

# Supplementary Materials: Unexpected Link between the Template Purification Solvent and the Structure of Titanium Dioxide Hollow Spheres

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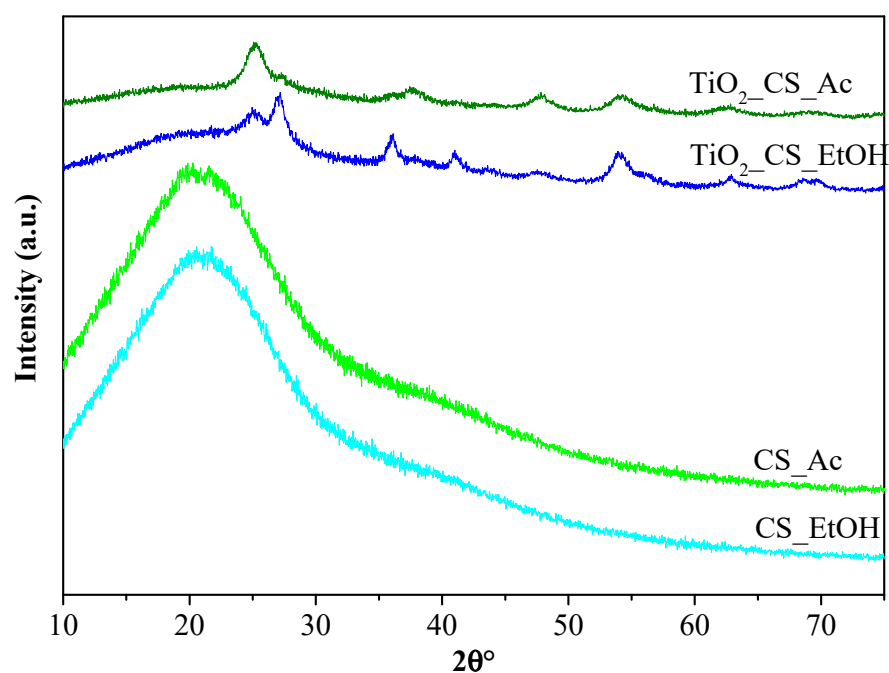
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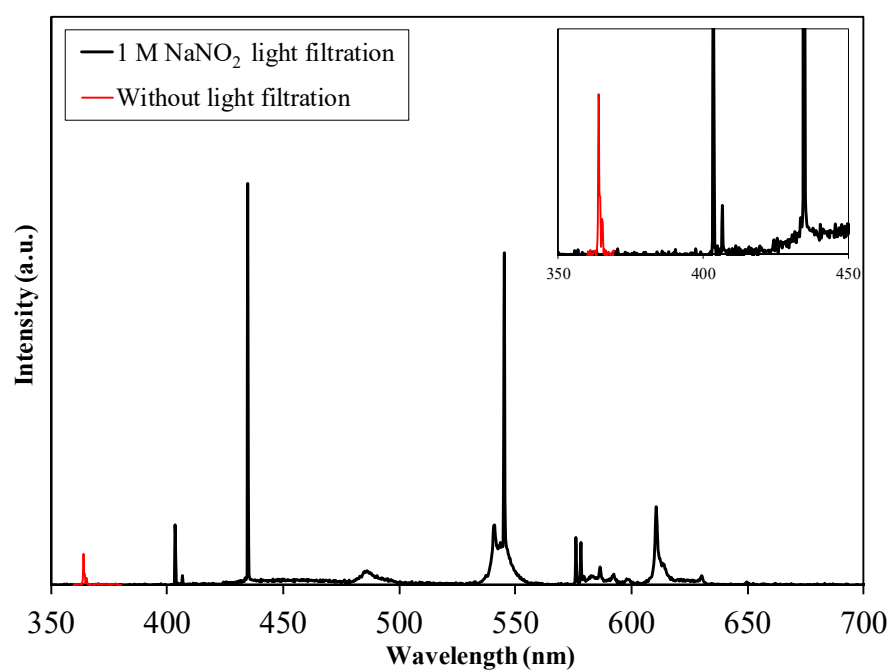
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**Figure S1.** X-ray diffraction patterns of carbon sphere templates purified either with acetone (CS\_Ac) or ethanol (CS\_EtOH) and their corresponding CS-TiO<sub>2</sub> composites. For CS\_Ac and CS\_EtOH only one broad diffraction pattern was observed at ~22° that belongs to amorphous carbon. For TiO<sub>2</sub>\_CS\_Ac the diffraction at 25.6° indicates the formation of anatase crystal phase, while for TiO<sub>2</sub>\_CS\_EtOH the reflection at 27.2° can be attributed to the presence of rutile phase. The samples retained their crystalline composition after calcination as well (i.e. for TiO<sub>2</sub>\_HS\_Ac and TiO<sub>2</sub>\_HS\_EtOH).



**Figure S2.** Emission spectrum of the applied visible-light-emitting lamps that was modified with NaNO<sub>2</sub> to absorb UV photons and provide solely visible light irradiation.