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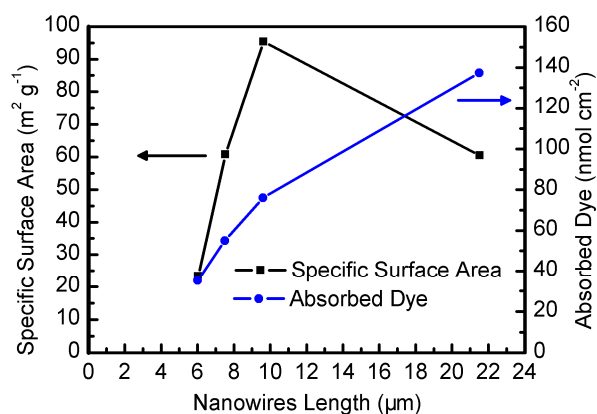
**Long vertically aligned TiO<sub>2</sub> nanowire arrays with high surface area on transparent conductive glass for highly efficient dye-sensitized solar cells†**

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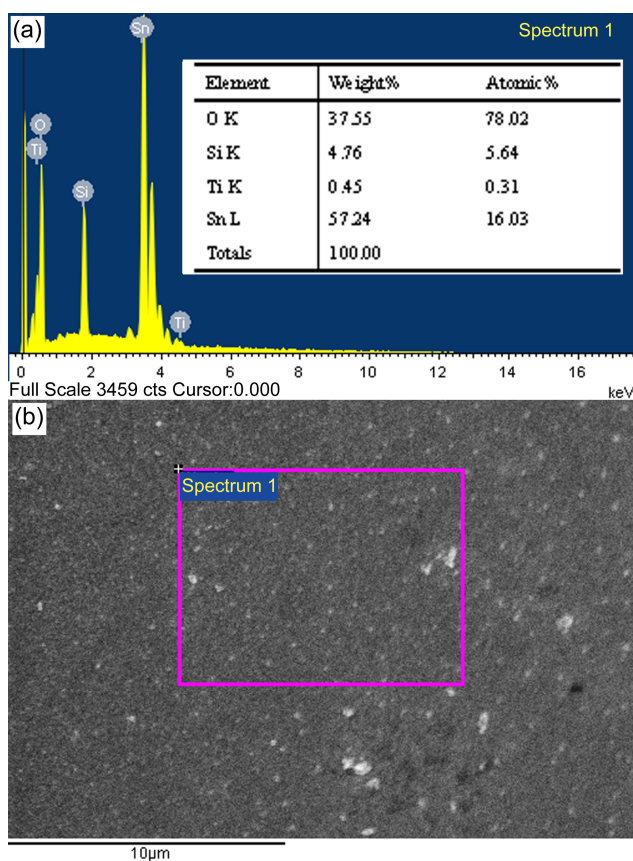
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**Fig. S1** (a) Specific surface area and dye loading of nanowire films with different thickness. (b) Dye loading of different TiO<sub>2</sub> nanowire films.



**Fig. S2** SEM image and the corresponding energy dispersive X-ray spectrometer spectra of seeded FTO glass. A very thin film of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles was deposited onto FTO substrates as crystal seeds. The detected Ti and O elements confirm that the TiO<sub>2</sub> nuclei have grown on FTO glass. And other elements such as Si, Sn and O are inferred from FTO glass.