

## In vitro evaluation of experimental light activated gels for tooth bleaching

### Supplementary Information

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## **Supplementary Experimental**

### *Scanning electron microscopy*

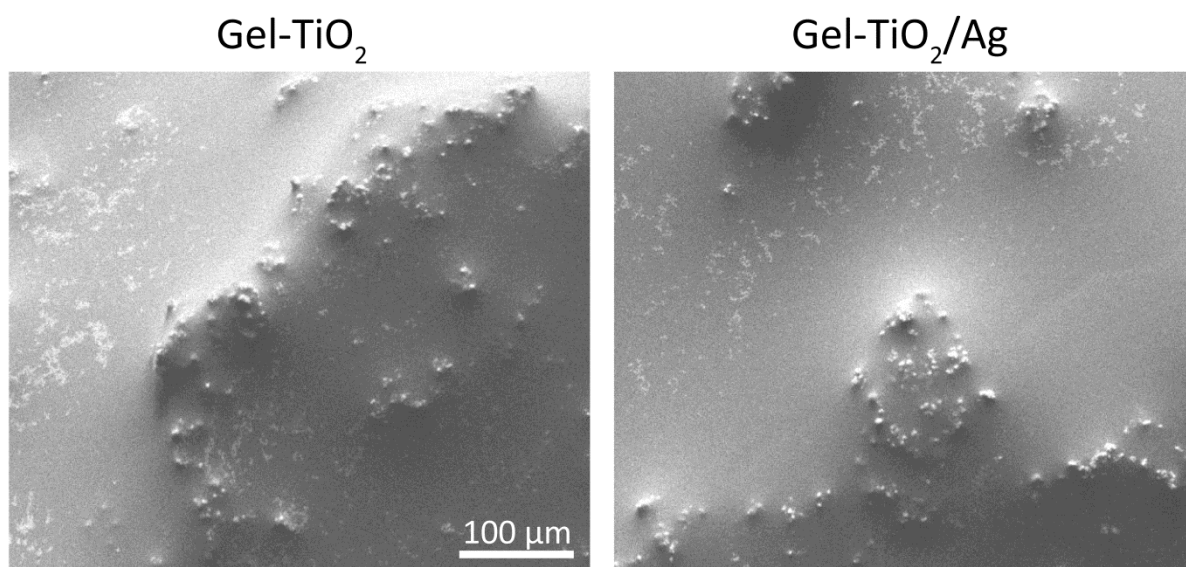
Scanning electron microscope (SEM) evaluation was performed as previously published with minor modifications<sup>38</sup>. In brief, an aluminium specimen holder was covered with gel, which was then dehydrated in vacuum for 5 h at 100 mbar, followed by a drying phase of 24 h at room temperature. The use of a conventional drying chamber was avoided to prevent thermal damage to the compounds of the gels. The concentrated gels were examined using SEM Quanta 200 (FEI Company, Hillsboro, OR, USA) with 20 kV at 500-fold magnification.

## **Supplementary Results**

### *Scanning electron microscopical examination of the experimental bleaching gels*

Experimental bleaching gels with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles and TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ag nanoparticles appeared similar upon scanning electron microscopical evaluation (Supplementary figure 1). Even surface was observed with agglomerates of the respective nanomaterials.

**Supplementary Figure**



*Supplementary figure 1: Scanning electron microscopic evaluation of the experimental bleaching gels.*

Scanning electron microscopic images of gel with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles and gel with TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ag nanoparticles after the dehydration process.