## Effect of morphology and impact of electrode/electrolyte interface on the PEC response of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> based systems- Comparison of two preparation techniques

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**Figure S1.** FE-SEM images of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films prepared by spray pyrolysis with (A) 20s, (B) 30s, (C) 40s and (D) 50s spray time



**Figure S2.** FE-SEM images of  $Fe_2O_3$  thin films prepared by electrodeposition with (A) 50 cycles, (B) 100 cycles and (C) 150 cycles of deposition



**Figure S3.** (A) UV-Visible absorption spectra and (B) Tauc plot of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films prepared by spray pyrolysis and electrodeposition



**Figure S4.** Mott-Schottky plot of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films prepared by spray pyrolysis and electrodeposition



**Figure S5.** Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> thin films prepared by spray pyrolysis with (A) 20s, (B) 30s, (C) 30s and (D) 40s spray time and by electrodeposition with (E) 50 cycles, (F) 100 cycles and (G) 150 cycles



Figure S6. Prepared Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> electrode



Figure S7. Three electrode assembly set up for electrochemical and photoelectrochemical analysis

Sample Description	R <sub>s</sub>	R <sub>ct</sub>	C <sub>dl</sub>
S_40s	21.47 Ω	20.7 kΩ	928 nF
E_100 cy	17.45 Ω	9.1 kΩ	1.12 μF

 Table S1. Equivalent randles circuit parameters used for fitting EIS data