

Supporting information

# Effect of Cu<sub>2</sub>O Substrate on Photoinduced Hydrophilicity of TiO<sub>2</sub> and ZnO Nanocoatings

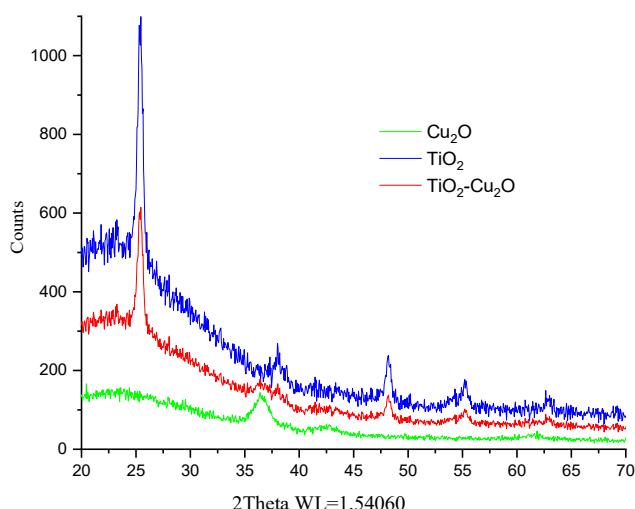
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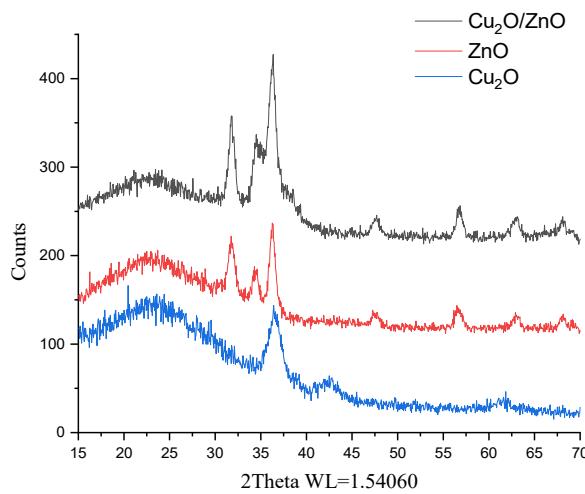
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## XRD data

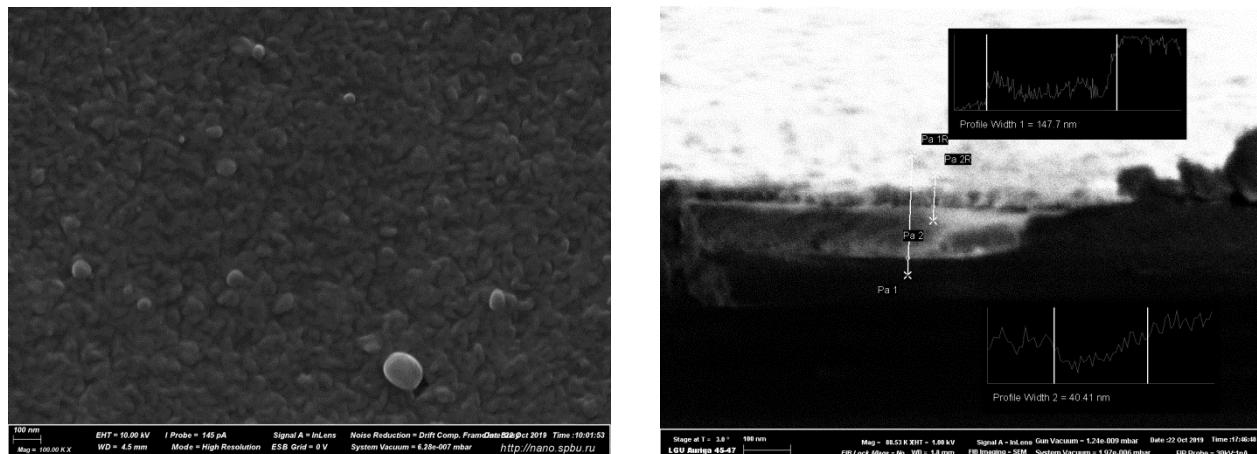


**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of Cu<sub>2</sub>O, TiO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub>/Cu<sub>2</sub>O heterostructured coatings.

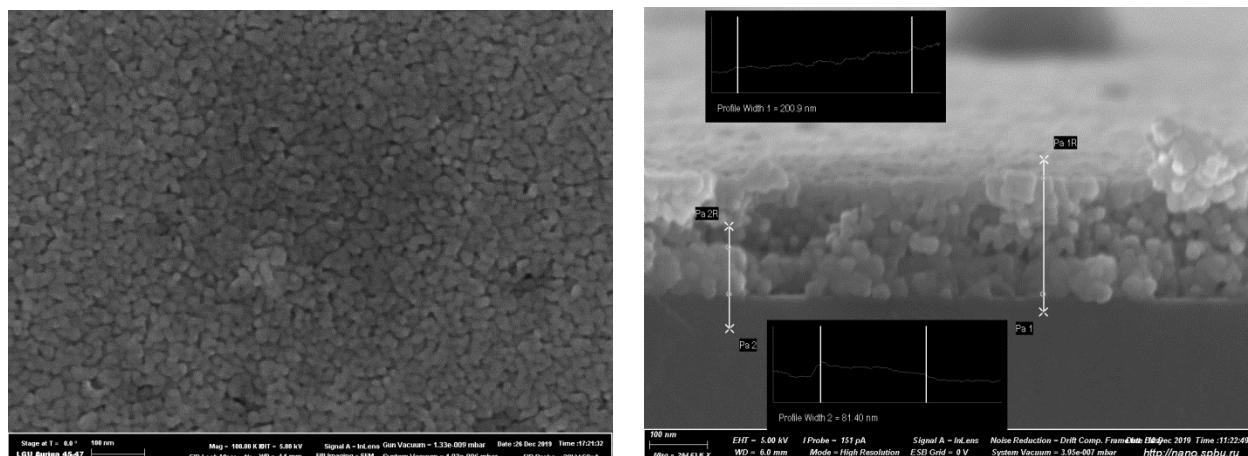


**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of Cu<sub>2</sub>O, ZnO and ZnO/Cu<sub>2</sub>O heterostructured coatings.

### SEM images of the sample surfaces and cross-sections

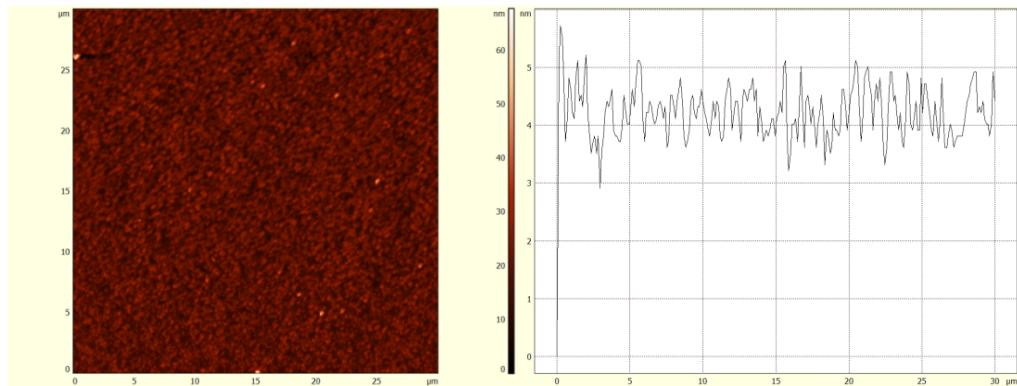


**Figure S3.** SEM images of the TiO<sub>2</sub> surface and TiO<sub>2</sub>/Cu<sub>2</sub>O cross-section of TiO<sub>2</sub>/Cu<sub>2</sub>O coating.

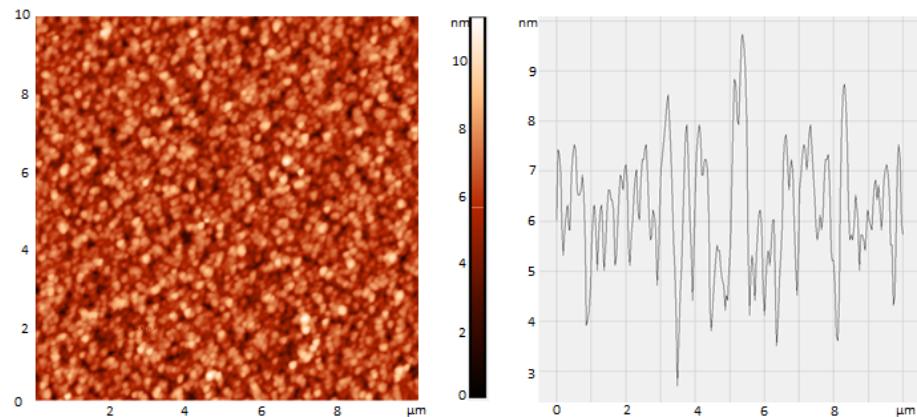


**Figure S4.** SEM images of the TiO<sub>2</sub> surface and ZnO/Cu<sub>2</sub>O cross-section of ZnO/Cu<sub>2</sub>O coating.

## AFM image of the surfaces and roughness profiles

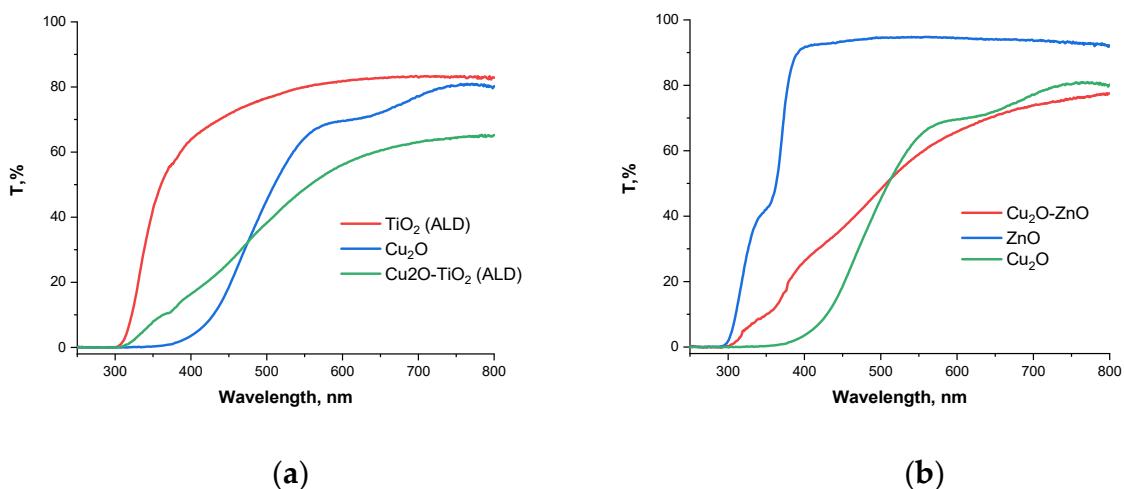


**Figure S5.** AFM image of the  $\text{TiO}_2$  surface and roughness profile of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  coating.



**Figure S6.** AFM image of the  $\text{ZnO}$  surface and roughness profile of  $\text{ZnO}/\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  coating.

## Transmittance spectra of individual components and heterostructures.



**Figure S7.** Transmittance spectra of (a)  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  heterostructured coating and its components, and (b)  $\text{ZnO}/\text{Cu}_2\text{O}$  heterostructured coating and its components.

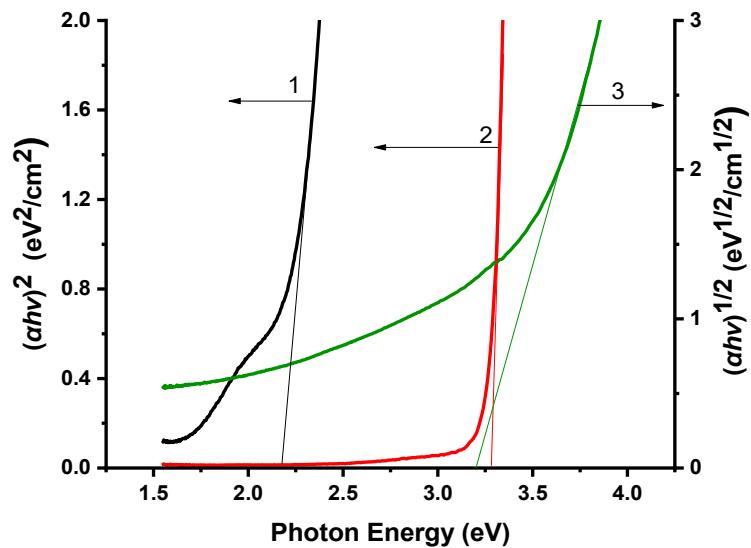


Figure S8. Tauc plots for 1 – Cu<sub>2</sub>O, 2 – ZnO, and 3 – TiO<sub>2</sub>.

### Alteration of SFE and its polar and dispersive components.

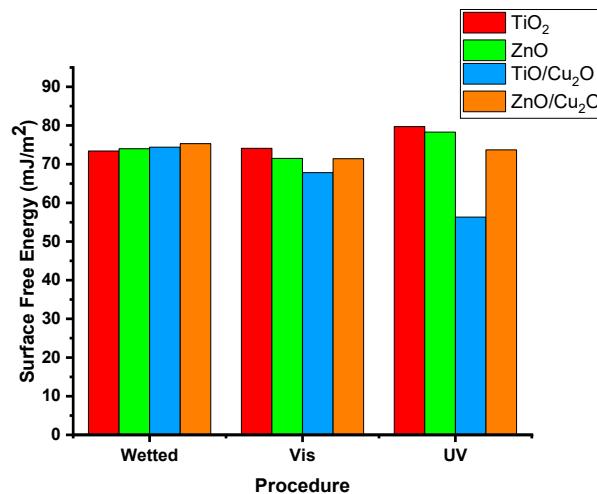
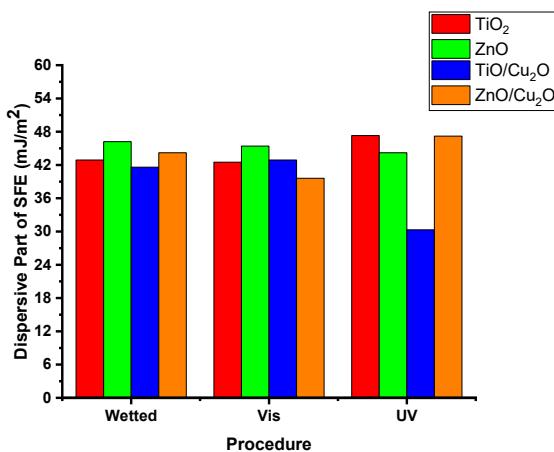
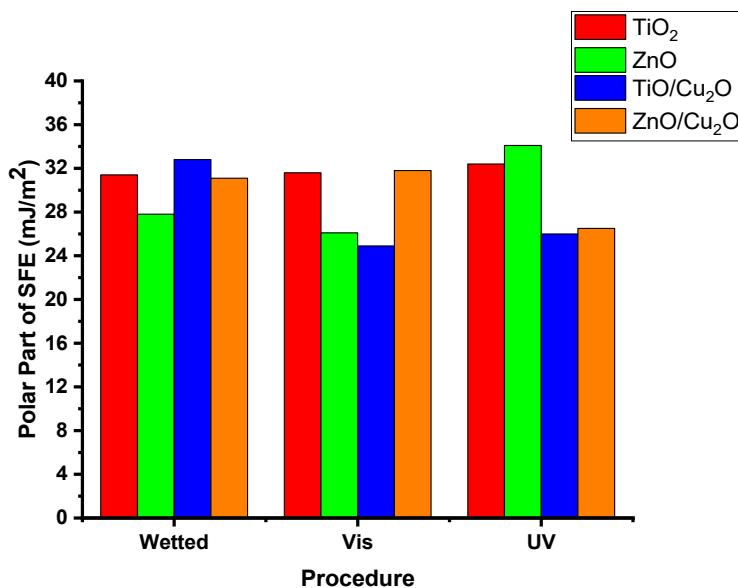


Figure S9. Alteration of the total SFE caused by irradiation with visible and UV light.

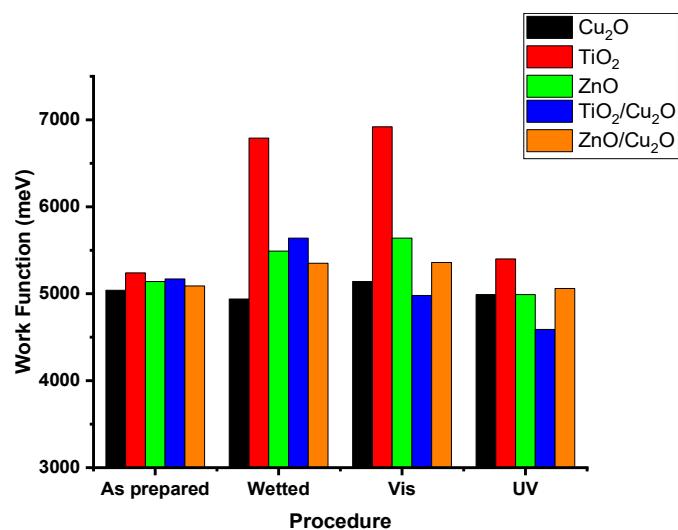


**Figure S10.** Alteration of the SFE polar component caused by irradiation with visible and UV light.



**Figure S11.** Alteration of the SFE dispersive component caused by irradiation with visible and UV light.

**Alteration of the work function of nanocoatings induced by wetting and UV and visible light irradiation.**



**Figure S12.** Alteration of the work function of nanocoatings induced by wetting and UV and visible light irradiation.