## **Supporting Information**

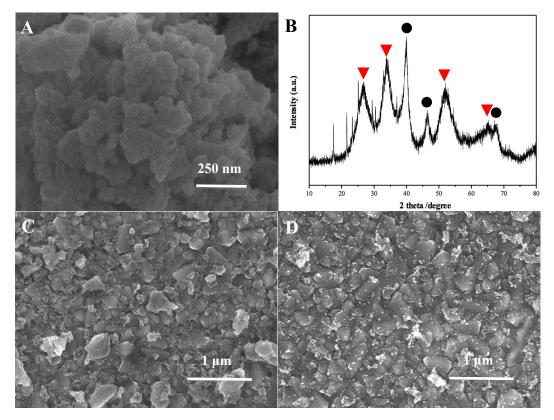
## A Novel Strategy to Prepare Pt-SnO<sub>2</sub> Nanocomposite as Highly Efficient Counter Electrode for Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells<sup>†</sup>

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**Fig. S1 (A)** SEM images of Pt-SnO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposites after annealing at 723 K. **(B)** XRD patterns of Pt-SnO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposites after thermal treatment at 723 K (red triangle: peaks of SnO<sub>2</sub>, black circle: peaks of Pt). **(C)** SEM images of Pt-SnO<sub>2</sub> CE on FTO. **(D)** SEM images of Pt CE on FTO.

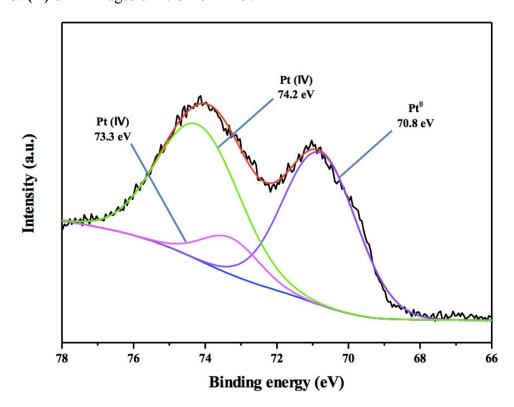


Fig. S2 The Pt4f peaks in the XPS spectra of  $Pt-SnO_2$  nanocomposites after annealing at 723 K.

Table S1 Specific surface area, masses of CE materials and total area of differentCEs.

СЕ	Specific surface area/	Mass/	Total area/
	$m^2 g^{-1}$	μg	<i>cm</i> <sup>2</sup>
Pt	10.48	6.0	0.63
Pt/SnO <sub>2</sub>	36.96	4.4	1.63