

## Supplementary information

# Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub> MXene improved photoelectrochemical anode assembly of titanium dioxide nanoarrays for microcystin-LR detection

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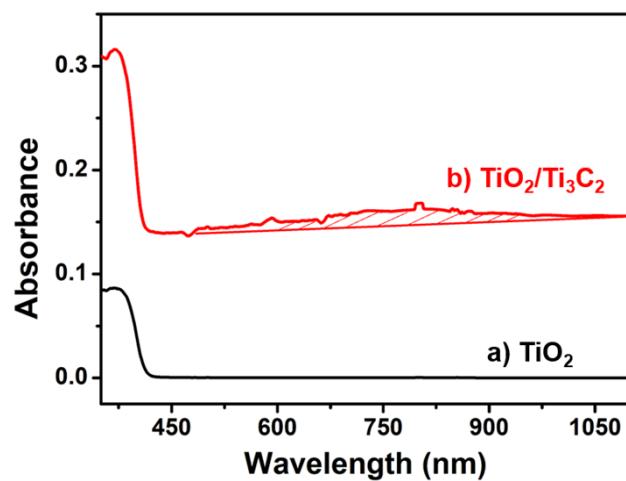
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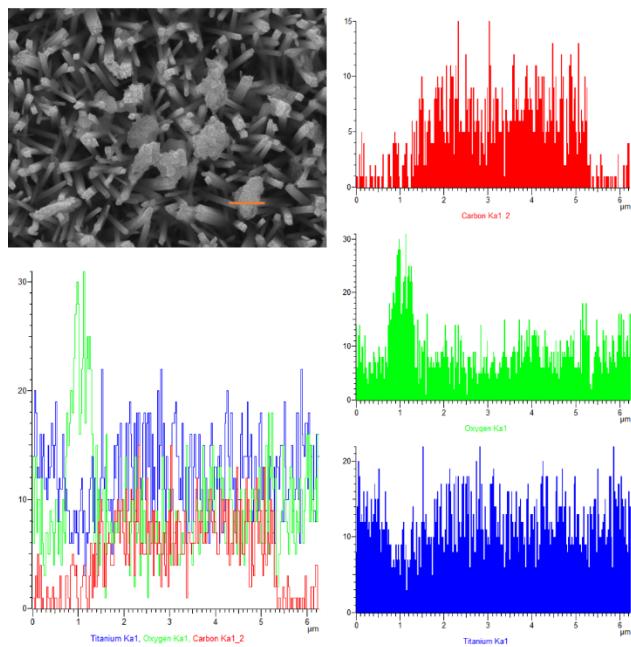
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### UV-VIS-NIR absorption of $\text{TiO}_2$ and $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2$



**Fig. S1.** UV-VIS-NIR absorption of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2$ .

## EDS line scan of $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2$



**Fig. S2.** EDS line scan of  $\text{TiO}_2/\text{Ti}_3\text{C}_2$ .

## Band gap and valence band spectra of rutile $\text{TiO}_2$

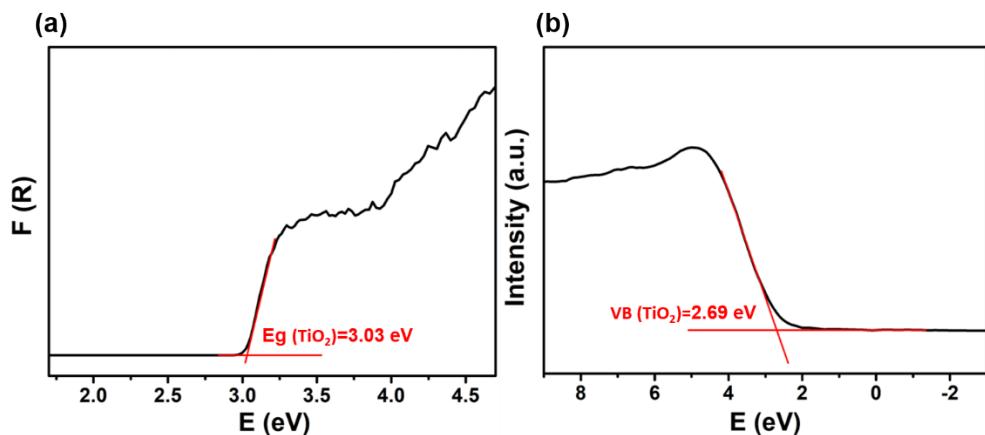


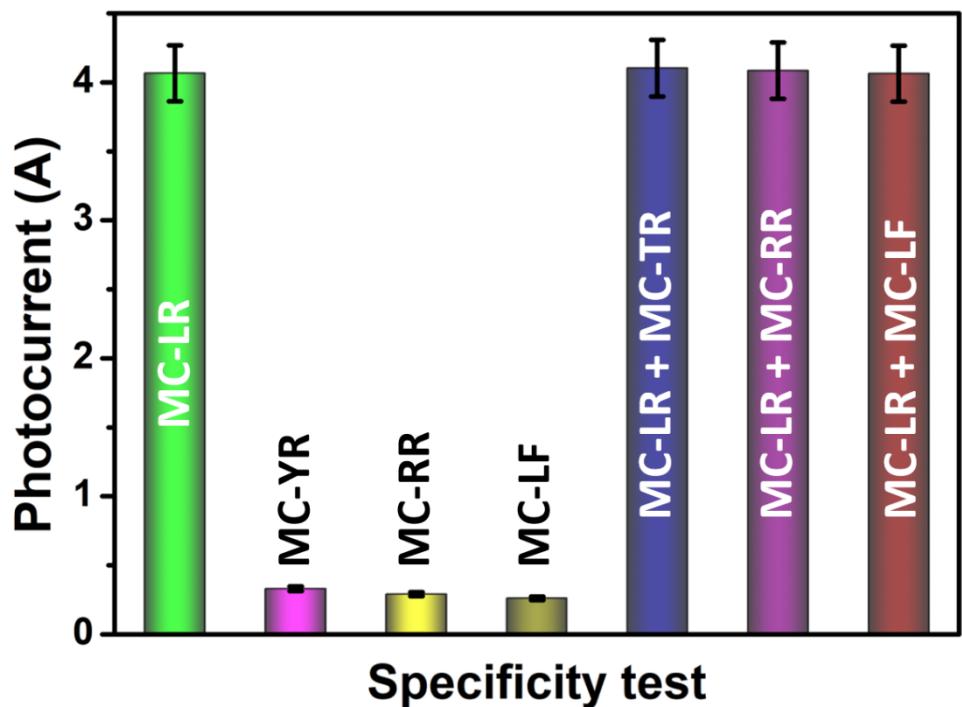
Fig. S3. (a) Band gap and (b) valence band spectra of rutile  $\text{TiO}_2$ .

## Simulation parameters of the equivalent circuit components

**Table S1** Simulation parameters of the equivalent circuit components

Electrode modification	$R_s$ (ohm)	$R_{et}$ (ohm)	$C_{dl}$ (F)	$Z_w$
FTO	188.1	1740	$2.608 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0009907
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub>	74.15	2992	$1.03 \times 10^{-5}$	0.008969
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub>	55.23	1695	$1.573 \times 10^{-5}$	0.00785
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> /aptamer	43.39	1983	$1.46 \times 10^{-5}$	0.005299
FTO/TiO <sub>2</sub> /Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> /aptamer/MC-LR	55.72	2832	$1.129 \times 10^{-5}$	0.009516

**Specificity tests of sensors.**



**Fig. S4.** The specificity tests of sensors using 0.1 ng/mL of MC-YR, MC-RR and MC-LF as targets mixed with 0.1 ng/mL of MC-LR.