Supporting Information

Strongly Enhanced persulfate activation by bicarbonate accelerated Cu (III)/Cu (I) redox cycle

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Scheme S1. Structural formula of selected six dyes.



Fig. S1. The degradation of CR in various systems. Experimental conditions: [PDS] = 16mM, $[NaHCO_3] = 20$ mM, $[Cu^{2+}] = 0.1$ mM, [CR] = 0.02 mM.



Figure S2. The degradation of CR in different solvents. Experimental conditions: [PDS] = 16mM, $[NaHCO_3] = 20$ mM, $[CuCl_2] = 0.1$ Mm, [CR] = 0.02 mM



Figure S3. The absorbance of the complex of copper and NaIO₄ after adding NaIO₄ into the PDS/HCO₃⁻/Cu²⁺ system. Experimental conditions: [PDS] = 16mM, [NaHCO₃] = 20 mM, [CuCl₂] = 0.1 mM, [CR] = 0.02 mM.



Figure S4. The degradation of CR in (a) different concentration of PDS, $[NaHCO_3] = 20 \text{ mM}$, [CR] = 0.02 mM, $[CuCl_2] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$; (b) different concentration of NaHCO₃, [PDS] = 16 mM, [CR] = 0.02 mM, $[CuCl_2] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$.



Figure S5. (a) The changes of UV-vis spectrum in the CR degradation. (b) The changes of FT-IR in the CR degradation. Experimental conditions: [PDS] = 16 mM, $[NaHCO_3] = 20 \text{ mM}$, $[Cu^{2+}] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$, $[NaIO_4] = 10 \text{ mM}$, [CR] = 0.02 mM.



Figure S6. The 3D fluorescence spectra of CR before the reaction (a) and after the reaction(b) in

the PDS/HCO₃⁻/Cu²⁺ system. Experimental conditions: [PDS] = 16 mM, $[NaHCO_3] = 20 \text{ mM}$, $[CuCl_2] = 0.1 \text{ mM}$, [CR] = 0.02 mM.



Figure S7. The LC-MS spectra of the degradation products of CR in different retention time, (a) 3.09-3.30min, (b) 4.09-4.24min.