

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Femtomolar sensitivity of bisphenol A photoelectrochemical aptasensor based on TiO<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals decorated nitrogen doped graphene**

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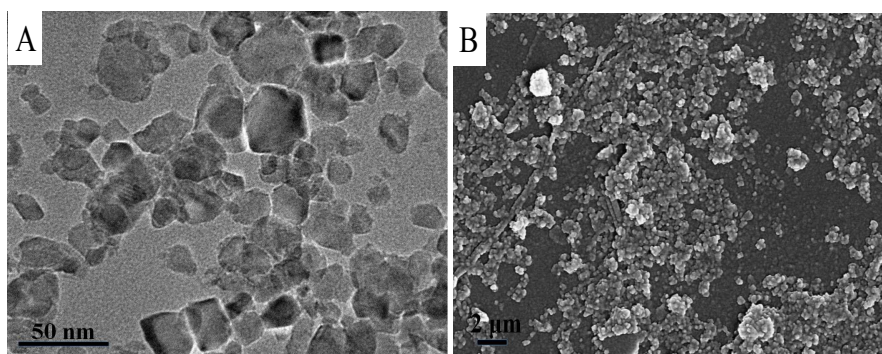
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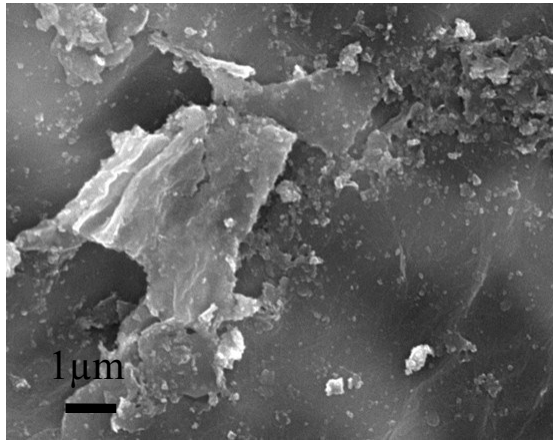
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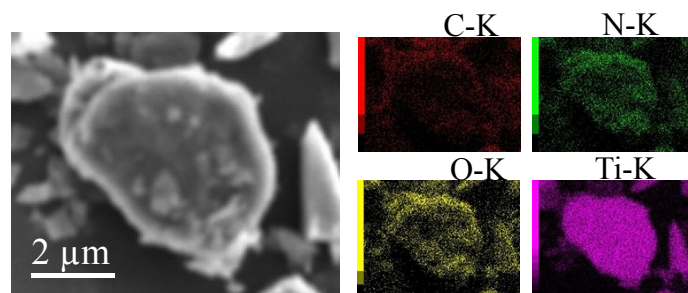
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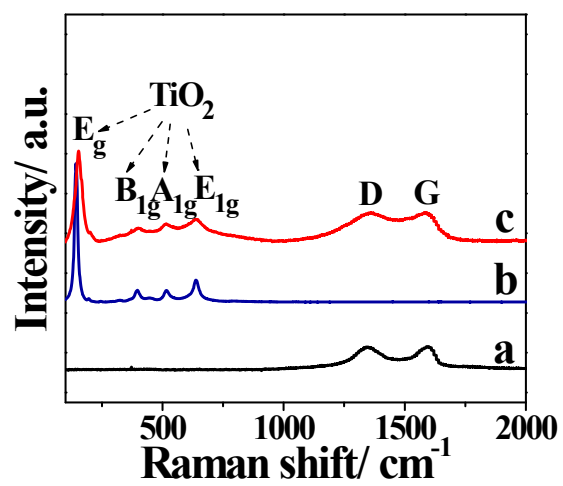
**Fig. S1** TEM image (A) of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and SEM image (B) of  $\text{TiO}_2$ .



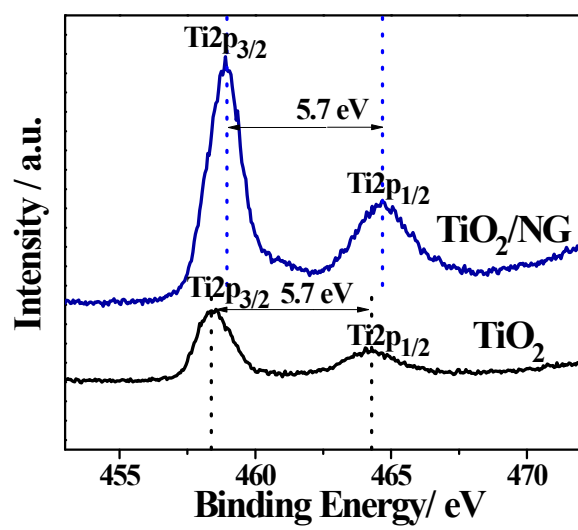
**Fig. S2** SEM image of TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG.



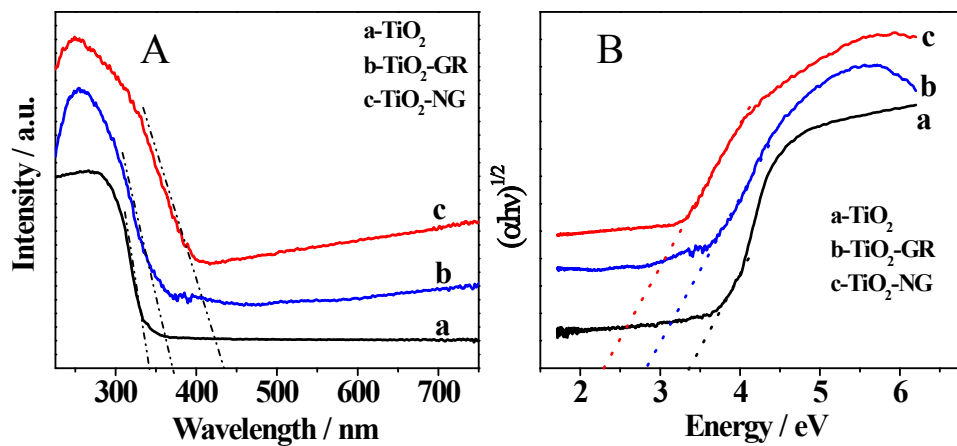
**Fig. S3** Corresponding SEM image of EDS mapping for TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG and elemental mapping of TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG.



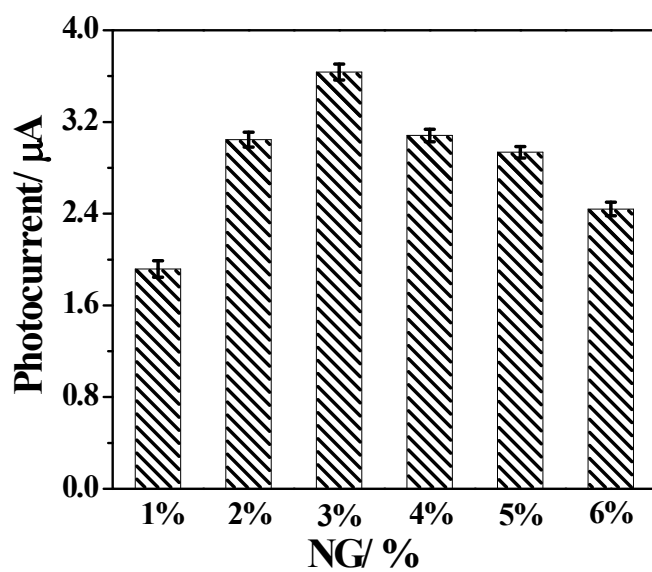
**Fig. S4** Raman spectra of (a) GO, (b) TiO<sub>2</sub>, and (c) TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG.



**Fig. S5** Ti 2p XPS spectrum of the TiO<sub>2</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG.



**Fig. S6** (A) UV-visible diffuse reflectance spectra (DRS) of TiO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>/GR and TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG. (B) Band gap of TiO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>/GR and TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG.



**Fig. S7** The photocurrent responses of 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5% and 6% TiO<sub>2</sub>/NG/ITO electrodes recorded in PBS at a bias potential of +0.4V (vs SCE).



**Table S1** Comparison of different methods for detection BPA

Method	Linear range / M	Detection limit / M	Reference
Colorimetry	$1.1 \times 10^{-6}$ to $7.01 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-7}$	1
ECL <sup>a</sup>	$1 \times 10^{-9}$ to $1 \times 10^{-4}$	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	2
HPLC <sup>b</sup>	-	$3.07 \times 10^{-12}$	3
EIS <sup>c</sup>	$1 \times 10^{-10}$ to $1 \times 10^{-8}$	-	4
DPV <sup>d</sup>	$5 \times 10^{-8}$ to $5.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-9}$	5
PEC <sup>e</sup>	$1 \times 10^{-12}$ to $1 \times 10^{-8}$	$3 \times 10^{-13}$	This work

a ECL-electrochemiluminescence

b HPLC-high-performance liquid chromatographic

c EIS-electrochemical impedance spectroscopy

d DPV-differential pulse voltammetry

e PEC-photoelectrochemical

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