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## **Forest-like TiO<sub>2</sub> hierarchical structures for efficient dye-sensitized solar cells**

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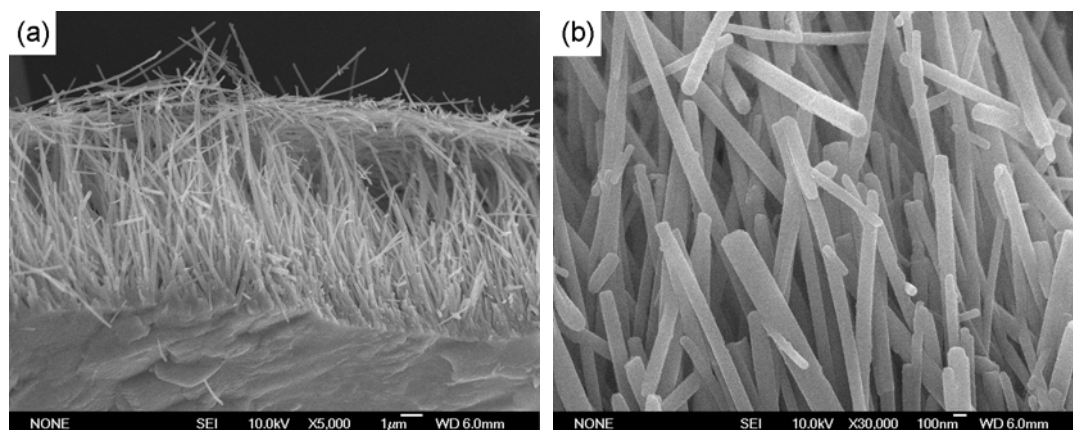
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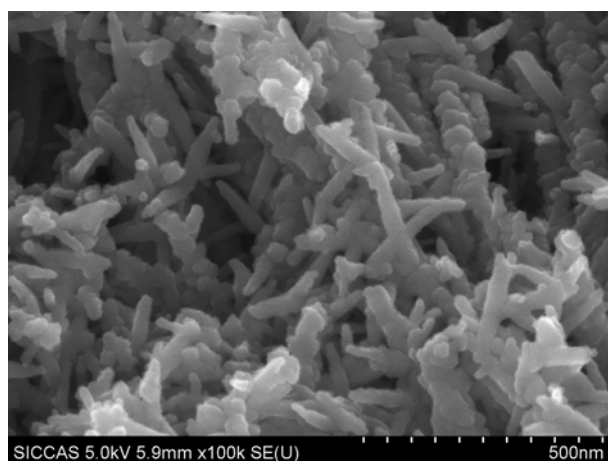
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## Supplementary Graphics

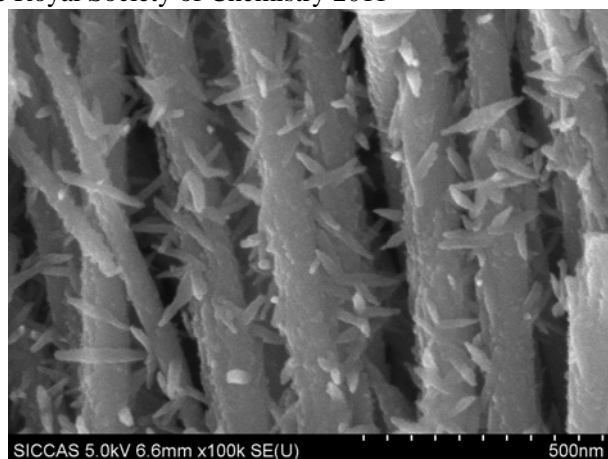


**Fig. S1** SEM images of the  $\text{H}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  films without  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  treatment.

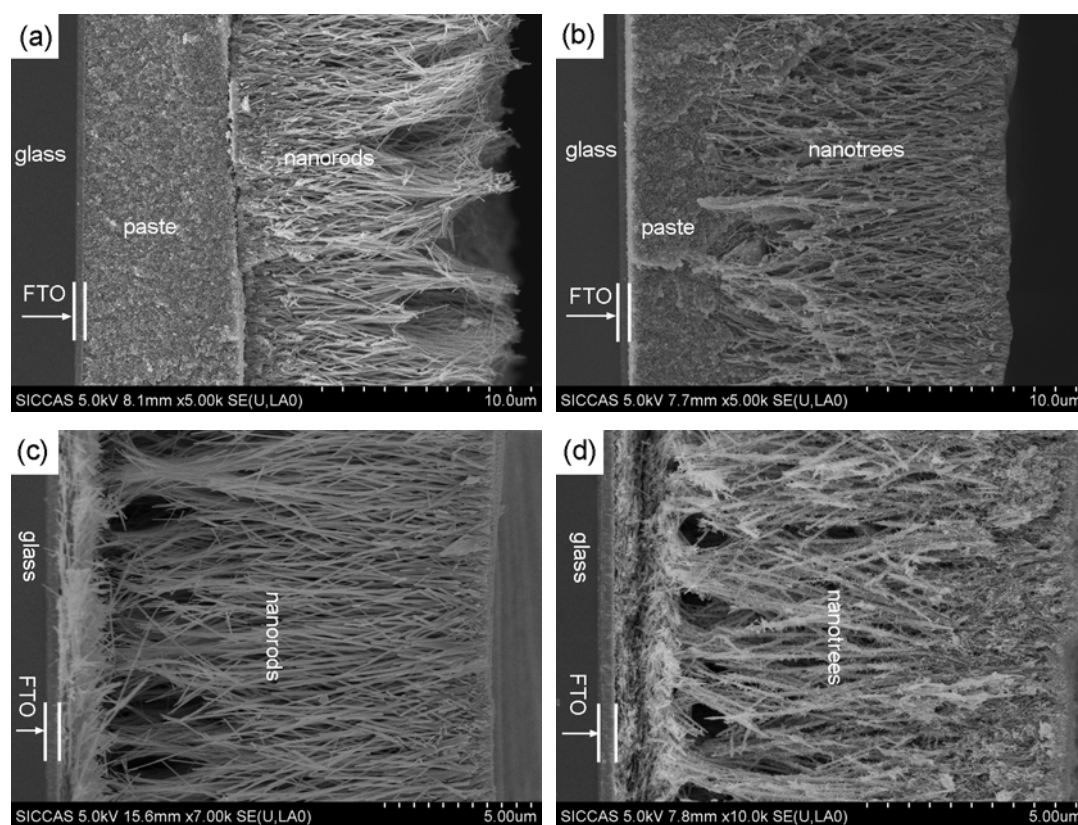


**Fig. S2** High resolution SEM image of the nanoforest films after  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  hydrothermal treatment.

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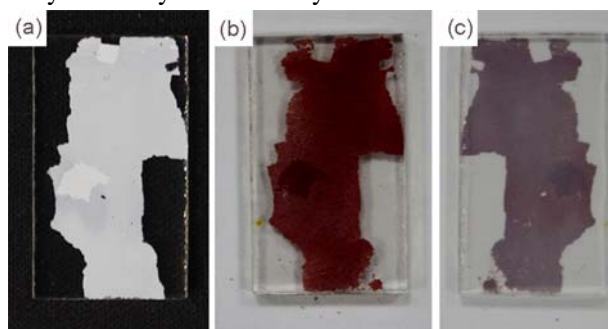


**Fig. S3** High resolution SEM image of the nanoforest films obtained with  $H_2SO_4$  corrosion on the heating holder in stead of hydrothermal reaction.



**Fig. S4** SEM images of  $TiO_2$  on FTO glasses (a) NR1, (b) NT1, (c) NR2, (d) NT2.

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**Fig. S5** Photographic images of the NT2 photoanodes (a) a sample after heat treatment, (b) the front of the sensitized photoanode, (c) the back of the sensitized photoanode.