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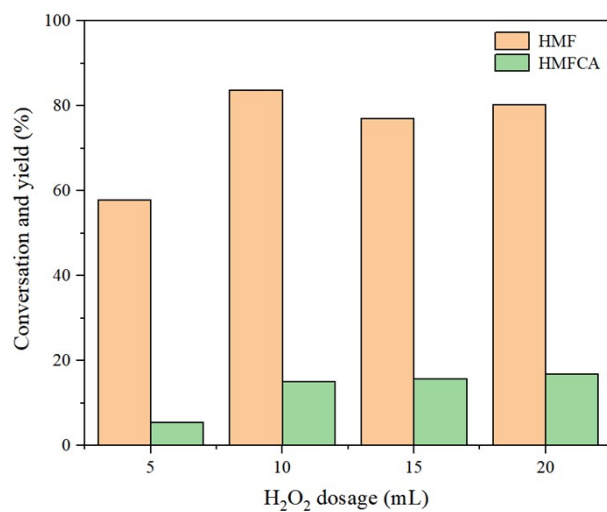


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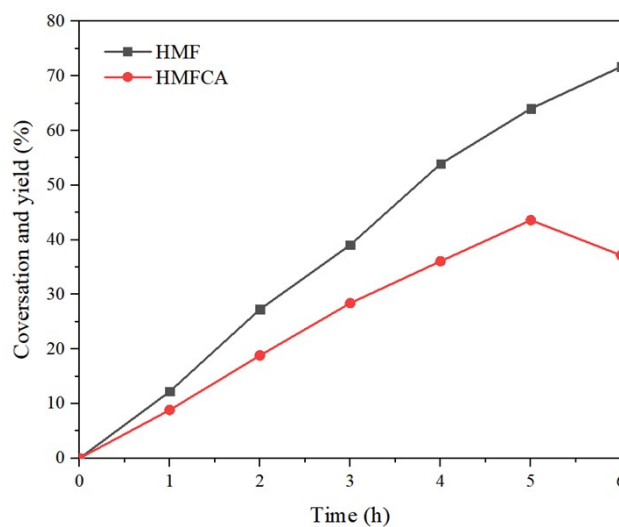
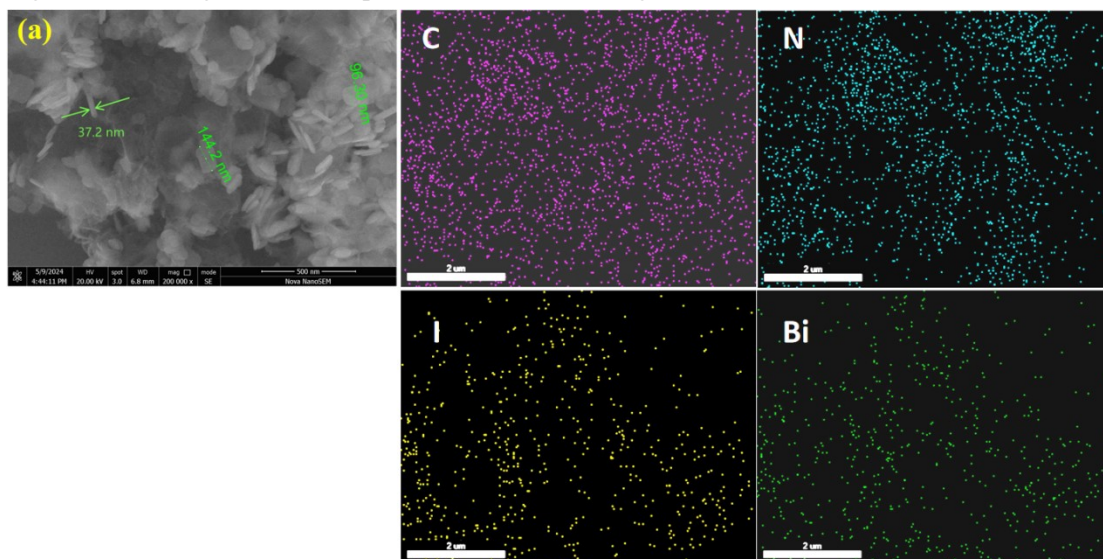


Fig. S2 Effect of reaction time on photocatalytic reaction (0.001 g HMF, 0.05 g BiOI/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>(1.5), 20 mL H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>).

Fig. S3 SEM images and EDS spectrum of reused BiOI/g - C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>.



**Fig. S3.** SEM images of (a) reused BiOI/g - C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>. EDS spectrum of reused BiOI/g - C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, confirming the presence of C, N, I and Bi elements.

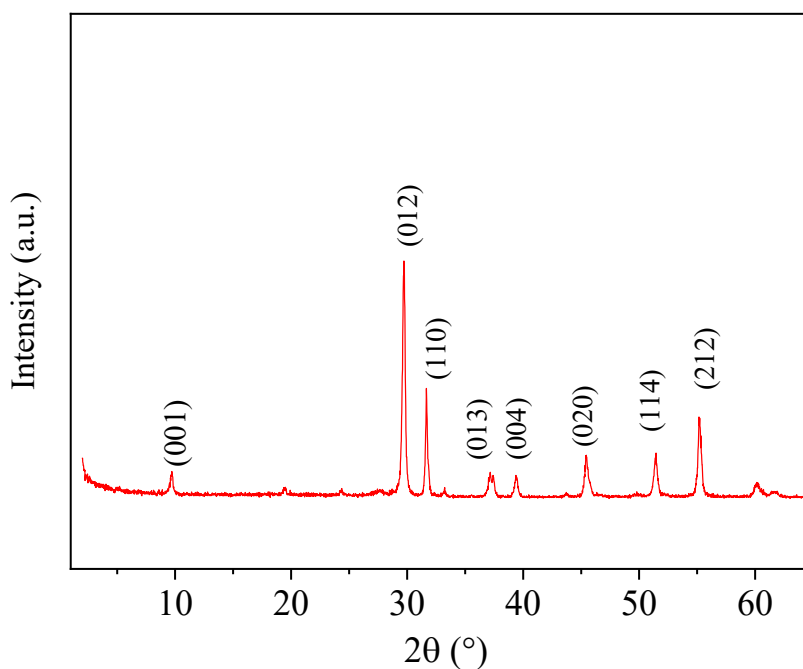


Fig. S4. XRD patterns of reused BiOI/g - C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>

**Table S1** Comparison of Photocatalyst Efficiency of BiOI/g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> with Other Catalysts Described in the Oxidation of HMF to HMFC

Photocatalyst	Preparation process	Reaction condition	Oxidant	Light source	Solvent	HMFC yield (%)	Ref.
Au/Na-ZSM	thermal, 60 °C for 2 h; 100 °C, H <sub>2</sub> (1 atm), 6 h.	60 °C, 6 h	O <sub>2</sub> (3 bar)	–	H <sub>2</sub> O	90	[S1]
CuO	co-precipitation method; 460 °C, 5 h.	80 °C, 12 h	<i>t</i> -BuOOH	–	ACN	23.3	[S2]
Ag/GO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	refluxing method; GO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> : 60 °C, 24 h Ag/GO/Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> : 50 °C, 8 h	NaOH, 20 °C, 1.5 h	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	LED 12 W	ChCl/Gly (1:2)	80	[S3]
Au-Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub>	incipient wetness impregnation; 200 °C	Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> , 5 h	high-purity O <sub>2</sub>	Xe lamp 300 W	H <sub>2</sub> O	4.6	[S4]
Fe@CeO <sub>2</sub>	thermal method; 220 °C, 9 h	24 h	–	LED 6W	DMPO	40.4 (FDCA)	[S5]
Ru-CdS	Solvothermal; CdS: 80 °C, 22 h; Ru: 100 °C, 22 h; Ru-CdS: 1.5 h	Ar, 17.5 h	–	Xe lamp 300 W	DMF	70.2	[S6]
BiOI/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> : melamine decomposition, 550 °C, 3 h BiOI/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> : 25 °C, 1 h	20 °C, 5 h	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Xe lamp 300 W	H <sub>2</sub> O	43.6	This study

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