## Noncovalent functionalization of $Ti_3C_2T_X$ using cationic porphyrins with enhanced stability against oxidation

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**Fig. S1**. Zetapotential and dispersions (inset images) of the  $Ti_3C_2T_X$ , TMPyP-  $Ti_3C_2T_X$  and TTMAPP-  $Ti_3C_2T_X$  in water. The zetapotential measurements for the two hybrids were carried out by adding 1 µmol of the porphyrins into 10 µg of the  $Ti_3C_2T_X$  in water.



**Fig. S2**. UV-visible absorption and fluoresence emission spectra of 1 μM of the TMPyP under acidic (A and B) and basic (C and D) conditions in water, respectively. The inset images (A and C) show the enlarged Q bands of the TMPyP under acidic and basic conditions.



**Fig. S3**. UV-visible absorption and fluorescence emission spectra of 1  $\mu$ M of the TTMAPP under acidic (A and B) and basic (C and D) conditions in water. The inset images (A and C) show the enlarged Q bands of the TTMAPP under acidic and basic conditions.



**Fig. S4**. XPS survey spectra of the  $Ti_3C_2T_X(A)$ , TMPyP-  $Ti_3C_2T_X(B)$  and TTMAPP-  $Ti_3C_2T_X(C)$ .



**Fig. S5**. IR spectra of the  $Ti_3C_2T_X$ , TMPyP- $Ti_3C_2T_X$  and TTMAPP- $Ti_3C_2T_X$  (A) and TMPyP and TTMAPP (B).



**Fig. S6**. Comparison of the area (in %) of the  $TiO_2$  peak obtained from the high resolution Ti2p XPS spectra of the  $Ti_3C_2T_X$ , TMPyP- $Ti_3C_2T_X$  and TTMAPP- $Ti_3C_2T_X$  before and after storing them in undeoxygenated water for one week.



Fig. S7. UV-visible absorption and fluorescence emission spectra of the TMPyP-Ti $_3C_2T_X$  (A and

B), TTMAPP-Ti<sub>3</sub>C<sub>2</sub>T<sub>X</sub> (C and D), respectively, under basic conditions in water.