

Supplementary Information

Photodegradation of Ciprofloxacin and Levofloxacin by Au@ZnONPs-MoS₂-rGO Nanocomposites

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Table S1. BET surface area of the synthesized catalysts.

Catalyst	BET surface area (m²g⁻¹)
ZnONPs	67
1%Au@ZnONPs-1%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	98
3%Au@ZnONPs-1%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	107
5%Au@ZnONPs-1%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	118
1%Au@ZnONPs-3%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	115
3%Au@ZnONPs-3%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	121
5%Au@ZnONPS-3%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	143
1%Au@ZnONPS-5%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	129
3%Au@ZnONPS-5%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	134
5%Au@ZnONPS-5%MoS ₂ -1%rGO	151

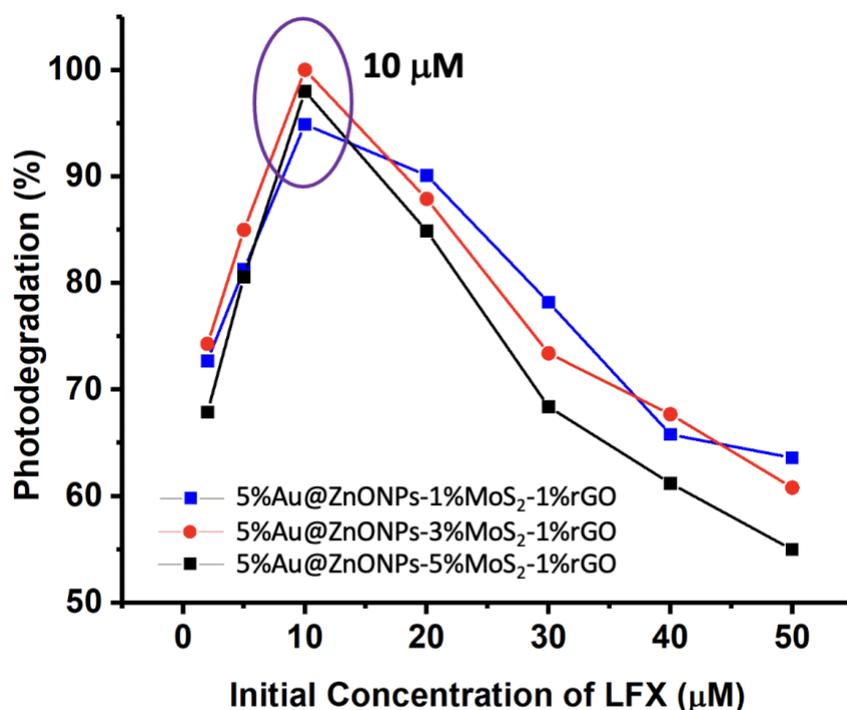


Figure S1. Evaluation of the initial concentration of LFX on the catalytic efficiency of 5% Au@ZnONPs-1% MoS₂-1% rGO, 5% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO, and 5% Au@ZnONPs-5% MoS₂-1% rGO, in the photodegradation reaction.

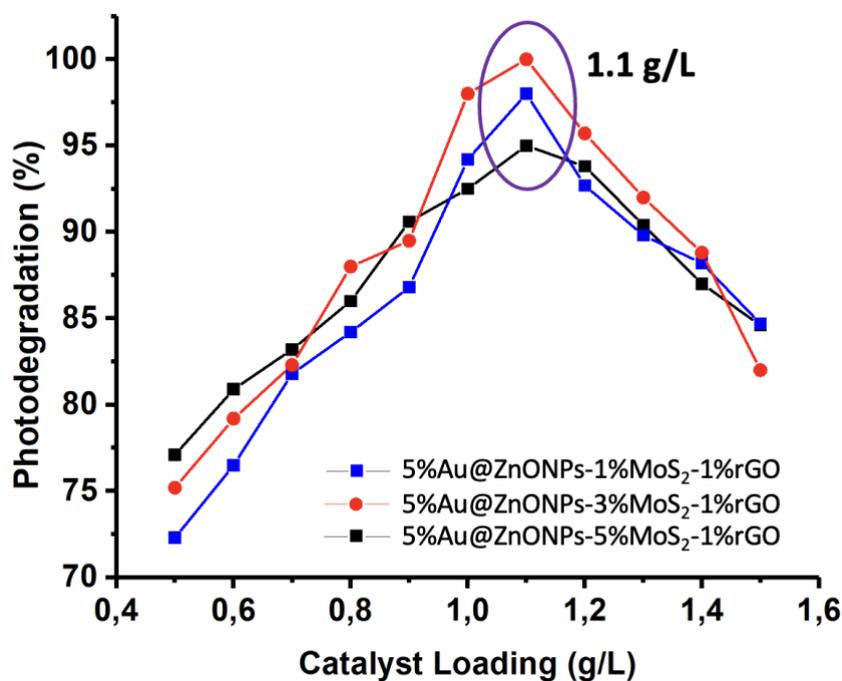


Figure S2. Evaluation of the catalyst loading of 5% Au@ZnONPs-1% MoS₂-1% rGO, 5% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO, and 5% Au@ZnONPs-5% MoS₂-1% rGO on the efficiency of the photodegradation reaction of LFX.

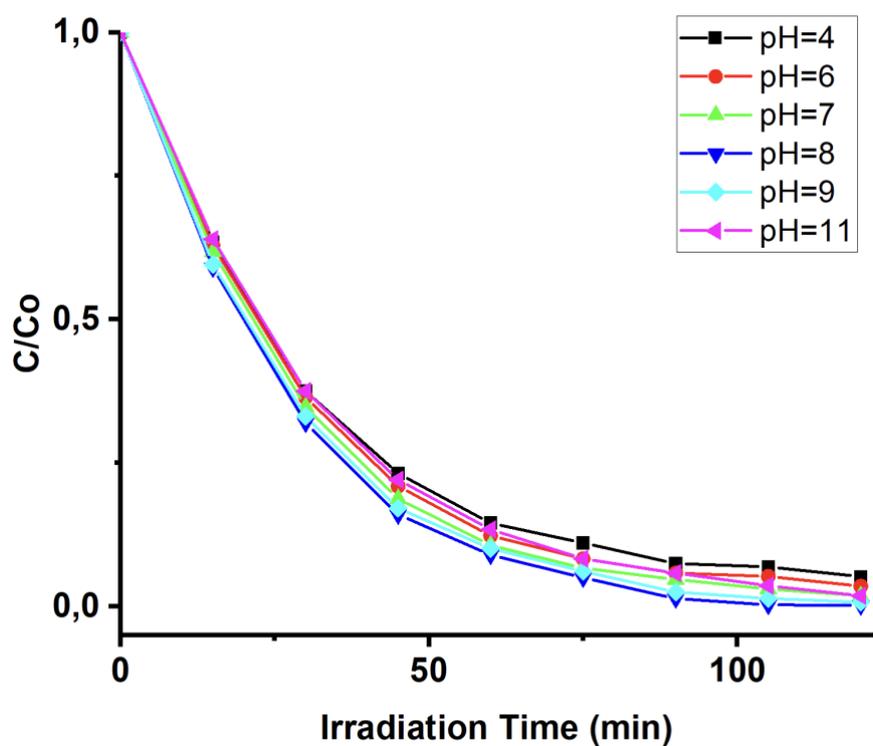


Figure S3. Photocatalytic activity of 5% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO on the degradation of LFX under irradiation at different pH.

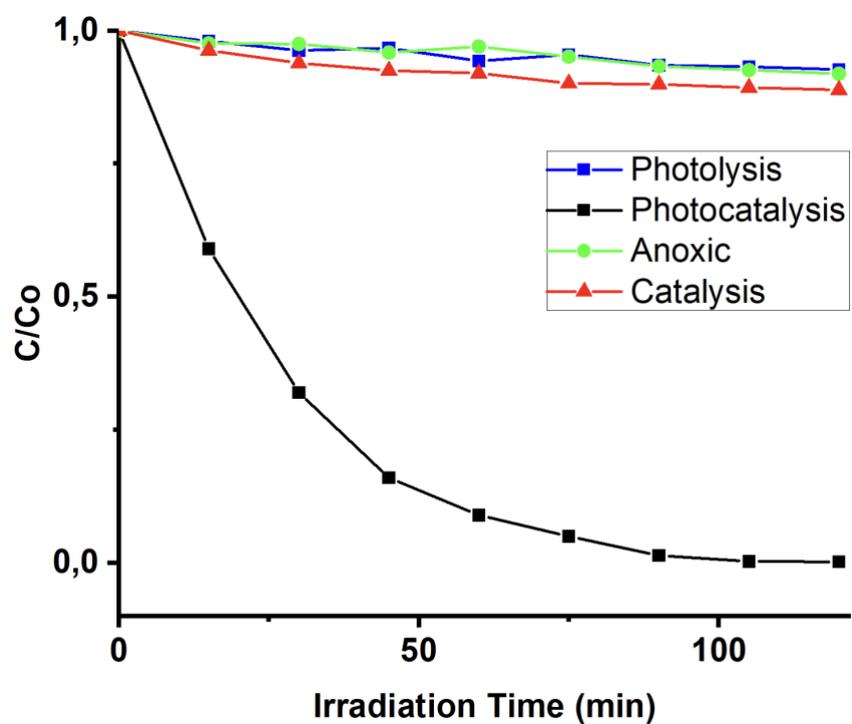


Figure S4. Control experiments for 5% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO with LFX, under irradiation.

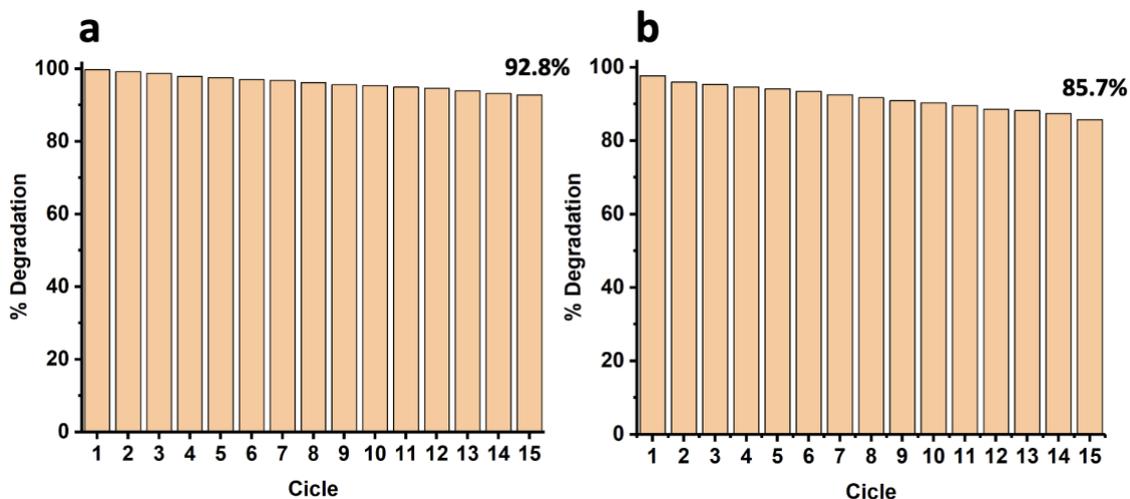


Figure S5. Recyclability tests: 5% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO after 15 consecutive catalytic cycles of photodegradation of LFX (a); and 1% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO after 15 consecutive catalytic cycles of photodegradation of CFX (b).

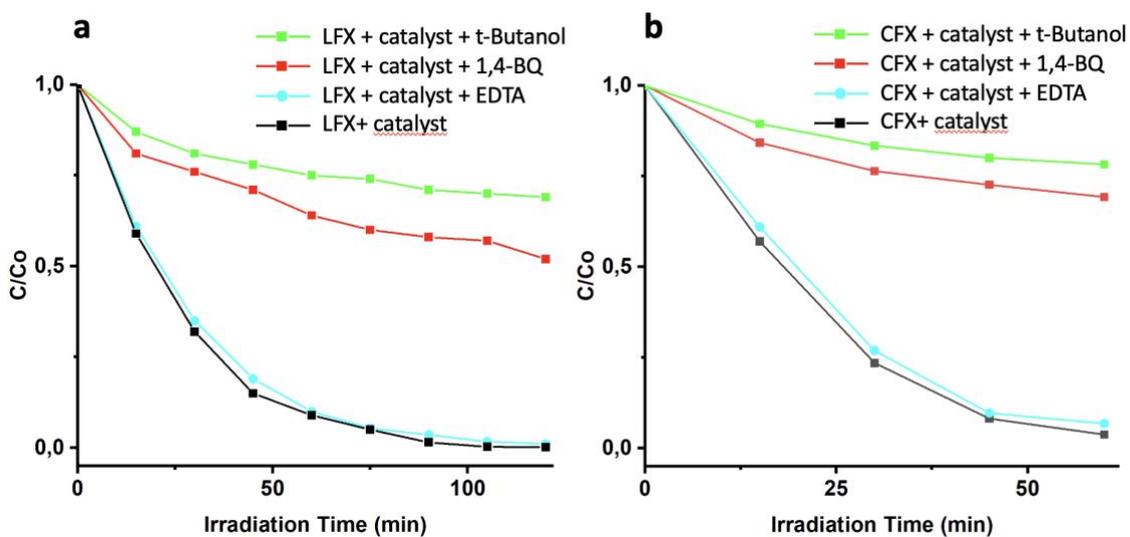


Figure S6. Photocatalytic activity in the presence of different scavengers under irradiation: 5% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO on the degradation of LFX at pH=8 (a); and 1% Au@ZnONPs-3% MoS₂-1% rGO on the degradation of CFX at pH=7 (b).