

Supplementary Information for

Enhancement of  $\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2$  MXene on  $\text{Au}@\text{Ag}/\text{TiO}_2$  for the visible-light-driven photoreduction of nitroaromatics

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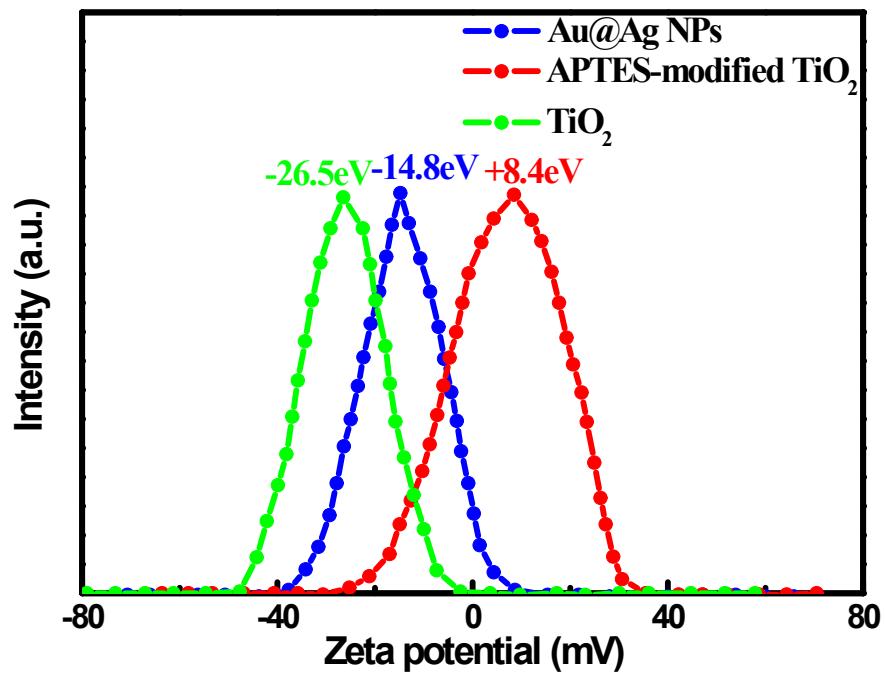
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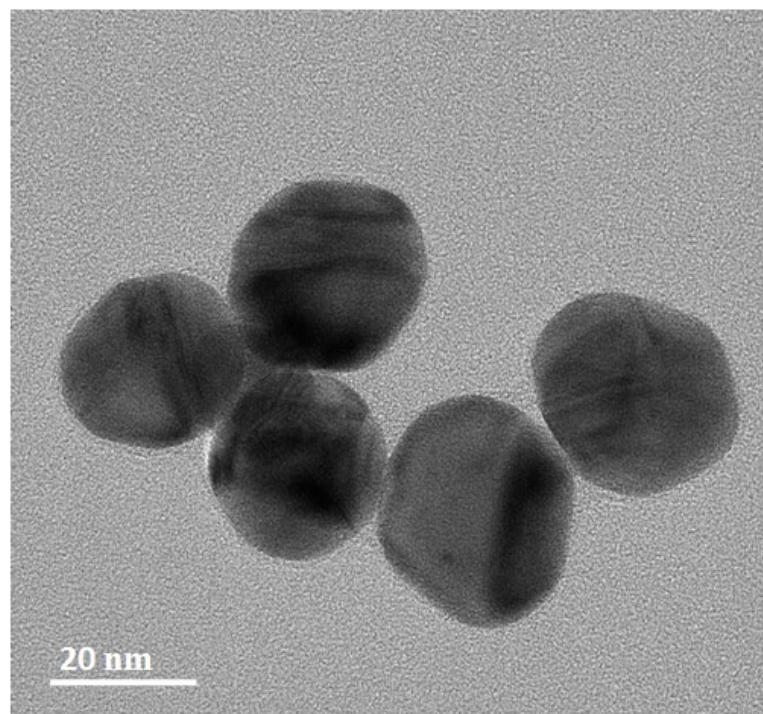
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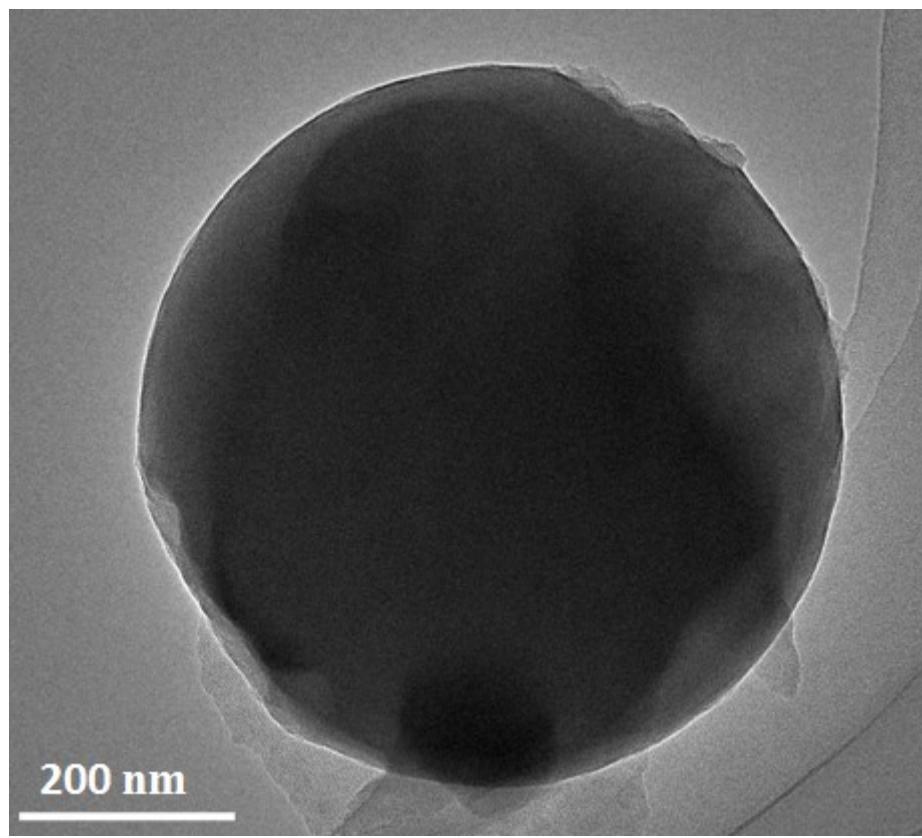
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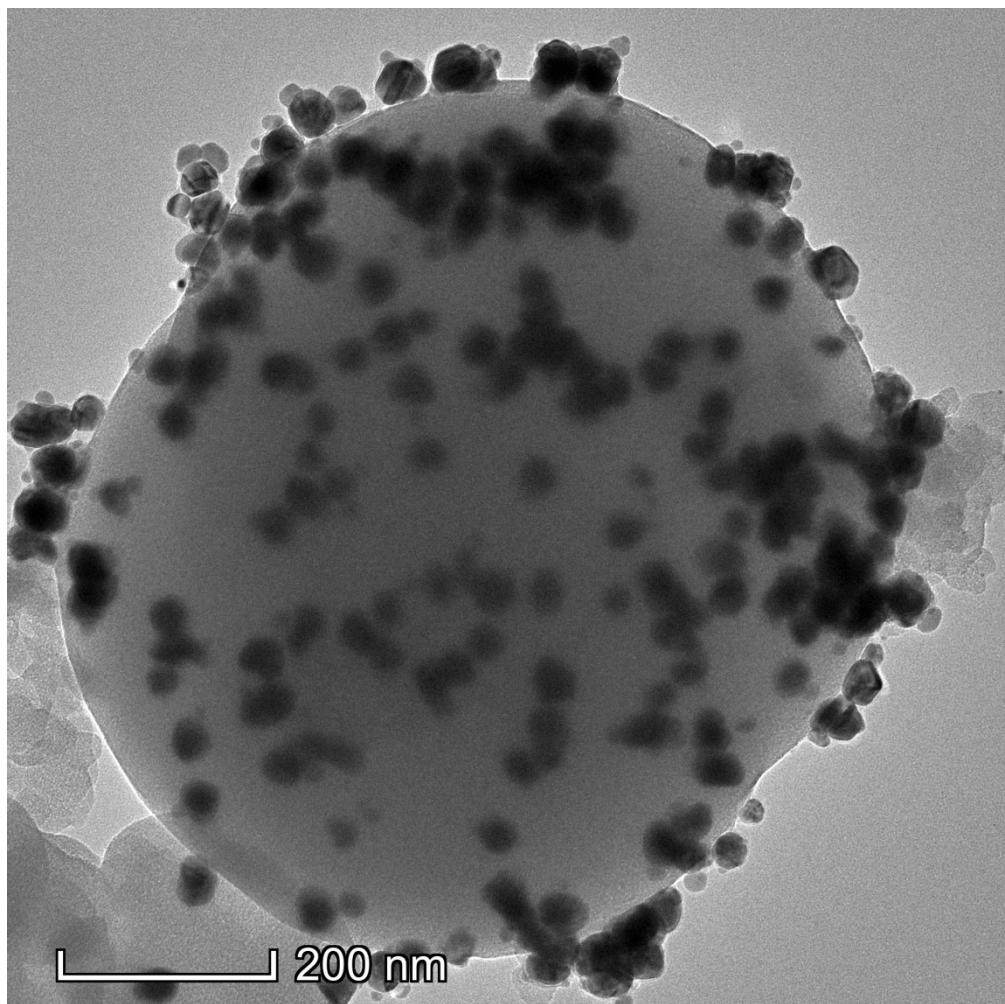
**Figure S1.** Zeta potentials of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres, Au@Ag NPs and APTES-modified TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres.



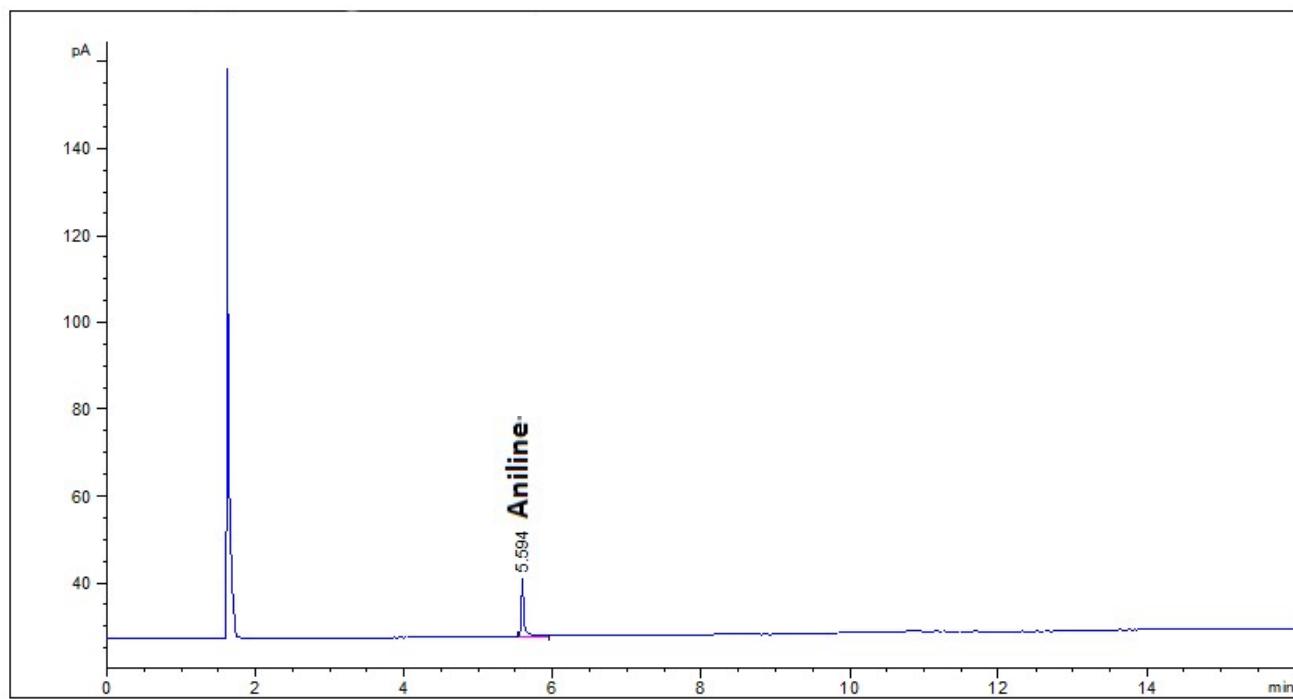
**Figure S2.** HRTEM image of Au NPs.



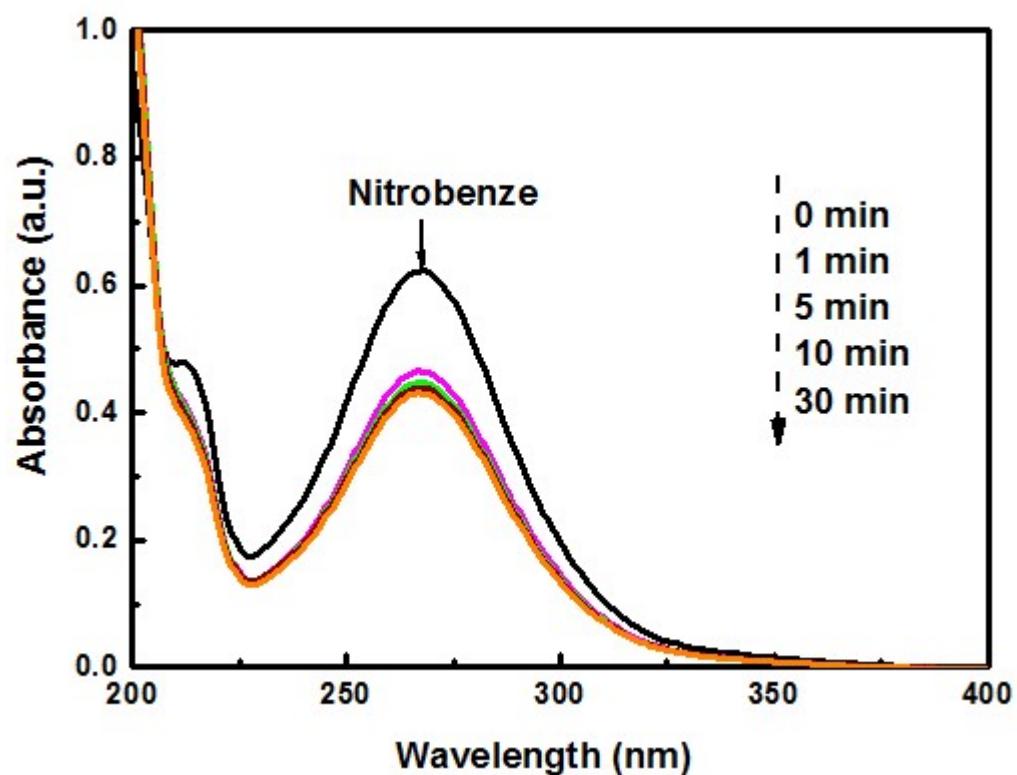
**Figure S3.** TEM image of  $\text{TiO}_2$  microspheres.



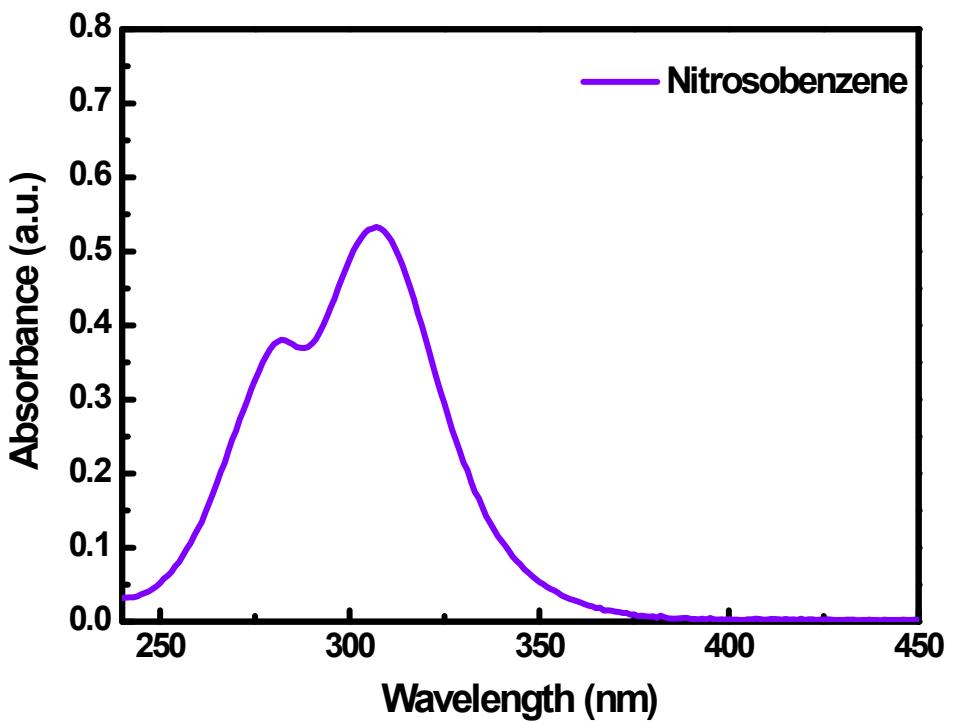
**Figure S4.** TEM image of Au@Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub>.



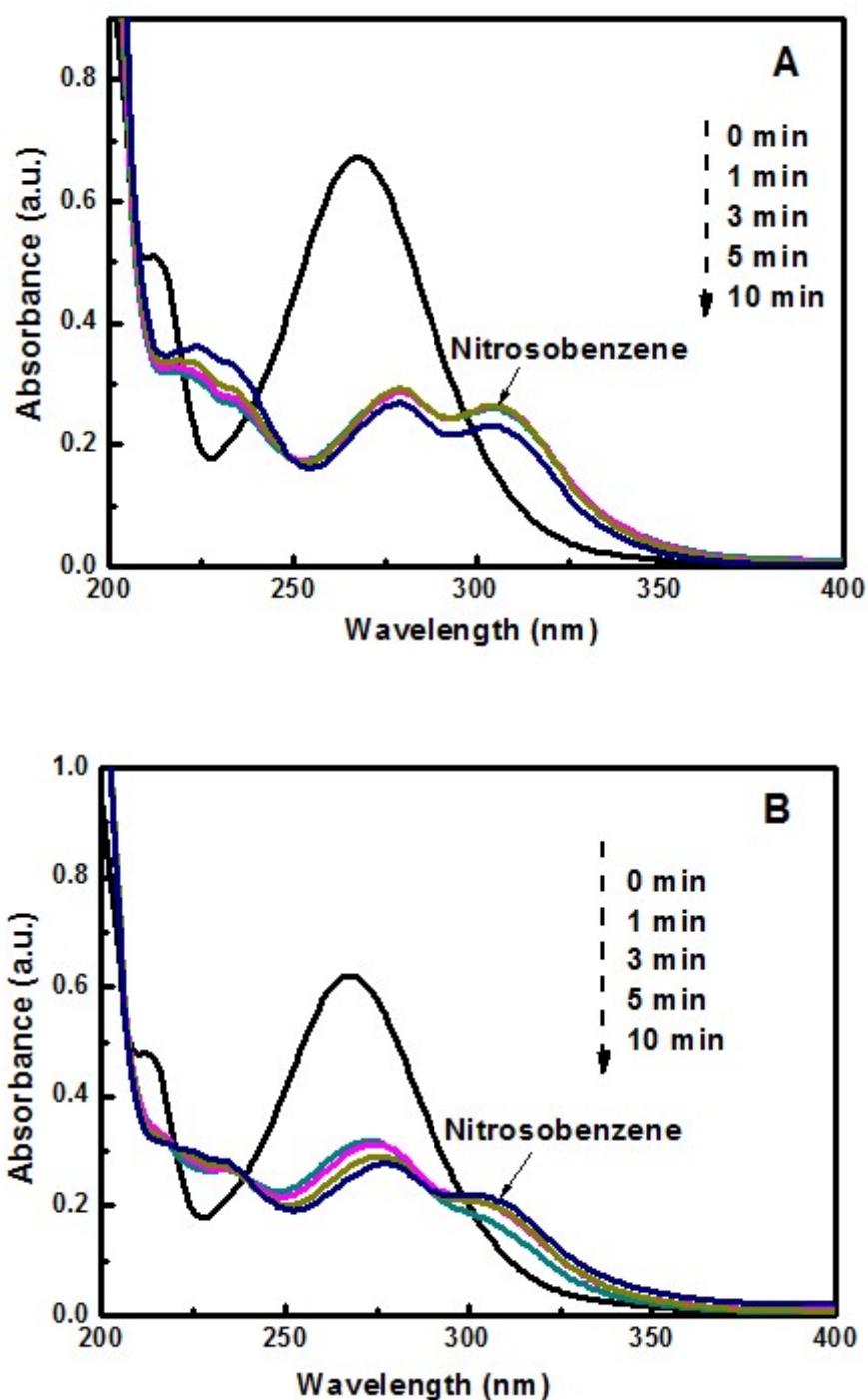
**Figure S5.** The gas chromatography of products after photoreaction of nitrobenzene over Au@Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>.



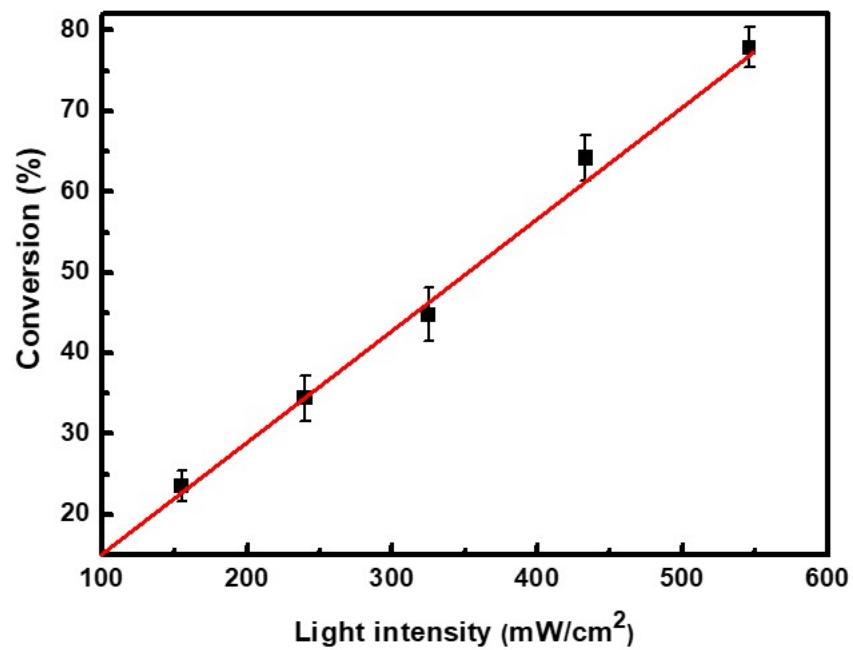
**Figure S6.** UV-vis adsorption spectra of nitrobenzene solution as a function of time over pure  $\text{TiO}_2$  microspheres.



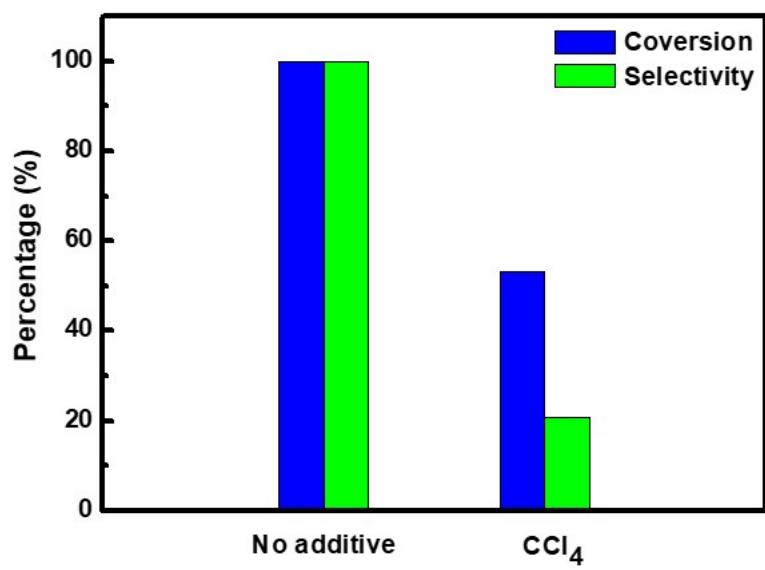
**Figure S7.** UV-vis adsorption spectra of standard nitrosobenzene.



**Figure S8.** UV-vis adsorption spectra of nitrobenzene solution as a function of time over Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub> (A) and Au/TiO<sub>2</sub> (B).



**Figure S9.** Dependence of nitrobenzene concersion on the light intensity over Au@Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S10.** Photoreduction activity of Au@Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> with or without 5  $\mu$ L of CCl<sub>4</sub> under illumination of 5 min.

**Table S1.** The data of conversion and selectivity over various samples displayed in

Figure 7A.

Samples	Conversion (%)	Selectivity (%)
Au/TiO <sub>2</sub>	87.7	44.6
Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub>	82.5	38.5
Au@Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub>	95.8	84.6
Au@Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	100	100

**Table S2.** The data of conversion and selectivity over Au@Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> displayed in Figure 7C.

Au@Ag/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	Conversion (%)	Selectivity (%)
<b>1st</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98.1</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>96.5</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>97.3</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>93.8</b>

**Table S3.** Photocatalytic activity over Au@Ag/TiO<sub>2</sub>/Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> with different substrates

for mechanistic route study.

Entry	Substrates	Time (min)	Conversion (%)	Selectivity (%)
1	Nitrobenzene	5	100	100
2	Nitrosobenzene	5	100	99.6