Supporting information

Reduction-Induced Synthesis of Reduced Graphene Oxide-Wrapped Cu₂O/Cu Nanoparticles for Photodegradation of Methylene Blue

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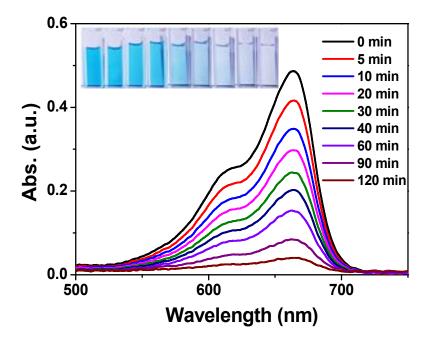


Figure S1 Absorption spectra of Cu_2O/rGO composites having the reducing duration of 30 min and the inset shows the digital photographs of MB solution when irradiated to light with Cu_2O/rGO composite produced at 30 min of reducing duration with ascorbic acid from the beginning to 120 min

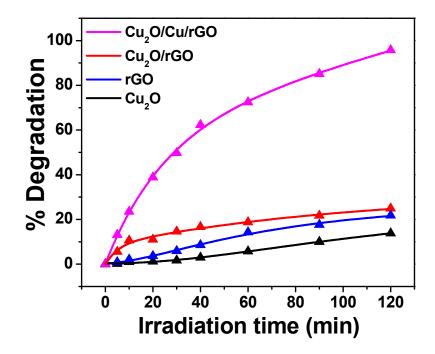


Figure S2 Percentage degradation of MB under the irradiation of visible light with Cu₂O, rGO, Cu₂O/rGO and Cu₂O/Cu/rGO and composite

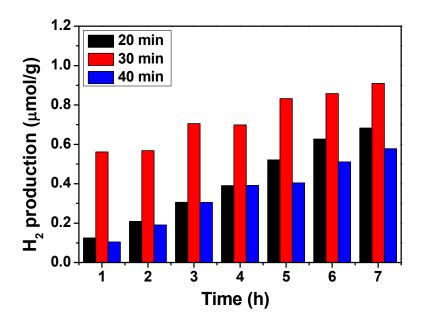


Figure S3 H_2 evolution rate of the Cu₂O/Cu/rGO composite synthesized at different reduction durations (20, 30, 40 min)

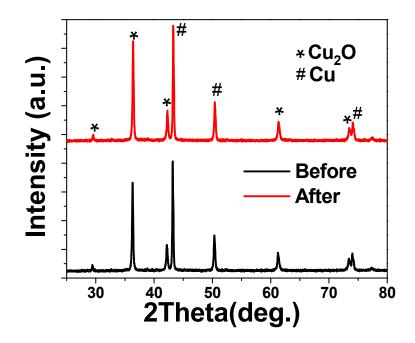


Figure S4 XRD patterns of chemically synthesized $Cu_2O/Cu/rGO$ nanocomposite before and after the H_2 evolution process (irradiation time was 8 hrs.)