## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Versatile Nanobeads-Scaffolded N-SnO<sub>2</sub> Mesoporous Microspheres: One-Step Synthesis and Superb Performance in Dye-Sensitized Solar Cell, Gas Sensor, and Photocatalytic Degradation of Dye

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Figure S1. FE-SEM images of the CNPs at different magnification.



**Figure S2.** FE-SEM images of the product after annealing the NSMMs at 500 °C for 0.5 h.



**Figure S3.** XRD patterns of the samples. (a) 2 h, (b) 4 h, (c) pure water as the solvent, and (d) without  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ , (e) 8 h. NOTE: for simplicity, only major diffraction peaks were indexed.



**Figure S4.** The typical XPS spectra of the NSMMs: (a) the survey spectra, (b) the high-resolution spectra of N 1s. (c) the high-resolution spectra of Sn 3d.



**Figure S5.** (a) UV-vis absorption spectrum of the two samples. (b) UV-vis absorption spectrum of NSMM after calcination. (c) The photo images of the CNP (left) and NSMM (right).



Figure S6. Energy band diagram of the two samples.



**Figure S7**. Nitrogen sorption isotherms of the NSMMs. Inset shows the pore diameter distribution of NMSS.



**Figure S8**. Morphology evolution of NSMM (a) 2 h, (b) 4 h; FE-SEM image of (c)  $SnO_2$  nanorods formed without  $C_6H_{12}O_6$ , (d)  $SnO_2$  bulks formed with pure  $H_2O$  as solvent.



Figure S9. Mott-Schottky plots of the NSMMs electrodes after calcination..



**Figure S10.** Time-dependent UV-vis absorbance spectra of the RhB solution in the presence of CNP sample.