

Supporting Information

for

Noble metal-modified titania with visible-light activity for the decomposition of microorganisms

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Table S1: The mortality rate (%) of *E. coli* bacteria

	TiO ₂ (ST01)	TiO ₂ (TIO6)	TiO ₂ (ST41)	Au/TiO ₂ (ST01)	Au/TiO ₂ (TIO6)	Au/TiO ₂ (ST41)
Dark	15.38	23.72	16.40	50.00	43.85	63.22
Vis	23.20	25.75	27.92	97.10	94.64	80.41
UV-A	93.12	64.74	63.23	96.23	77.47	94.23

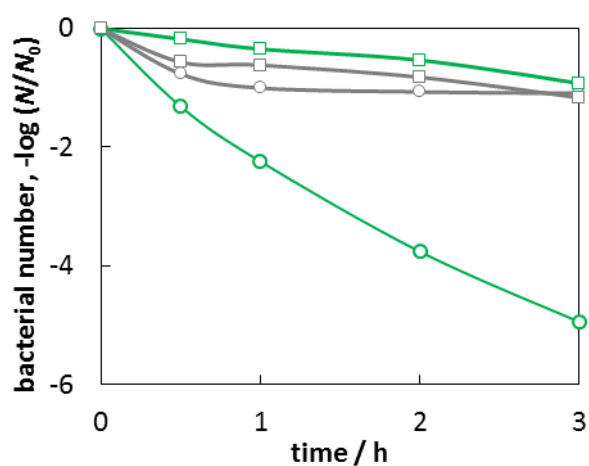


Figure S1: Number of *E. coli* bacteria during inactivation of bacterial cells in the dark (grey symbols) and under vis irradiation ($\lambda > 420$ nm; green symbols) on bare (squares) and gold-modified titania (TIO12, circles).

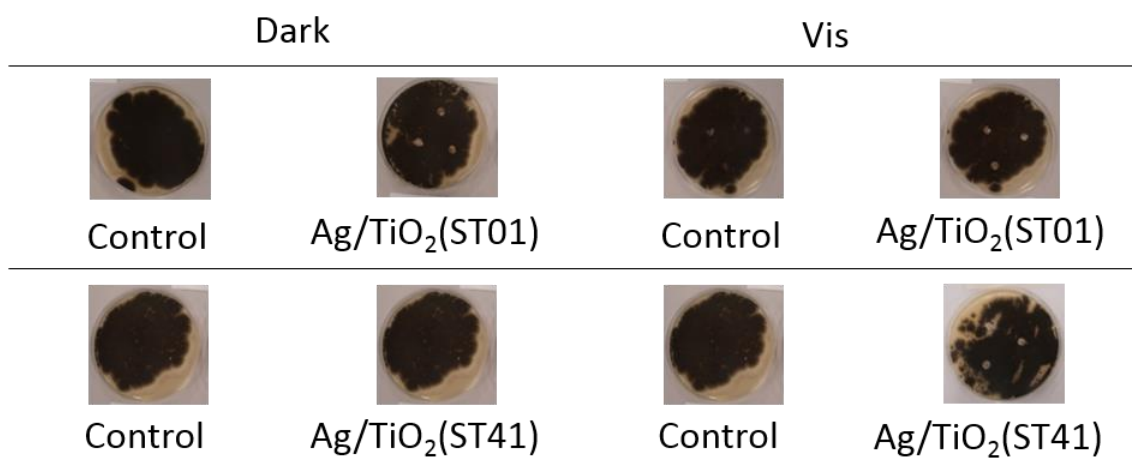


Figure S2: Antifungal activity of silver-modified photocatalyst against *A. niger* after 72 h in the dark condition and under visible light.

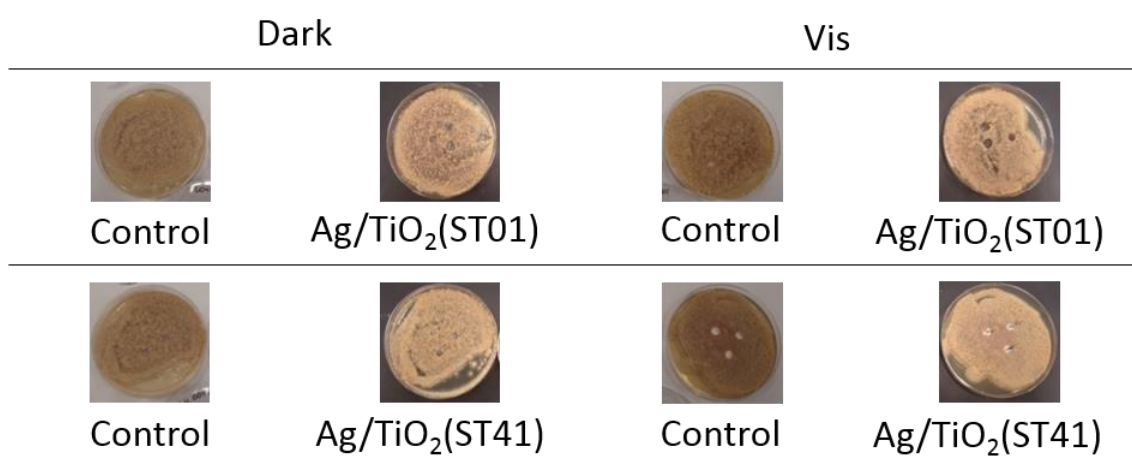


Figure S3: Antifungal activity of silver-modified photocatalyst against *A. melleus* after 72 h in the dark condition and under visible light.

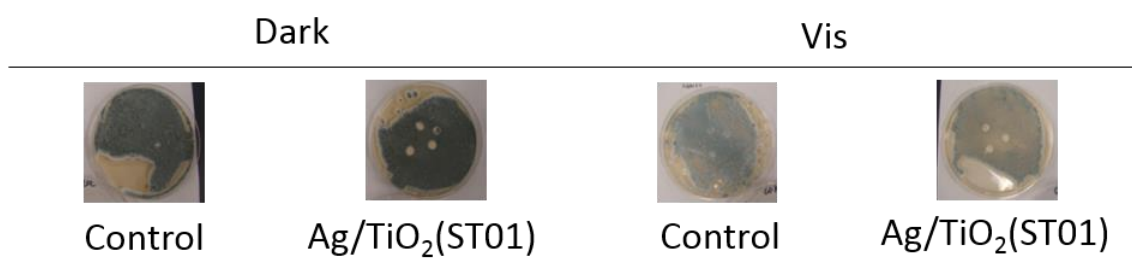


Figure S4: Antifungal activity of silver-modified photocatalyst against *P. chrysogenum* after 48 h in the dark condition and under visible light.



Figure S5: Antifungal activity of silver-modified photocatalysts against *C. albicans* after 48 h in the dark condition and under visible light.

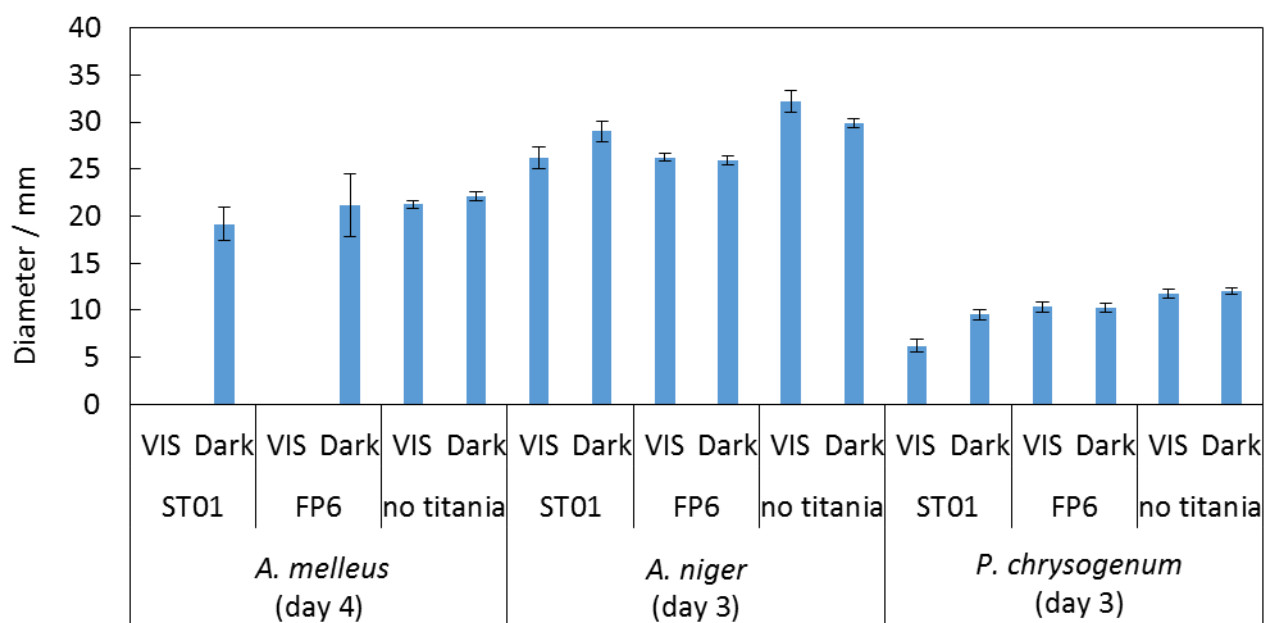


Figure S6: Antifungal activity of bare titania photocatalysts against *A. melleus* (day 4), *A. niger* (day 3) and *P. chrysogenum* (day 3).

Table S2: Summary of antifungal properties of bare titania photocatalysts

			average of mycelium diameter (mm)	S.D.	Student's t test against V/D MEA	spore color	spore size
<i>A. melleus</i> (day 4)	ST01	VIS	0	0	0	-	-
		Dark	19.2	1.72	0.0163	white	-
	FP6	VIS	0	0	0	-	-
		Dark	21.2	3.37	0.5670	brown	middle
	no titania	VIS	21.3	0.42		brown	large
		Dark	22.1	0.49		brown	large
<i>A. niger</i> (day 3)	ST01	VIS	26.2	1.17	0.0011	black	small
		Dark	29.0	1.10	0.1589	white	-
	FP6	VIS	26.3	0.42	0.0001	black	middle
		Dark	25.9	0.49	0.0000	black	middle
	no titania	VIS	32.2	1.17		black	large
		Dark	29.9	0.49		black	large
<i>P. chrysogenum</i> (day 3)	ST01	VIS	6.2	0.68	0.0000	White-blue	ex-small
		Dark	9.5	0.55	0.0002	-	-
	FP6	VIS	10.3	0.52	0.0075	blue	small-middle
		Dark	10.3	0.42	0.0002	blue	small-middle
	no titania	VIS	11.8	0.42		blue	large
		Dark	12.0	0.32		blue	large

A. melleus, Vis, 4 days

ST01



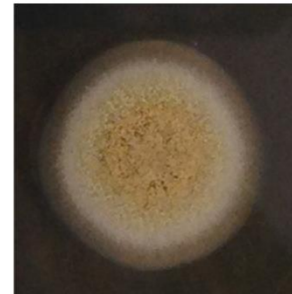
No colony
No spores

FP6



No colony
No spores

no titania



Large colony
Large spores

A. niger, Vis, 3 days

ST01



Large colony
Small spores

FP6



Small colony
Large spores

no titania



Large colony
Large spores

P. chrysogenum, Vis, 3 days

ST01



Small colony
No spores

FP6



Small-middle colony
Small spores

no titania



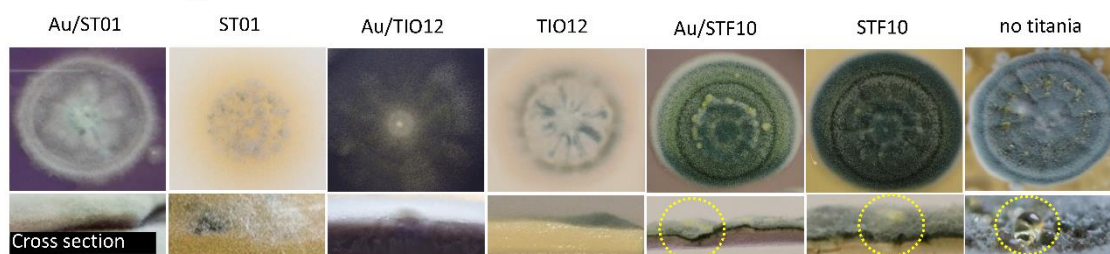
Large colony
Large spores

Figure S7: Photographs of mycelium during tests of antifungal properties of bare titania photocatalysts.

Table S3: Summary of antifungal properties of bare and gold-modified titania ST01

			average of mycelium diameter (mm)	S.D.	Student's t test against V/D MEA	spore color	spore size	droplet (toxin)
<i>A. melleus</i> (day 4)	Au/ST01	VIS	18.3	0.52	0.0001	white	ex-small	none
		Dark	16.0	1.26	0.0001	white	ex-small	none
	ST01	VIS	5.0	0.00	0.0000	white	-	none
		Dark	18.5	1.05	0.0004	white	-	none
	no titania	VIS	22.3	0.52		yellow	large	none
		Dark	22.0	0.00		yellow	large	none
<i>P. chrysogenum</i> (day 4)	Au/ST01	VIS	15.3	0.82	0.0000	white	-	none
		Dark	12.7	1.51	0.0001	white	-	none
	ST01	VIS	10.0	0.89	0.0000	blue	middle	none
		Dark	15.5	0.55	0.0000	White-blue	small	none
	no titania	VIS	19.3	0.52		blue	large	yellow
		Dark	20.3	0.42		blue	large	yellow

Fluorescence light



Dark

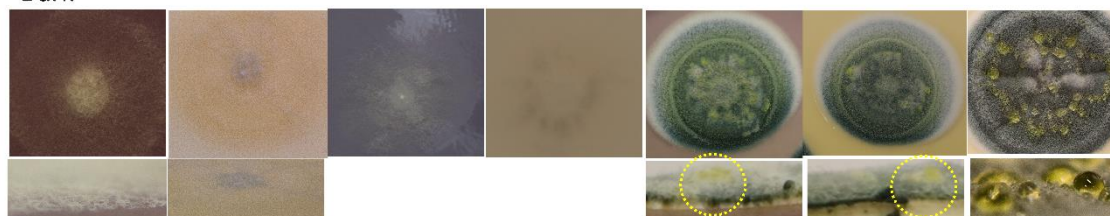


Figure S8: Representative photographs of *P. chrysogenum* with Au/TiO₂(ST01), TiO₂(ST01), Au/TiO₂(TiO12), TiO₂(TiO12), Au/TiO₂(STF10), TiO₂(STF10) and without titania under fluorescence light irradiation and in the dark. Dashed circles indicate the droplets (with possible presence of mycotoxins).

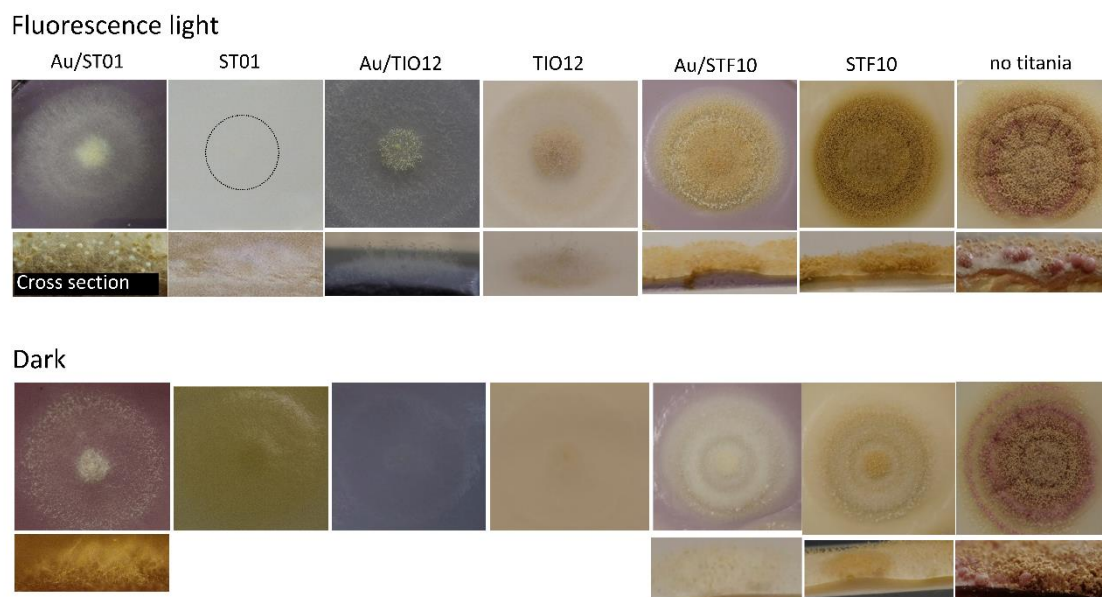


Figure S9: Representative photographs of *A. melleus* with Au/TiO₂(ST01), TiO₂(ST01), Au/TiO₂(TiO12), TiO₂(TiO12), Au/TiO₂(STF10), TiO₂(STF10) and without titania under fluorescence light irradiation and in the dark.

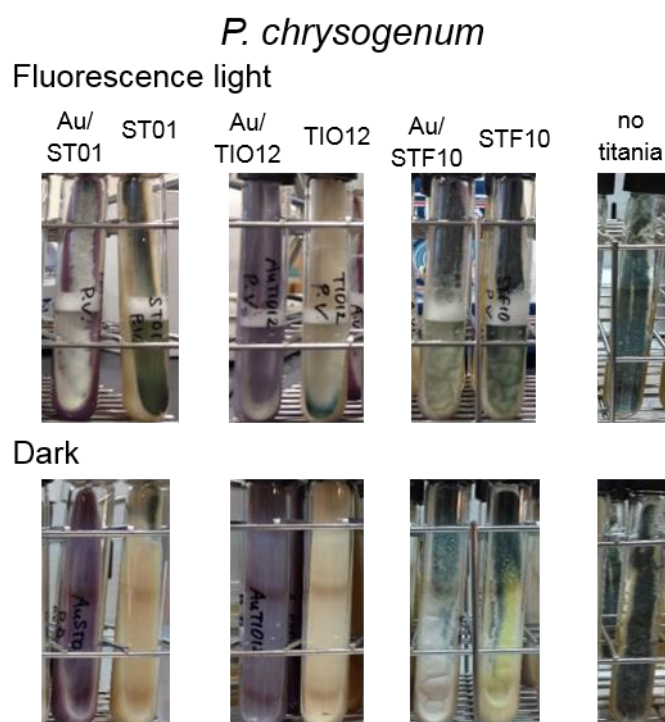
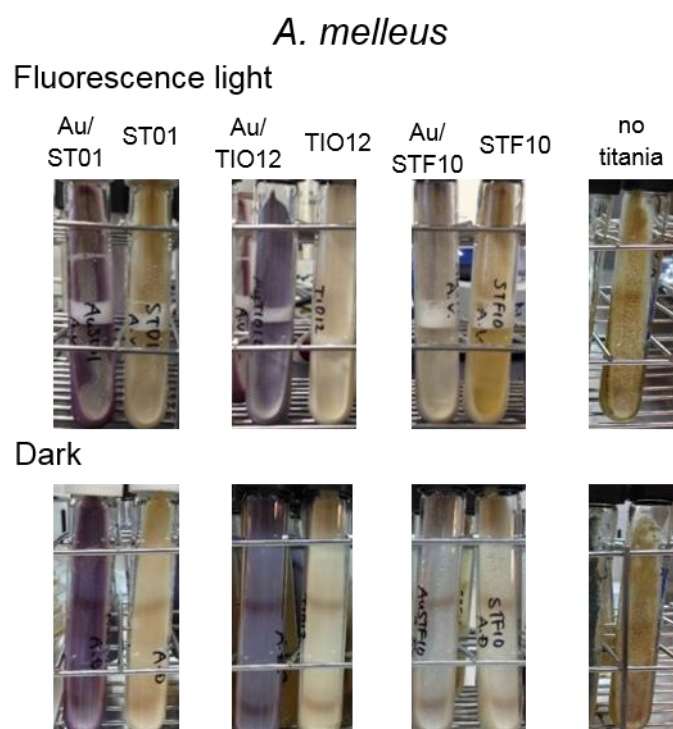


Figure S10: Representative photographs of 5-d growth of *A. melleus* (top) and *P. chrysogenum* (bottom) with Au/TiO₂(ST01), TiO₂(ST01), Au/TiO₂(TIO12), TiO₂(TIO12), Au/TiO₂(STF10), TiO₂(STF10) and no titania samples under fluorescence light irradiation and in the dark.

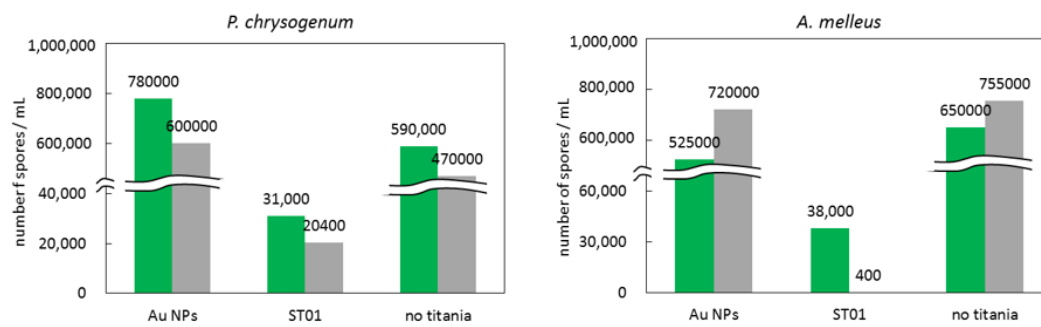


Figure S11: Sporulation of 4-d growth *P. chrysogenum* (left) and *A. melleus* (right) with Au NPs, TiO₂(ST01) and without titania under vis (green) and in the dark (grey).