A gold-containing TiO complex: a crystalline molecular precursor as an alternative route to Au/TiO₂ composites

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A molecular gold-containing TiO complex as a precursor for a bottom-up access of Au/TiO_2 . The synthesized and characterized crystalline complex $AuCl_4(NH_4)_7[Ti_4(O_2)_4(Hcit)_2(cit)_2]\cdot 12H_2O$ 1 decomposed to a pure Au/TiO_2 material under mild photochemical conditions as well as under thermic conditions.