Fabrication of Ternary Metal Oxide (ZnO:NiO:CuO) nanocomposite heterojunctions for enhanced photocatalytic and antibacterial applications

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Fig. S1: SEM images of samples with molar ratios (Zn:Ni:Cu) (a) 1:1:1, (b) 2:1:1, (c) 1:2:1, and (d) 1:1:2



Fig. S2: EDX spectra of ZNC (2:1:1)



Fig. S3: EDX spectra of ZNC (1:2:1)



Fig. S4: EDX spectra of ZNC (1:1:2)



Fig. S5: (a) % degradation of MB dye in mixture; (b) rate constant plot of MB dye degradation in mixture



Fig. S6: (a) % degradation of MO dye in mixture; (b) rate constant plot of MO dye degradation in mixture