## Supporting Information

## Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub>–MoS<sub>2</sub> Layered Nanoscale Heterostructures for Electron Transfer Catalysis

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Figure S1 SEM images of pristine (a) hexagonal nanoplatelets of Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> and (b) MoS<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S2 Evolution of UV-visible absorption spectra with time for the reduction of 4nitrophenol using  $Bi_2Te_3$ -MoS<sub>2</sub> heterostructure catalysts of mole ratios (a) 15:85 (b) 50:50 (c) 75:25.



**Figure S3** Efficiency of the  $Bi_2Te_3-MoS_2$  (25:75) catalyst in six consecutive cycles of 4nitrophenol reduction (a); XRD pattern (b) and SEM image (c) of the  $Bi_2Te_3-MoS_2$  (25:75) catalyst after 6 cycles.



**Figure S4** The specific surface area was calculated using Brunauer-Emmett-Teller method from the gas adsorption data collected at 5 different points in the partial pressure  $(P/P_o)$  range from 0.1 to 0.3.