

**Synthesis of bare and surface modified TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles *via* single source precursor and insights into their interactions with Serum Albumin**

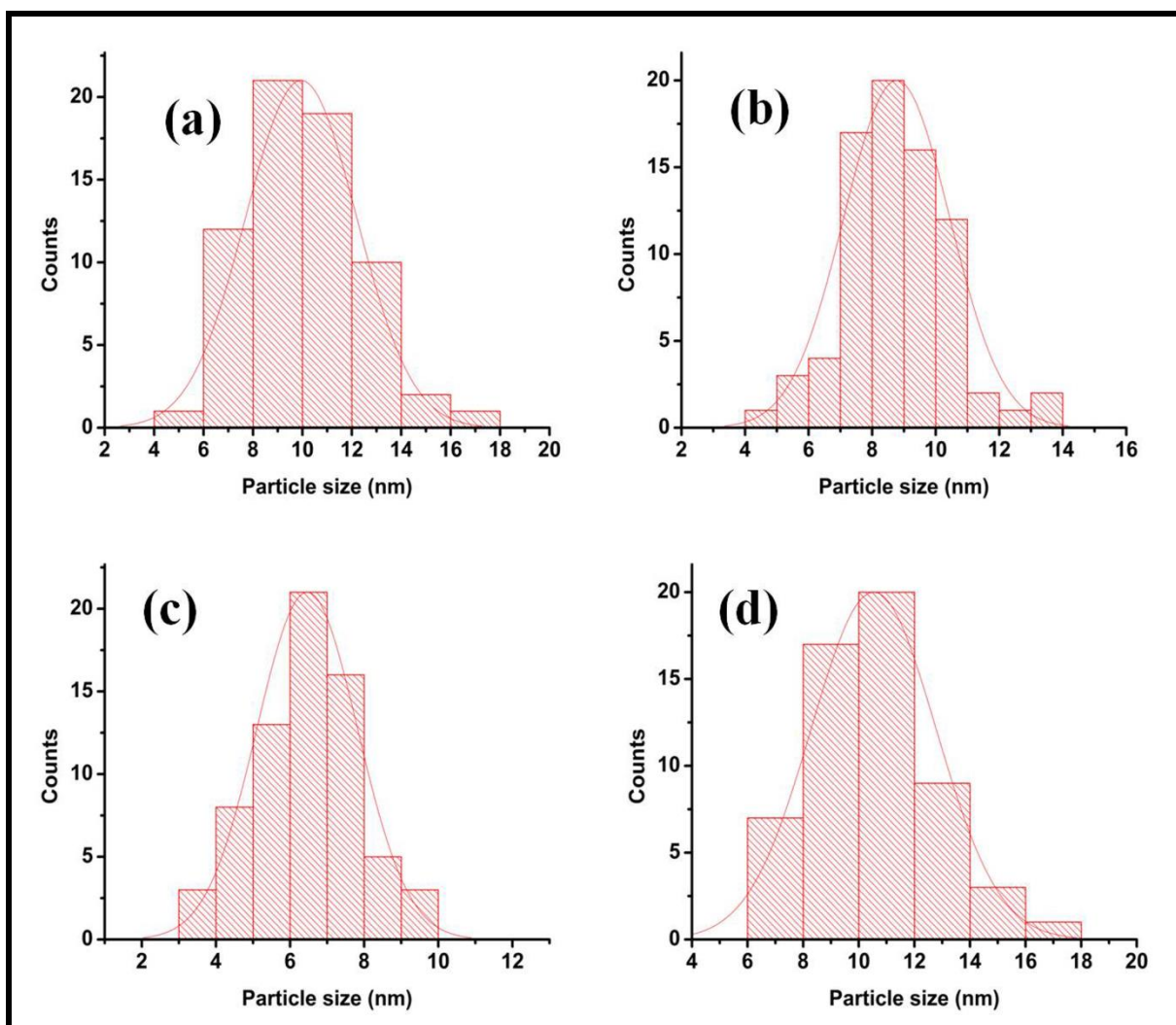
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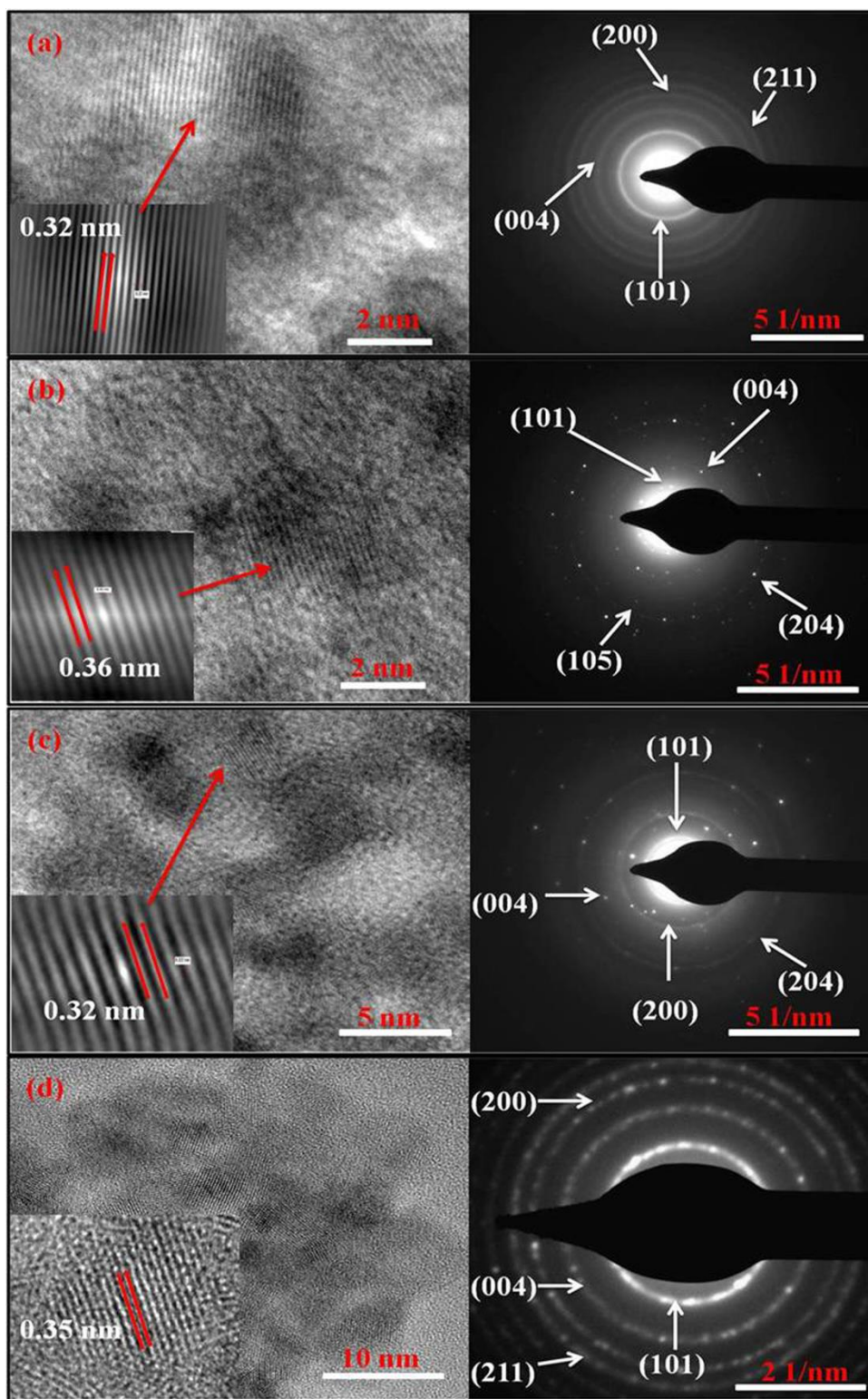
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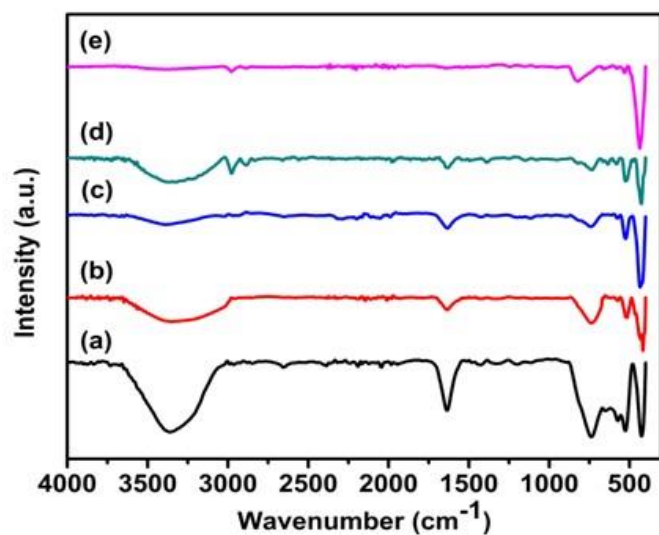
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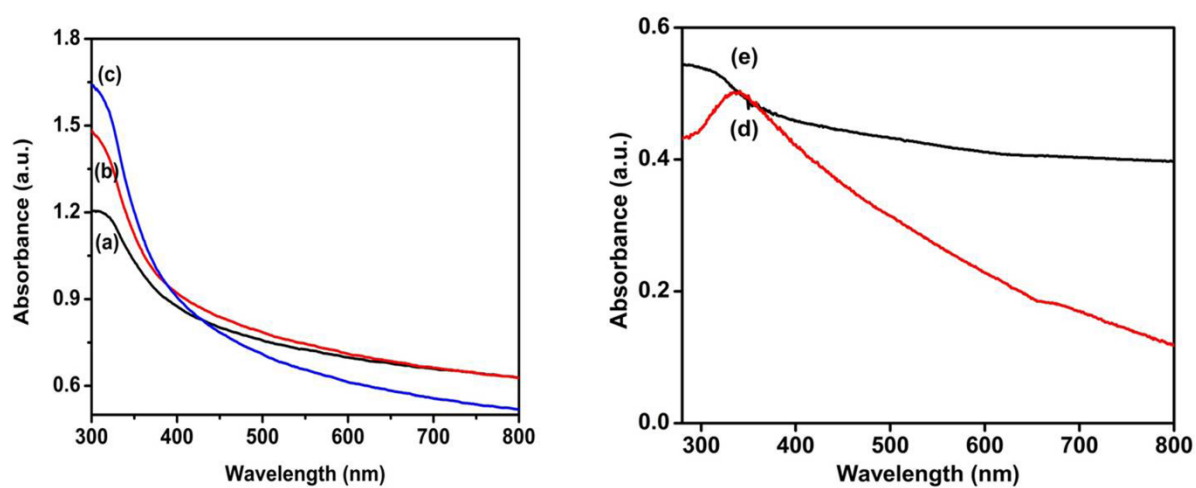
**Figure S1 (a).** Particle size distribution histogram of CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub> (a), SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub> (b), Tween 80@TiO<sub>2</sub> (c), and EG@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs (d).



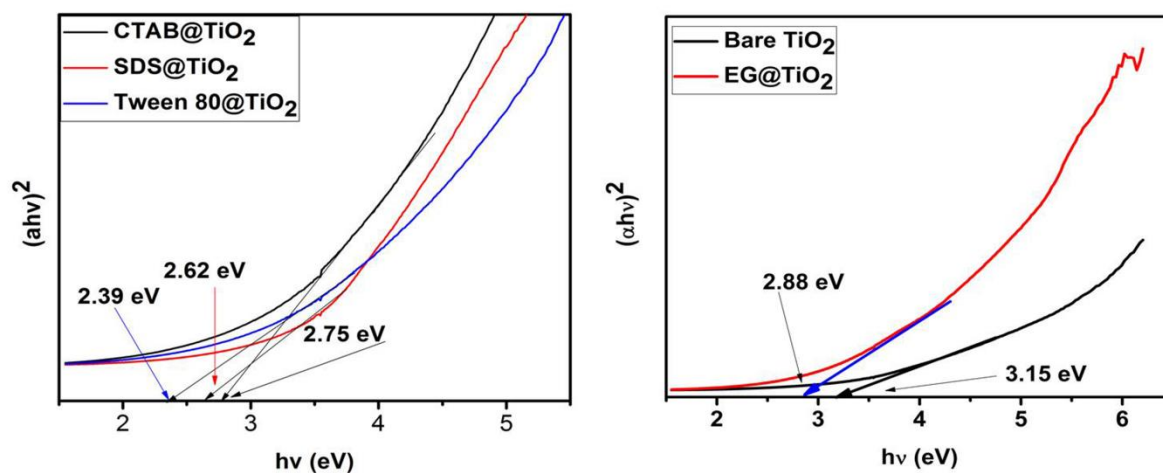
**Figure S1 (b).** HRTEM and SAED images of CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub> (a), SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub> (b), Tween 80@TiO<sub>2</sub> (c), and EG@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs (d).



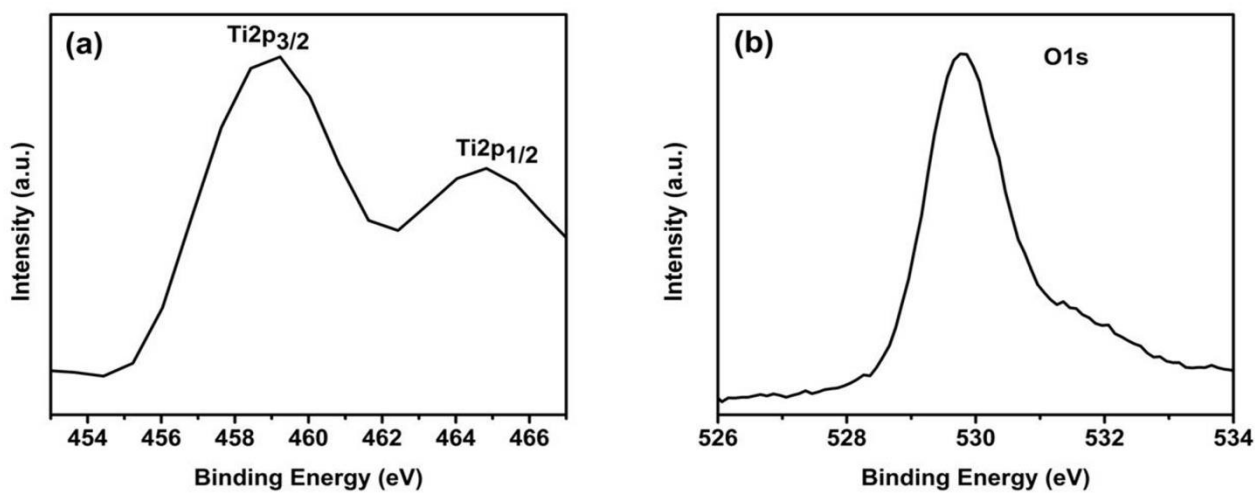
**Figure S2.** FTIR spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs bare (a), CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub> (b), SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub> (c), Tween 80@TiO<sub>2</sub> (d) and EG@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs (e).



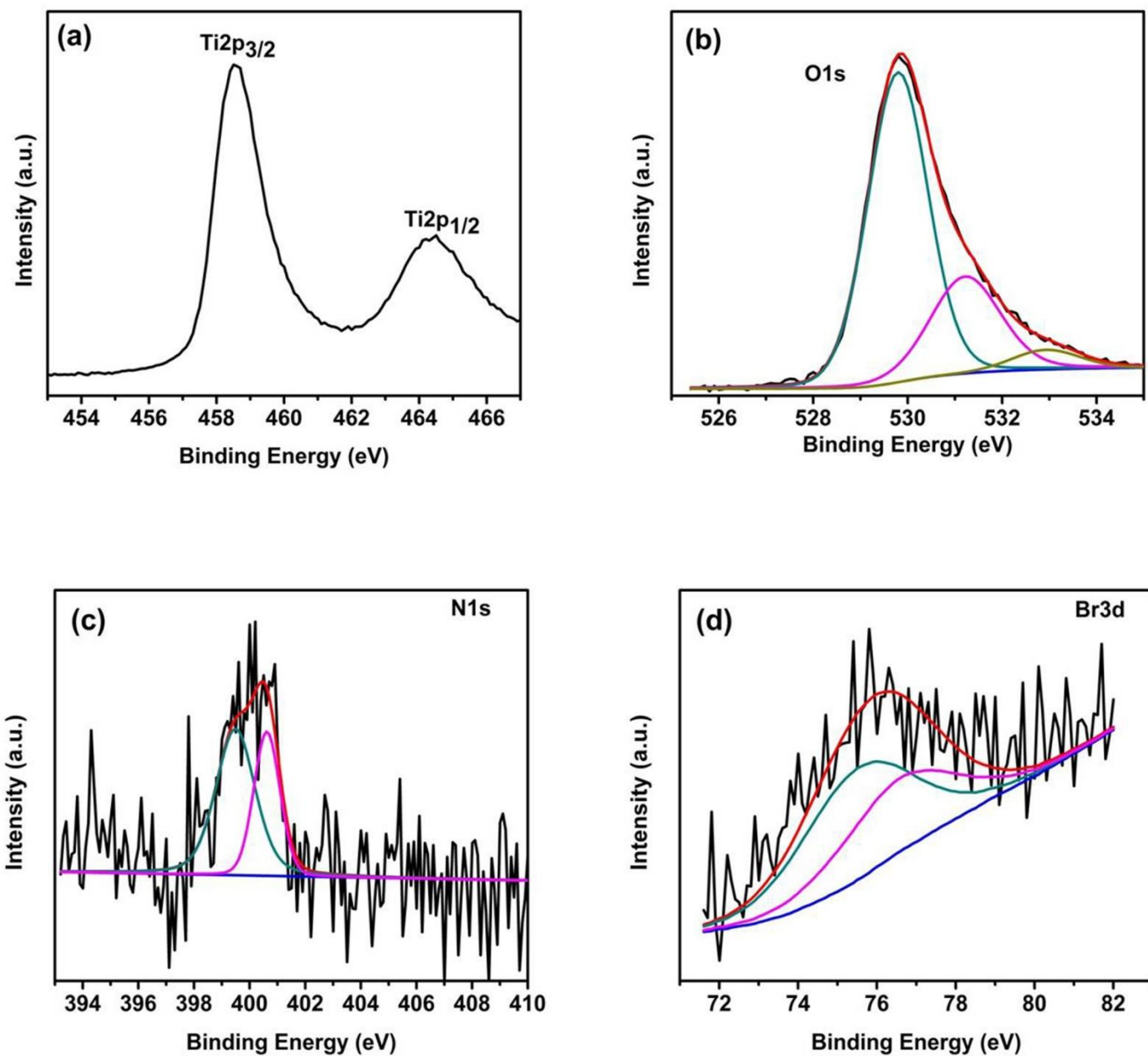
**Figure S3.** UV-Visible spectra of CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub> (a), SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub> (b), Tween 80@TiO<sub>2</sub> (c), EG@TiO<sub>2</sub> (d) and bare TiO<sub>2</sub> (e).



**Figure S4.** Tauc's plot of CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub>, SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub>, Tween 80@TiO<sub>2</sub>, EG@TiO<sub>2</sub> and bare TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

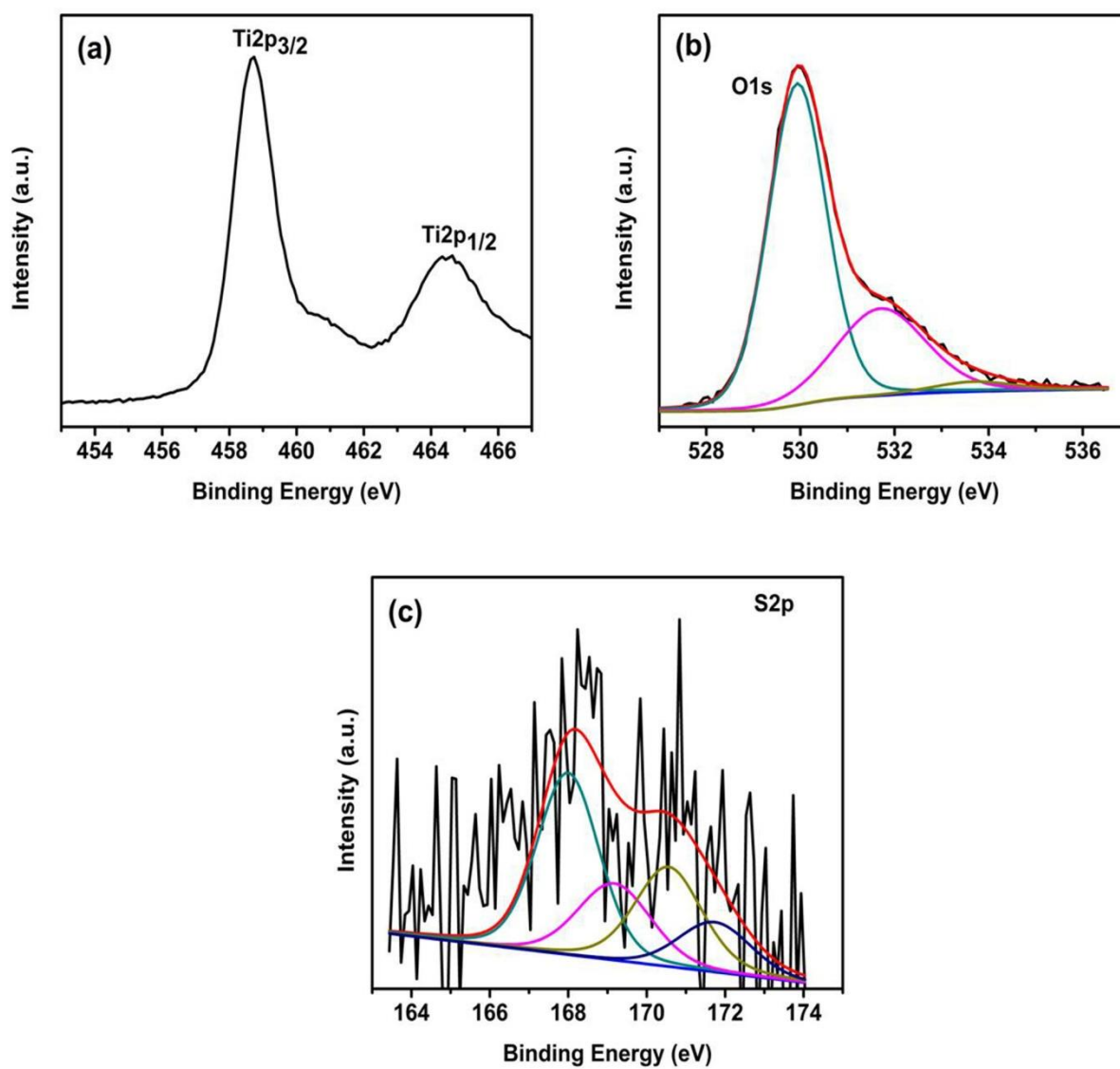


**Figure S5.** XPS spectra for (a) Ti 2p and (b) O 1s of as-synthesized bare TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

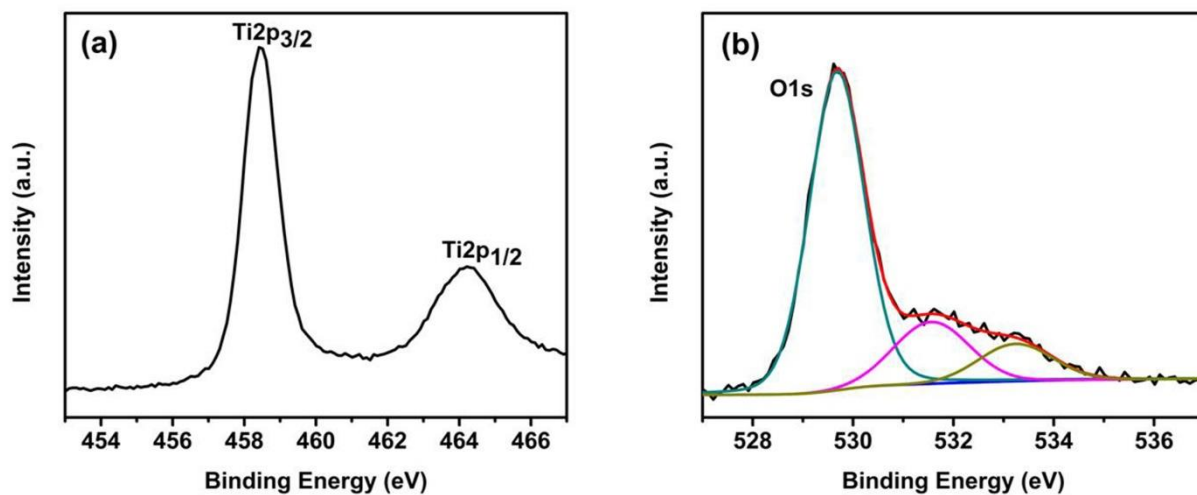


**Figure S6.** XPS spectra for (a) Ti 2p, (b) O 1s, (c) N 1s and (d) Br 3d of the as-synthesized CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

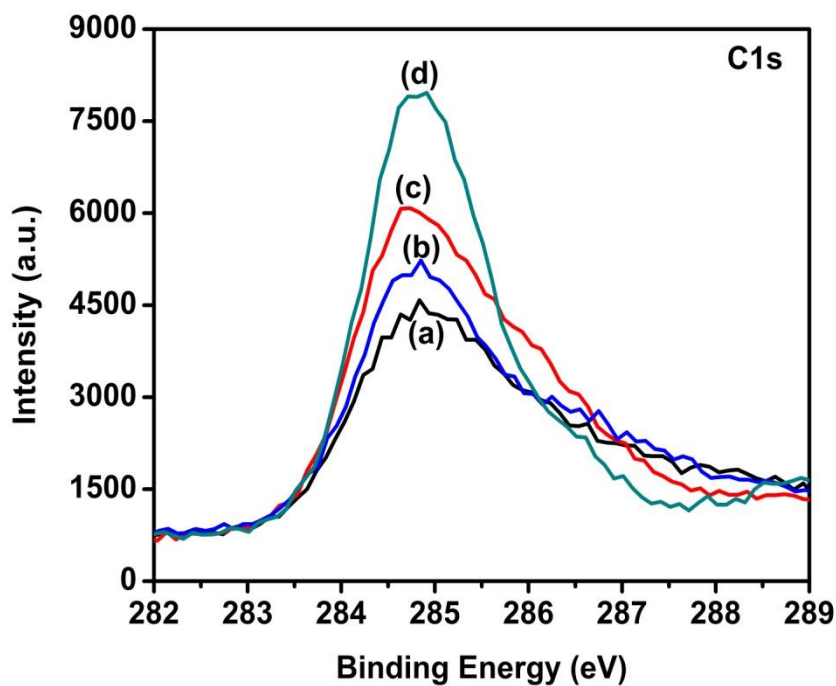




**Figure S7.** XPS spectra for (a) Ti 2p, (b) O 1s and (c) S 2p of the as-synthesized SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

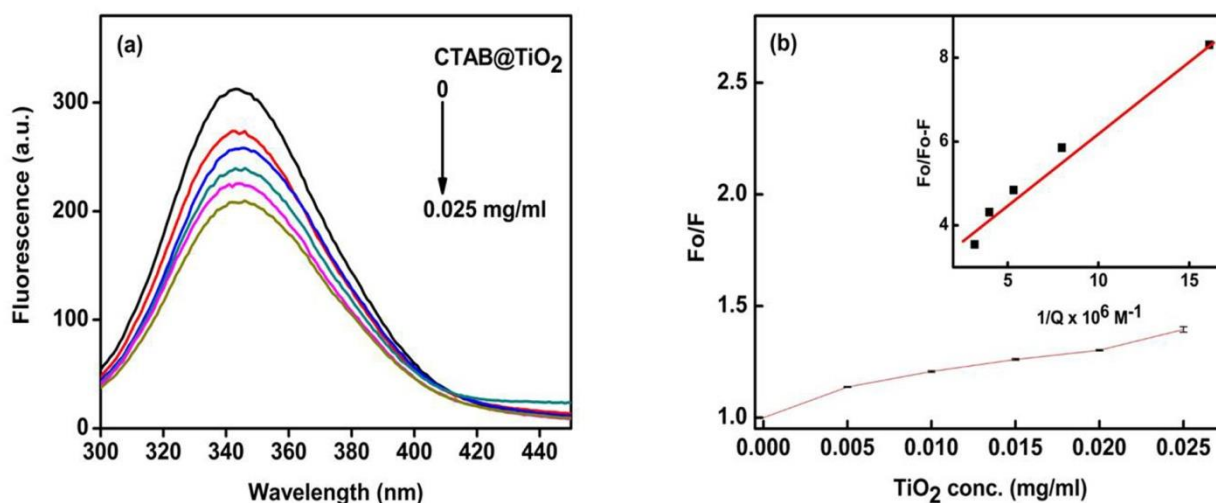


**Figure S8.** XPS spectra for (a) Ti 2p and (b) O 1s of the as-synthesized Tween 80@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

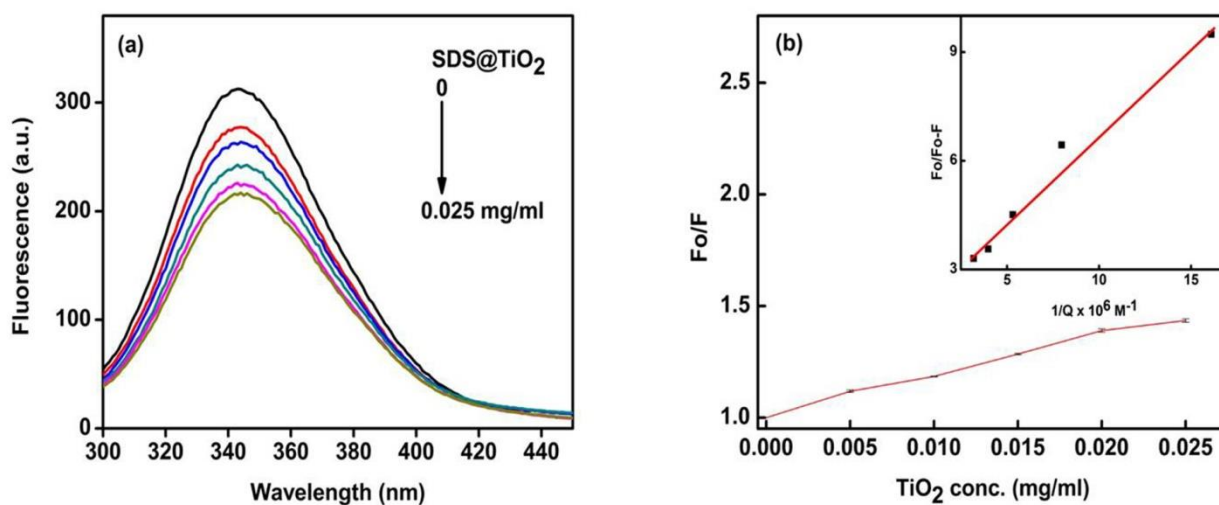


**Figure S9.** XPS spectra of all C 1s for (a) bare TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs, (b) SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs, (c) CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs and (d) Tween 80@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs.

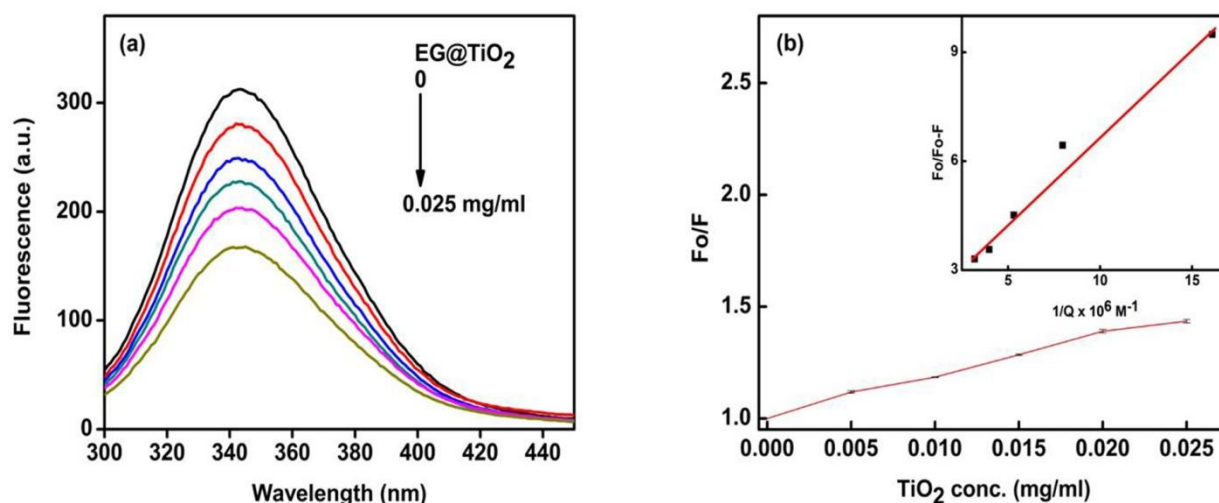




**Figure S10.** (a) Fluorescence spectra of BSA in absence and presence of varying CTAB@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs, 10b: Plot of  $F_0/F$  versus TiO<sub>2</sub> concentration at 343 nm,  $SD = \pm 0.008$  for  $n = 3$  and inset: Plot of  $F_0/(F_0-F)$  versus  $1/[Q]$ .



**Figure S11.** (a) Fluorescence spectra of BSA in absence and presence of varying SDS@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs, 11b: Plot of  $F_0/F$  versus TiO<sub>2</sub> concentration at 343 nm,  $SD = \pm 0.008$  for  $n = 3$  and inset: Plot of  $F_0/(F_0-F)$  versus  $1/[Q]$ .



**Figure S12.** (a) Fluorescence spectra of BSA in absence and presence of varying EG@TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs, 12b: Plot of  $F_0/F$  versus TiO<sub>2</sub> concentration at 343 nm, SD =  $\pm 0.004$  for n = 3 and inset: Plot of  $F_0/(F_0-F)$  versus  $1/[Q]$ .

**Table S1** Hydrodynamic size and PDI of bare and surface modified TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs in absence and presence of BSA.

System	0h		24h		System	0h		24h	
	PDI	Size	PDI	Size		PDI	Size	PDI	Size
Bare TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.00	186	1.00	350	Bare TiO <sub>2</sub> +BSA	1.00	274	0.95	429
CTAB@TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.00	153	0.90	274	CTAB@TiO <sub>2</sub> +BSA	0.78	248	0.74	251
SDS@TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.00	122	1.00	255	SDS@TiO <sub>2</sub> +BSA	1.00	239	0.88	263
Tween80@TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.64	235	0.47	284	Tween80@TiO <sub>2</sub> +BSA	0.69	256	0.67	270
EG@TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.00	86	1.00	96	EG@TiO <sub>2</sub> +BSA	1.00	92	1.00	146