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# $\text{Bi}_2\text{WO}_6/\text{C-Dots}/\text{TiO}_2$ : A Novel Z-Scheme Photocatalyst for the Degradation of Fluoroquinolone Levofloxacin from Aqueous Medium

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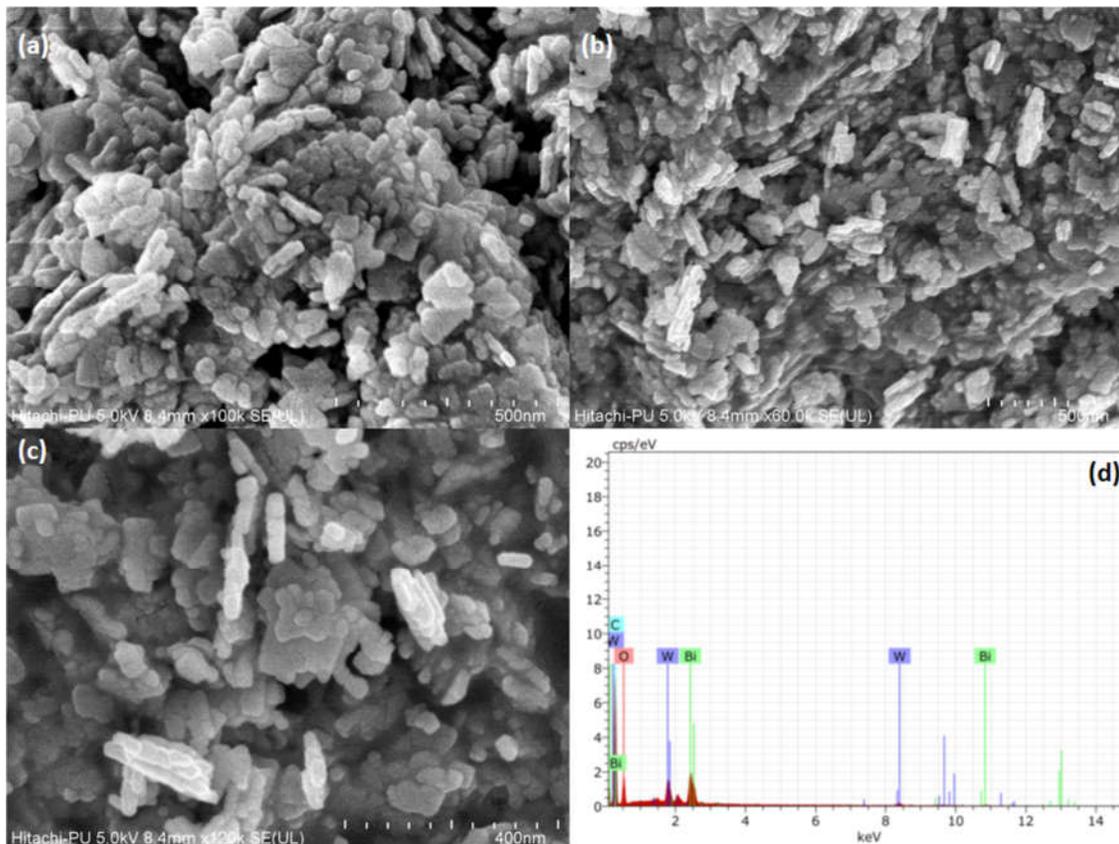
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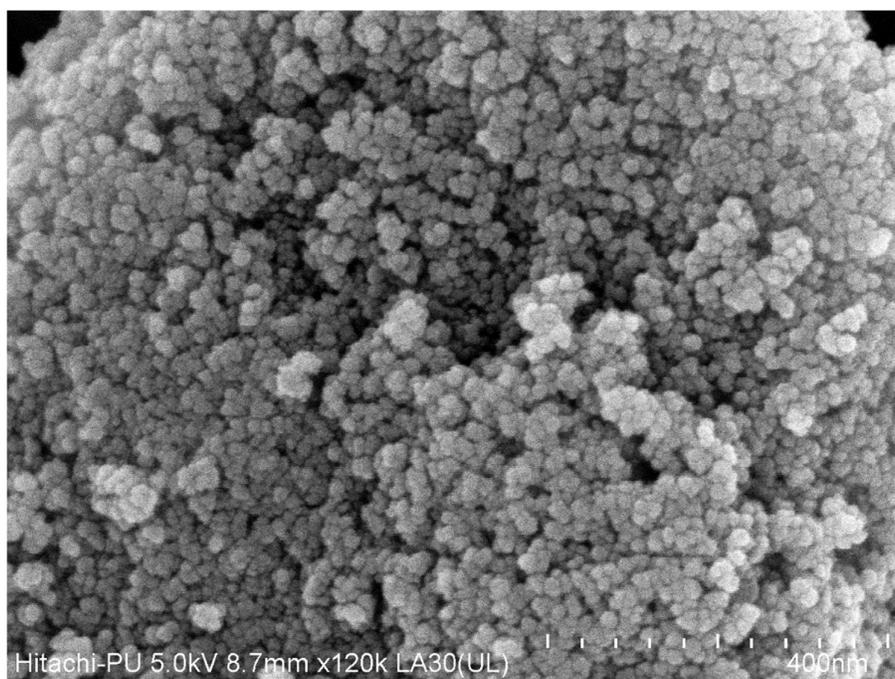
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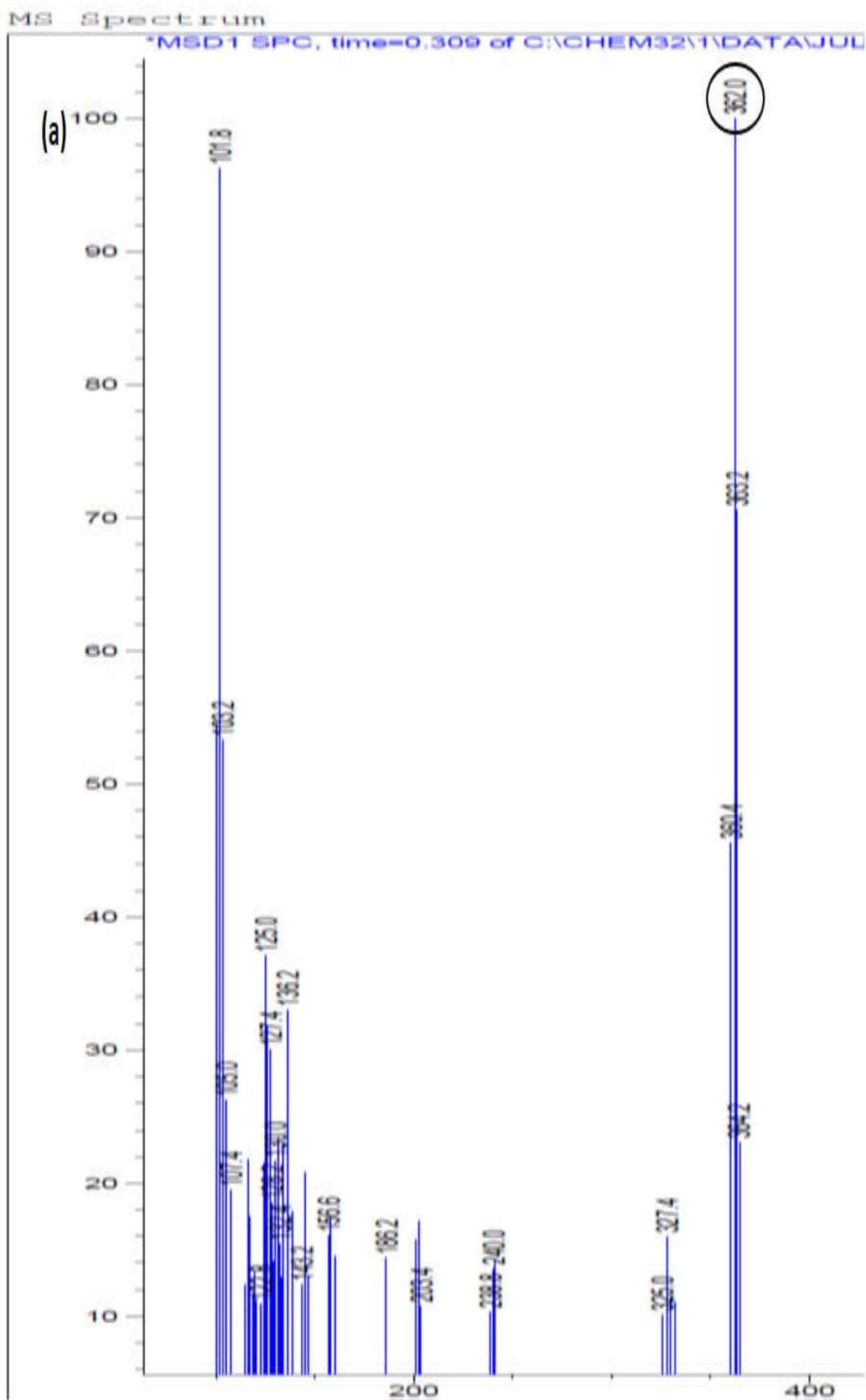
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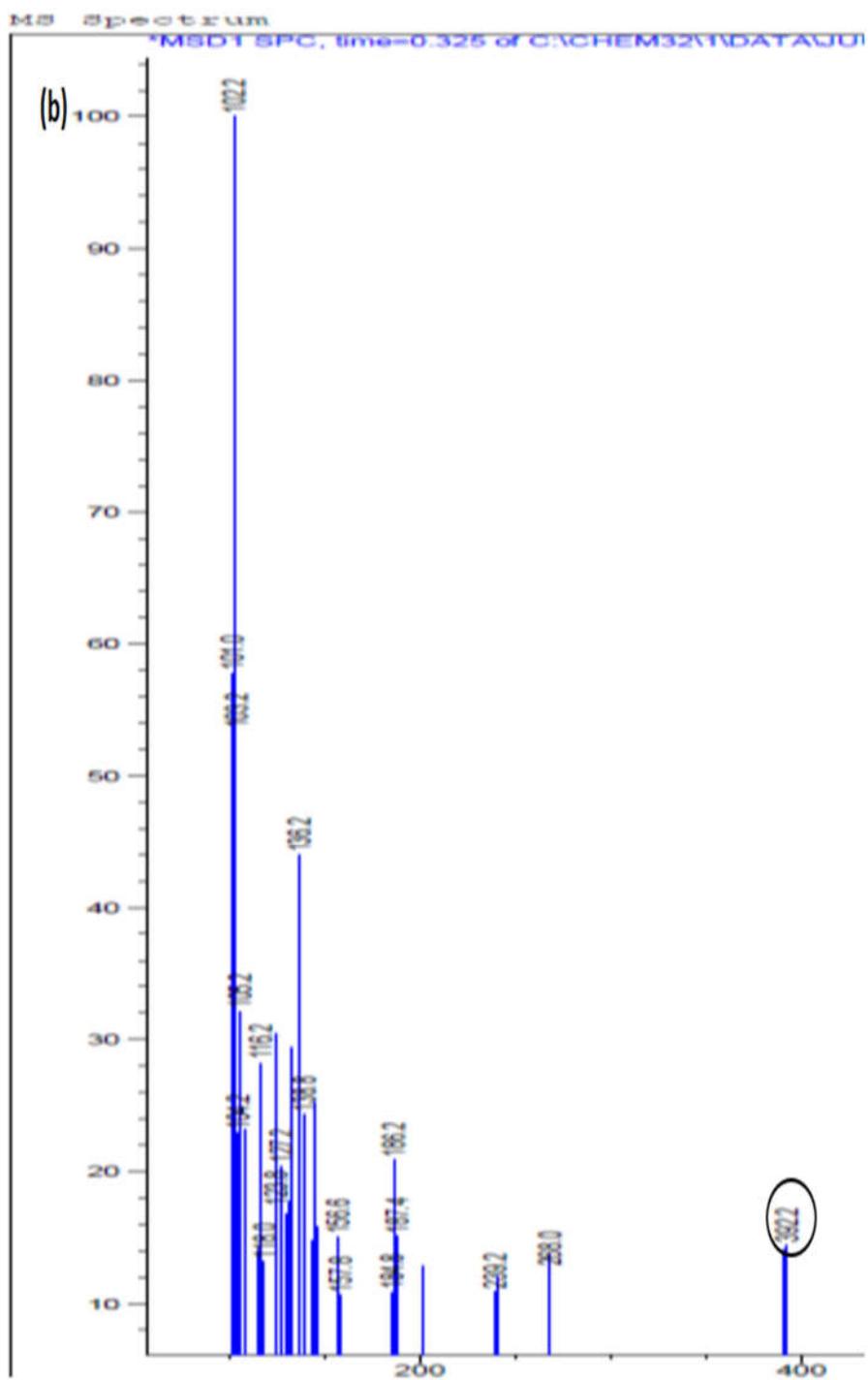
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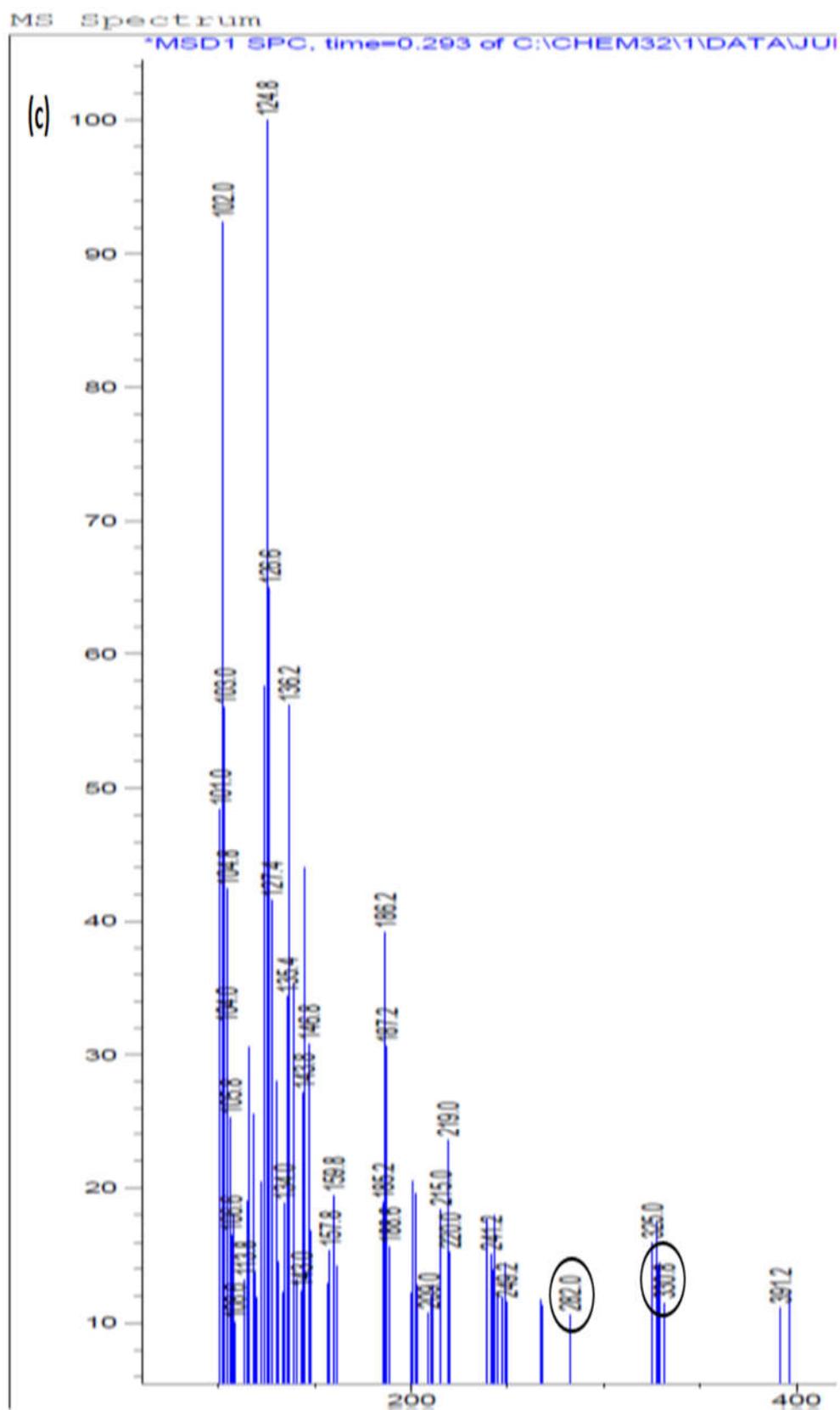


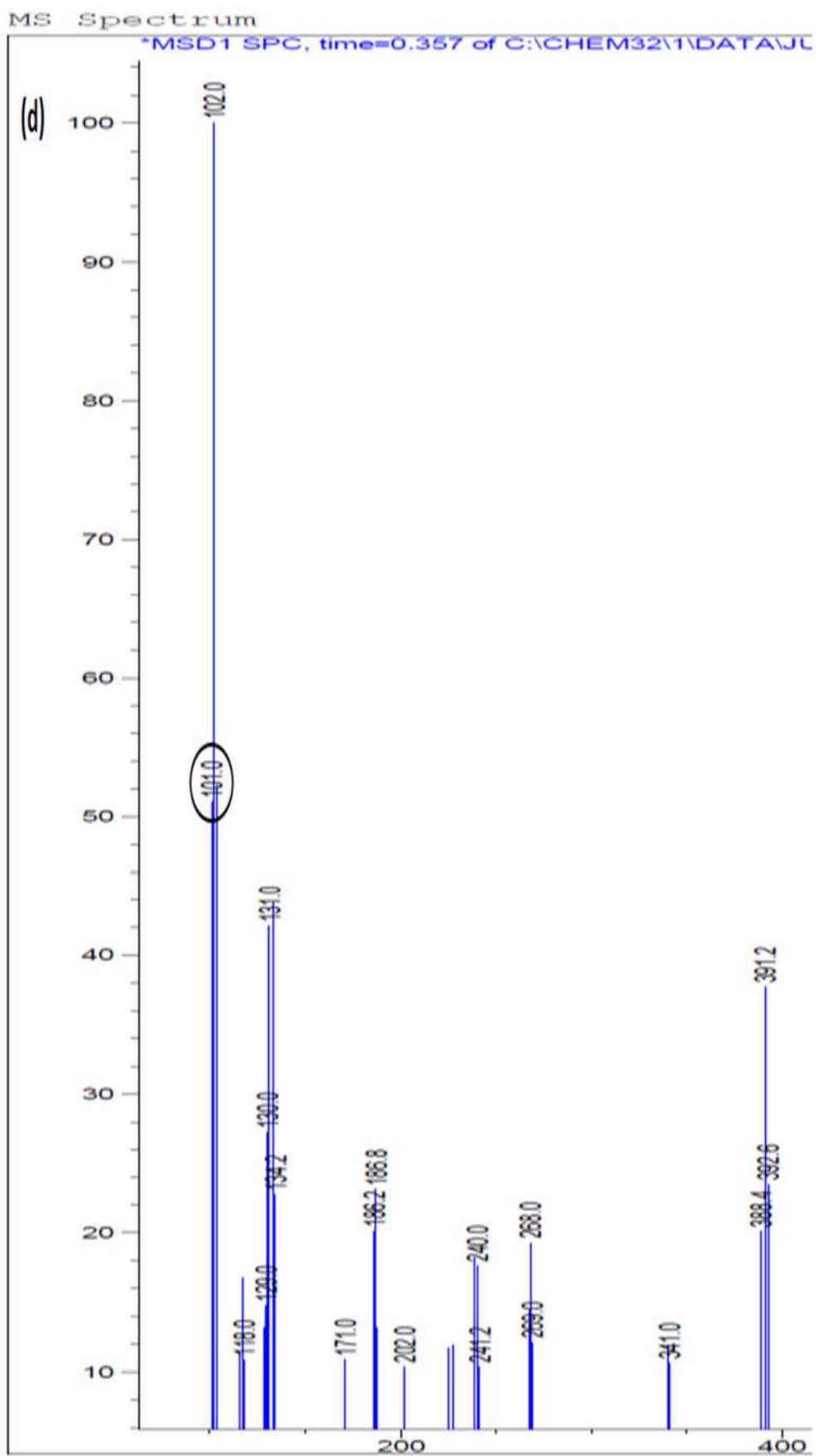
**Figure S1.** (a,b,c) FESEM images of Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub> at different magnifications. (d) EDS spectrum of Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub>.**Figure S2.** FESEM image of TiO<sub>2</sub>/C-dots.**Table S1.** Elemental composition of Bi<sub>2</sub>WO<sub>6</sub>.

Element	Series	unn. C [wt.%]	norm. C [wt.%]	Atom. C [wt.%]	Error (3 Sigma) [wt.%]
Oxygen	K-Series	14.21	12.75	17.69	6.67
Bismuth	M-Series	20.11	18.05	1.92	2.26
Tungsten	L-Series	30.60	27.47	3.32	4.25
Carbon	K-Series	46.48	41.72	77.08	17.70
	Total	111.40	100.00	100.00	









**Figure S3.** MS spectrum of  $[M+H]^+$  ions of levofloxacin (a) parent compound; (b-d) its main products formed during the solar light induced photocatalytic degradation.