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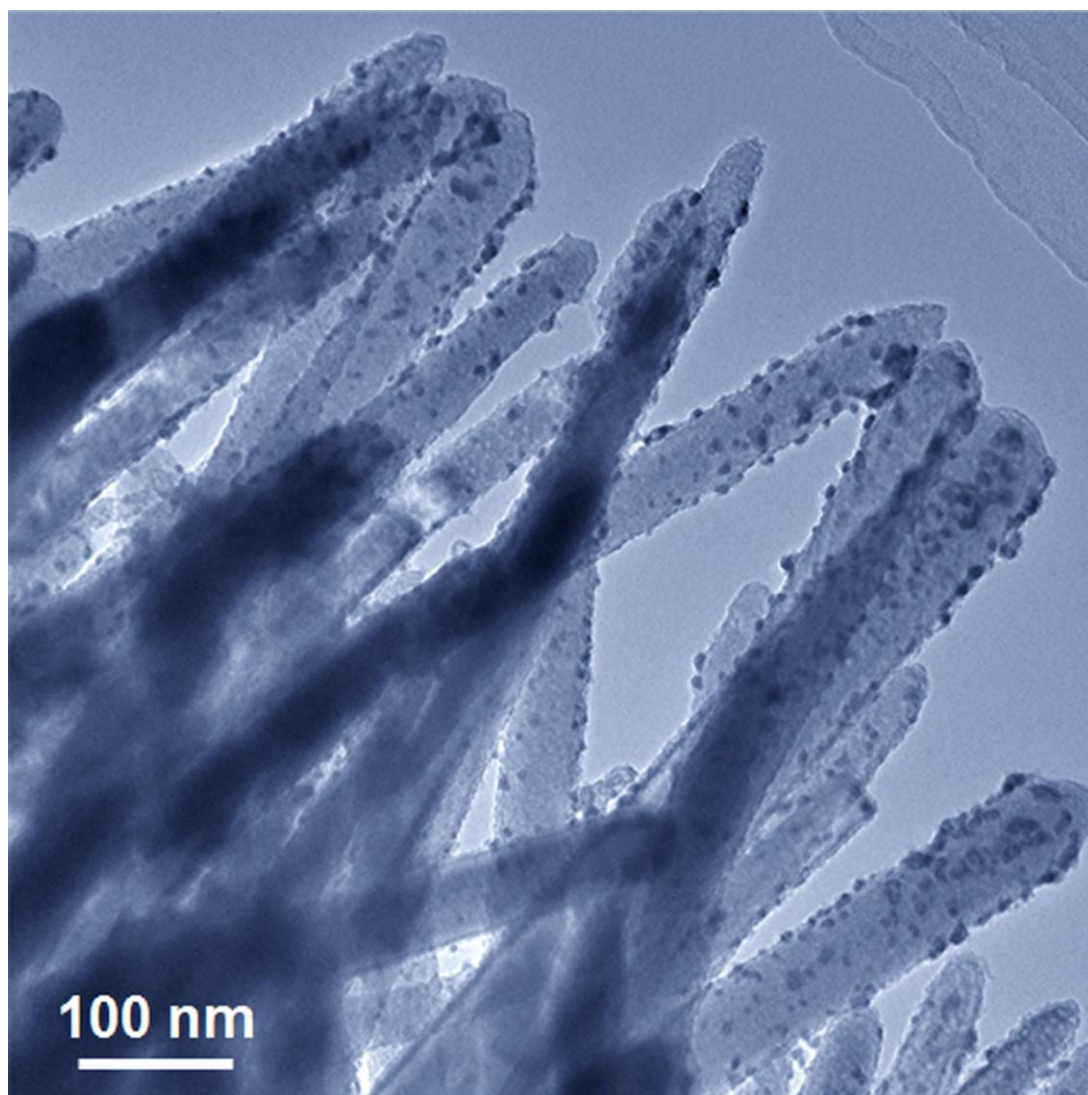


Figure S1. TEM image of Au@CdS-ZnO.

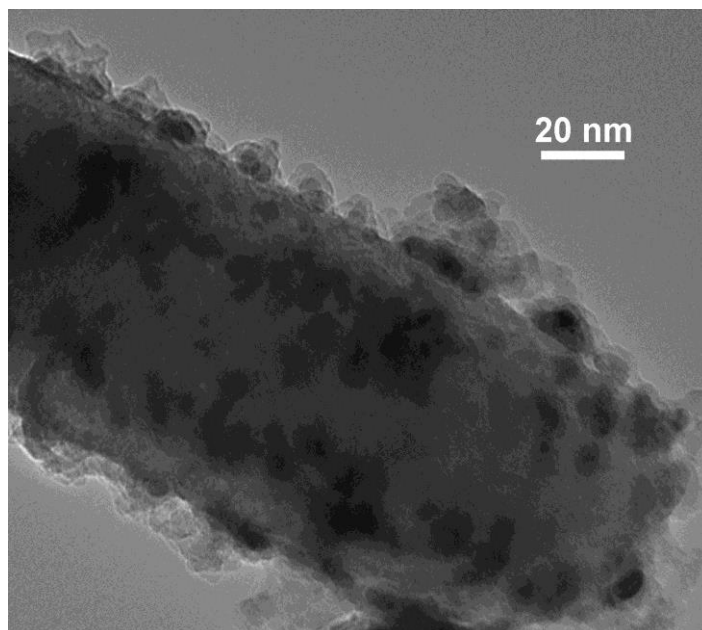


Figure S2. TEM image showing the Au@CdS core-shell nanoparticles anchored ZnO nanowire.

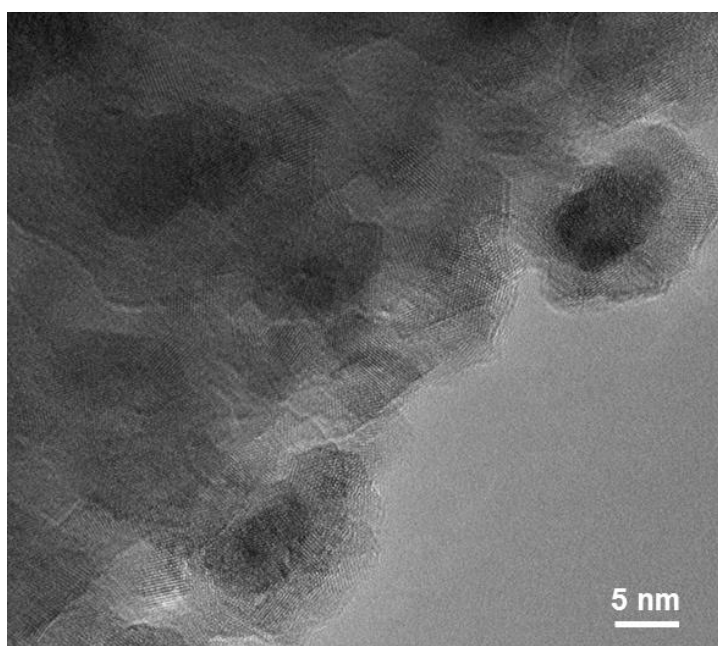


Figure S3. HRTEM image showing the detailed Au@CdS core-shell structure on ZnO.

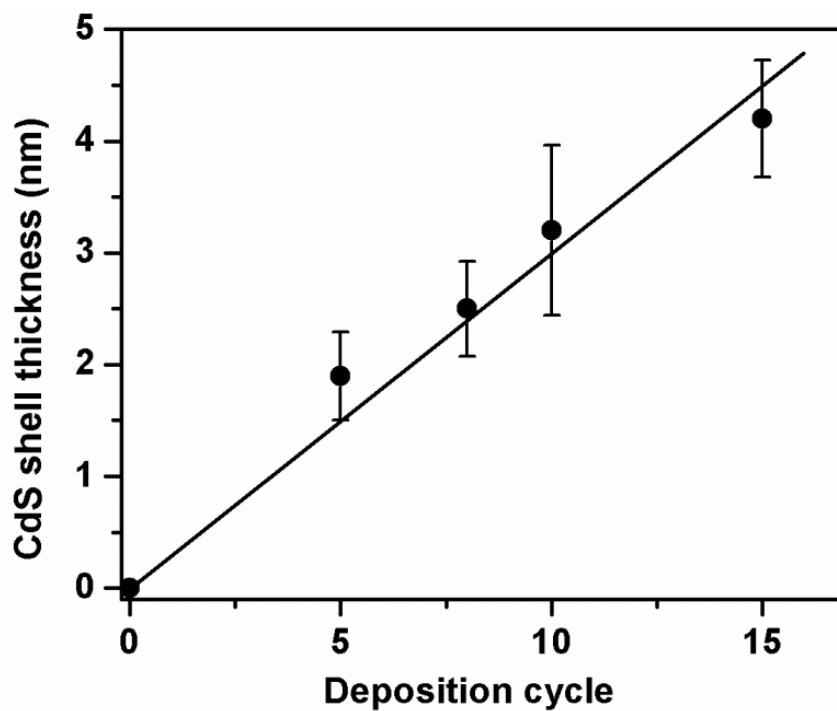


Figure S4. Relation between shell thickness of CdS and the sequential chemical bath deposition cycle.

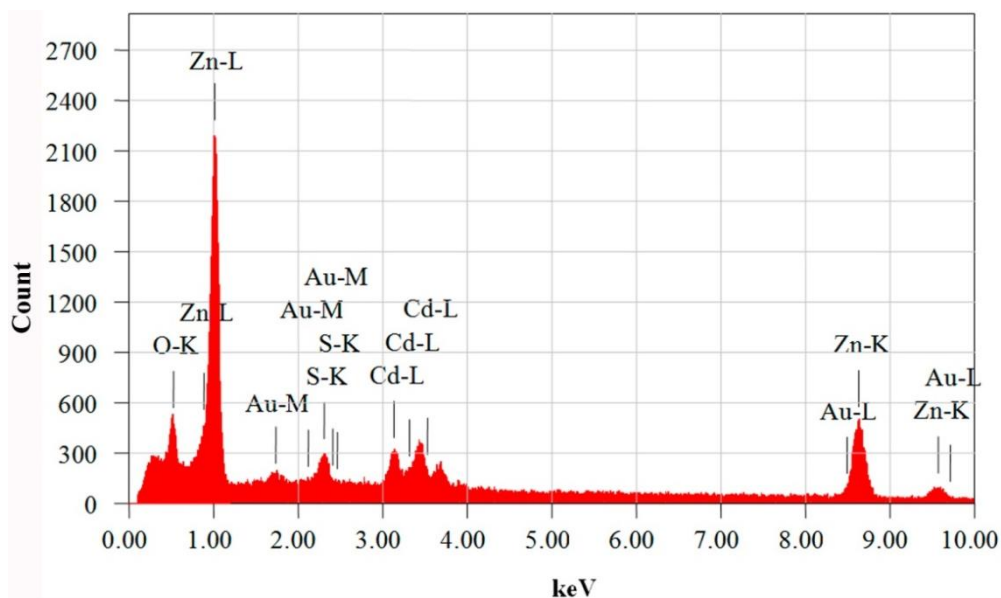


Figure S5. Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy spectrum showing the composition of the Au@CdS-ZnO.

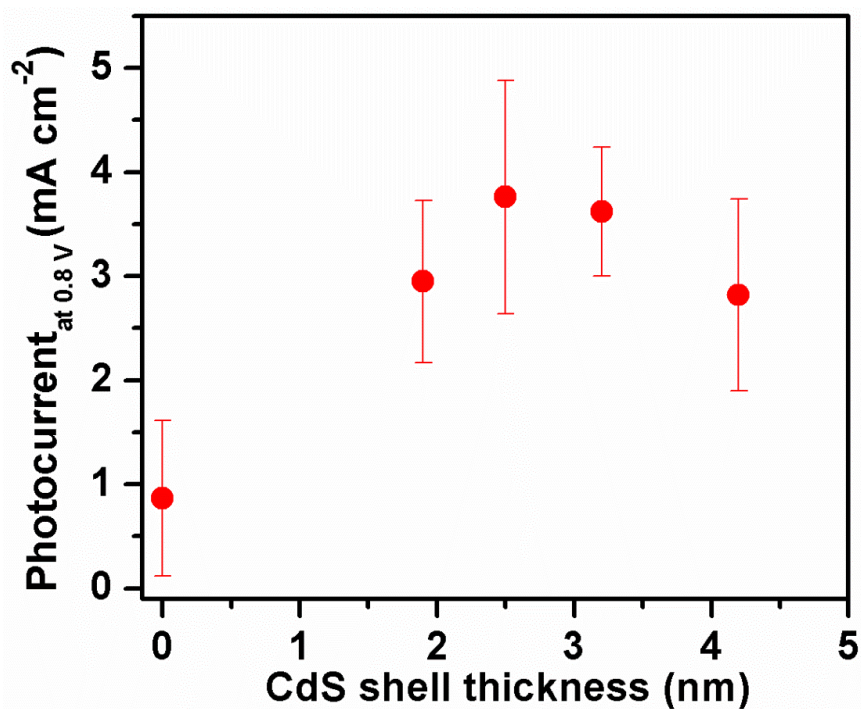


Figure S6. Dependence of photocurrent density at an applied bias of +0.8 V with CdS shell thickness. The error bars represent standard deviation.

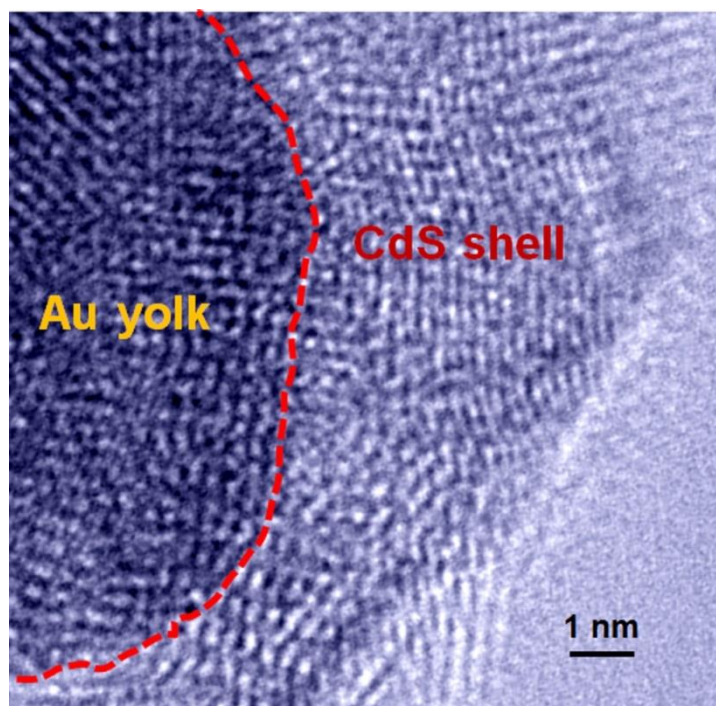


Figure S7. TEM image showing interface between Au and CdS of Au@CdS-ZnO.

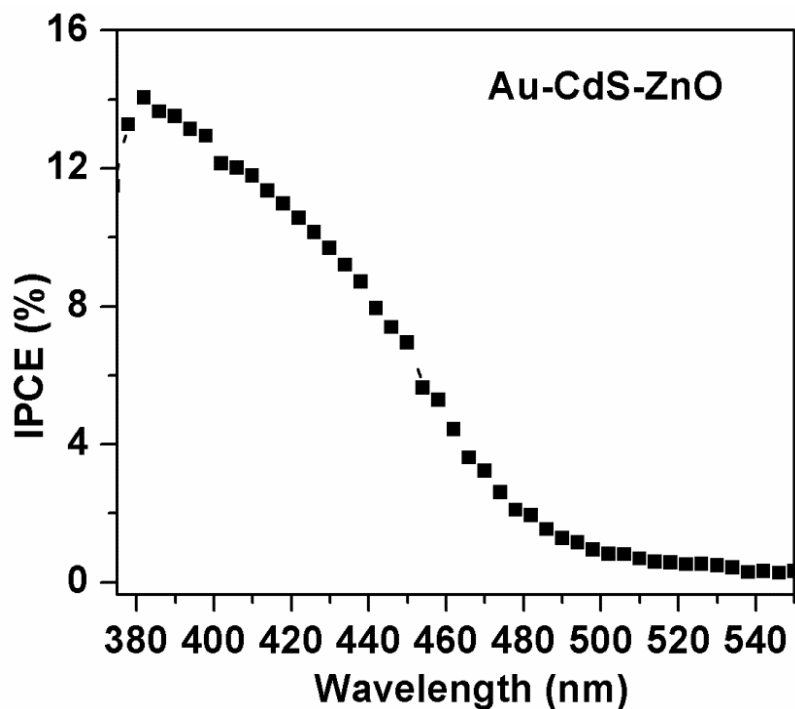


Figure S8. IPCE spectrum of the PEC cell of Au-CdS-ZnO. No external bias is applied.

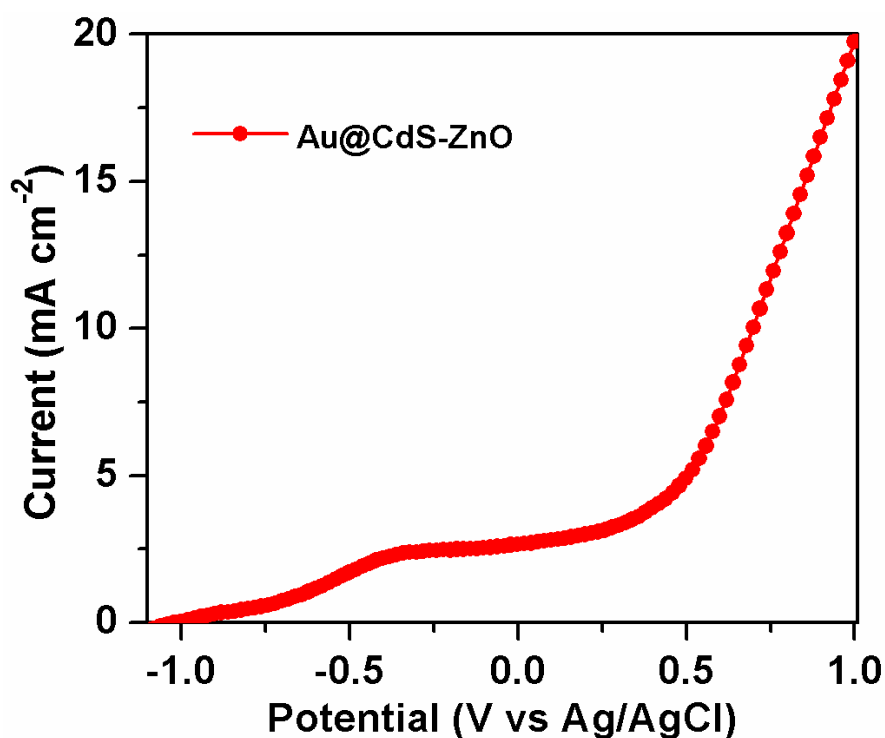


Figure S9. Linear-sweep voltammogram of PEC cell comprising the Au@CdS-ZnO photoanode, Ag/AgCl reference electrode and Pt counter electrode under AM1.5 light irradiation. Aqueous electrolyte composing of 0.25 M Na₂S and 0.35 M Na₂SO₃.

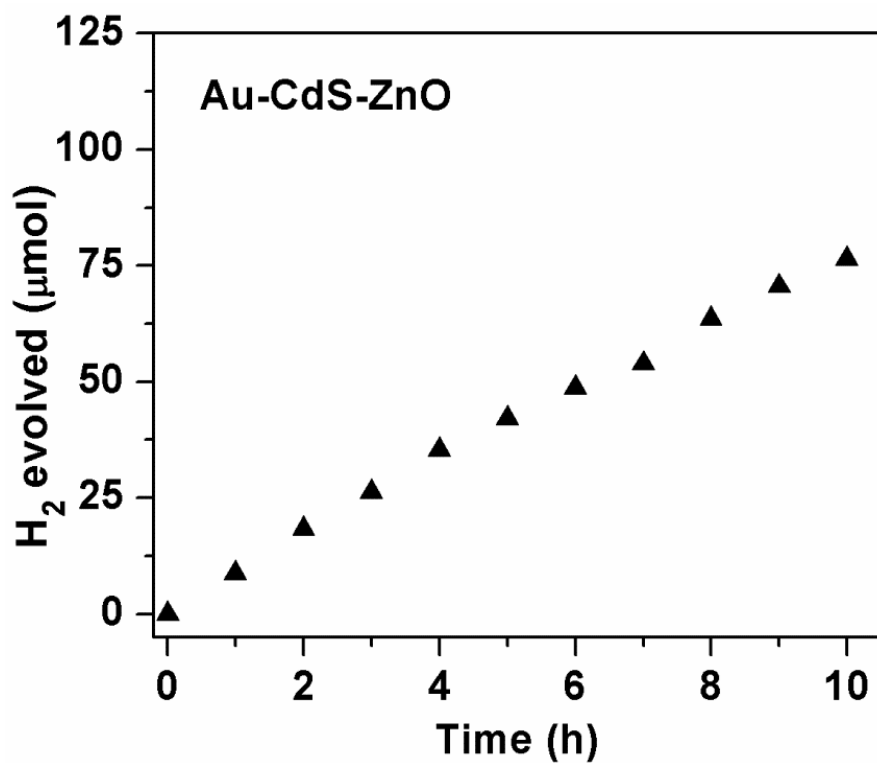


Figure S10. Time courses of H₂ evolution of Au-CdS-ZnO PEC cell at a bias of 0.4 V under AM1.5 light irradiation.

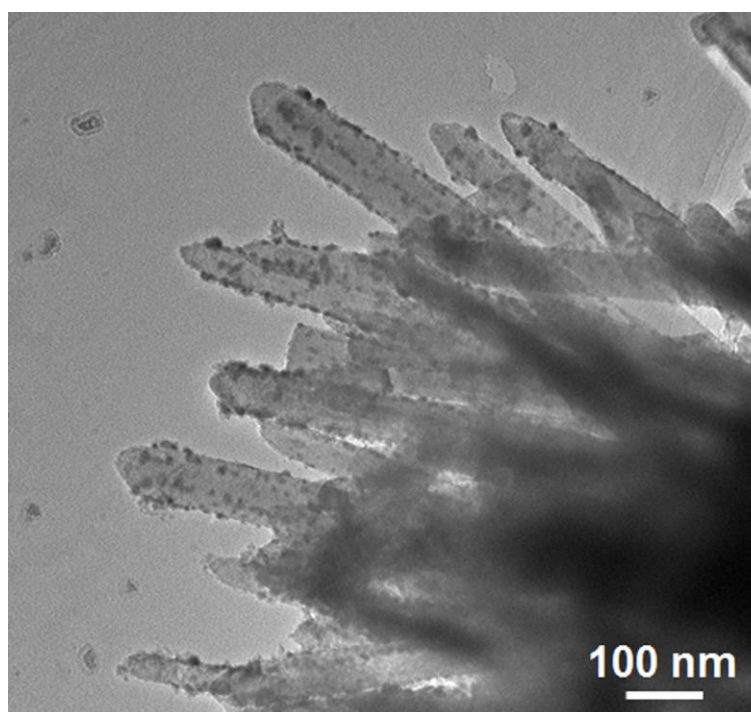


Figure S11. TEM image of Au@CdS-ZnO photoanode after H₂ evolution testing.

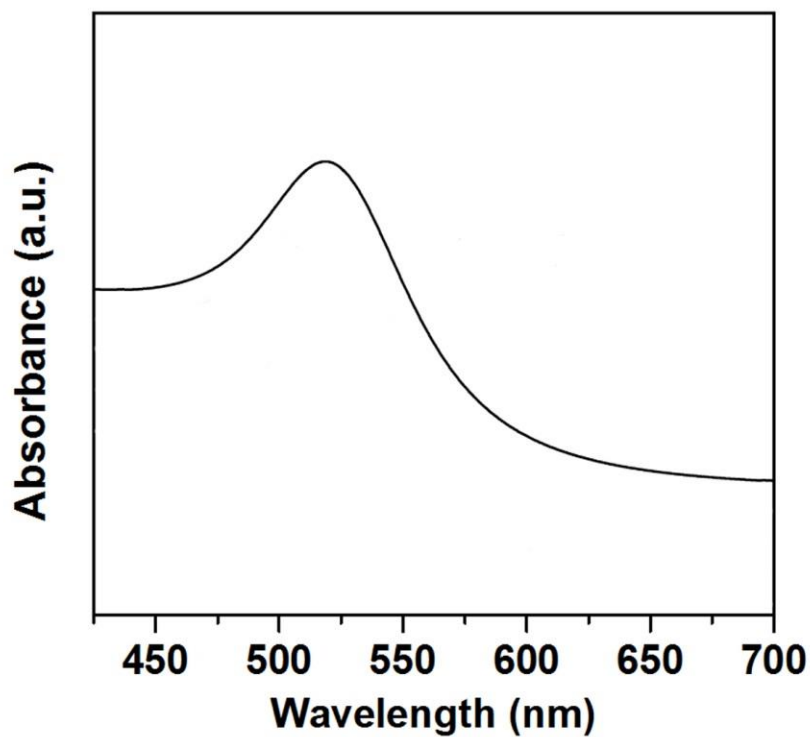


Figure S12. Optical absorption spectrum of aqueous solution of Au nanoparticles.

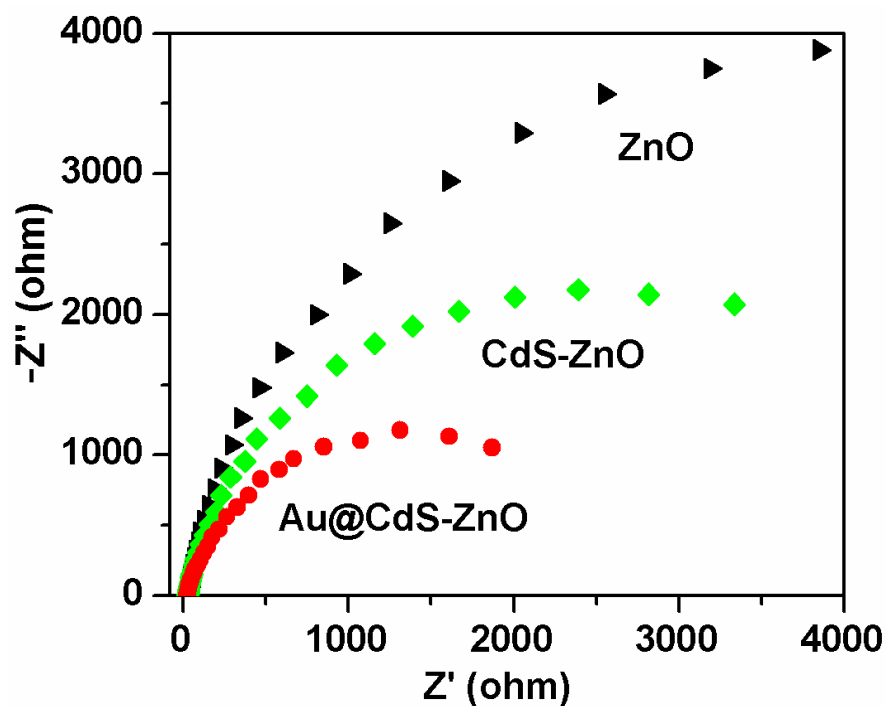


Figure S13. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) spectra of the PEC cells recorded at open circuit voltage under AM1.5 light irradiation.