

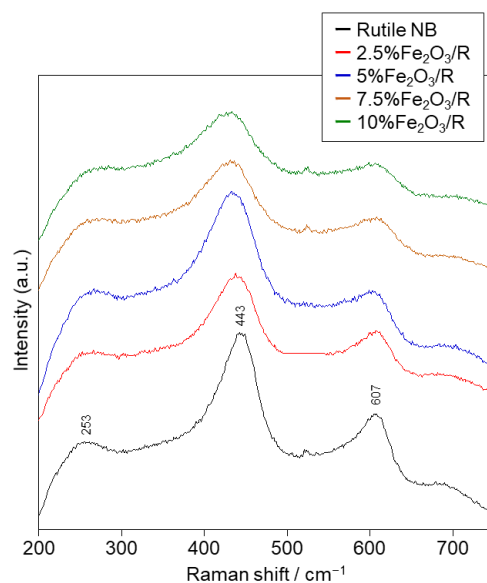


Fig. S1. Raman spectra of different materials. Rutile NB has three bands at 253, 443 and 607 cm⁻¹, which are typically observed for rutile TiO₂. The band at 443 cm⁻¹, assignable to the E_g vibrational mode, broadens and blue-shifts with the increase of the embedded amount of α-Fe₂O₃. This might be attributed to the variation of the stoichiometry of TiO₂ (*e.g.*, oxygen deficiency, Ti-O-Fe).

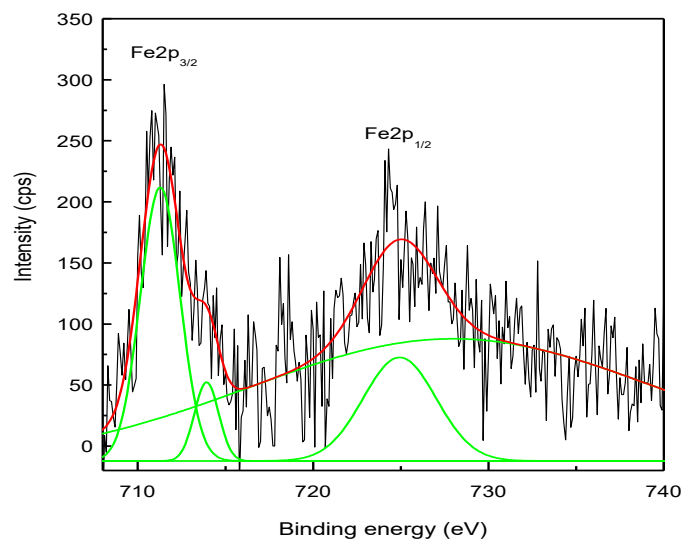


Fig. S2. XPS spectrum of Fe 2p for 5%Fe₂O₃/R sample. Peaks at 711.1 eV and 724.8 eV are ascribed to 3+ oxidation states of iron. The peak centered around 715 eV is identified as the surface peak of α -Fe₂O₃ (Ref. 31-33 in the main text).