Supporting Information

Facile preparation of hierarchical Nb_2O_5 microspheres with photocatalytic activities and electrochemical properties

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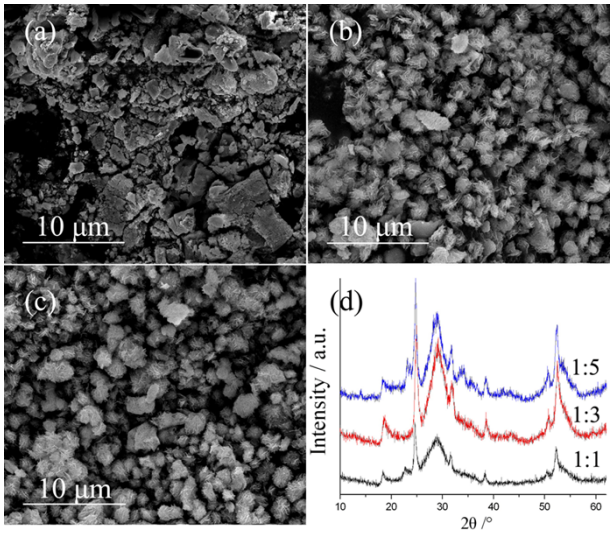

Figure S1. SEM images of samples synthesized with different molar ratio of Nb_2O_5 to Hexamethylenetetramine: (a) 1:1, (b) 1:3, (c) 1:5 and (d) XRD patterns of the as-prepared Nb_2O_5 products.

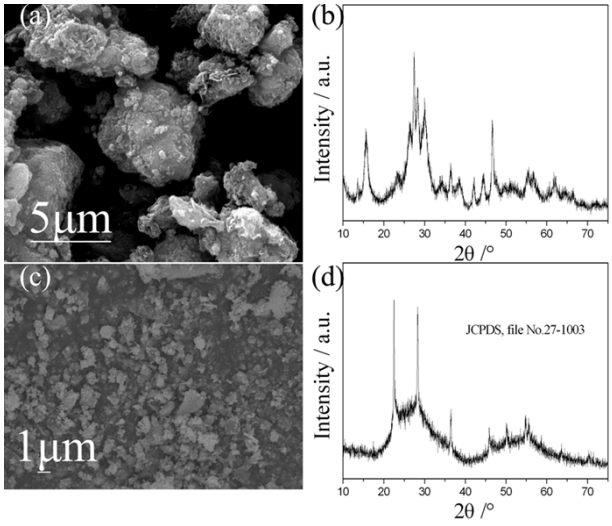

Figure S2. SEM images and XRD of samples synthesized by NaOH as alkaline sources (a) and (b); SEM images and XRD of samples synthesized by Na_2CO_3 as alkaline sources (c) and (d).

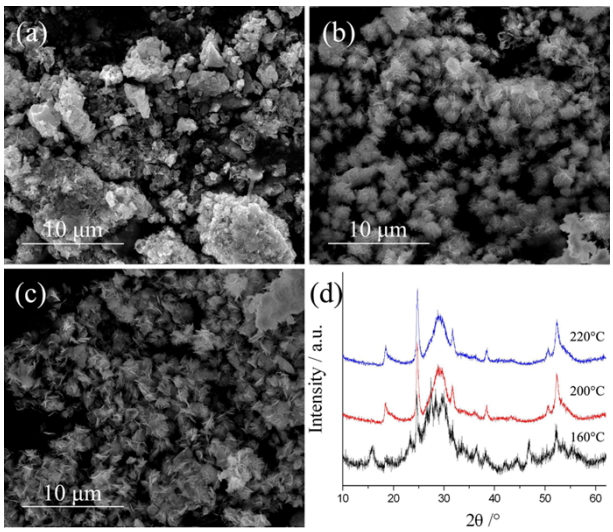

Figure S3. SEM images of the samples synthesized for (a) 160°C, (b)200°C, (c) 220°C, and (d) XRD patterns of the as-prepared Nb_2O_5 products.

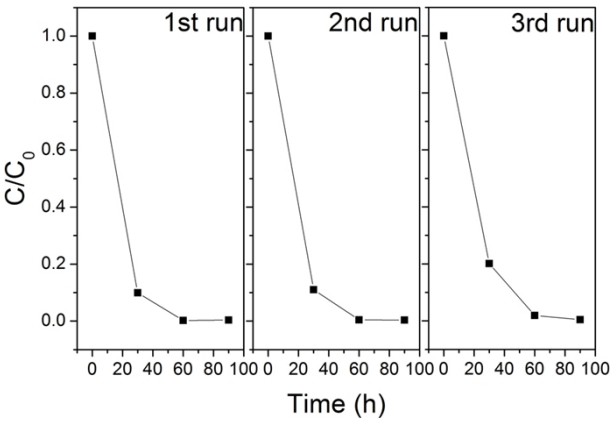

Figure S4. Cycling runs in the photocatalytic degradation of RhB by as-prepared Nb_2O_5 products

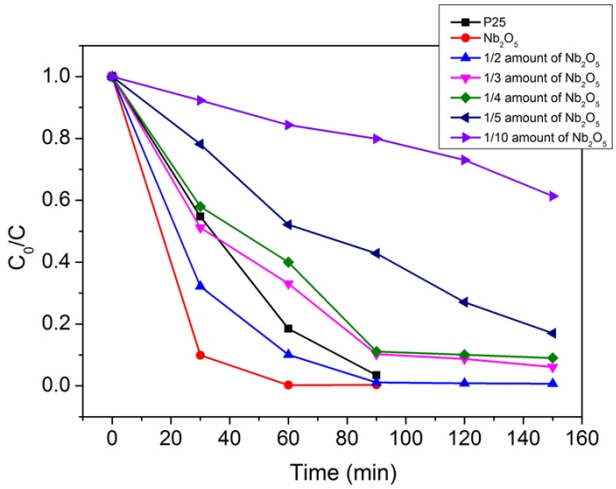

Figure S5. The photodegradation efficiencies of RhB as a function of irradiation time in different catalysts."

Element	Value
Rs	3.641
CPE1-T	2.6052E-05
CPE1-P	0.77544
Rct	197.2
Wo-R	142.6
Wo-T	16.71
Wo-P	0.17841
Chi-Squared: 0.00040429 Weighted Sum of Squares: 0.0084901 Mode: Run Fitting / Freq. Range (0.001 - 1000000) Maximum Iterations: 100 Optimization Iterations: 0 Type of Fitting: Complex Type of Weighting: Calc-Modulus	

Table S1. Simulated EIS Resistance and Capacitance Values.