

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

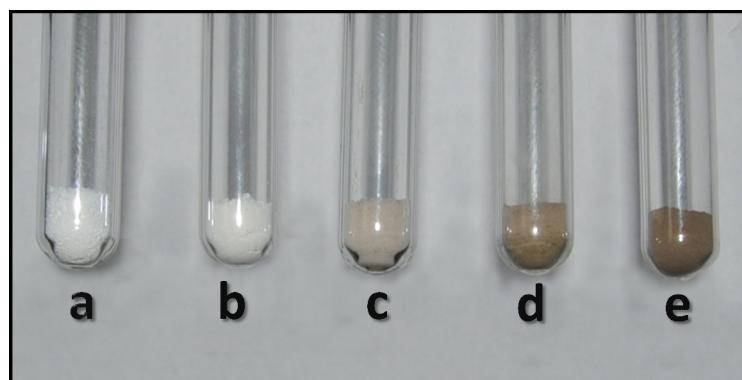
### Inactivation of TiO<sub>2</sub> nano-powders for the preparation of photo-stable sunscreens via carbon-based surface modification.

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#### Summary

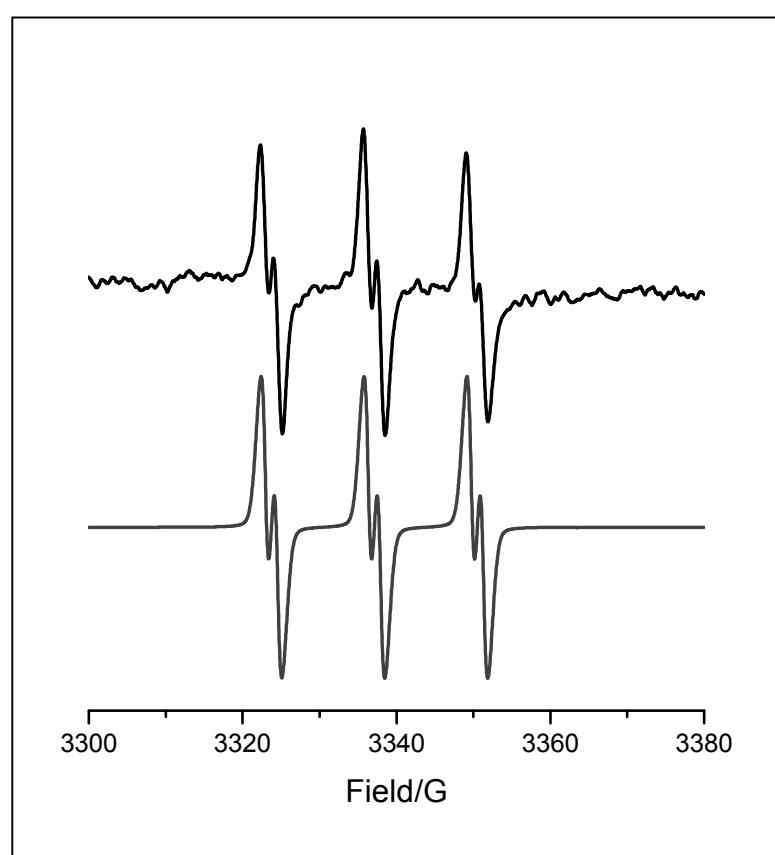
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### 1. Aspect of the pristine and the carbon modified samples



**Figure S1.** a) T<sub>A/R</sub>; b) T<sub>A/R</sub>-E; c) T<sub>A/R</sub>-EG; d) T<sub>A/R</sub>-GA; e) T<sub>A/R</sub>-CA.

**2. Simulation of the PBN /O<sub>2</sub><sup>•</sup> adduct recorded after removal of oxygen.**



**Figure S2.** EPR spectra recorded on 28 mg of pristine TiO<sub>2</sub> suspended in a solution 20mM PBN in cyclohexane after 60 minutes of stirring in aerobic conditions. Dissolved oxygen was removed previous EPR measurement. Black line: experimental, gray line: simulation. Calculated hyperfine constants:  $a^N = 13.4$  G ,  $a^H = 1.6$  G.

3. Effect of the modification with ethylene glycol on the surface reactivity of anatase

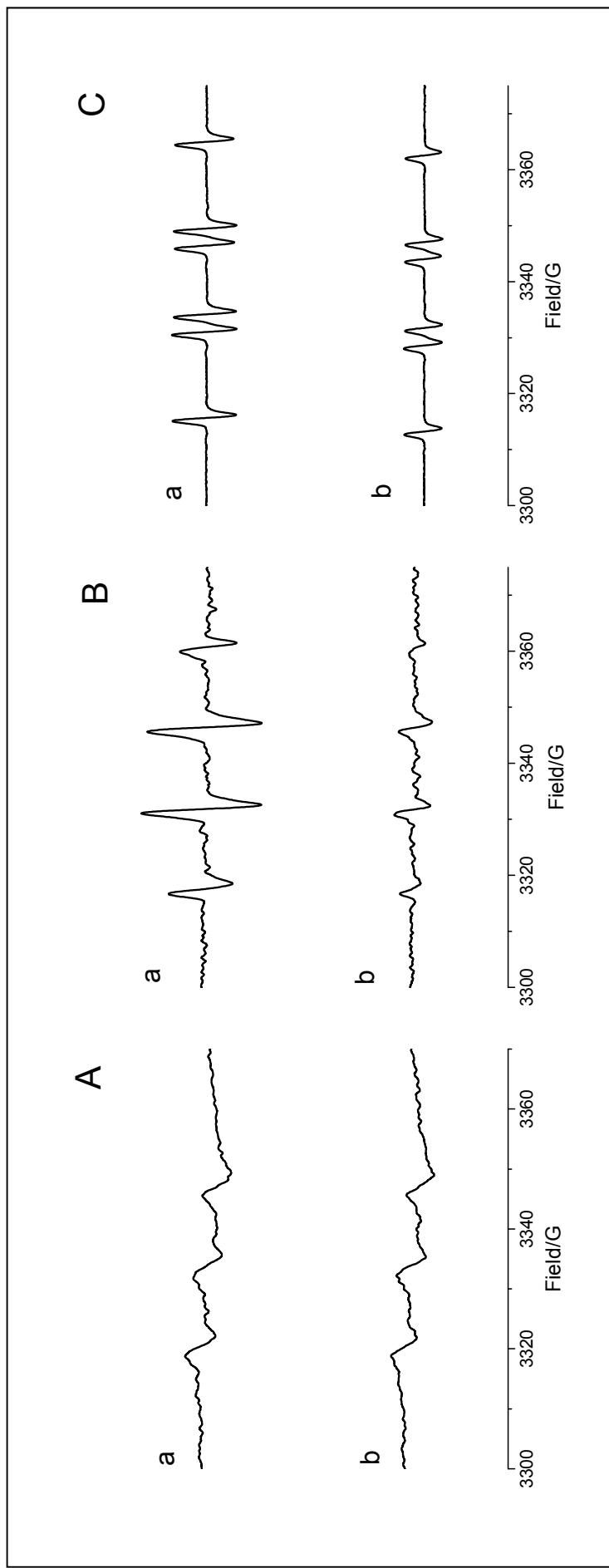
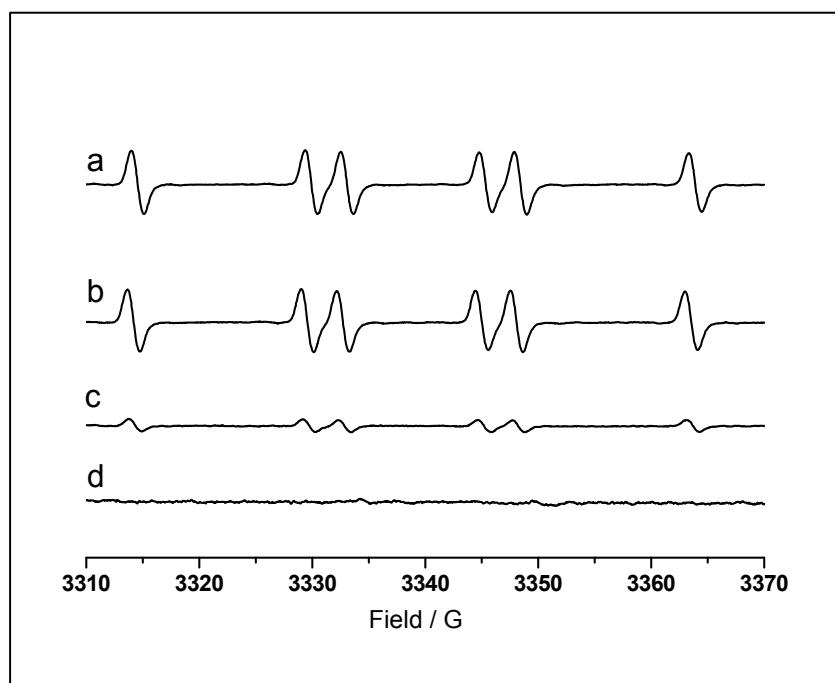


Figure S3. A) superoxide radicals; B) hydroxyl radicals; C) carboxylate radicals. a)  $T_A$ ; b)  $T_A$ -EG;

**4. Effect of the O<sub>2</sub> pressure during the heating process on the reactivity of TiO<sub>2</sub> modified with ethylene glycol**



**Figure S4.** a) T<sub>A/R</sub>, b) T<sub>A/R</sub> EG heated at 300 °C in air, c) T<sub>A/R</sub> EG heated under O<sub>2</sub> (partial pressure: 30 mbar), T<sub>A/R</sub> EG heated under O<sub>2</sub> (partial pressure: 20 mbar),