## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Rutile TiO<sub>2</sub> mesocrystallines with aggregated nanorod clusters: extremely rapid self-reaction of the single source and enhanced dye-sensitized solar cells performance<sup>+</sup>

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