

# Supporting Information

## Degradation of Aqueous Polycyclic Musk Tonalide by Ultraviolet-Activated Free Chlorine

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### Section S1. Determination of effective optical path length

The direct photolysis of dilute H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by UV irradiation at 254 nm can be expressed as the following equation (Equation (1)):

$$d[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]/dt = -2.3\varepsilon L\Phi_p I_0 [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2] = -k_{\text{obs}} [\text{H}_2\text{O}_2] \quad (1)$$

where  $I_0$  represents the photon flux (Einstein sec<sup>-1</sup>),  $\varepsilon_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$  is the molar extinction coefficient of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-1</sup>),  $L$  is the effective light path length (cm),  $\Phi_p$  is the quantum yield of photolysis of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (mol·Einstein<sup>-1</sup>), and  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]$  is the concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (M) at time  $t$ .

Figure S3 shows the photolysis kinetics of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and  $k_{\text{obs}}$  is the slope of the regression line, which is a function of  $\Phi_p$ ,  $\varepsilon_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$ ,  $I_0$  and  $L$ . Thus, for given values of  $\Phi_p$  (1.0 mol·Einstein<sup>-1</sup>, [1]),  $\varepsilon_{\text{H}_2\text{O}_2}$  (19.6 M<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-1</sup>, [2]) and  $I_0$ ,  $L$  can be easily computed from the value of  $k_{\text{obs}}$ . For the experimental reactor, the effective path length  $L$  of the photoreactor was determined to be 7.03 cm.

### Section S2. Determination of $k(\text{HO}\cdot + \text{AHTN})$ and $k(\text{RCS} + \text{AHTN})$

HO $\cdot$  was generated by peroxydisulfate activation using 1 mM KOH. 10  $\mu\text{M}$  isopropanol was added to clean formed HO $\cdot$  when PMS oxidation of AHTN and NB was tested. Because AHTN/NB decomposition caused by PMS oxidation at 3-min reaction time can be ignored (<5%, Figure S4), HO $\cdot$  was considered as the only species responsible for AHTN and NB degradation. The kinetic expression of AHTN degradation can be expressed as Equation (2) and its integrated form Equation (3):

$$-\frac{d[\text{AHTN}]}{dt} = k(\text{HO}\cdot + \text{AHTN})[\text{AHTN}][\text{HO}\cdot] \quad (2)$$

$$-\ln \frac{[\text{AHTN}]}{[\text{AHTN}]_0} = k(\text{HO}\cdot + \text{AHTN}) \int [\text{HO}\cdot] dt \quad (3)$$

where  $k(\text{HO}\cdot + \text{AHTN})$  is the second-order rate constant of AHTN with HO $\cdot$ ,  $[\text{HO}\cdot]$  is defined as the concentration of HO $\cdot$ ,  $[\text{AHTN}]_0$  and  $[\text{AHTN}]$  are the initial concentration of AHTN and concentration at time  $t$ , respectively.

Applying Equation (2) to probe compound (NB) coexisting with NB in the system, Equation (4) is obtained:

$$-\ln \frac{[\text{NB}]}{[\text{NB}]_0} = k(\text{HO}\cdot + \text{NB}) \int [\text{HO}\cdot] dt \quad (4)$$

Dividing Equation (3) with Equation (4), leads to:

$$\frac{-\ln([AHTN]/[AHTN]_0)}{-\ln([NB]/[NB]_0)} = \frac{k(HO\bullet + AHTN)}{k(HO\bullet + NB)} \quad (5)$$

Based on the reported value of  $k(HO\bullet + NB)$  ( $3.9 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , [3]) and slope of the plot of  $-\ln([AHTN]/[AHTN]_0)$  vs.  $-\ln([NB]/[NB]_0)$  ( $k = 2.12$ , Figure S5),  $k(HO\bullet + AHTN)$  was found to be  $8.3 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ .

The steady-state concentration of  $Cl\bullet$  ( $[Cl\bullet]_{ss}$ ) was determined using competition kinetic method. In a solution containing NB, benzoic acid (BA) and AHTN, the amount of chlorine atom could be calculated based on the degradation of BA (Equation (6)) subtracting the contribution of  $HO\bullet$  (expressed in Equation (4)). Subsequently, applying the value of  $k(HO\bullet + AHTN)$  ( $8.3 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ),  $k(HO\bullet + NB)$  ( $3.9 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ),  $k(HO\bullet + BA)$  ( $5.9 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , [5]), and  $k(Cl\bullet + BA)$  ( $1.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , [5]),  $[Cl\bullet]_{ss}$  was determined using Equation (7) to be  $2.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ M}$  ( $k(Cl\bullet + BA) [Cl\bullet]_{ss} = 5.0329 \times 10^{-5}$ , Figure S6).

$$-\ln \frac{[BA]}{[BA]_0} = k(HO\bullet + BA) \int [HO\bullet] dt + k(Cl\bullet + BA) \int [Cl\bullet] dt \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{k(HO\bullet + BA)}{k(HO\bullet + NB)} \ln \frac{[NB]}{[NB]_0} - \ln \frac{[BA]}{[BA]_0} = k(Cl\bullet + BA) [Cl\bullet]_{ss} t \quad (7)$$

The second-rate of constant between AHTN and  $ClO\bullet$  ( $k(ClO\bullet + AHTN)$ ) was determined using 2,5-dimethoxybenzoate (DMBA) as reference compounds, which react with  $ClO\bullet$  at second-order rate constants of  $7.0 \times 10^8$  [4]. To create a  $ClO\bullet$ -dominated system, the UV/chlorine process was carried out at a chlorine dosage of  $50 \mu\text{M}$  and pH 8.4, and the solution was spiked with  $0.5 \text{ mM}$  tert-Butanol to scavenge the  $HO\bullet$  and  $Cl\bullet$  in the system. And  $ClO\bullet$  was the survived radical.  $k(ClO\bullet + AHTN)$  was determined using to be  $6.3 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  ( $k(ClO\bullet + AHTN)/k(ClO\bullet + DMBA) = 8.95$ , Figure S7).

### Section S3. Determination of $\epsilon_{AHTN,254}$ and $\Phi_{AHTN,254}$

The molar extinction coefficient of AHTN at 254nm was determined on the basis of Lambert-Beer's Law. Five samples of AHTN at different concentration ( $0.1 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $0.6 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $0.8 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , and  $1.0 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) were prepared. Absorbance of these samples at 254 nm ( $A_{254}$ ) was analyzed with a 1 cm colorimetric dish ( $b = 1 \text{ cm}$ ).  $A_{254}$  is linearly correlated with  $\epsilon_{AHTN,254}$  according to Lambert-Beer's Law. When  $A_{254}$  was plotted against concentration of AHTN, a linear line was obtained with slope  $k = \epsilon_{AHTN,254} \times b$  (Figure S8). Finally,  $\epsilon_{AHTN,254}$  was calculated to be  $13583 \text{ M}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Quantum yield of AHTN at 254 nm ( $\Phi_{AHTN,254}$ ) was determined by plotting degraded amount of AHTN against absorbed photon (photo flux  $\times$  irradiation time) (Figure S9). According to the definition, the slope of the fitting line is equal to  $\Phi_{AHTN,254}$  ( $0.036 \text{ molar}\cdot\text{Einstein}^{-1}$ ).

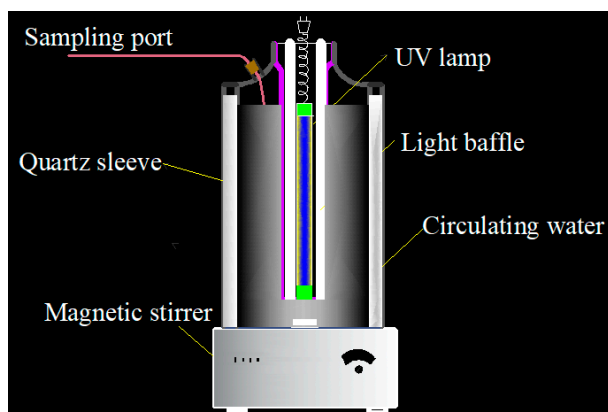
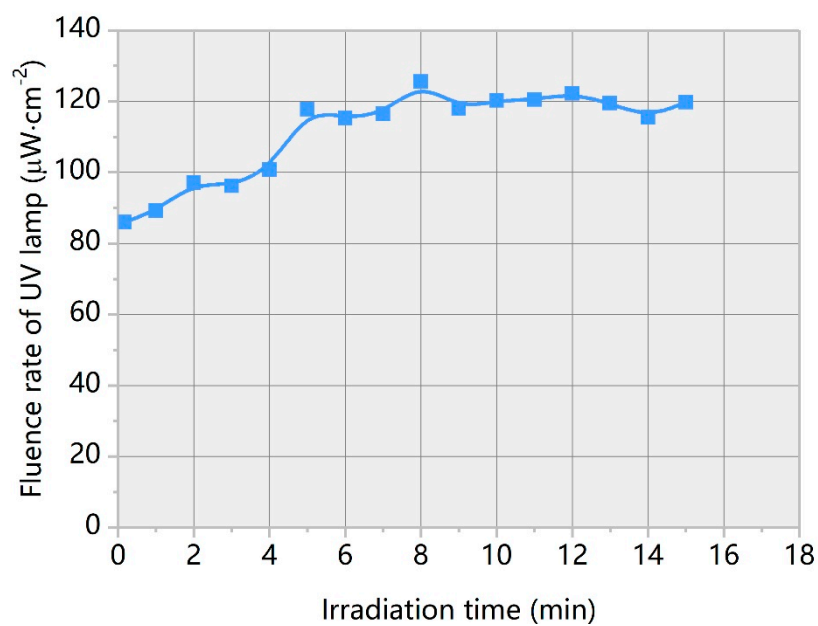
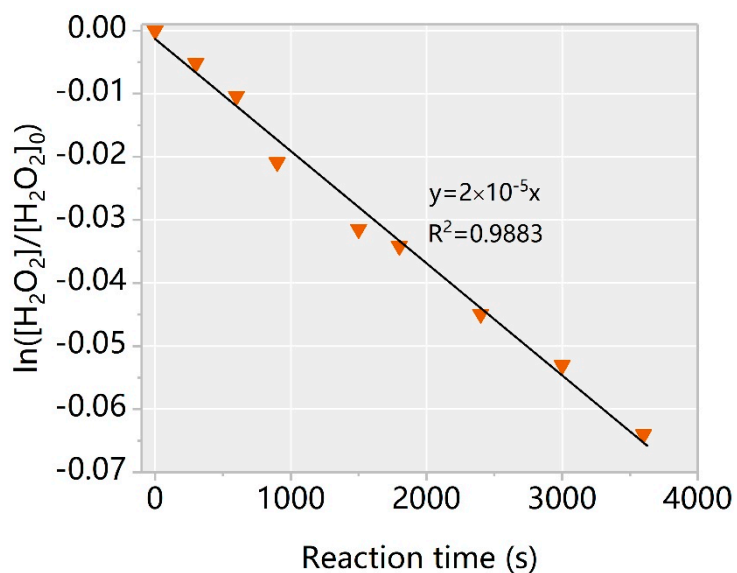


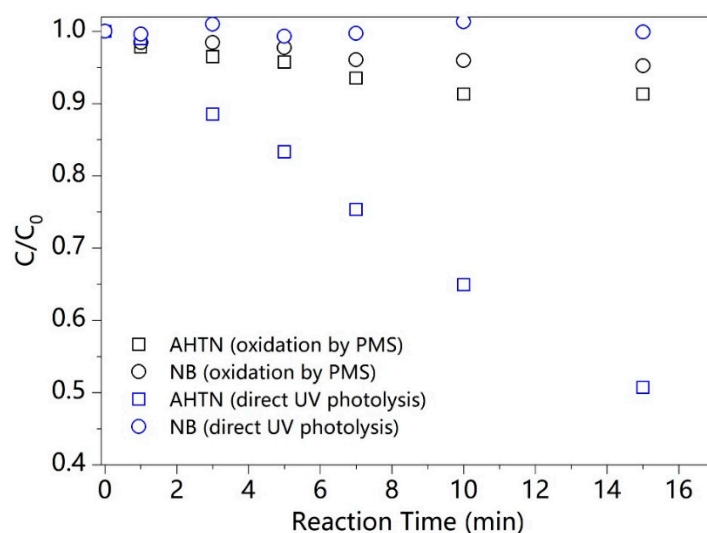
Figure S1. Set-up and construction of photoreactor



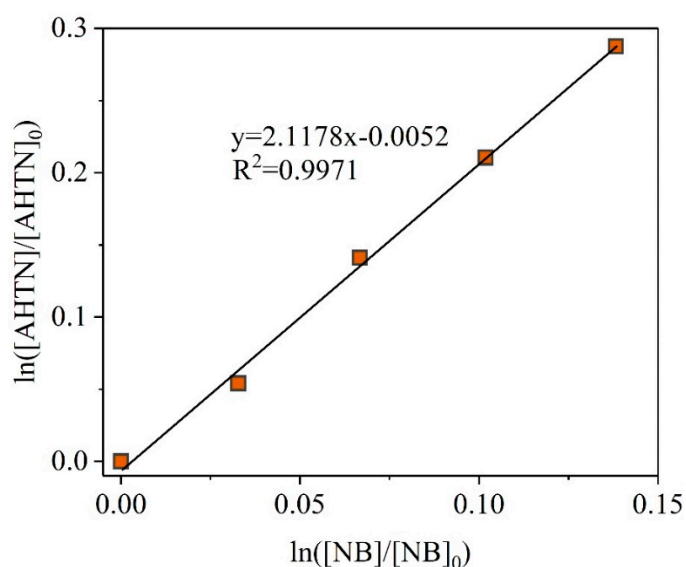
**Figure S2.** Energy output profile of UV lamp



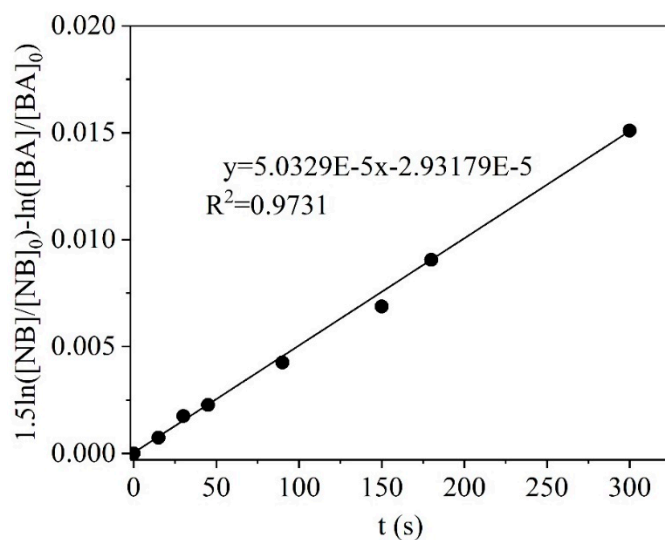
**Figure S3.** UV Photolysis of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> ([H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]<sub>0</sub> = 0.1 mM, pH = 7.0, and 25±1 °C).



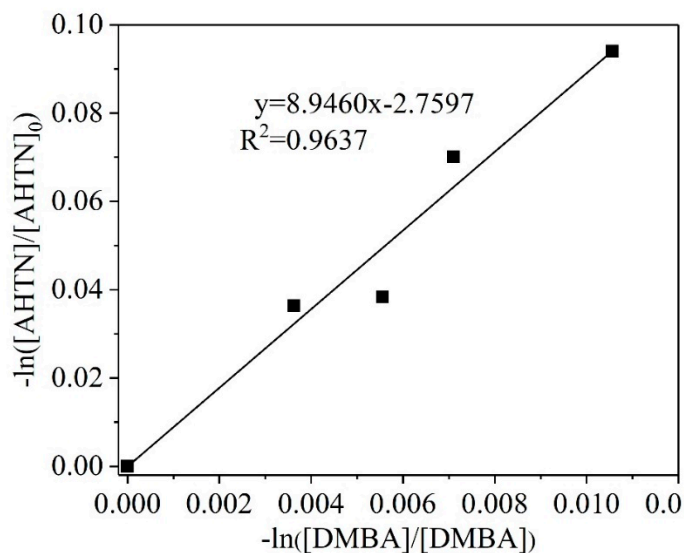
**Figure S4.** Degradation of AHTN and NB by (a) PMS oxidation in presence of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  isopropanol and (b) direct UV photolysis ( $[\text{AHTN}]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $[\text{NB}]_0 = 10\mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{PMS}]_0 = 0.5 \text{ mM}$ , UV fluence rate  $0.067 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 11.0$ , and  $25\pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).



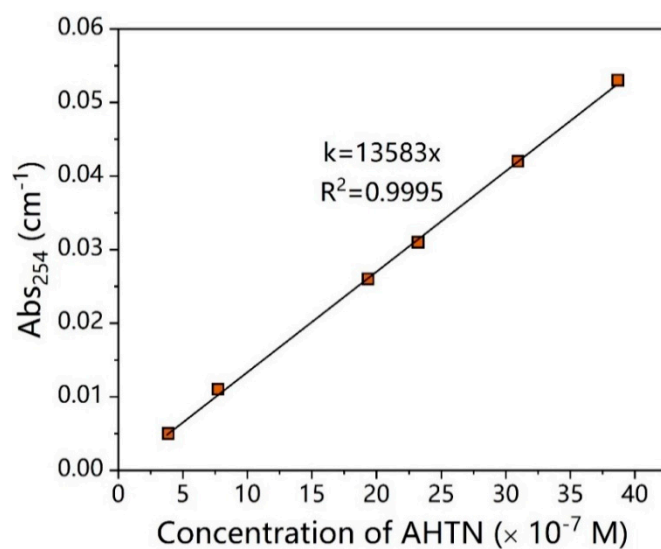
**Figure S5.**  $-\ln ([\text{AHTN}]/[\text{AHTN}]_0)$  vs  $-\ln ([\text{NB}]/[\text{NB}]_0)$  ( $[\text{AHTN}]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $[\text{NB}]_0 = 10\mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{PMS}]_0 = 0.5 \text{ mM}$ , UV fluence rate  $0.067 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 11.0$ , and  $25\pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).



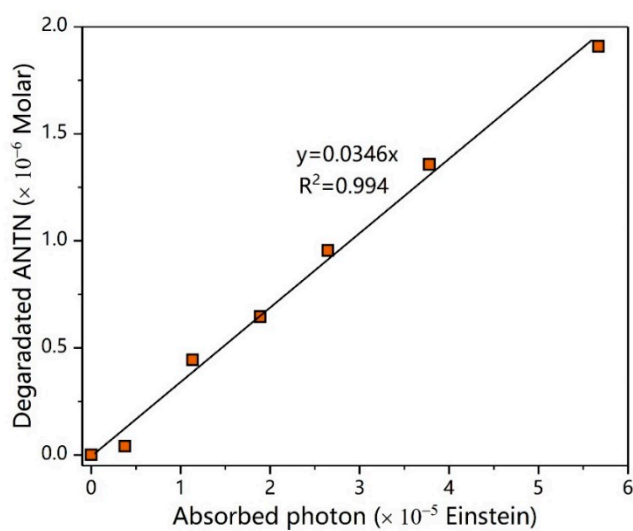
**Figure S6.**  $\left( \frac{k(\text{HO}\cdot + \text{BA})}{k(\text{HO}\cdot + \text{NB})} \ln \frac{[\text{NB}]}{[\text{NB}]_0} - \ln \frac{[\text{BA}]}{[\text{BA}]_0} \right)$  vs  $t$  ( $[\text{BA}]_0 = 0.5 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{NB}]_0 = 10 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ , UV fluence rate  $0.067 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 7.0$ , and  $25 \pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).



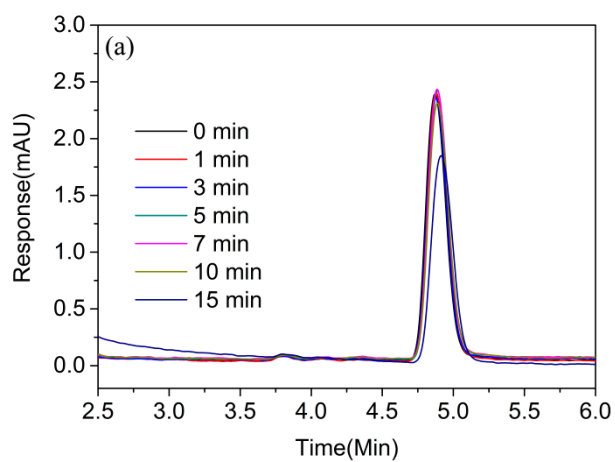
**Figure S7.** Degradation of AHTN and DMOB in the  $\text{ClO}\cdot$  system ( $[\text{AHTN}]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $[\text{DMBA}]_0 = 0.5 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{FC}]_0 = 50 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 8.4$ ,  $25 \pm 1 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , and UV fluence rate  $= 0.067 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ).

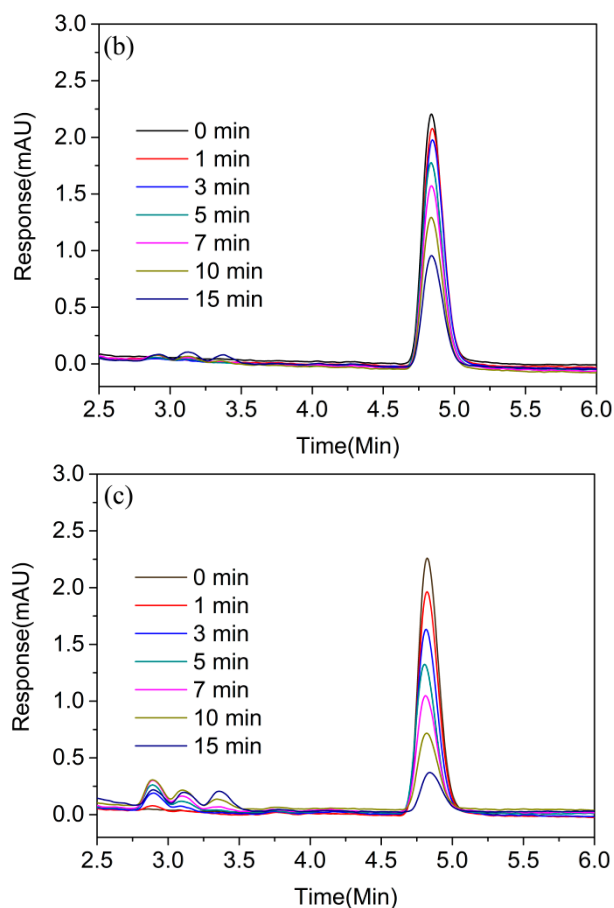


**Figure S8.** UV absorbance of AHTN at different concentration (pH = 7.0 and 25 °C)

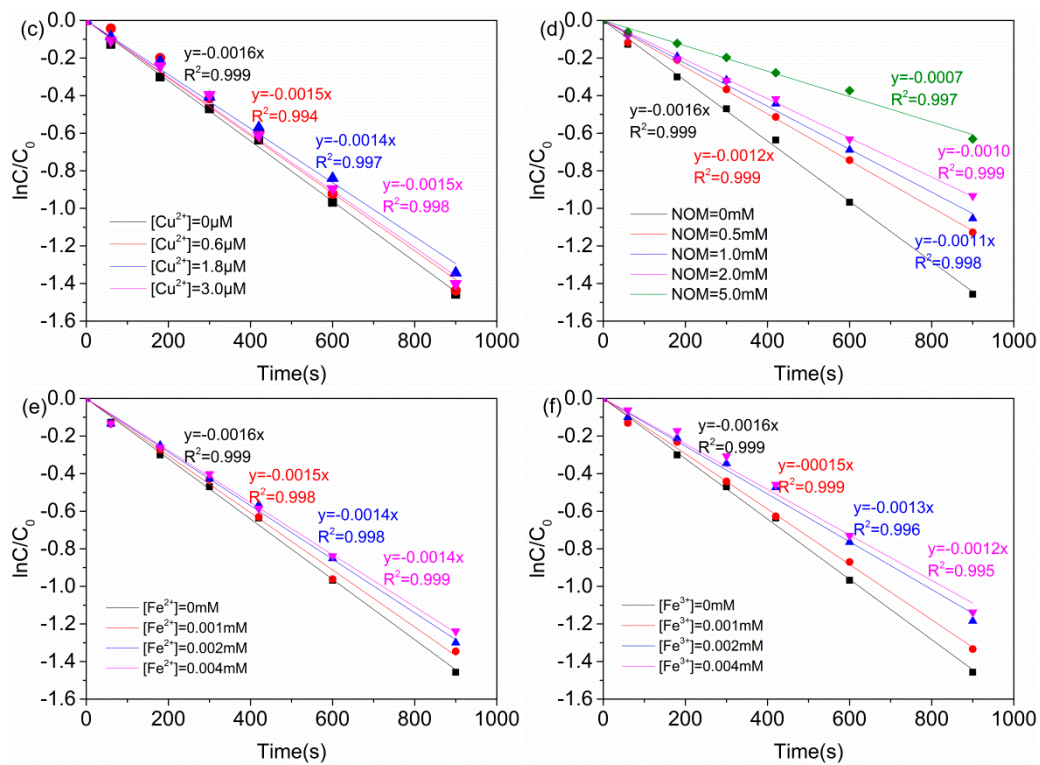


**Figure S9.** Degradation of AHTN corresponding to different absorbed photon ( $[\text{AHTN}]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , pH = 7.0, photon flux  $1.67 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Einstein}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , and 25 °C).

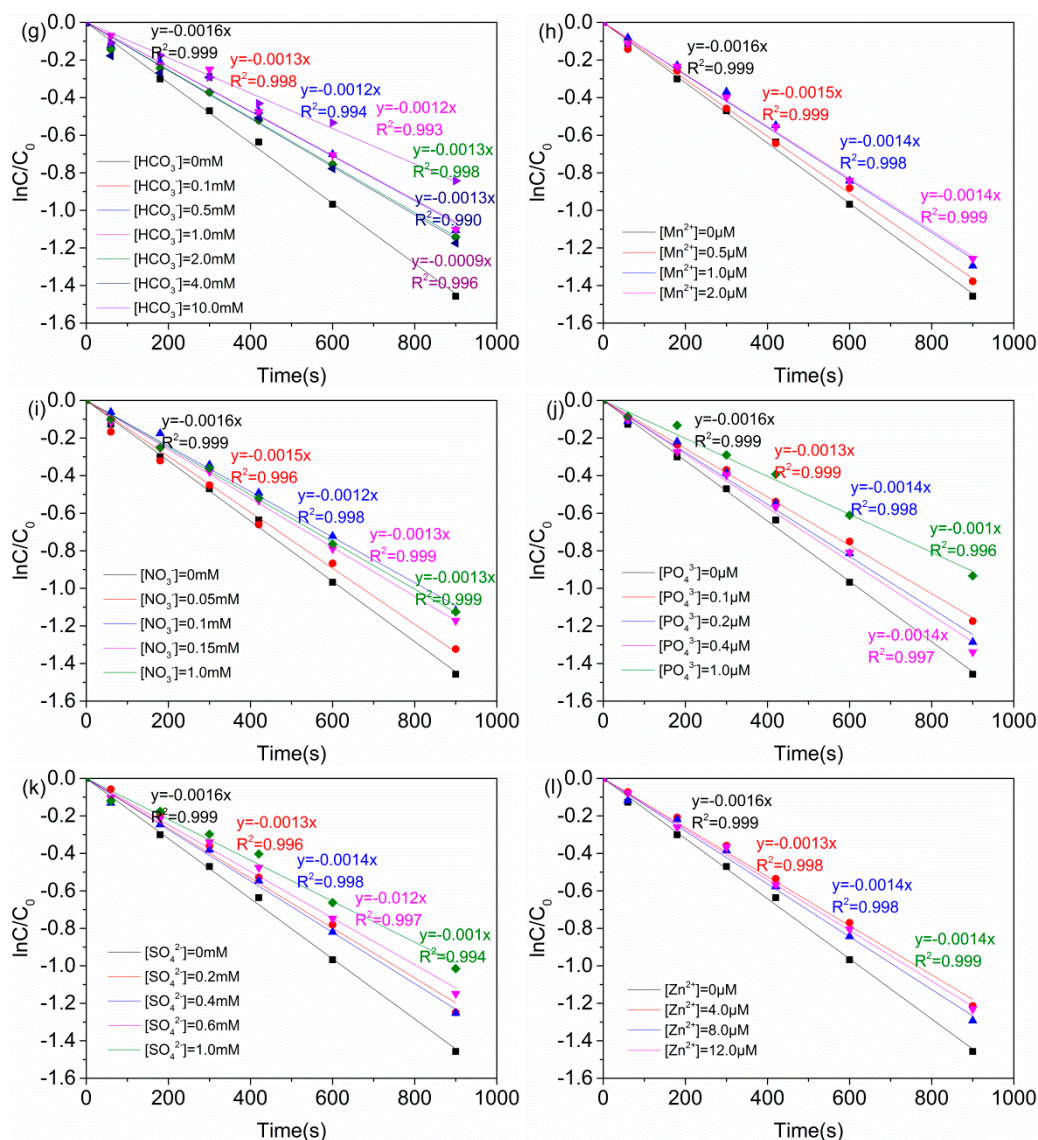




**Figure S10.** Chromatogram for HPLC of AHTN degradation by (a) FC, (b) UV, and (c) UV/FC ( $[AHTN]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 7.0$ ,  $25 \pm 1^\circ \text{C}$ , and  $[FC]_0 = 3.28 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$ ).







**Figure S11.** AHTN degradation by UV/FC under various conditions (Varying conditions are based on the control experiment:  $[AHTN]_0 = 1.0 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 7.0$ ,  $25 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[FC]_0 = 3.28 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ , and UV fluence rate  $0.067 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ ).

**Table S1.** Method detection limits (MDL) of halogenated DBPs.

Name	MDLs ( $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ )
Chloroform	0.01
1,1,1-trichloroethane	0.02
1,1,2-trichloroethane	0.02
1,1-dichloro-2-propanone	0.06
1,1,1-trichloro-2-propanone	0.05
1,2,3-trichloropropane	0.01
Carbon tetrachloride	0.04
Trichloroethylene	0.02
Tetrachloroethylene	0.01
Chloralhydrate	0.03
Monochloroacetic acid	0.05
Dichloroacetic acid	0.05
Trichloroacetic acid	0.04



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