## **Supporting information**

## Three-dimensional Gd- TiO<sub>2</sub> fibrous photoelectrodes for efficient visible light driven photocatalytic performance

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**Figure S1.** High resolution transmission electron microscope (HRTEM) images of (a) pristine  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles, (b) Gd-doped  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles, (c) pristine  $TiO_2$  nanofibers, and (d) Gd-doped  $TiO_2$  nanofibers. (Note that SAED patterns were presented in the insets).

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**Figure S2.** Cross section SEM images of (a)  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles, (b)  $TiO_2$  nanofibers, (c) Gd-doped  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles and (d) Gd-doped  $TiO_2$  nanofiber electrodes.

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Figure S3. XRD spectra of pristine and Gd doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanostructured electrodes

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Figure S4. Diffusion reflectance spectra of pristine and Gd-doped  $TiO_2$  nanofibers and nanoparticle electrodes.

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	Ti 2p (%)	O1s (%)		
Electrode		Lattice oxide (530.7 eV)	Surface hydroxyl oxygen (532.5 eV)	Surface adsorbed oxygen (533.6 eV)
Pristine TiO <sub>2</sub> NF	22.3	54.1	6.0	N/A
Gd-doped TiO <sub>2</sub> NF	21.4	47.5	8.5	3.3
Pristine TiO <sub>2</sub> NP	21.5	51.7	6.1	N/A
Gd-doped TiO <sub>2</sub> NP	21.2	49.9	6.9	N/A

Table S1 Elemental composition (atomic %) of Ti and O in pristine and Gd-doped  $TiO_2$  nanofiber electrodes.

Sample	VBM (eV)	Ionization Energy (eV)	Work function (eV)
TiO <sub>2</sub> NP	3.36	7.71	4.32
Gd-TiO <sub>2</sub> NP	3.33	7.83	4.50
TiO <sub>2</sub> NF	3.43	7.03	3.60
Gd-TiO <sub>2</sub> NP	3.40	7.36	3.96

**Table S2**. Electronic parameters of pristine and Gd doped TiO2 nanostructures (values estimated from UPS spectra Figure 5b)

Cartesian components (Gpa)						
	Х	у	Z			
x	0.050976	0.000000	0.000000			
у	0.000000	0.050976	0.000000			
Z	0.000000	0.000000	0.039055			

Table S3.Cartesian components of stress tensor of pure anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> lattice