

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Fabrication of hollow Cu<sub>2</sub>O@CuO-supported Au-Pd alloy nanoparticles with high catalytic activity through the galvanic replacement reaction**

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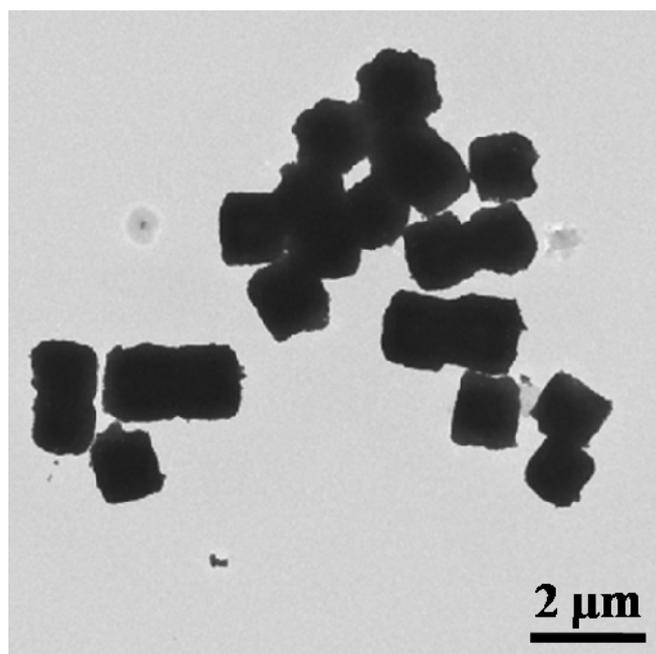


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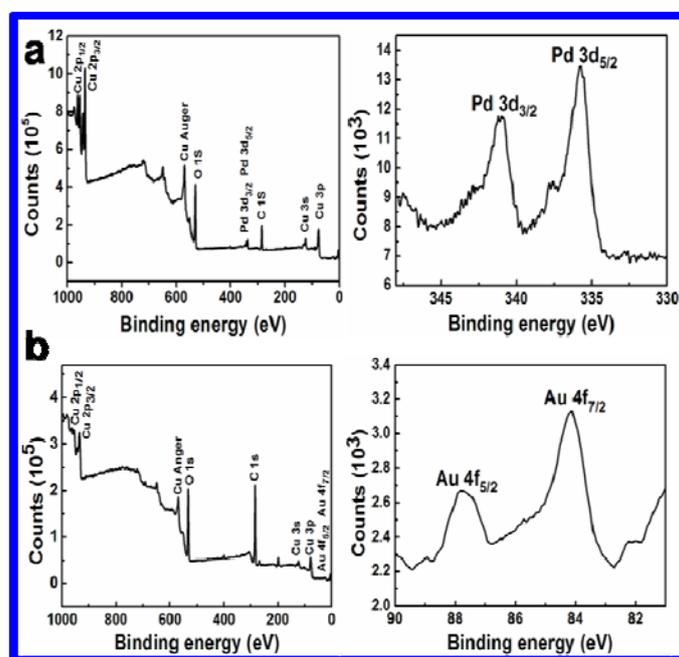
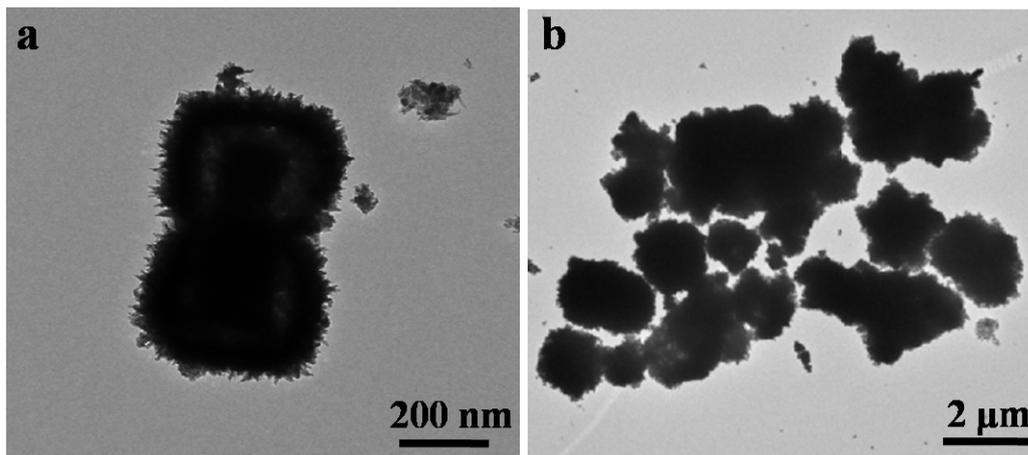
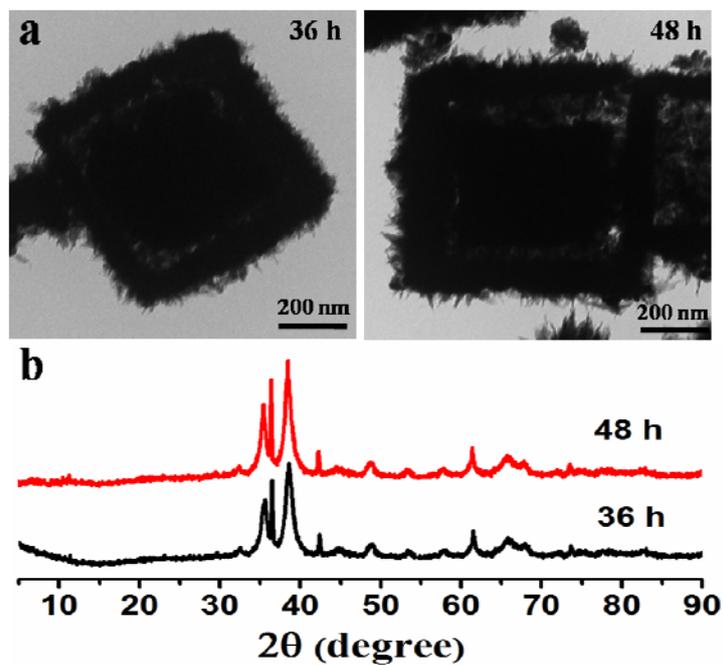


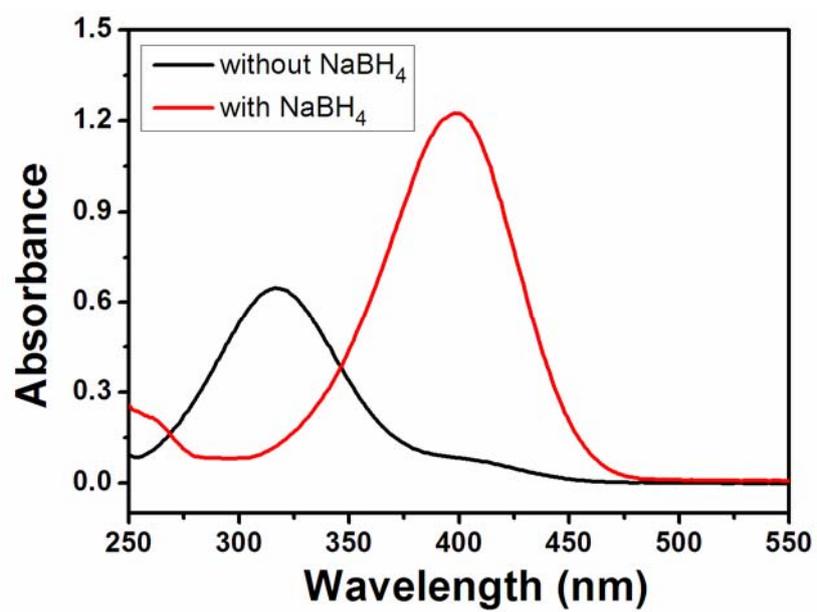
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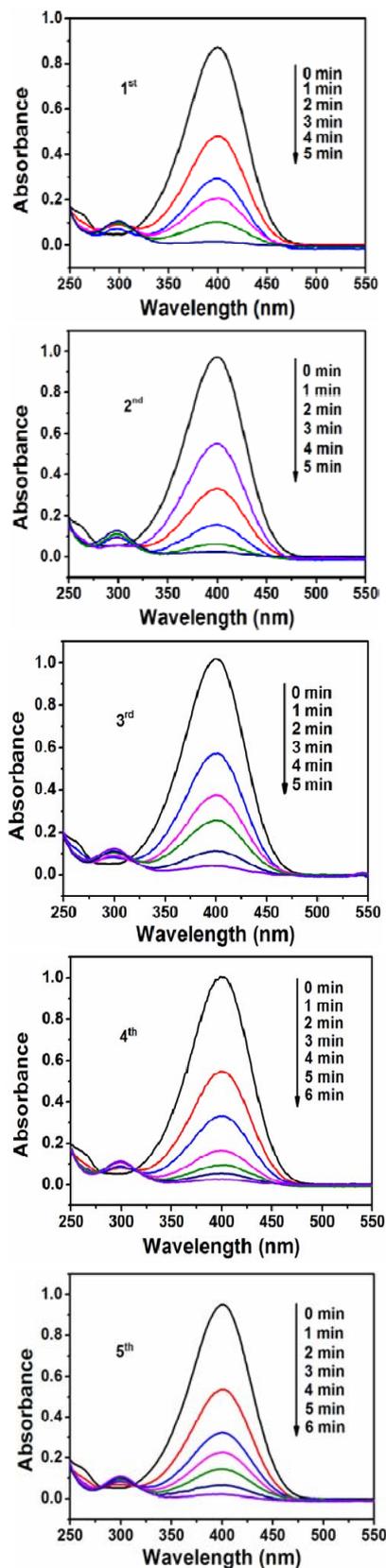
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**Table S1** The ICP data of CuO-Cu<sub>2</sub>O/Au, CuO-Cu<sub>2</sub>O/Pd and Cu<sub>2</sub>O@CuO/(Au-Pd).

Sample	Cu (wt%)	Au (wt%)	Pd (wt%)
CuO-Cu <sub>2</sub> O/Au	52.8	2.82	—
CuO-Cu <sub>2</sub> O/Pd	59.3	—	3.57
Cu <sub>2</sub> O@CuO/(Au-Pd) (24h)	45.4	1.69	1.83
Cu <sub>2</sub> O@CuO/(Au-Pd) (36h)	68.5	1.77	1.92
Cu <sub>2</sub> O@CuO/(Au-Pd) (48h)	60.7	1.74	1.88