

FIG. S1 EDS analysis of as prepared samples

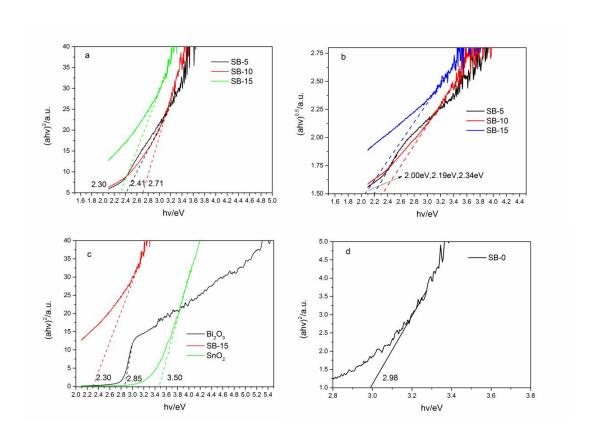


FIG. S2 Eg calculated as direct semiconductor of SB-5, SB-10 and SB-15 (a) of pure  $SnO_2$  and pure  $Bi_2O_3$  (c) of SB-0(d) and Eg calculated as indirect semiconductors of SB-5, SB-10 and SB-15(b)

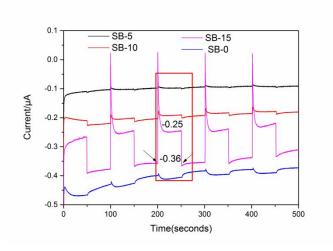


FIG. S3 Photocurrent of as prepared samples

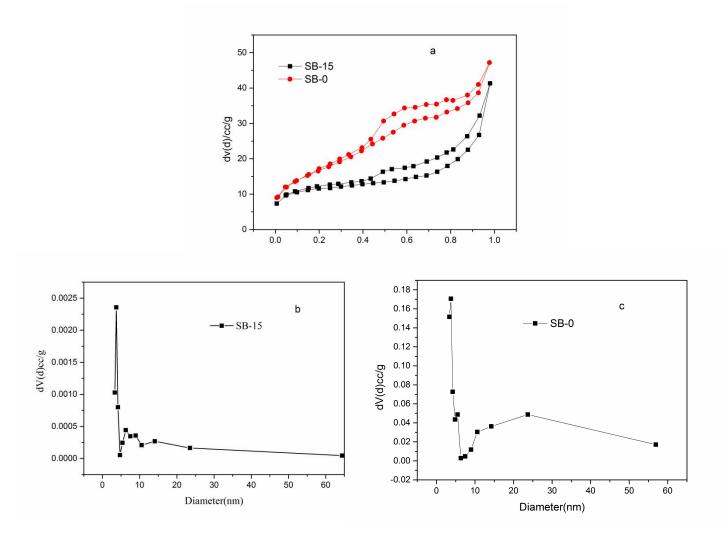


FIG. S4 The nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherm (a) and the BJH pore size

distribution plot for SB-15(b) and SB-0(c)

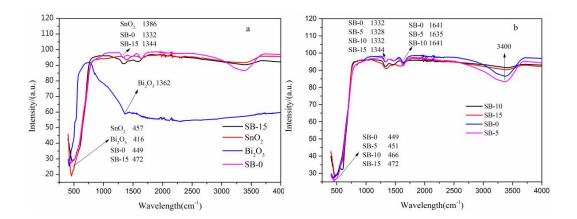


FIG. S5 The FTIR spectra of as prepared samples (a)SnO<sub>2</sub> and Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>; (b)SB-5, SB-10,SB-15 and

SB-0

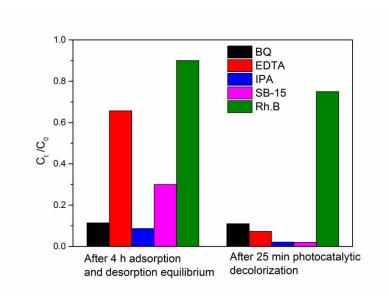


FIG. S6 The active oxidation species test of sample SB-15

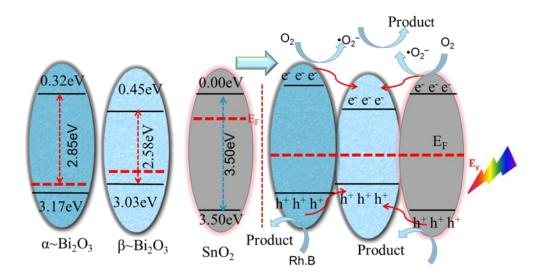


FIG. S7 The photocatalytic mechanism of  $SnO_2/\alpha^*Bi_2O_3/\beta^*Bi_2O_3$