

Electronic Supporting Information

Fast Synthesis of High-Quality Reduced Graphene Oxide at Room Temperature under Light Exposure

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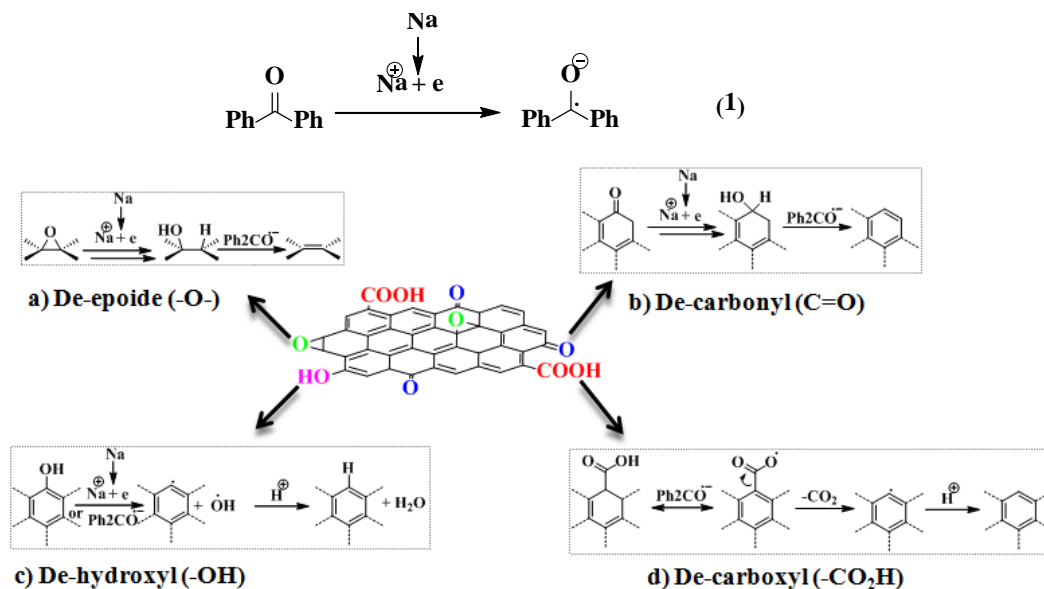


Figure S1. Possible reduction mechanism and procedure for preparing the rGO_{Na-B1} sheets with solvated radical anion with electron from sodium.^{1,2,3}

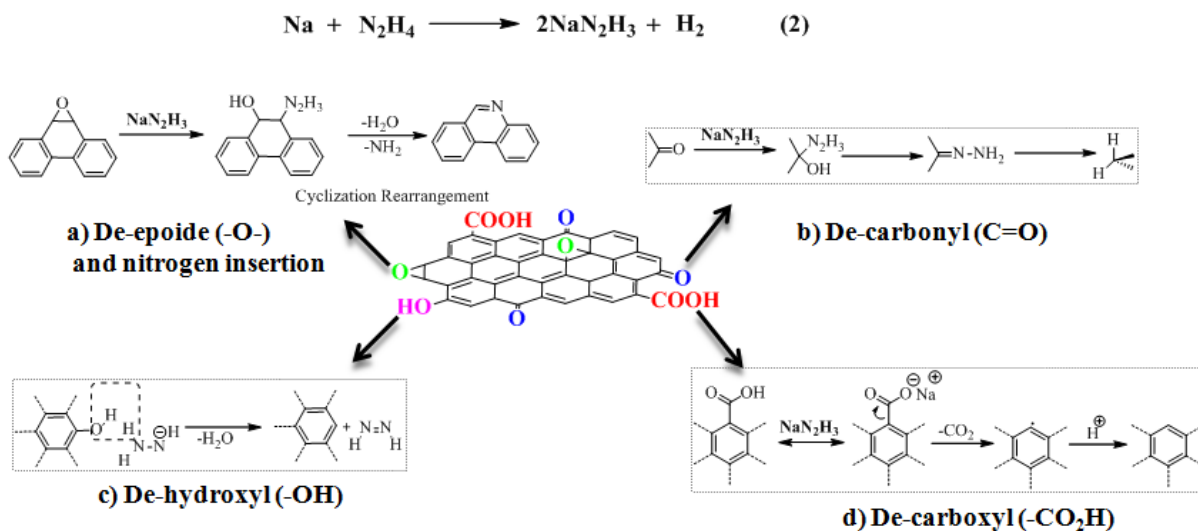


Figure S2. Possible reduction mechanism and procedure for preparing the rGO_{Na-H3} and rGO_{Na-H4} sheets with sodium hydrazide complex, NaN₂H₃.^{4,5,6}

As per our hypothesis, in case of formation of the rGO_{Na-B-H2} sheets by the use of Na-B-H reducing system, both mechanisms were employed.

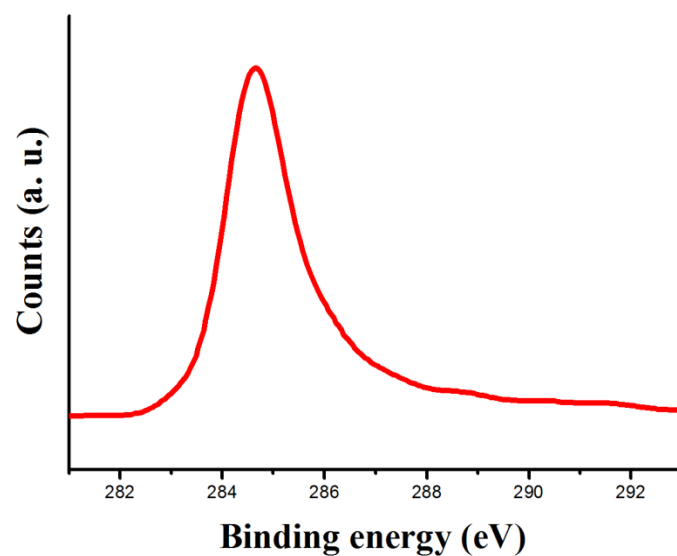


Figure S3. XPS spectra of graphite.

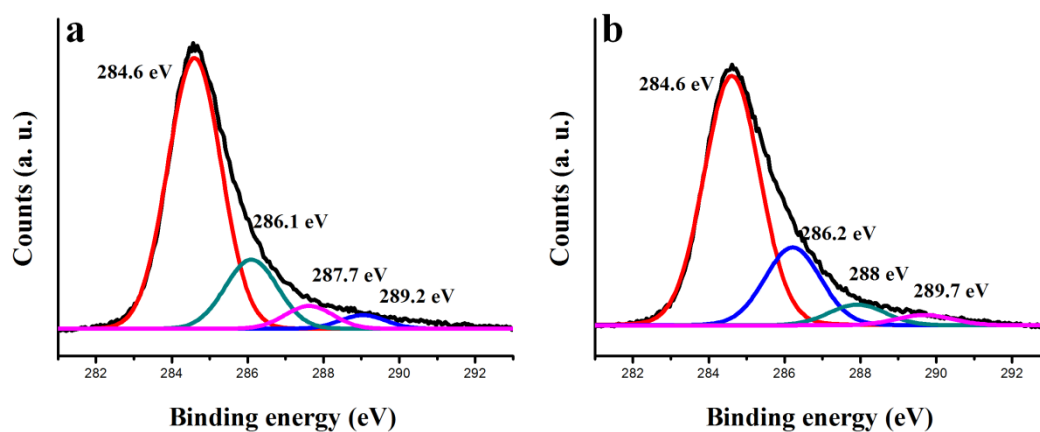


Figure S4. C1s spectra of rGONa-H3 (a) and rGONa-H4 (b) sheets.

The C1S of rGONa-H3 contained the peaks at 286.1 eV (C-O and C-N combined), 287.7 eV (C=O), 289.2 (C(O)OH)); whereas C1S of rGONa-H4 contain the peaks at 286.2 eV (C-O and C-N combined), 288 eV (C=O), 289.7 (C(O)OH).

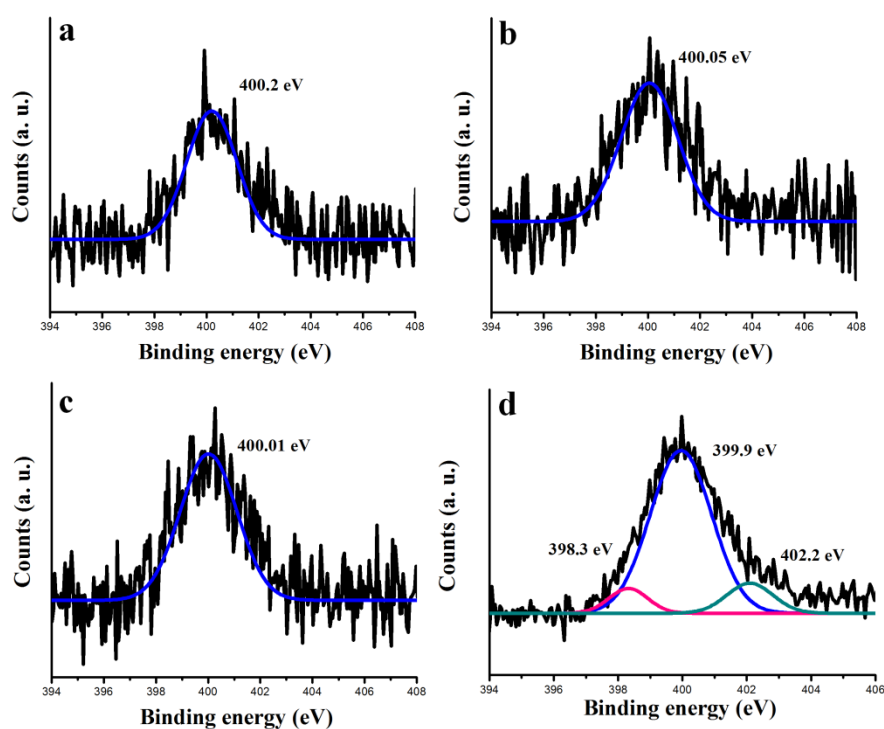


Figure S5. N1s spectra of rGO_{Na-B-H2} (a), rGO_{Na-H3} (b), rGO_{Na-H4} (c) and rGO_H (d) sheets.

In the N1s peaks in the XPS spectra; peak was found about ~398 eV, which could be attributed to pyridinic N, the peak ~400 eV were attributed to amide, amine, or pyrrolic N, and the peak at ~402 eV is commonly attributed to oxidized nitrogen.⁶

Table S1. Comparison of XPS analysis results of as made rGOs.

Entry	Reduction Process	Temperature	C/O	N (%)	N1s (eV)
1.	GO	-	2.01	0.32	-
2.	Sodium-Benzophenone / UV light	rt	13.9	0.38	-
3.	Sodium-Benzophenone-Hydrazine / UV light	rt	16.2	3.8	400.2
4.	Sodium-Hydrazine dil	~50 °C	10.9	2.9	400.05
5.	Sodium-Hydrazine Conc	~50 °C	12.6	4.1	400.02
6.	Hydrazine	100 °C	12.1	3.4	398.3, 399.9, 402.2
7.	Graphite	-	71.8	0.1	-

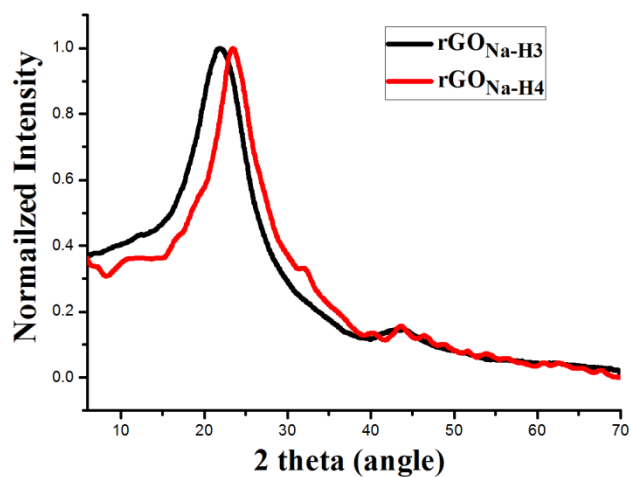


Figure S6. XRD spectra of rGO_{Na-H3} and rGO_{Na-H4} sheets.

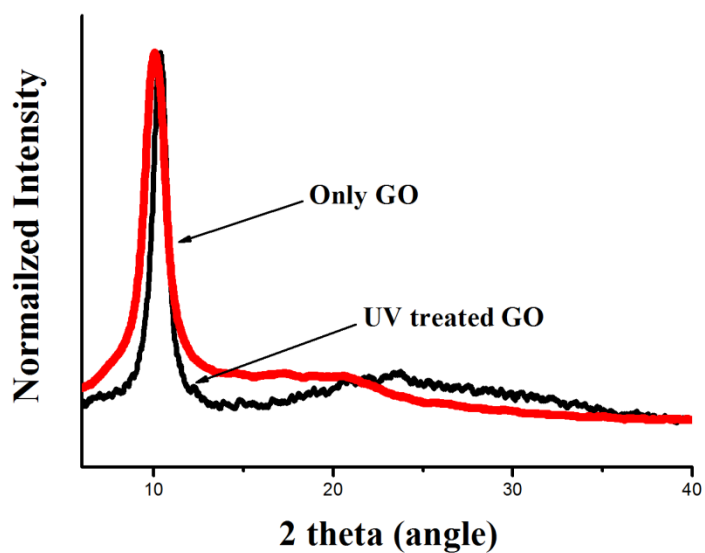


Figure S7. XRD spectra of only GO and GO solution treated with UV lamp for 24 h.

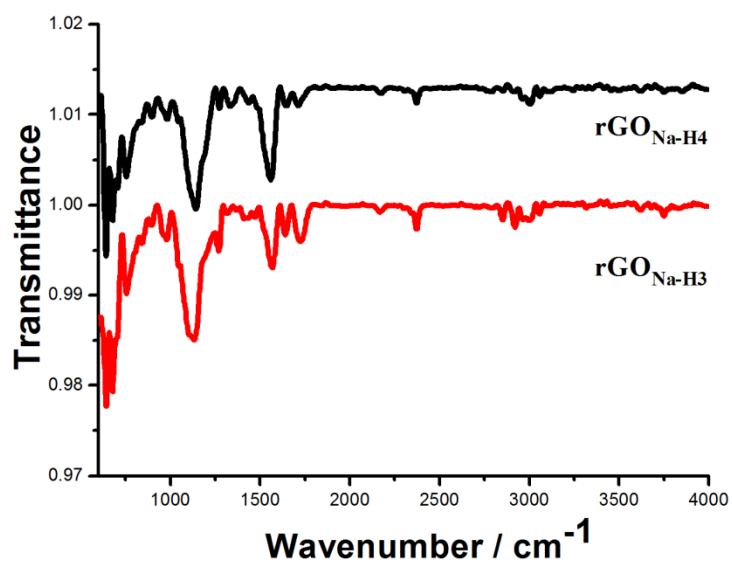


Figure S8. FTIR spectra of rGO_{Na-H3} and rGO_{Na-H4} sheets.

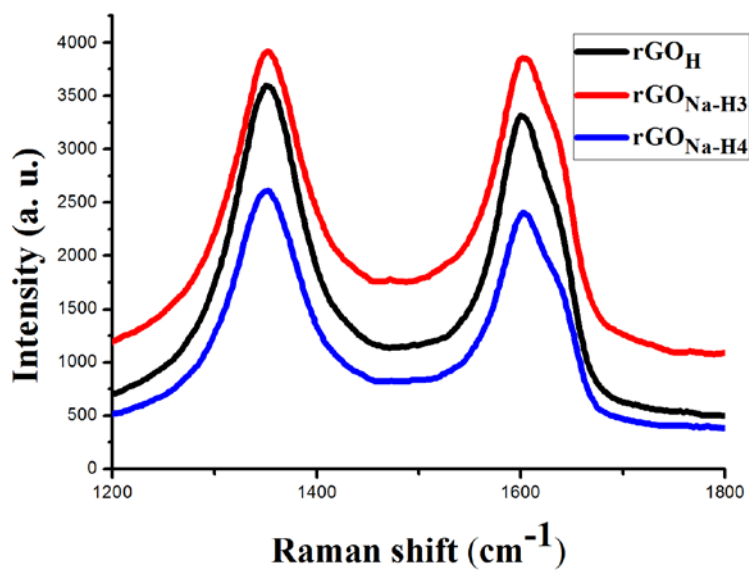


Figure S9. Raman spectra of rGO_H, rGO_{Na-H3} and rGO_{Na-H4} sheets.

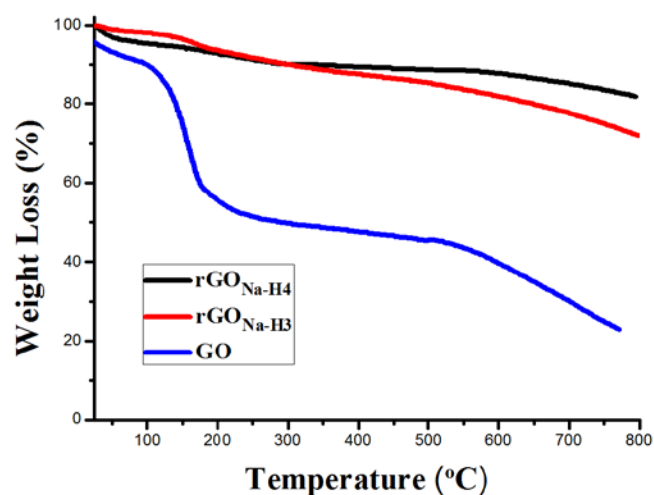


Figure S10. TGA thermograms for GO, rGO_{Na-H3} and rGO_{Na-H4} sheets.

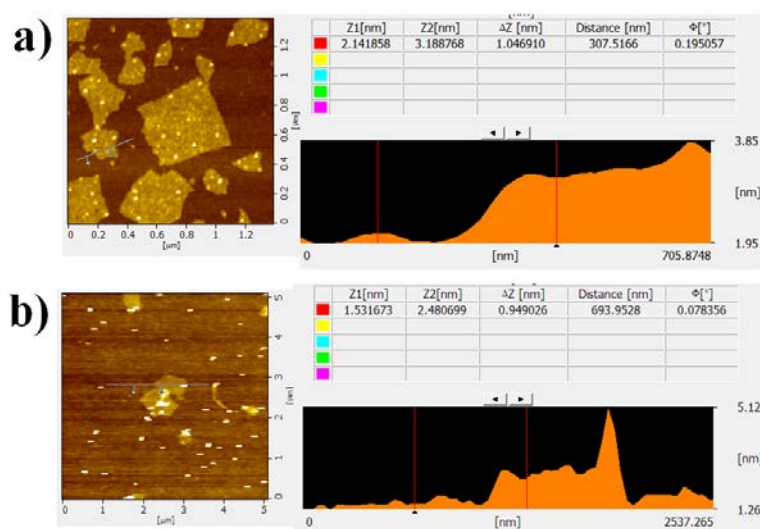


Figure S11. (a) AFM image of as-prepared rGO_{Na-B1} sheet using Na-B system. (b) AFM image of as-prepared rGO_{Na-B-H2} sheet using Na-B-H system.

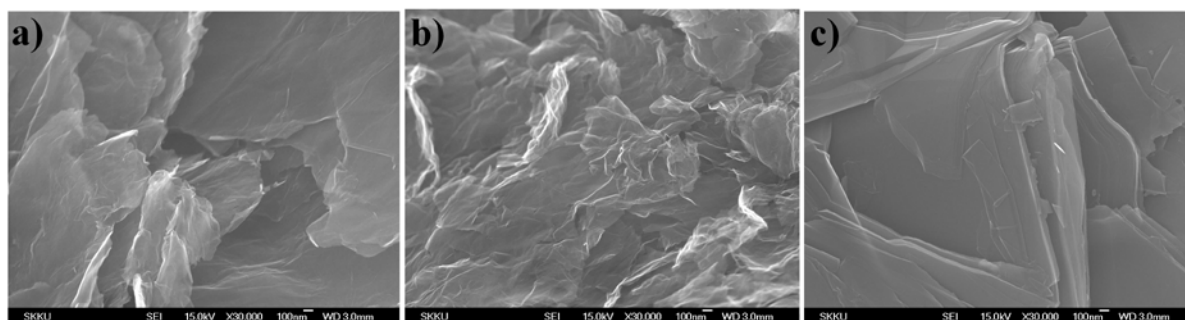


Figure S12. SEM images of (a) rGO_{Na-H3}, (b) rGO_{Na-H4} sheets and (c) graphite.

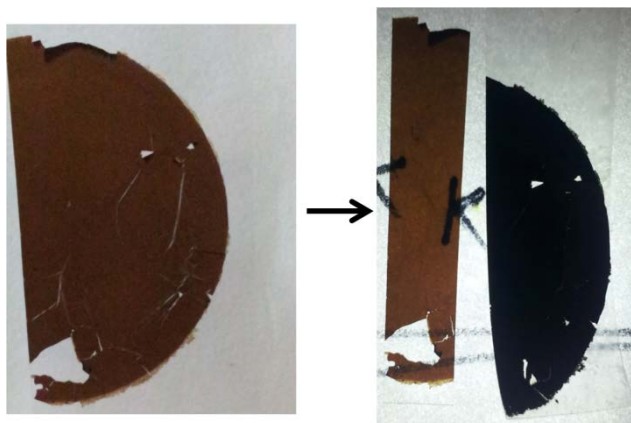


Figure S13. Photograph of GO and rGO film on PET.

Table S2. Comparison of sheet resistance of as made rGOs.

Entry	Type	Sheet resistance Ω/square	Thickness of film or pellets (μm)
1.	rGO _{Na-B1}	~200 ~9	~4.2 (film) ~11.1 (pellet)
2.	rGO _{Na-B-H2}	~130 ~5	~4.1 (film) ~10.8 (pellet)
3.	rGO _{Na-H3}	~20	~11.5 (pellet)
4.	rGO _{Na-H4}	~18	~10.2 (pellet)
5.	rGO _H	~32	~12 (pellet)

Table S3. Comparison of sheet resistance and C/O ratio of other methods.

Reference	Sheet resistance Ω/square	C/O	Method
<i>Nature Commun.</i> 2010 , 1, 73	~19.6 (~6.5 μm)	11.46	HI-AcOH, 40 °C, 40 h
<i>Nature Commun.</i> 2013 , 4, 1539	~350 (Transparency 80%)	16.61	Na-NH ₃ solution at -78 °C

<i>Nature Nanotech.</i> 2008 , <i>3</i> , 270	~43000 (Transparency 63%)	-	GO film reduced with hydrazine vapor and annealed at 200 °C
<i>Nature</i> 2009 , <i>457</i> , 706	~280 (Transparency 80%)	-	CVD graphene film
Our result	~130 (~4.2 μm) ~5 (~10.8 μm)	16.2	GO film <i>in situ</i> reduction with sodium-benzophenone-hydrazine at room temperature

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