

## **Supporting information**

### **Effective Control of the Tomato Wilt Pathogen using TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanoparticles as a Green Nanopesticide**

Xiaohong Pan<sup>a</sup>, Danyue Nie<sup>a</sup>, Xueping Guo<sup>a</sup>, Shanshan Xu<sup>a</sup>, Dingyang Zhang<sup>a</sup>, Fang Cao<sup>a</sup> and Xiong Guan<sup>b,\*</sup>

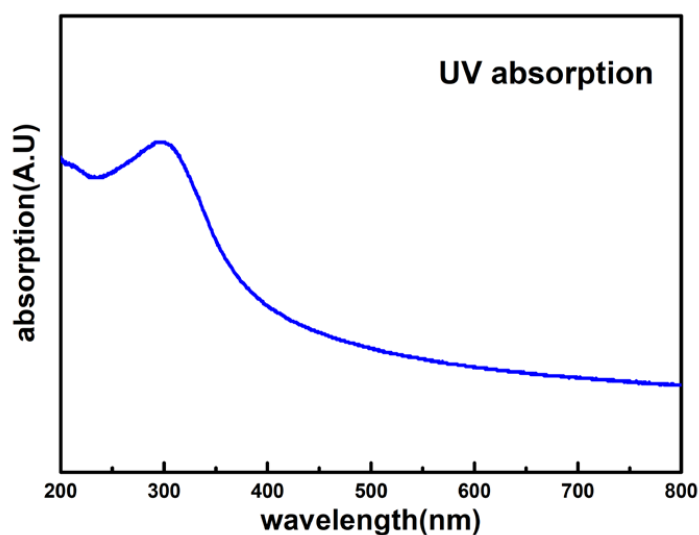
<sup>a</sup> State Key Laboratory of Ecological Pest Control for Fujian and Taiwan Crops & Key Lab of Biopesticide and Chemical Biology, Ministry of Education & Ministerial and Provincial Joint Innovation Centre for Safety Production of Cross-Strait Crops, College of Plant Protection, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, Fuzhou, Fujian 350002, P. R. China.

\*CORRESPONDING AUTHOR

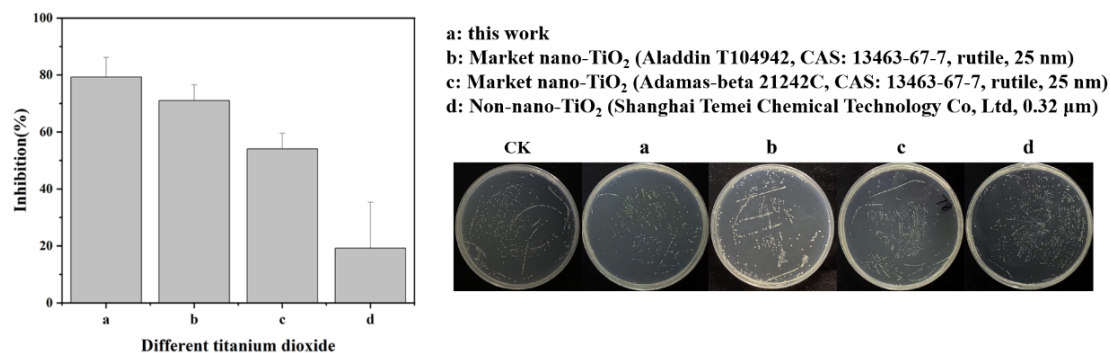
E-mail: [guanxfafu@126.com](mailto:guanxfafu@126.com)

**Table S1** The primers of *phcA*, *phcB*, *phcR*, *epsA*, *epsF*, *egl*, *pilT*, *hrp* and *qRSgyrA* genes

Gene	primers ( 5'→3' )
<i>phcA</i> -F	GGACATGATCTTCACGGTCAACT
<i>phcA</i> -R	GACTCATCCTCCTTTTCTGCATC
<i>phcB</i> -F	CGATTATCTGTCCGACAAGGTATG
<i>phcB</i> -R	CATTCCAGCAGGTGTTCCAT
<i>phcR</i> -F	GCGGAATACAGCGACATC
<i>phcR</i> -R	GCTTCTCCAGGATCTTGAA
<i>epsA</i> -F	AATGTCTACGTGATCCGCCG
<i>epsA</i> -R	GTACACCACGTCCTTCGGTT
<i>epsF</i> -F	GCTTTTCGTCGTGGTTTGCT
<i>epsF</i> -R	GGAAGCCAGCAACAACAGTG
<i>egl</i> -F	GGAAGCCAGCAACAACAGTG
<i>egl</i> -R	GGAAGCCAGCAACAACAGTG
<i>pilT</i> -F	AAGAACAAAGCGTCTGATCTGC
<i>pilT</i> -R	CTCCAGGTTTTCTTCGTAATGCT
<i>hrp</i> -F	TGCTTGGGCTTGGCTTCATC
<i>hrp</i> -R	CATGAGCAAGGACGAAGTCAAG
<i>qRSgyrA</i> -F	CGACTGGAACCGTCCCTAC
<i>qRSgyrA</i> -R	TCCGCACGATGGTGTCATA



**Figure S1.** The UV-Vis absorption wavelength of TiO<sub>2</sub>



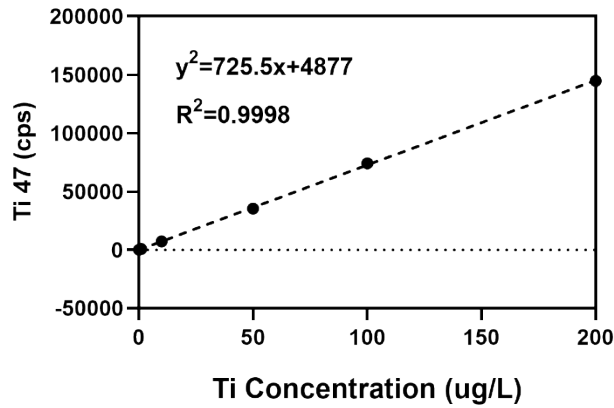
**Figure S2.** Antibacterial effect of 0.05 mg/L TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs comparing with market nano-TiO<sub>2</sub> and non-nano-TiO<sub>2</sub>

**Table S2** The effective concentration comparison for 50% inhibition (EC<sub>50</sub>) and minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)

Pesticide	Type	Origin	EC <sub>50</sub> (mg/L)	MIC (mg/L)	Reference
Copper Hydroxide WG	Commercial	Korea	/	200	1
Copper hydroxide + Oxadixyl WP	Commercial	Korea	/	200	1
Copper oxychloride + Dithianon WP	Commercial	Korea	/	200	1
Copper oxychloride + Kasugamycin WP	Commercial	Korea	/	100	1
Streptomycin + Validamycin A WP	Commercial	Korea	/	10	1
Oxine copper + Polyoxin B WP	Commercial	Korea	/	10	1
Bioxeda	Commercial	France	/	210	2
Sporatec	Commercial	U.S.A.	/	710	2
3% Zhongsheng Mycin WP	Commercial	China	1.31	/	3
20%Thiasen Copper SC	Commercial	China	20.45	/	3
72% Agricultural Streptomycin Sulfate WP	Commercial	China	5.20	/	3
53% Suinoline Copper WP	Commercial	China	42.14	/	3
80% Mancozeb WP	Commercial	China	745.60	/	3
20% Conazole WP	Commercial	China	51.96	/	3
1.5% Thiamezole EW	Commercial	China	108.99	/	3
57.6% Cupric Hydroxide GF	Commercial	China	120.88	/	3
0.5% Chitooligosaccharace AS	Commercial	China	2.18	/	3
Caffeic acid phenethyl ester	Commercial	China	285	/	4
Magnesium Oxide NPs	Commercial	China	/	200	5
<b>TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs</b>	<b>Research</b>	<b>Our lab</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>This work</b>

**Table S3** The Zeta potential of *R. solanacearum* and TiO<sub>2</sub>

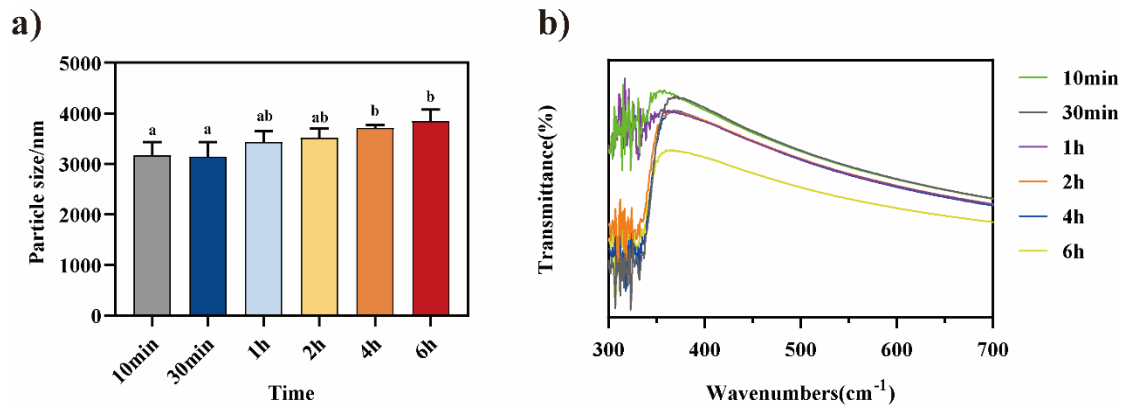
Samples	Zeta potential (mV)
<i>R. solanacearum</i>	-60.55±5.39
TiO <sub>2</sub>	40.11±3.15



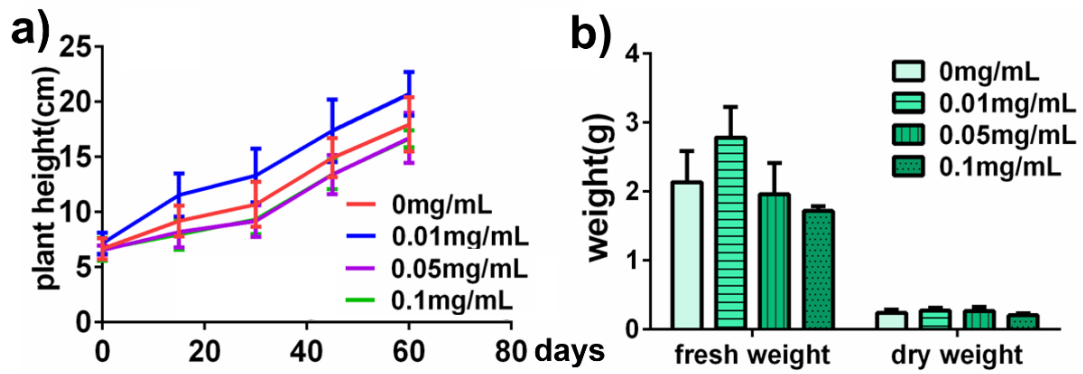
**Figure S3.** The standard curve of TiO<sub>2</sub> by ICP-MS analysis

**Table S4** The quantitative distribution of spraying TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs in tomato plants by ICP-MS

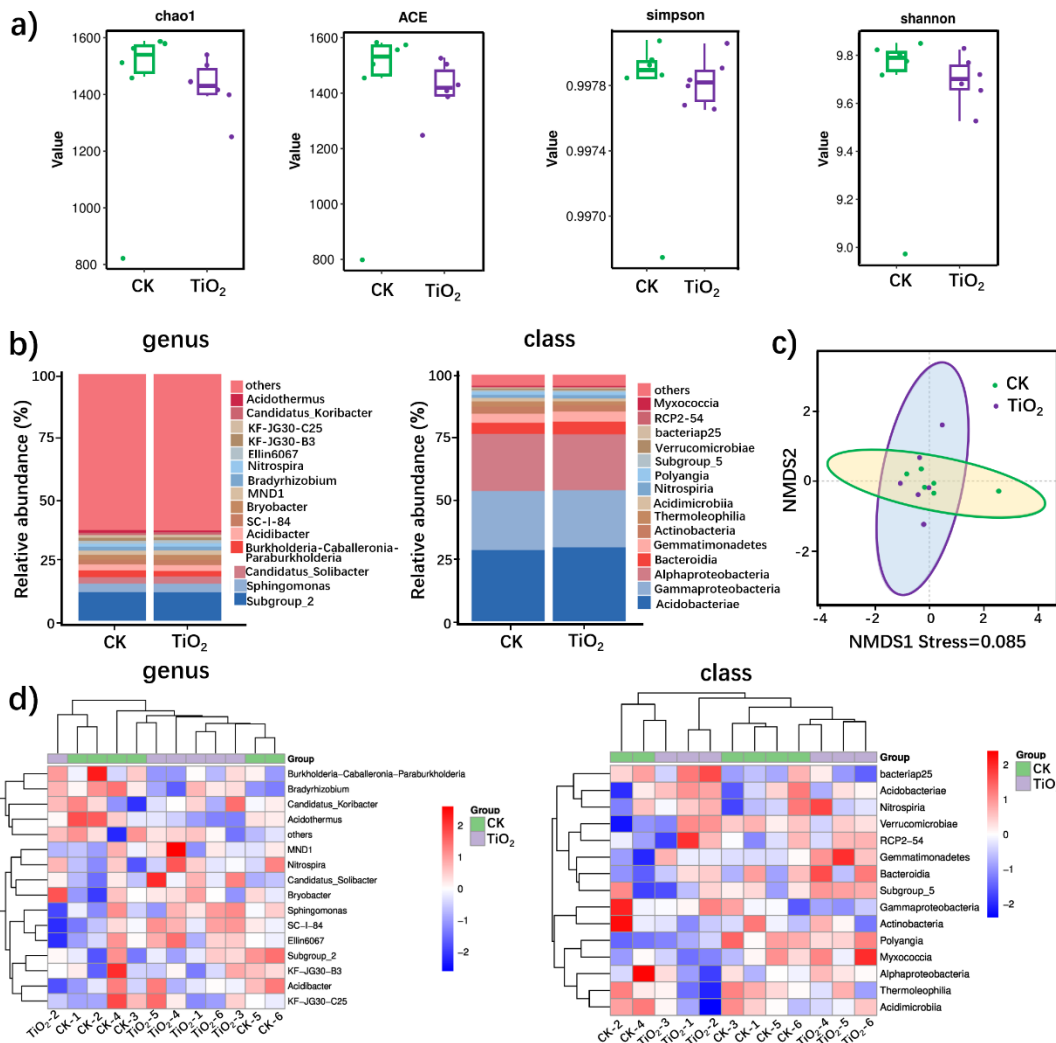
Plant tissues	Content (Mean ± SD) (mg/kg)	RSD (%)
Mature leaves	8.9 ± 0.22	3.13
Sprayed leaf	19.9 ± 0.45	2.35
Young leaves	10.2 ± 0.51	1.61
Roots	6.8 ± 0.33	1.53
Stem	12.6 ± 0.42	1.77



**Figure S4.** a) and b) are average particle size and UV-Vis absorption spectroscopy of TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs dispersed in xylem and phloem sap for 10 min, 30 min, 1 h, 2 h, 4 h and 6 h, respectively.

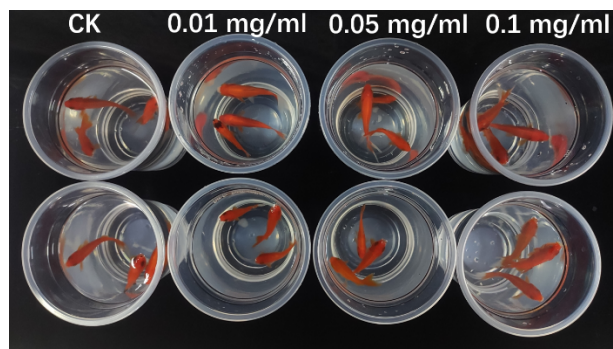


**Figure S5.** a) Effect of different concentrations of rutile on tomato height; b) Effect of different concentrations of rutile on tomato fresh weight and dry weight



**Figure S6.** Effect of TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs on the soil bacterial community. (a) Chao1, ACE, simpson and shannon indexes; (b) the bacterial community abundance at the genus and

class level after treating with or without TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs; (c) NMDS analysis; (d) Hierarchically clustered heatmaps of top 15 dominant bacterial community abundance at class and genus level, respectively. Abbreviations: Soil only treated with the distilled water (CK), soil treated with TiO<sub>2</sub> NPs suspension (TiO<sub>2</sub>).



**Figure S7.** The biosafety evaluation of nano-TiO<sub>2</sub> toward non-target organism goldfish

## References

- [1] Lee Y. H., Choi C. W., Kim S. H., *et al.*, Chemical pesticides and plant essential oils for disease control of tomato bacterial wilt. *The plant pathology journal*, 2012, 28(1):32-39.
- [2] La Torre, A., Caradonia, F., Matere, A. *et al.*, Using plant essential oils to control Fusarium wilt in tomato plants[J]. *European Journal of Plant Pathology*, 2016, 144, 487-496.
- [3] Wang. Y., Yin X. H., Wang M., *et al.*, The Antibacterial Activity of Several Fungicides to *Ralstonia solanacearum*. *Journal of Mountain Agriculture and Biology*, 2014, 33(3): 8-12.
- [4] Wang J. Z., Yan C. H., Zhang X. R., *et al.*, A novel nanoparticle loaded with methyl caffeate and caffeic acid phenethyl ester against *Ralstonia solanacearum*—a plant pathogenic bacteria. *RSC Advances*, 2020, 10, 3978-3990.
- [5] Cai L., Chen J., Liu Z, *et al.*, Magnesium Oxide Nanoparticles: Effective agricultural antibacterial agent against *Ralstonia solanacearum*. *Frontiers in Microbiology*, 2018, 9: 790.