Supporting information

Surface-Bound Sacrificial Electron Donors in Promoting

Photocatalytic Reduction on Titania Nanocrystals

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Figure S1 UV-vis spectra of repeated photocatalytic reduction of MB on titania nanocrystals upon 365 nm UV irradiation.



Figure S2 Cycling performance of titania nanocrystals towards the photocatalytic reduction of MB.



Figure S3 TEM image, XRD pattern, and FTIR spectrum of titania nanocrystals after one run of the photocatalysis.



Figure S4 TGA analysis of the titania nanocrystals.



Figure S5 TEM images of ST-700 core-shell nanoparticles.



Figure S6 XRD patterns of SiO₂@TiO₂ calcined at 500, 600, 700 and 800 $^{\circ}$ C.



Figure S7 FTIR spectra of ST-700 core-shell nanoparticles (a) before and (b) after DEG modification.



Figure S8 XRD patterns of titania nanocrystals synthesized at 220 °C for 1, 2 and 3 hrs in DEG.