## Oxygen functionalities of graphene oxide: effects on the formation of nanoparticles on graphene

## (Supporting Information)

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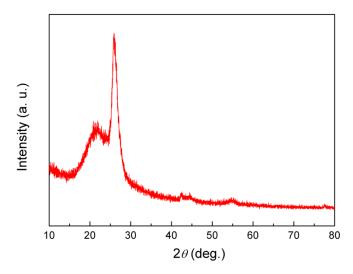


Fig. S1 XRD pattern of mGO. A broad peak at 21.5° corresponds to the low oxygenated level of graphite. A sharp peak at about 24.6° indicates the incompletely oxidation of graphite during the oxidation process.

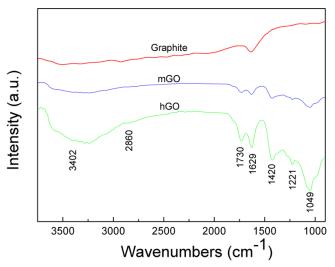


Fig. S2 FTIR spectra of graphite, mGO and hGO. The different intensity of peaks between the mGO and hGO indicates the difference oxygenated levels between mGO and hGO. Only a clear peak at  $1629 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponds to the aromatic structure of graphite.

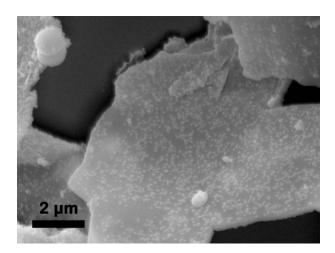


Fig. S3 SEM image of Cu<sub>2</sub>O/rmGOs. Cu<sub>2</sub>O particles spread uniformly on the mGO sheet surface and few microspheres connecting to mGO directly surface were also observed.

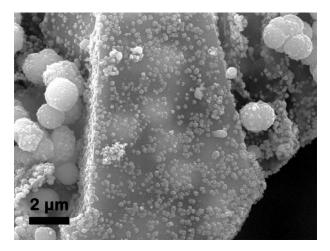


Fig. S4 SEM image of  $Cu_2O/PG$ . Homogeneously  $Cu_2O$  particles covered graphite sheet was shown. No  $Cu_2O$  microspheres that connected directly to graphite sheet were observed. However, a lot of individual  $Cu_2O$  microspheres were also shown in this sample.

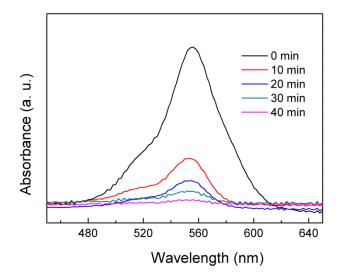


Fig. S5 Temporal UV–vis absorption spectral changes observed for the RhB solution. The absorbance rapidly decreased, indicating RhB was degraded gradually as the reaction time prolonged.