

## Supporting Information

### Hierarchical flower-like $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$ anchored with well-dispersed $\text{Ni}_{12}\text{P}_5$ nanoparticles for high-quantum-yield photocatalytic $\text{H}_2$ evolution under visible light

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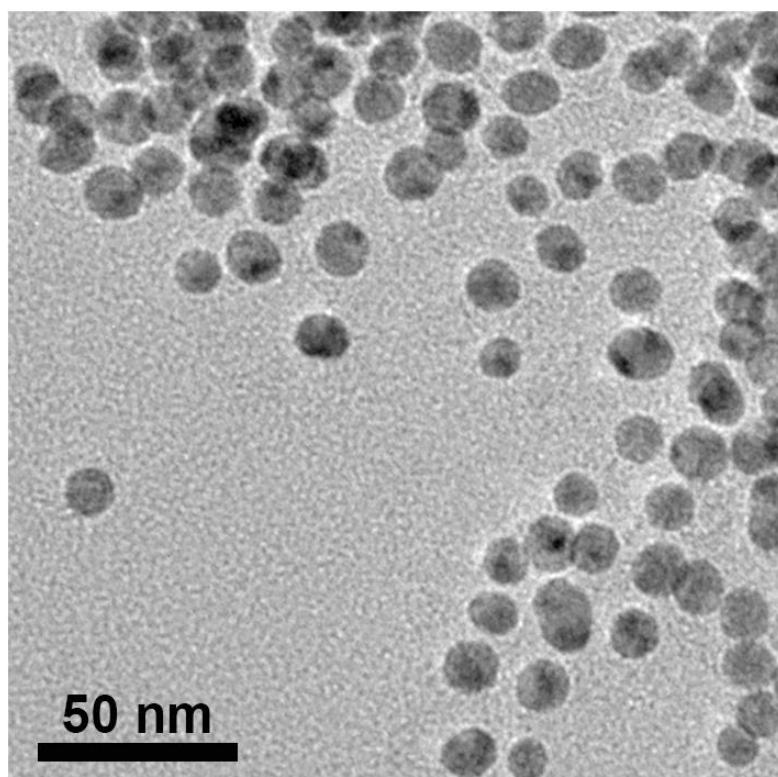
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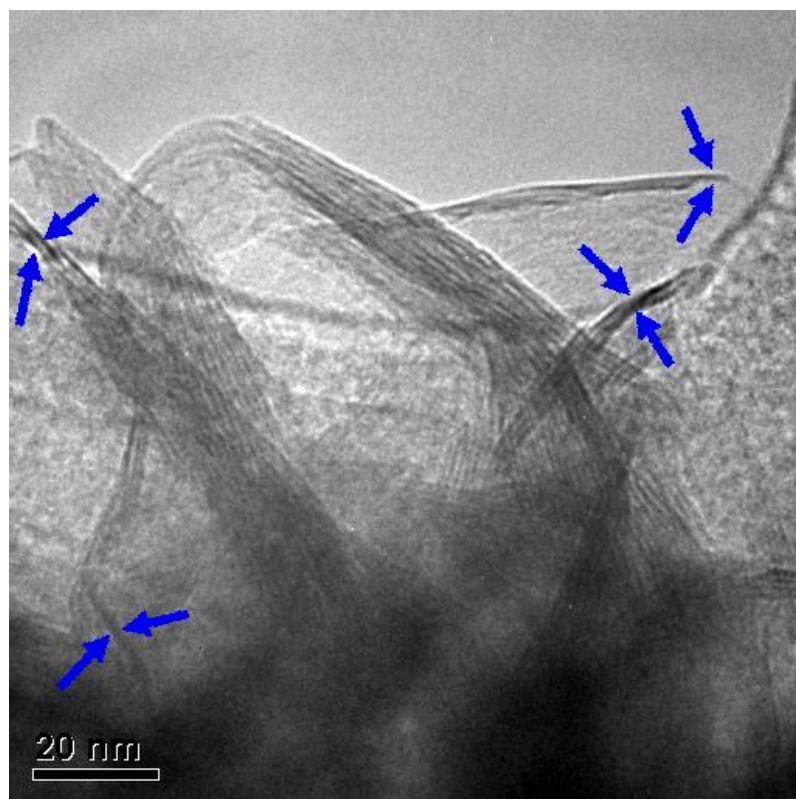
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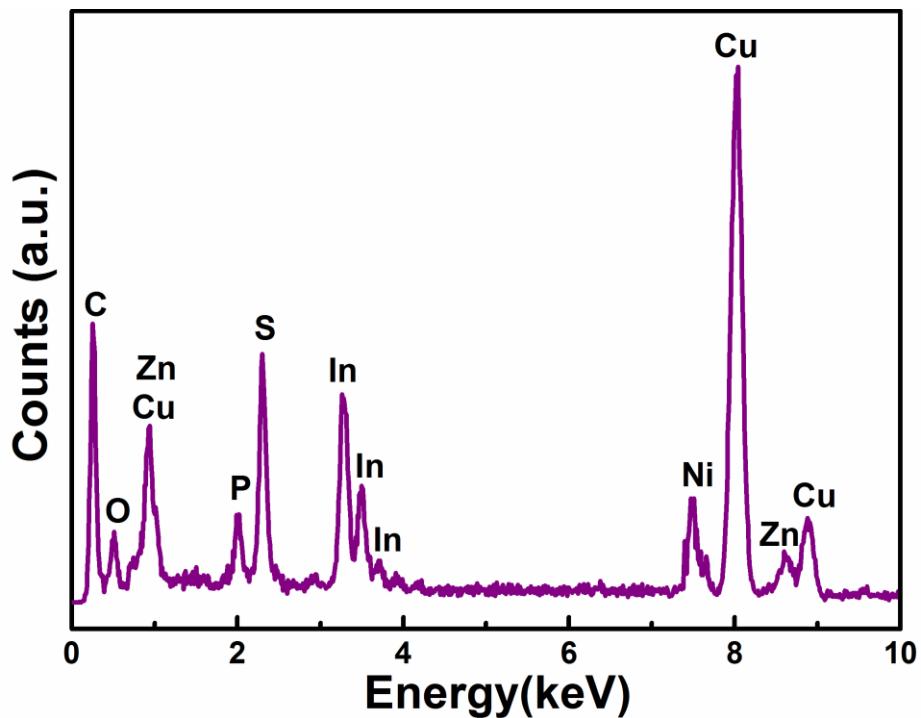
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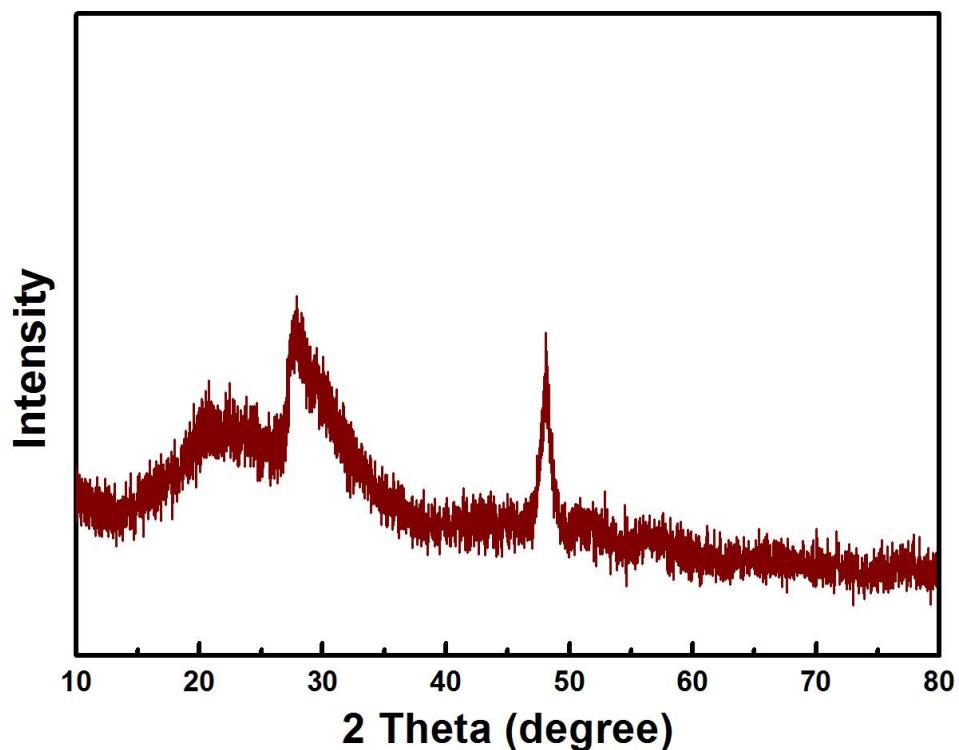
**Fig. S1.** TEM image of Ni<sub>12</sub>P<sub>5</sub> nanoparticles.



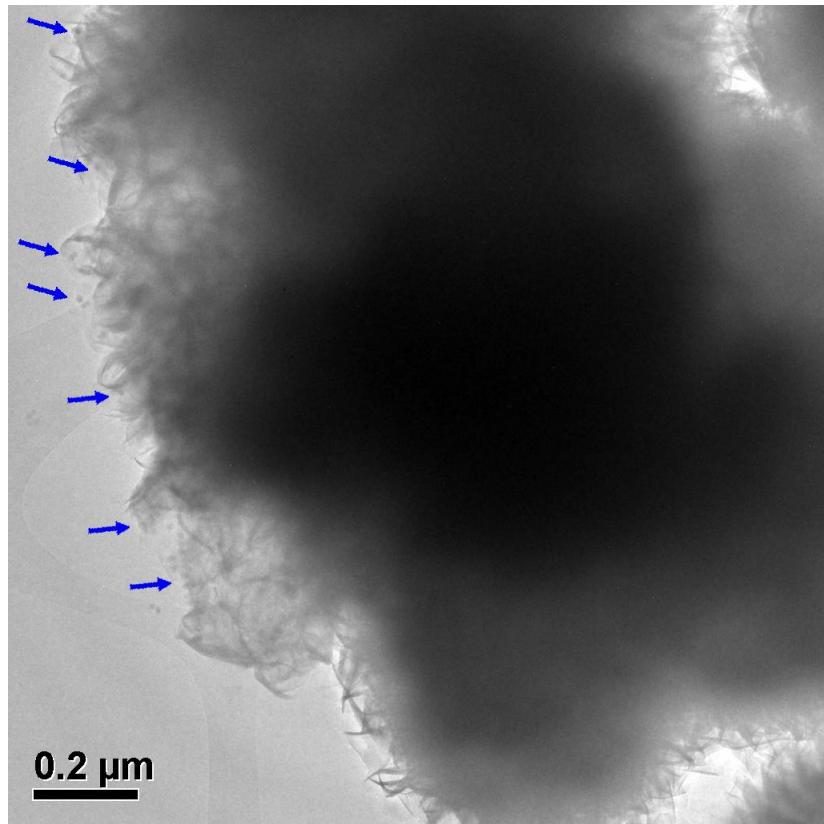
**Fig. S2.** High-magnification TEM image of ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S3.** EDX spectrum of  $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4/\text{Ni}_{12}\text{P}_5$  composites.



**Fig. S4.** XRD pattern of spent  $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4/\text{Ni}_{12}\text{P}_5$  composites.



**Fig. S5.** TEM image of spent  $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4/\text{Ni}_{12}\text{P}_5$  composites.

**Table S1.** Comparison of the photocatalytic  $\text{H}_2$  evolution activity of the  $\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$ -based system decorated with precious-metal-free cocatalysts.

Catalyst (Mass)	Cocatalysts (Loading)	Light source	Sacrificial reagent	Activity ( $\mu\text{mol h}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}$ )	AQY (%) (Wavelength)	Ref.
$\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4/\text{RGO/MoS}_2$ (0.10 g)	$\text{RGO/MoS}_2$ (0.5 wt% RGO)	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	Lactic acid	1620	0.4 (420 nm)	<sup>1</sup>
$\text{RGO/ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$ (0.05 g)	RGO (1 wt%)	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	Lactic acid	817	---	<sup>2</sup>
$\text{CNFs@ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$ (0.03 g)	CNFs (15 wt%)	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	0.25 M $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$ 0.35 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$	3167	25.35 (420 nm)	<sup>3</sup>
$\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4/\text{MoSe}_2$ (0.06 g)	$\text{MoSe}_2$ (2 wt%)	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	0.25 M $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$ 0.35 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$	2228	21.39 (420 nm)	<sup>4</sup>
$\text{Ni}_2\text{P/ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$ (0.05 g)	$\text{Ni}_2\text{P}$ (10 wt%)	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 400 \text{ nm})$	Lactic acid	2066	7.7 (420 nm)	<sup>5</sup>
$\text{MoS}_2/\text{ZnIn}_2\text{S}_4$ (0.08 g)	$\text{MoS}_2$ (15 wt%)	300 W Xe lamp $(\lambda > 420 \text{ nm})$	0.25 M $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$ 0.35 M $\text{Na}_2\text{S}$	975	---	<sup>6</sup>

ZnIn <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> @In(OH) <sub>3</sub> (0.01 g)	In(OH) <sub>3</sub> (-)	300 W Xe lamp (λ> 400 nm)	0.35 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> 0.25 M Na <sub>2</sub> S	522	1.45 (400 nm)	7
<b>ZnIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/Ni<sub>12</sub>P<sub>5</sub></b> <b>(0.05 g)</b>	<b>Ni<sub>12</sub>P<sub>5</sub></b> <b>(1 wt%)</b>	<b>300 W Xe lamp</b> <b>(λ&gt; 420 nm)</b>	<b>0.25 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub></b> <b>0.35 M Na<sub>2</sub>S</b>	<b>2263</b>	<b>20.5</b> <b>(420 nm)</b>	<b>Our work</b>

RGO, Reduced Graphene Oxide; CNFs, carbon nanofibers

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