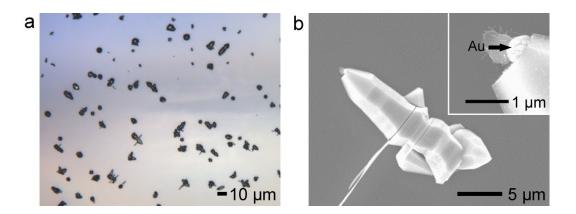
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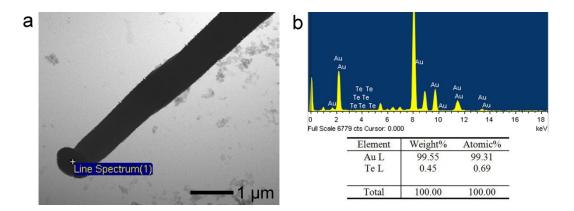
## Au-Assisted Catalytic Growth of Si<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> Plates

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**Figure S1**. (a) OM image of Si-Te compound seeds synthesized with only ramping the reaction temperature to 750 °C without maintaining (region I). (b) SEM image of a seed with inset image of higher magnification showing Au attached at the end of the seed.



**Figure S2**. (a) TEM image of the synthesized rod at tapered tip area. (b) Point EDS result at the tip area, showing the tip is mostly Au (> 95 atomic %).