Visible Light Driven Photoanodes for Water Oxidation based on novel r-GO/ β -Cu₂V₂O₇/TiO₂ nanorods composites

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Figure S1. Chopped Linear Sweep Voltammetry of sample r-GO/β-Cu₂V₂O₇/TiO₂ in Na sulfate electrolyte.



Figure S2. Chronoamperometry from sample r-GO/ β -Cu₂V₂O₇/TiO₂ at 1.75 V vs RHE.



Figure S3. Drawing of the photoelectrochemical cell (**Proteus Gamma I - PINE Research**) (CE = Counter Electrode; RE = Reference Electrode).



Figure S4. Emission spectrum of white LED light used in all the reported PEC measurements.



Figure S5. Chopped LSV on r-GO/ β -Cu₂V₂O₇/TiO₂ sample with front and back illumination (ca 100mW/cm²) in borate buffer solution.



Figure S6. (a) Raman spectra before and after PEC work obtained from different areas of sample r-GO/ β -Cu₂V₂O₇ after **(b)** and before **(c)** PEC work.



Figure S7. SEM image of sample r-GO/β-Cu₂V₂O₇/TiO₂ after PEC work.



Figure S8. Chopped Linear Sweep Voltammetry of the TiO₂ nanorods substrate in borate buffer (pH 9.2) with led light intensity of c.a. 100mW/cm².



Figure S9. Chopped Linear Sweep Voltammetry of TiO_2 NRs decorated with V_2O_5 nanoparticles in borate buffer (pH 9.2)



Figure S10. Tauc Plot of r-GO deposited by electrophoresis on FTO slides.