## **Supplementary Materials**

## Nitrogen-doped carbocatalysts activated persulfate (PS) for oxidation polymerization of bisphenol A (BPA): Importance of nonradical activation of PS

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Figure S1. (a) and (b) XRD patterns of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, CN-800, CN-600 and CN-1000; (c) SEM image of



Figure S2. Oxidation of BPA by PS and CN-800 at pH 9.0. Conditions: [BPA] = 20

mg L<sup>-1</sup>, [PS] = 1.0 mM and [CN-800] = 0.2 g L<sup>-1</sup> at 25  $\pm$  1 °C.

CN-800.

pH conditions	Scavengers	$k ({ m min}^{-1})$	R <sup>2</sup>
7.0	-	2.964	0.933
8.0	-	3.932	0.916
9.0	-	4.140	0.915
10.0	-	3.422	0.969
9.0	50 mM BHT	0.060	0.710

**Table S1.** Rate constants in the oxidation of BPA by  $0.2 \text{ g L}^{-1}$  CN-800 and 1mM PS under different conditions.

Table S2. Rate constants in the oxidation of BPA by 0.2 g  $L^{-1}$  CN-T and 1mM PS.

temperature	pH conditions	$k (\min^{-1})$	$R^2$
600	9.0	0.151	0.645
800	9.0	4.140	0.915
1000	9.0	5.055	0.940



Figure S3. (a) TOC in solution in the CN-800/BPA/PS system. Conditions:  $[BPA] = 20 \text{ mg } L^{-1}$ , [PS] = 1.0 mM and  $[CN-800] = 0.2 \text{ g } L^{-1} \text{ at } 25 \pm 1 \text{ °C}$ ; (b) Molar ration of consumed PS and removed BPA in the CN-800/BPA/PS system.

Table S3. Tafel parameters of CN-800, CN-800/BPA, CN-800/PS and CN-800 after reaction

			CD 1 000/DC	CN-800 after	
parameters	CN-800	CN-800/BPA	CN-800/PS	reaction	
Corrosion potential	0.492	0.547	0.547	0.547	
(E <sub>corr</sub> , V)	0.482	0.347	0.547	0.347	
Corrosion current	56.08	22.29	00.26	0.000	
$(J_{corr}, \mu A \text{ cm}^{-2})$	36.08	32.28	90.36	0.9088	



Figure S4. Recycle use of CN-800 in the oxidation of BPA by PS. Conditions: (a)  $[BPA] = 20 \text{ mg } L^{-1}, [PS] = 1.0 \text{ mM} \text{ and } [CN-800] = 0.2 \text{ g } L^{-1}; (b) [BPA] = 200 \text{ mg}$  $L^{-1}, [PS] = 1.5 \text{ mM} \text{ and } [CN-800] = 0.2 \text{ g } L^{-1} \text{ at } 25 \pm 1 \text{ °C}, \text{ pH} = 9.0.$ 



Figure S5. Oxidation of BPA in the presence of 50 mM BHT. Conditions: [BPA] =

 $20 \text{ mg } L^{-1}$ , [PS] = 1.0 mM and [CN-800] = 0.2 g L<sup>-1</sup> at  $25 \pm 1$  °C, pH = 9.0.



**Figure S6.** Chronoamperometric analysis at 0.00 V vs. SCE using  $0.1 \text{ M Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  as electrolyte.

Samples	XPS (at. %)			Fraction of	Fraction of different configuration nitrogen			
Sumpres	С	N	0	Pyridinic- N	Pyrrolic- N	Graphitic- N	Oxide- N	
Before CN-600	62.72	31.44	5.84	44.78	43.28	11.94	0.00	
Before CN-800	83.34	8.59	8.07	41.44	27.62	27.07	3.87	
Before CN- 1000	88.22	3.03	8.75	29.06	17.95	46.15	6.84	
After CN-600	65.38	26.02	8.60	35.10	38.37	18.17	8.16	
After CN-800	81.93	8.07	10.55	37.14	40.48	19.05	3.33	
After CN- 1000	86.49	2.93	10.58	16.82	40.19	37.38	5.61	

Table S4. XPS analysis of the CN-T samp	les
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**Figure S7.** (a, c and e) XPS N 1s analysis of before CN catalyst; (b, d and f) XPS N 1s analysis of after CN catalyst.



Figure S8 Adsorption of BPA by normal/poisoned CN-800 at pH 9.0. Conditions:  $[BPA] = 20 \text{ mg } L^{-1}, \text{ [catalyst]} = 0.50 \text{ g } L^{-1} \text{ at } 25 \pm 1 \text{ °C}.$