutes respectively. The reaction rate constants for sample 2 and sample 3 are 0.01496 min^{-1} and 0.01668 min^{-1} respectively which are higher than that of the bulk. The highest photocatalytic efficiency was achieved by sample 4 (*i.e.*, 100 mg) of WO₃octahedra with a high rate constant 0.03254 min^{-1} and it degraded 95 % of the dye in 60 minutes as cleared from Fig. S1(d). The characteristic peak of MB at $\lambda = 603 \text{ nm}$ was gradually decreased by increasing the irradiation time. The absorption peak was totally disappeared after 60 min that indicates the efficient photocatalytic activity of WO₃octahedra.