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Section A: Paper Submission Information

Paper/Abstract ID	391
Paper title	Synthesis and characterization of TiO ₂ :Evaluation for possible application as light trapping layer in thin film solar cell.
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In this work, TiO_2 NPs synthesized via the sol-gel method and annealed at 500 °C for 3 h showed significant structural and optical improvements. XRD and Raman analysis confirmed the anatase phase with enhanced crystallinity after annealing. SEM revealed better particle uniformity, while UV-Vis results indicated a slight band gap reduction due to increased particle size. SCAPS-1D simulations have shown that these improvements can possibly have a positive impact on the performance of $\text{CH}_3\text{NH}_3\text{PbI}_3$ -based perovskite solar cells.

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