

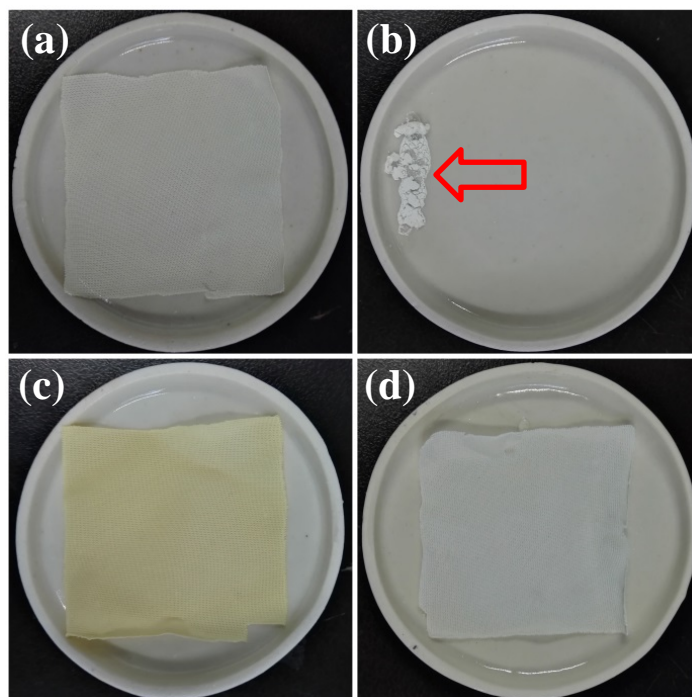
## Electronic Supplementary Information for

### Photocatalytic active TiO<sub>2</sub> microtubes assembled with radially aligned nanowires

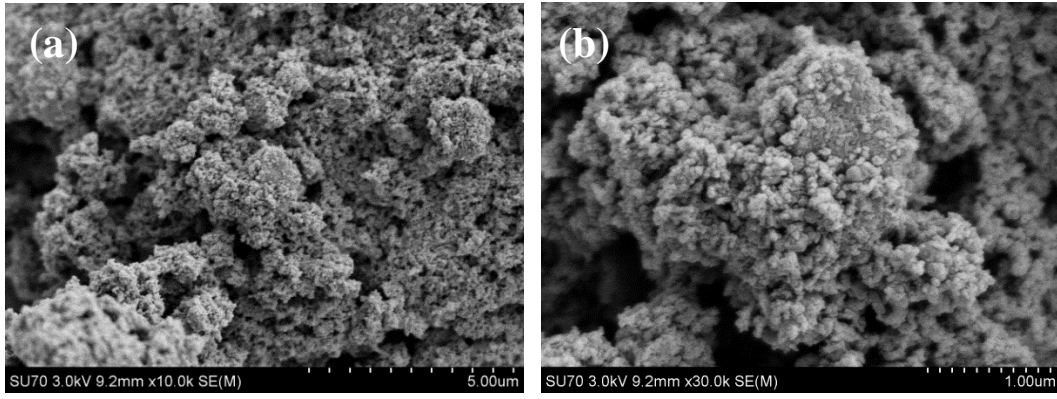
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**Fig. S1** Optical photographs of the PET fabrics (5 cm × 5 cm in size) covered with a TiO<sub>2</sub> seed layer (a) and that after calcination (b); the titanate nanowires covered PET fabrics (c) and that after calcination (d). Note that after calcination in air at 550 °C for 1 h, the seed layer coated PET fabrics shrunk (arrowed); whilst its shape preserved after the precipitation of the titanate nanowires. After removing the PET fabrics, the resultant TiO<sub>2</sub> reserving the original shape of PET fabrics is fragile, which broke to powders upon stirring during the photocatalytic tests.



**Fig. S2** FESEM images showing the thorough destroy of the  $\text{TiO}_2$  microtubes upon grinding.