## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Room Temperature Synthesis of Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> Nanoparticles with the Assistance of Trisodium Citrate for Photocatalytic Dye Degradation

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**Fig. 1.** MB (a), RhB (b) and MO (c) photocatalytic activity of the  $Ag_3PO_4$  NPs with different size at different reaction times under visible light irradiation.

Fig. 1 show the photodegradation rate of MB, RhB and MO under visible light irradiation. Compared with the photocatalytic capacity of different  $Ag_3PO_4$  NPs, the photocatalytic degradation rate of S1 samples is the strongest.

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Fig. 2. HRTEM images of the Ag<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> NPs before (a) and after (b) catalysis reactions.

Fig 2a, b shows the HRTEM image of  $Ag_3PO_4$  NPs before and after catalysis reactions. The lattices fringes are clearly discerned in a different location, which most of fringes (0.260-0.270 nm) belong to  $Ag_3PO_4$  NPs. But in Fig 2b, the lattice fringes with a d-spacing of 0.235 nm, which could be matches the (111) reflection of face-centered cubic silver. The lattice fringes with d-spacing of 0.273 nm might be agree with the (111) reflection of primitive cubic  $Ag_2O_[1]$ 

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