

Supporting Information
for
**Enhanced catalytic activity without the use of an external
light source using microwave-synthesized CuO nanopetals**

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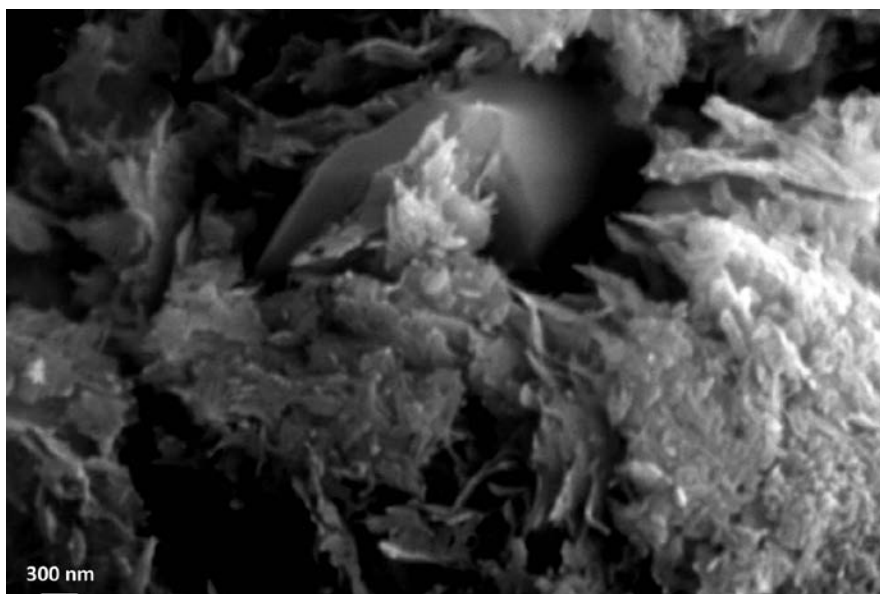


Figure S1: FESEM image of mixed phase CuO nanostructures obtained for the synthesis duration of 5 min.

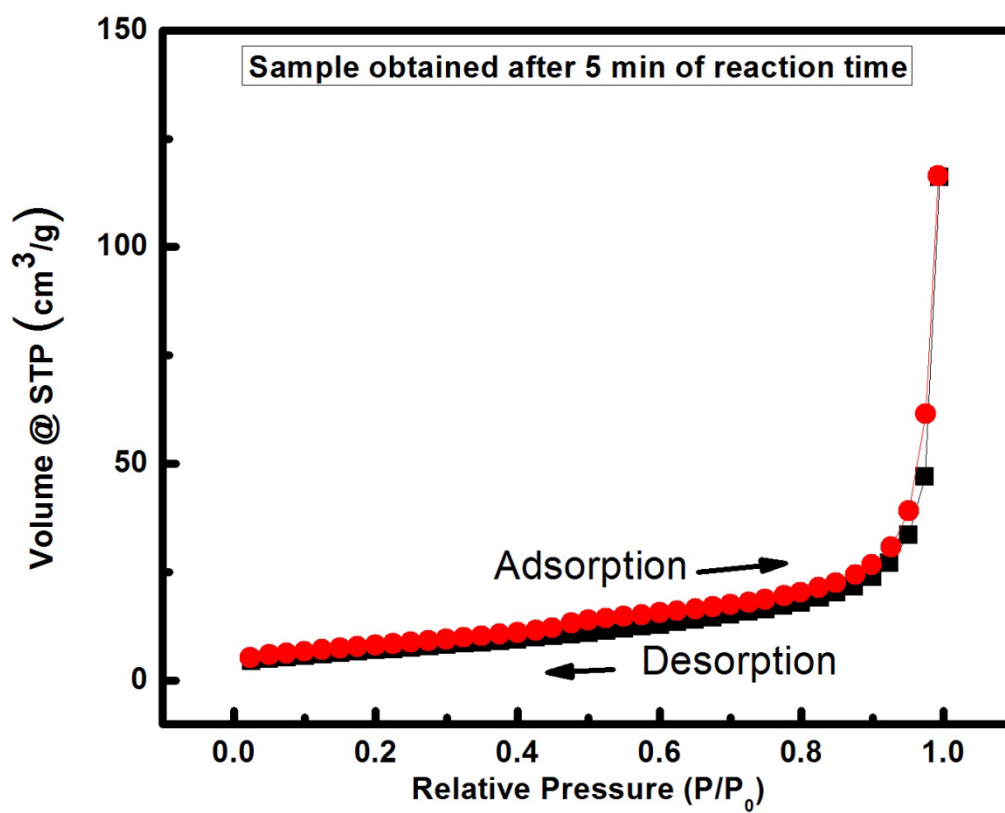


Figure S2: Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherm at 77 K for the sample obtained for the reaction duration of 5 min.

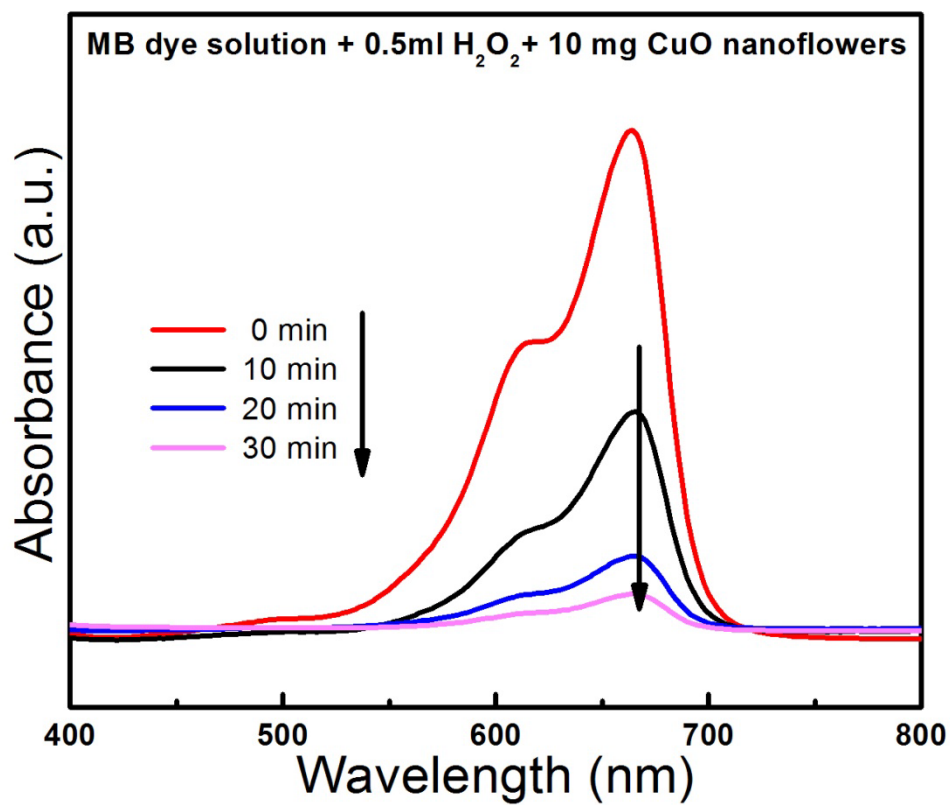


Figure S3: UV-vis absorption spectra for MB degradation for different duration for 10 mg nanoflowers of CuO and 0.5 mL H₂O₂.

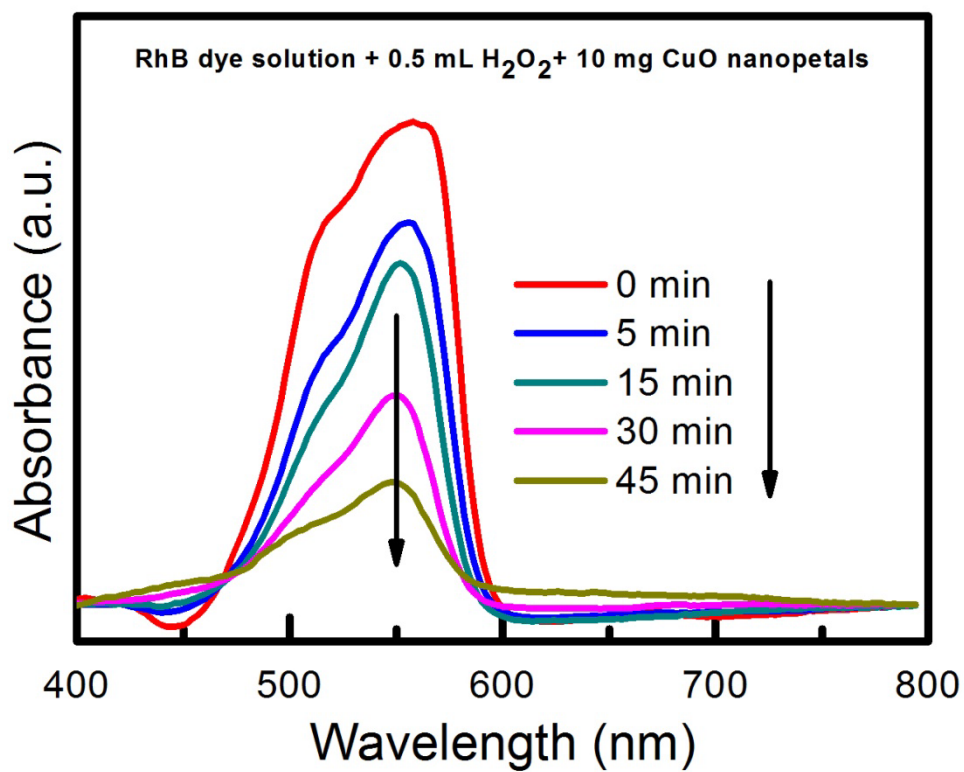


Figure S4: UV-vis absorption spectra for RhB degradation for different duration for 10 mg nanopetals of CuO and 0.5 mL H₂O₂