Supporting Information

Solvothermally Controllable Synthesis of Anatase TiO₂ Nanocrystals with Dominant {001} Facets and Enhanced Photocatalytic Activity

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Table S1. Average percentage of exposed $\{001\}$ facets of the TiO₂ samples obtained after 72 h solvothermal alcoholysis of TiF₄ at 250°C with binary alcohols. The volume ratios between benzyl alcohol and another alcohol were fixed at 35/5.

| Sample number | Binary alcohols | Exposed {001} facets (%) |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| a | benzyl alcohol + ethanol | 50 |
| b | benzyl alcohol + <i>n</i> -butanol | 57 |
| с | benzyl alcohol + isopropanol | 62 |



Fig. S1 Model of anatase TiO_2 decahedral nanocrystals used for calculating the percentage of exposed {001} facets.



Fig. S2 The corresponding fitting XRD pattern of NC-001 sample to distinguish the overlapping of the (004) diffraction peak with the (103) and (112) diffraction peaks.



Fig. S3 N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms of the NC-001, BC-001 samples obtained via solvothermal alcoholysis of TiF₄ in mixed *tert*.-butanol and benzyl alcohol solution. The BC-001(a) and BC-001(b) were obtained at the *tert*.-butanol/benzyl alcohol volume ratios of 35/5 and 30/10, respectively.



Fig. S4 XRD patterns of sample BC-001 samples obtained via solvothermal alcoholysis of TiF_4 in mixed *tert*.-butanol and benzyl alcohol solution. The BC-001(a) and BC-001(b) were obtained at the tert.-butanol/benzyl alcohol volume ratios of 35/5 and 30/10, respectively.



Fig. S5 FESEM images of the TiO_2 samples obtained after 72 h solvothermal alcoholysis of TiF_4 at 250°C by using different binary alcohols. (a) benzyl alcohol and ethanol, (b) benzyl alcohol and n-butanol, (c) benzyl alcohol and isopropanol. The volume ratios between benzyl alcohol and another alcohol were fixed at 35/5.