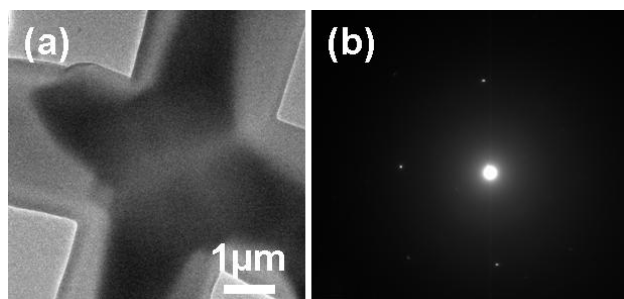
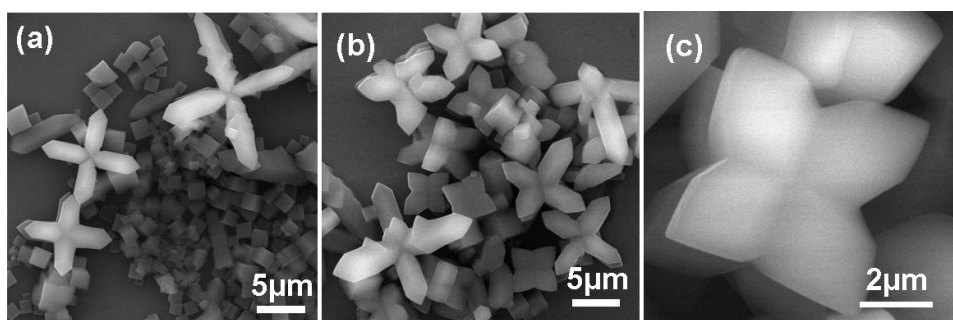


## Supporting Information



**Fig. S1** (a) TEM image of the as-prepared octapod microcrystal. (b) occasionally obtained electron diffraction pattern.



**Fig. S2** SEM images of products obtained during the growth process of octapod-shaped microcrystals.