## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for**

## CTAB-reduced synthesis of urchin-like Pt–Cu alloy nanostructure and catalysis study towards methanol oxidation reaction

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Figure S1. TEM images of PtCu alloy obtained at different quantity of CTAB: (a)

0.01 g, (b) 0.03 g, and (c) 0.07 g.



Figure S2. XRD patterns of products obtained from the reaction of PtCl<sub>6</sub><sup>2-</sup> and CTAB



for 30 min in the presence (blue curve) and absence (pink curve) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>.

Figure S3.(a,c) TEM images and (b, d) photographs of products obtained from the reaction of  $PtCl_6^{2-}$  and CTAB for 30 min in the presence (a, b) and absence (c, d) of CuSO<sub>4</sub>.