## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Single-crystalline Bi<sub>19</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>S<sub>27</sub> nanorods with efficiently improved photocatalytic activity

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Fig. S1. XRD pattern of the prepared sample without use of glycerol.



**Fig. S2.** SEM images of the prepared Bi<sub>19</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>S<sub>27</sub> with the use of glycerol (A) and without the use of glycerol (B).



**Fig. S3.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm curves of (a)  $Bi_2S_3$  and  $Bi_{19}Br_3S_{27}$  samples from (b) 6 h, (c) 2 h, (d) 0.5 h, and (e) 10 min.



Fig. S4. Valence-band XPS spectrum of the  $Bi_{19}Br_3S_{27}$ .



**Fig. S5.** Comparison of photocatalytic activities of different catalysts with different scavengers during the photocatalytic reaction under 60 min visible light irradiation, benzoquinone (BQ, a scavenger of  $O_2^{\bullet-}$ ), 2-propanol (IPA, a scavenger of  $^{\bullet}OH$ ), triethanolamine (TEOA, a scavenger of  $h^+$ ).



Fig. S6. Visible light photocatalytic degradation curves of the 2, 4-Dichlorophenol under  $Bi_2MoO_6$  and  $Bi_{19}Br_3S_{27}$ .