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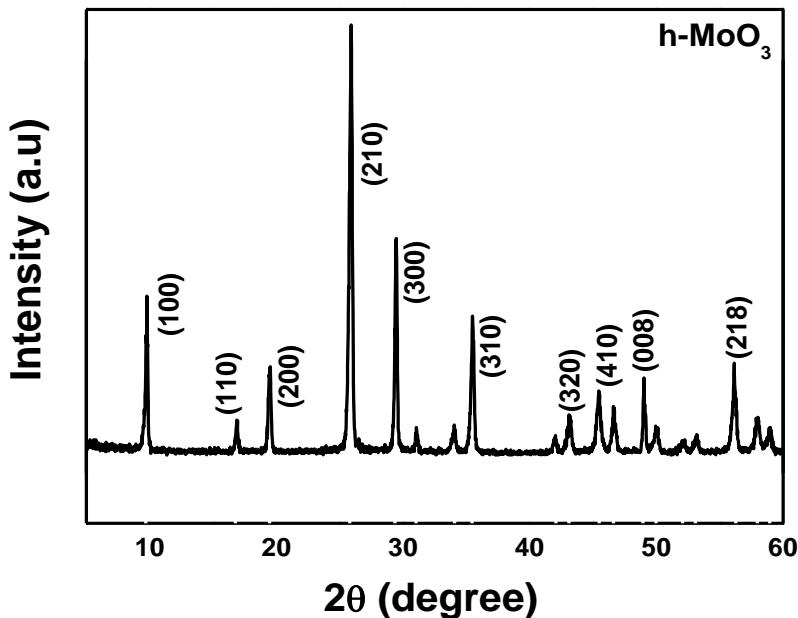
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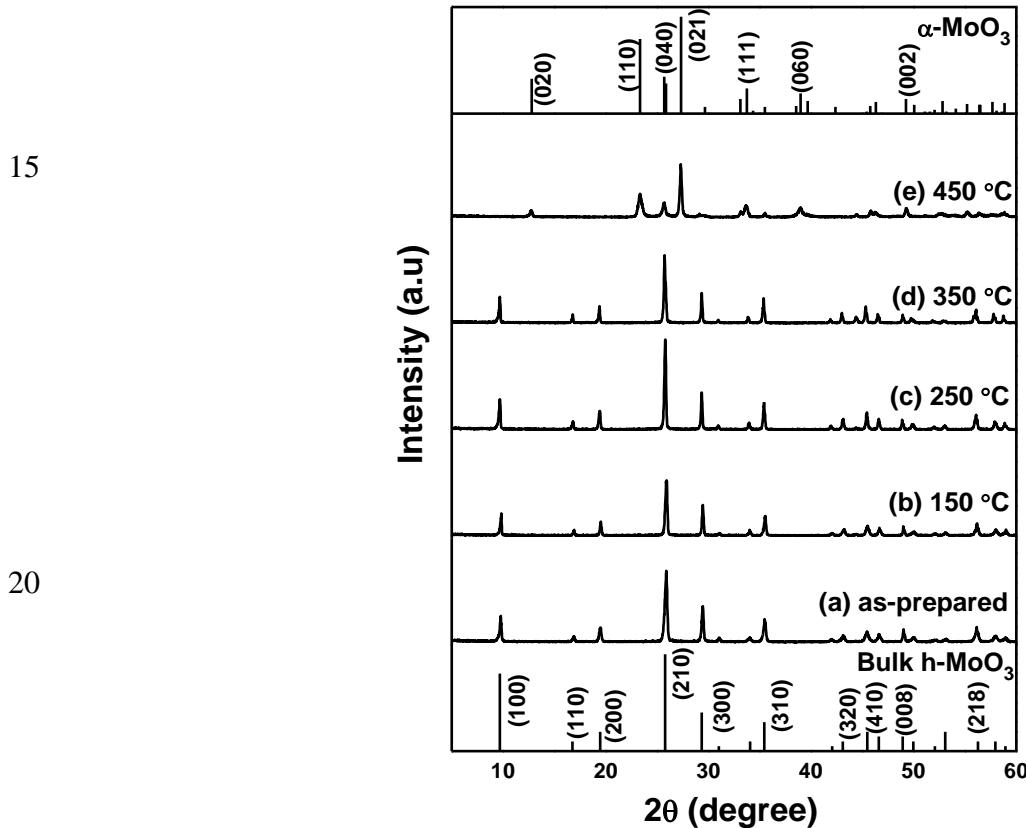
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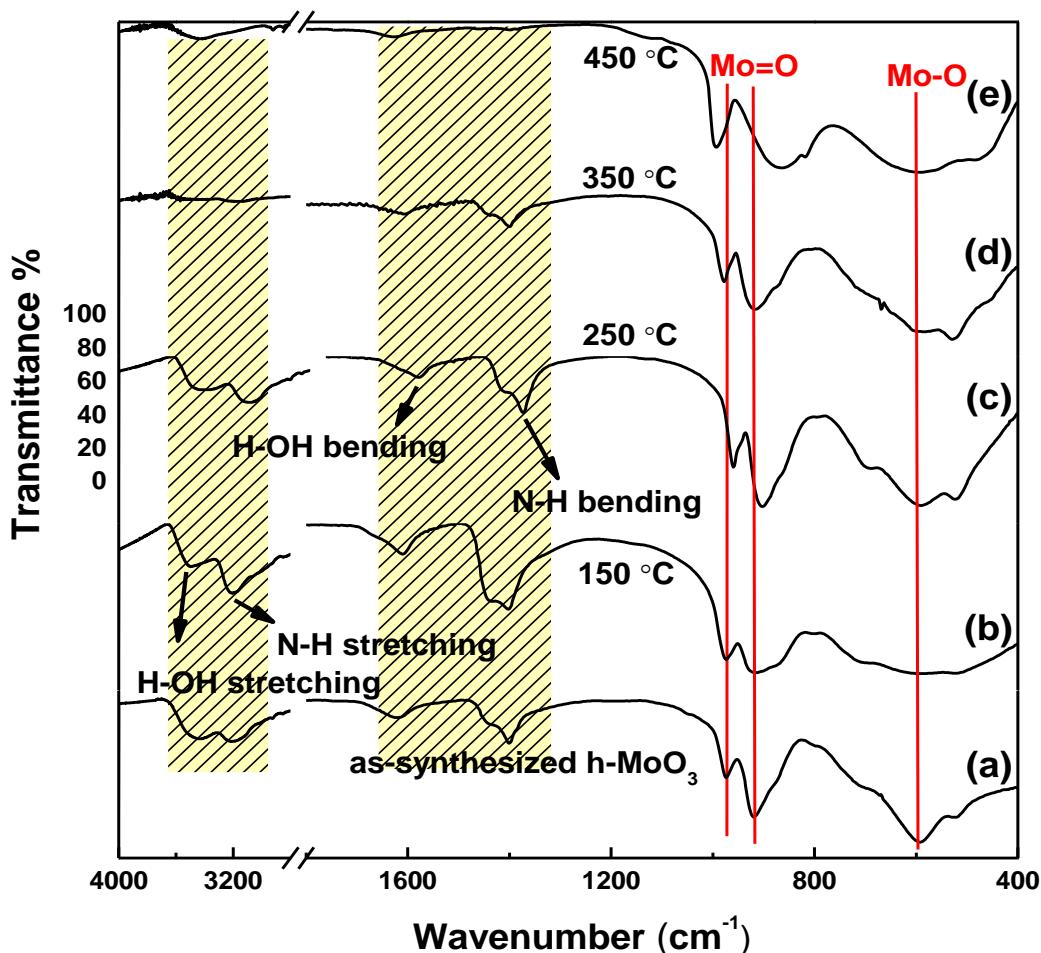
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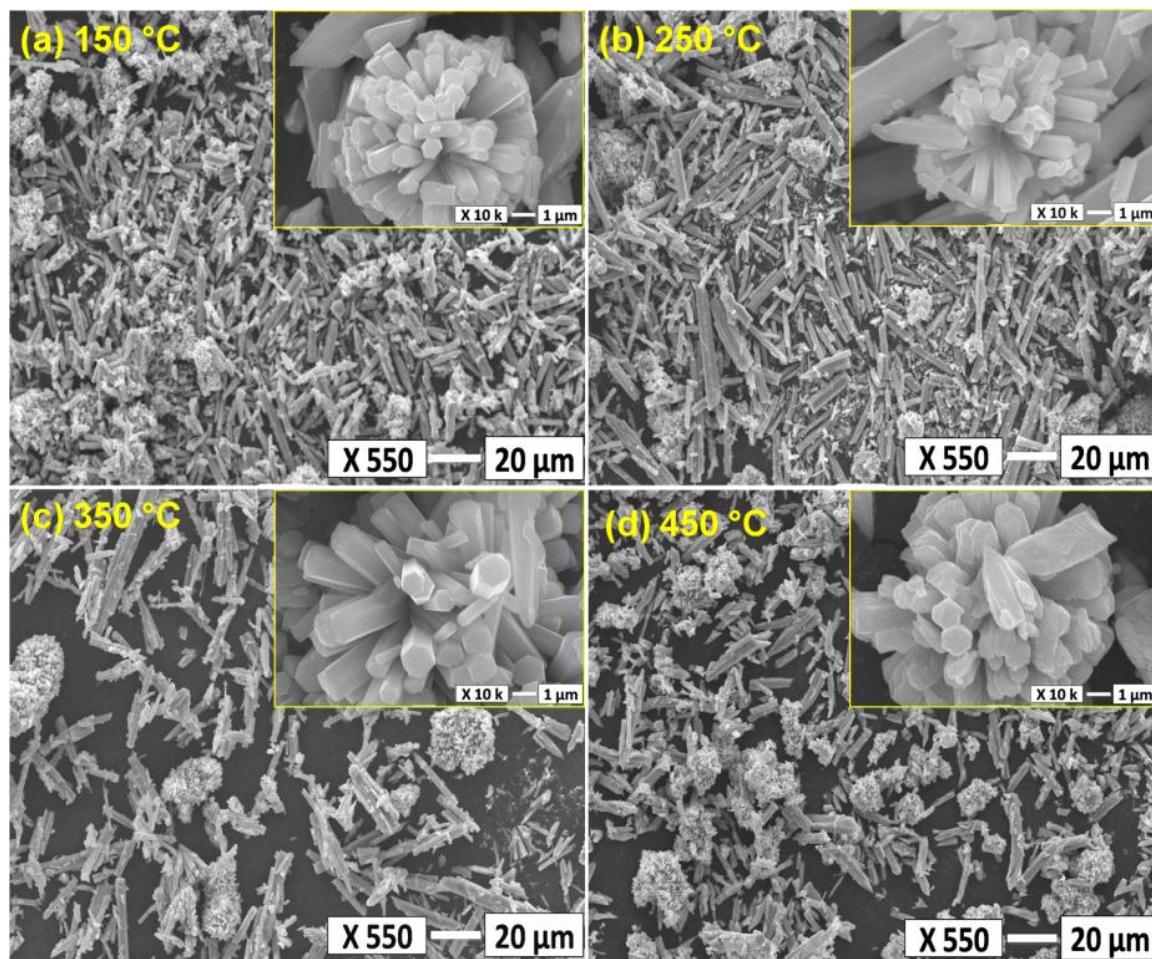
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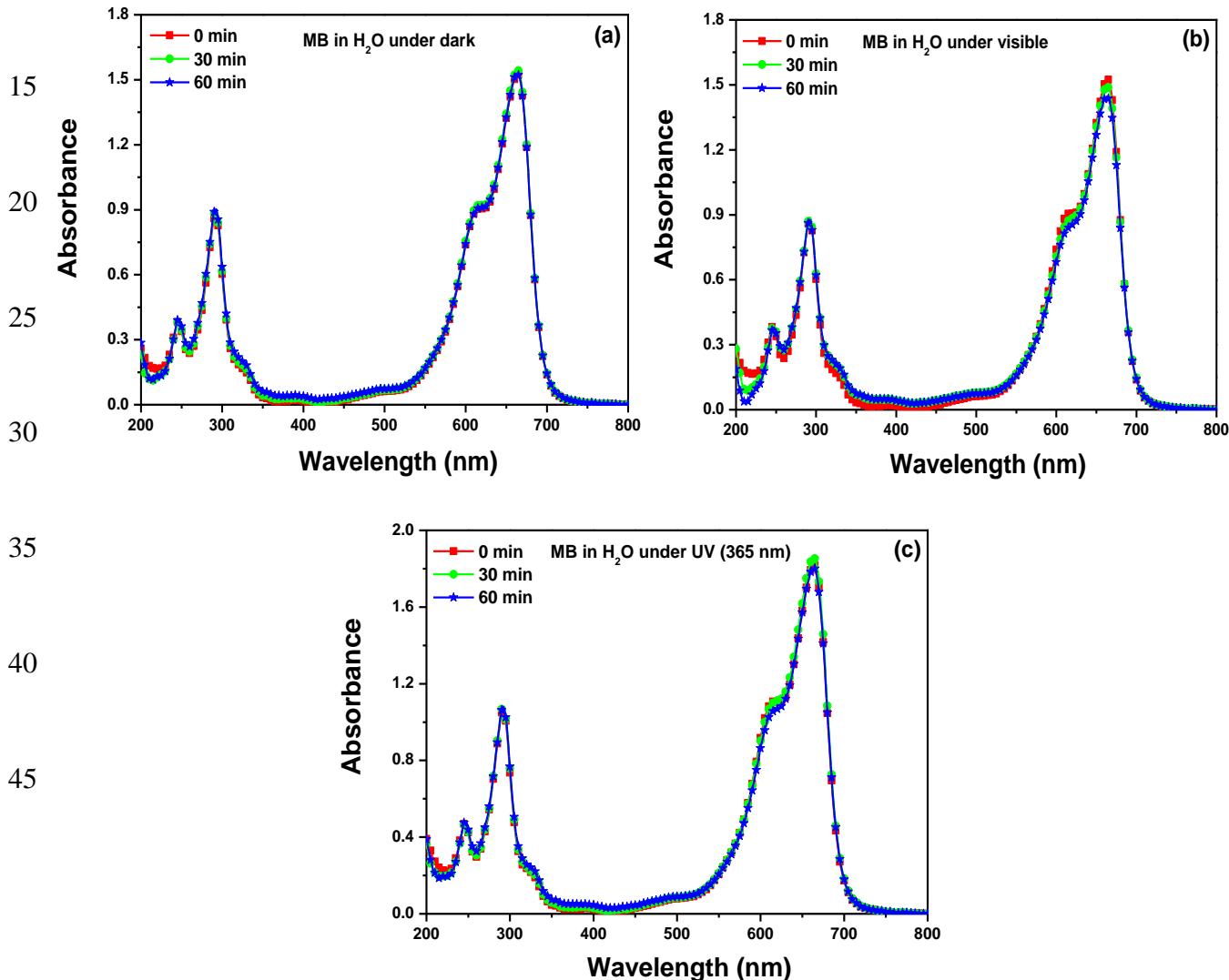
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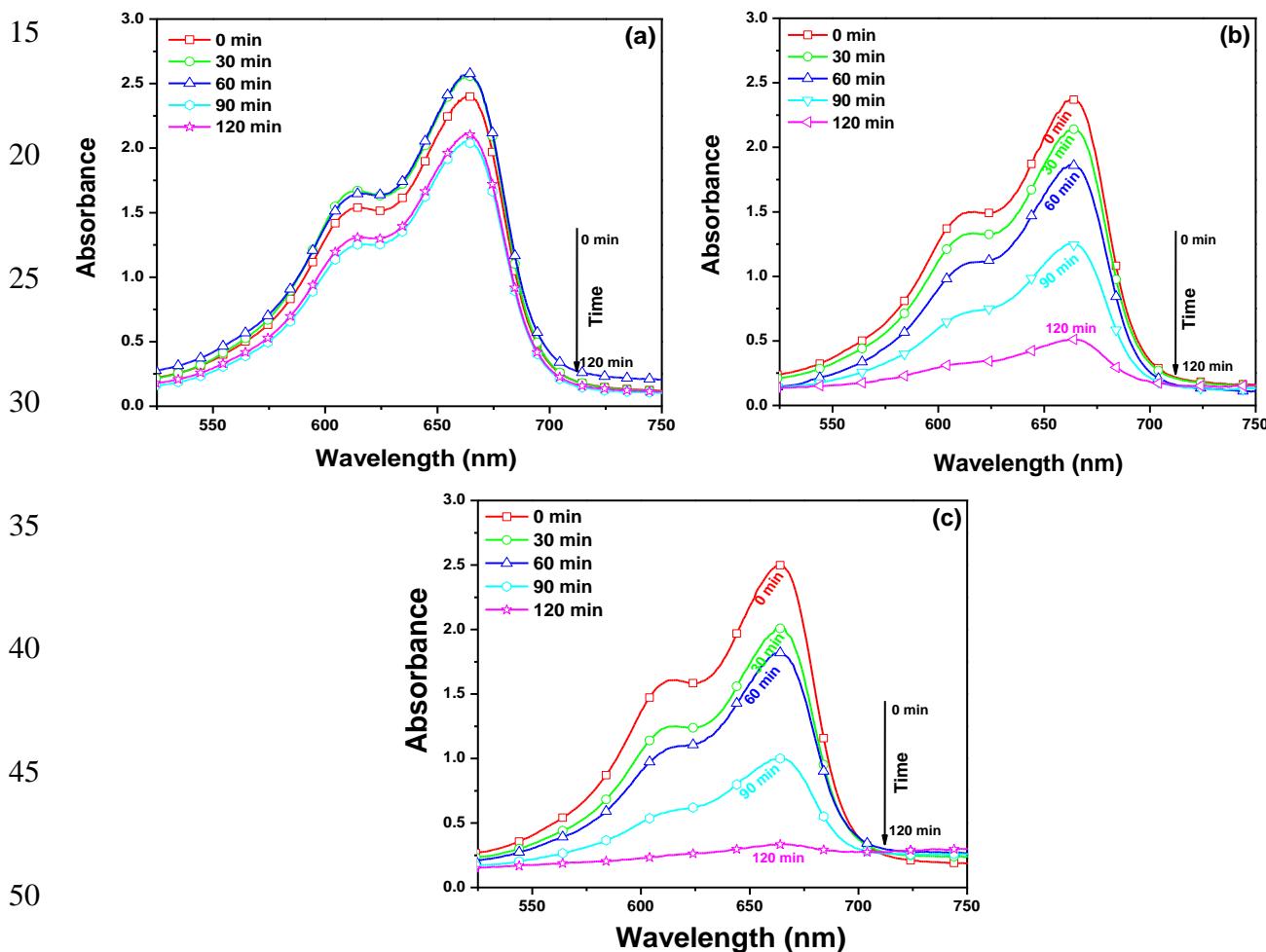
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(ESI†) S6 Spectral evaluation of the effect of catalyst concentration (a) 50; (b) 100 and (c) 200 mgL⁻¹ of h-MoO₃ NCs on MB degradation



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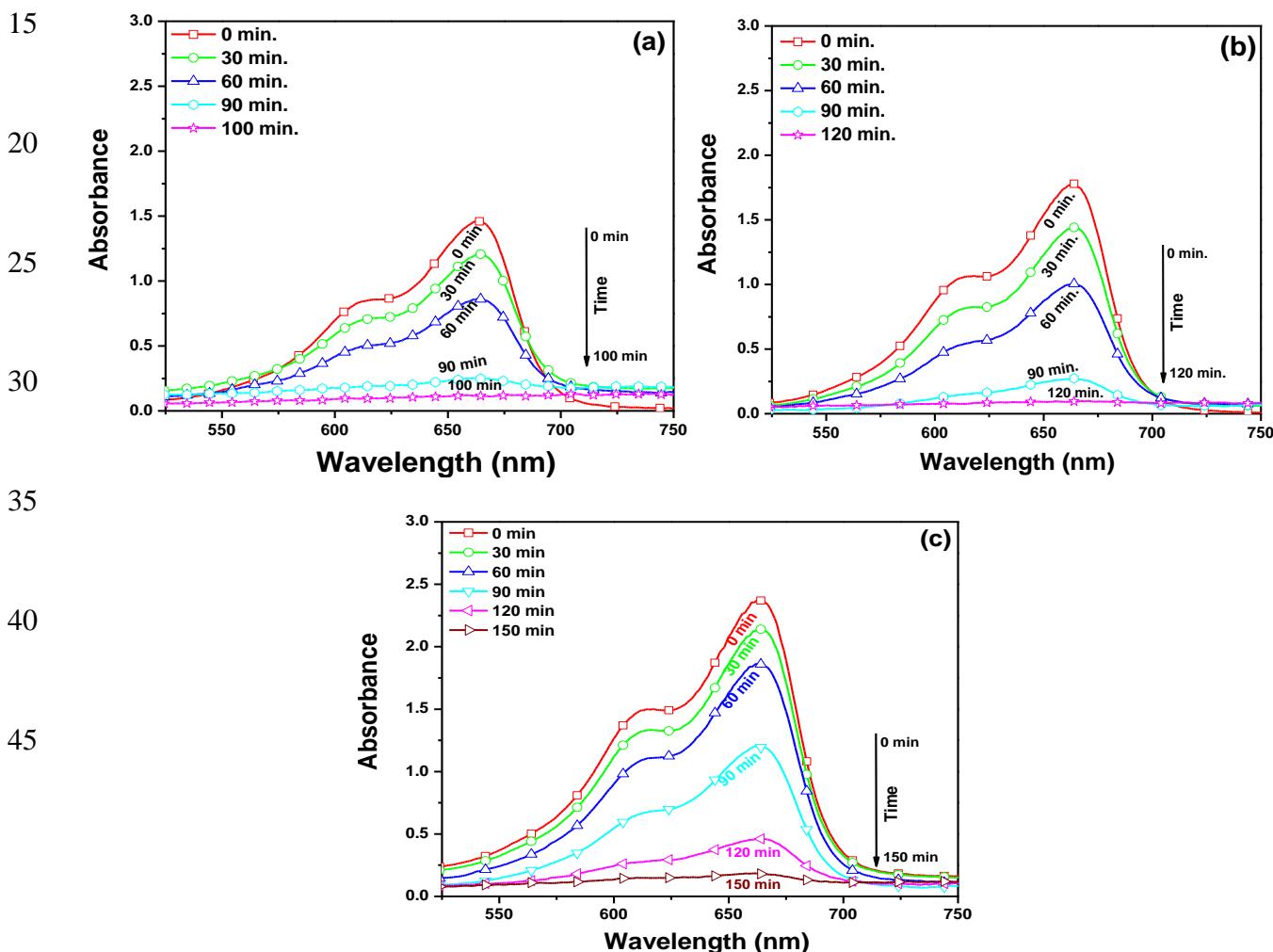
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(ESI†) S7 Spectral evaluation of the effect of dye concentration (a) 8; (b) 12 and (c) 16 mgL⁻¹ of MB on MB degradation



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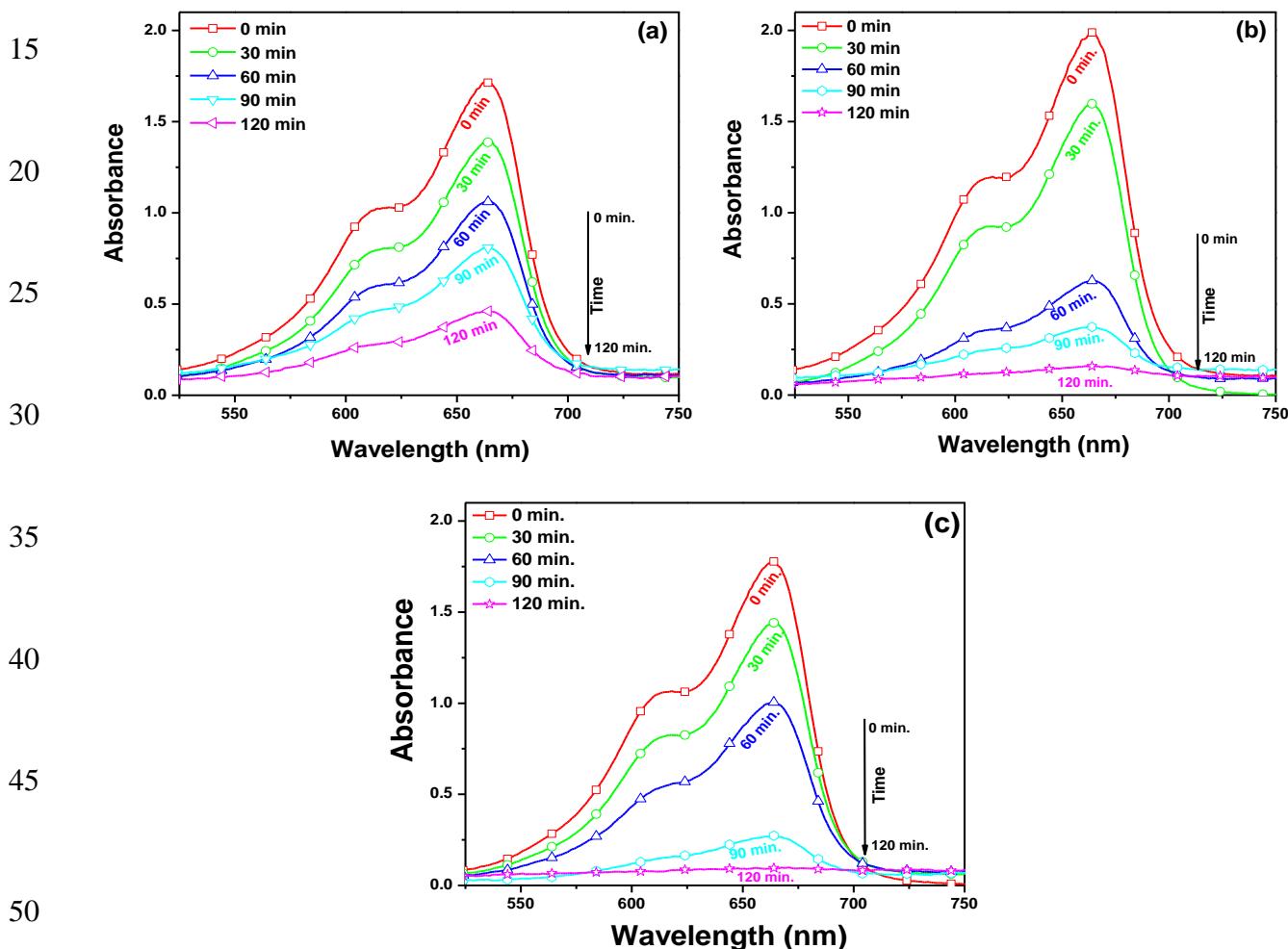
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10 (ESI†) S9 Spectral evaluation of the effect of operating temperature (a) room temperature (RT);
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