

## Supporting Information for

### **Phase control of hierarchically structured mesoporous anatase TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres covered with {001} facet†**

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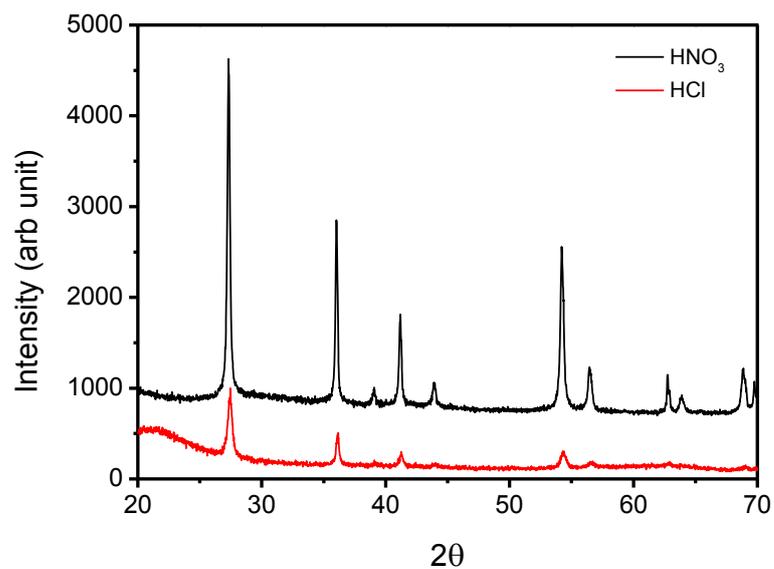


Figure S1. XRD patterns of the TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared in 4N HCl (red) and HNO<sub>3</sub> (black) solutions.

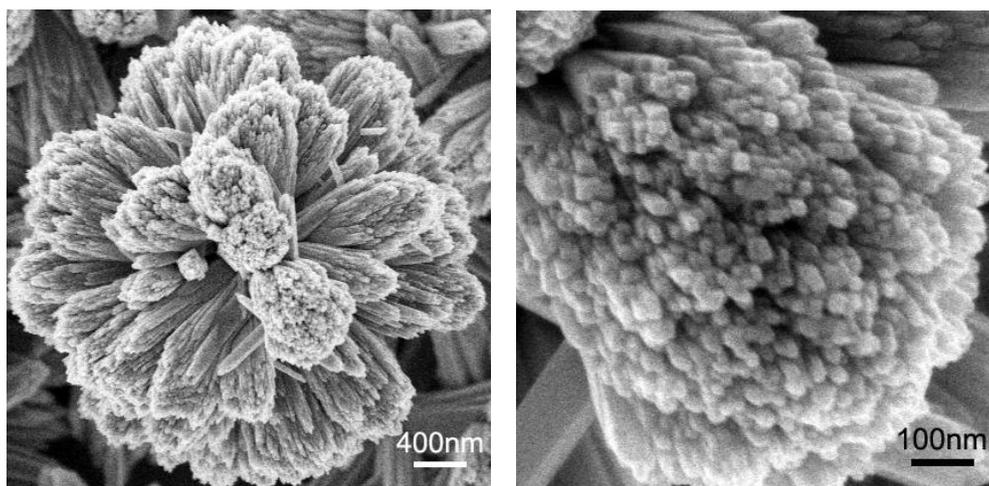


Figure S2. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microsphere prepared in 30 mL of 4 M HCl solution.

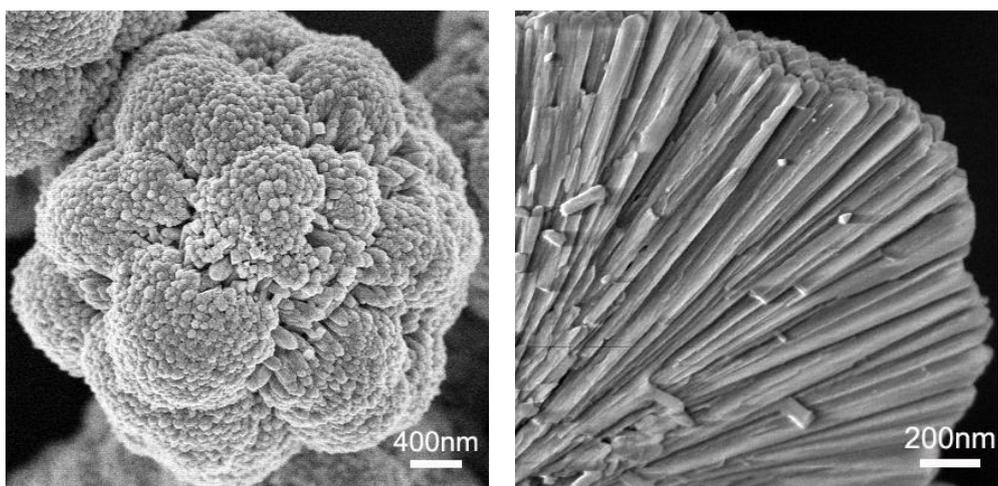


Figure S3. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microsphere prepared in 30 mL of 4 M HNO<sub>3</sub> solution.

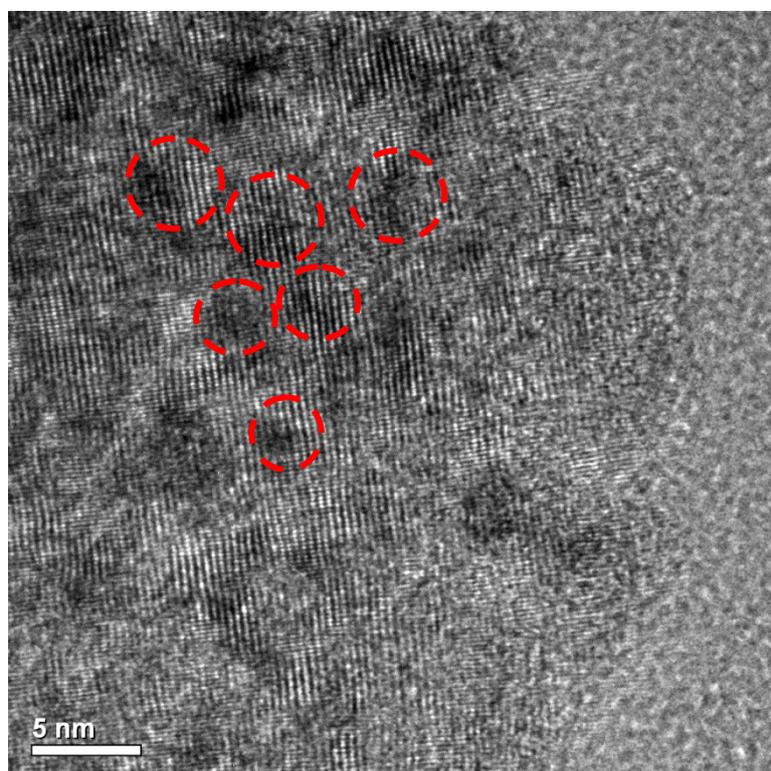


Figure S4. High-resolution TEM image of MATS synthesized for 1 hour.

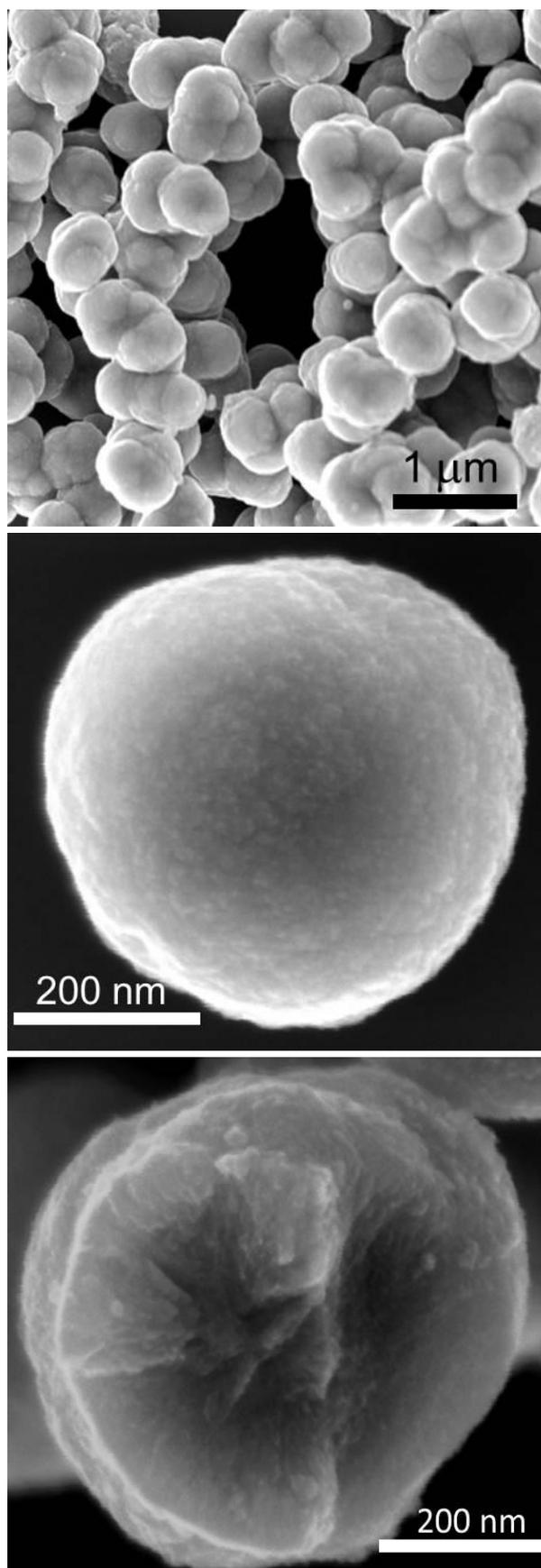


Figure S5. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 30min.

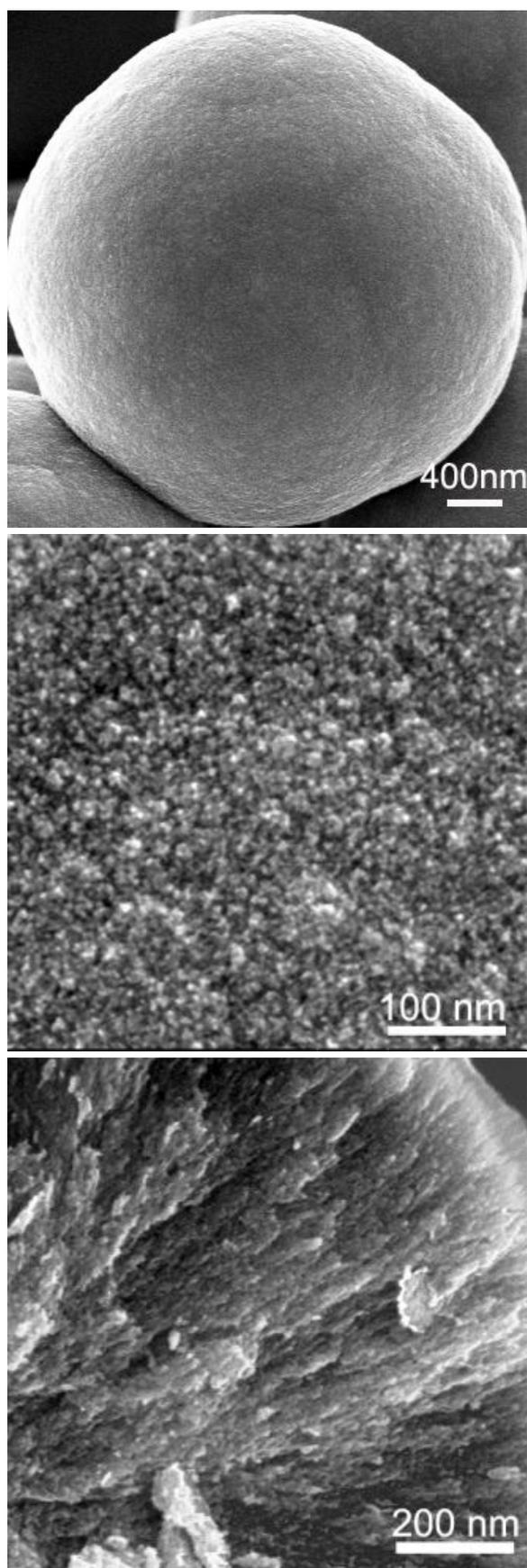


Figure S6. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 1 hour.

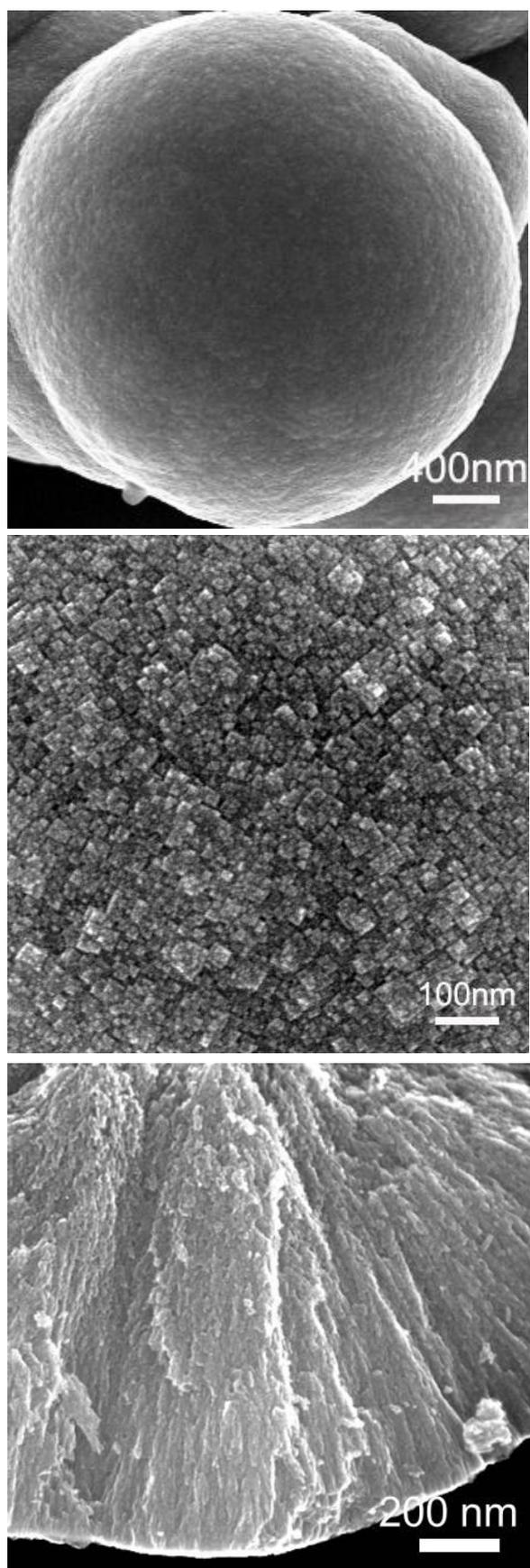


Figure S7. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 2 hours.

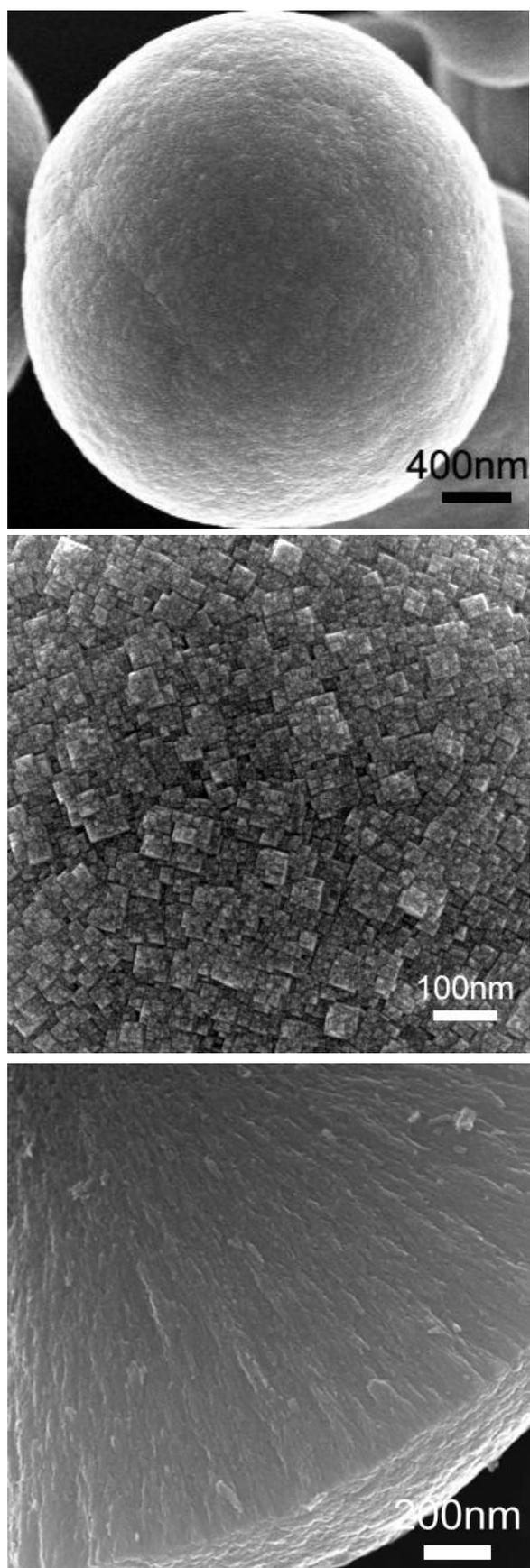


Figure S8. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 3 hours.

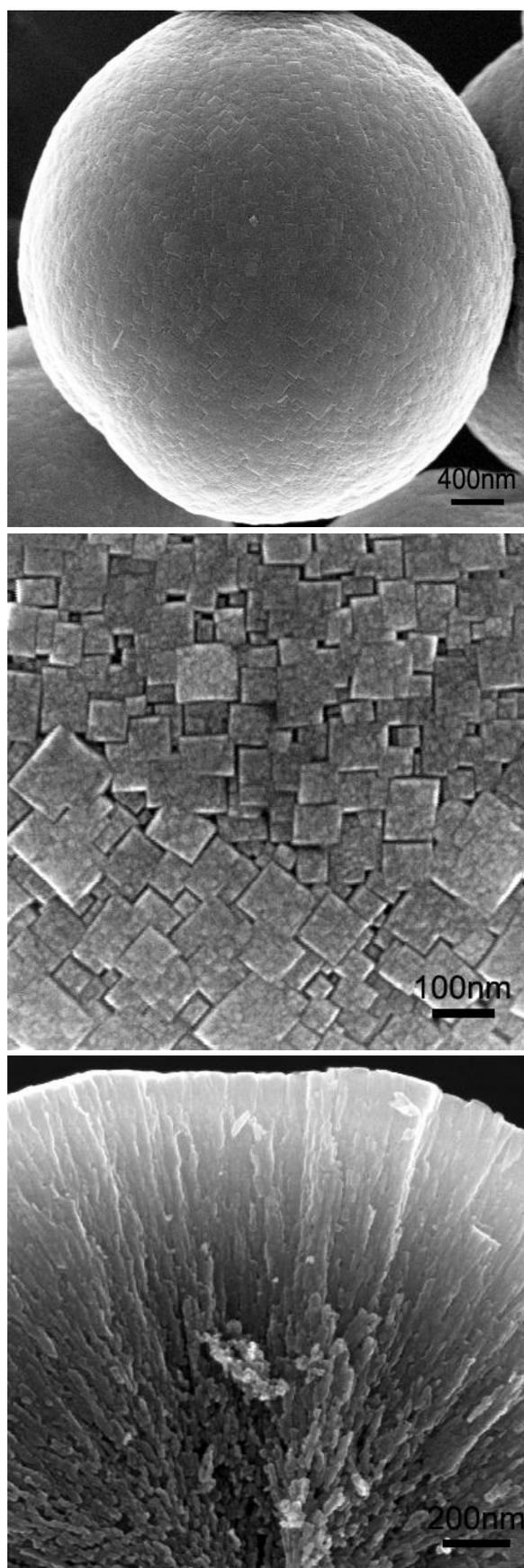


Figure S9. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 5 hours.

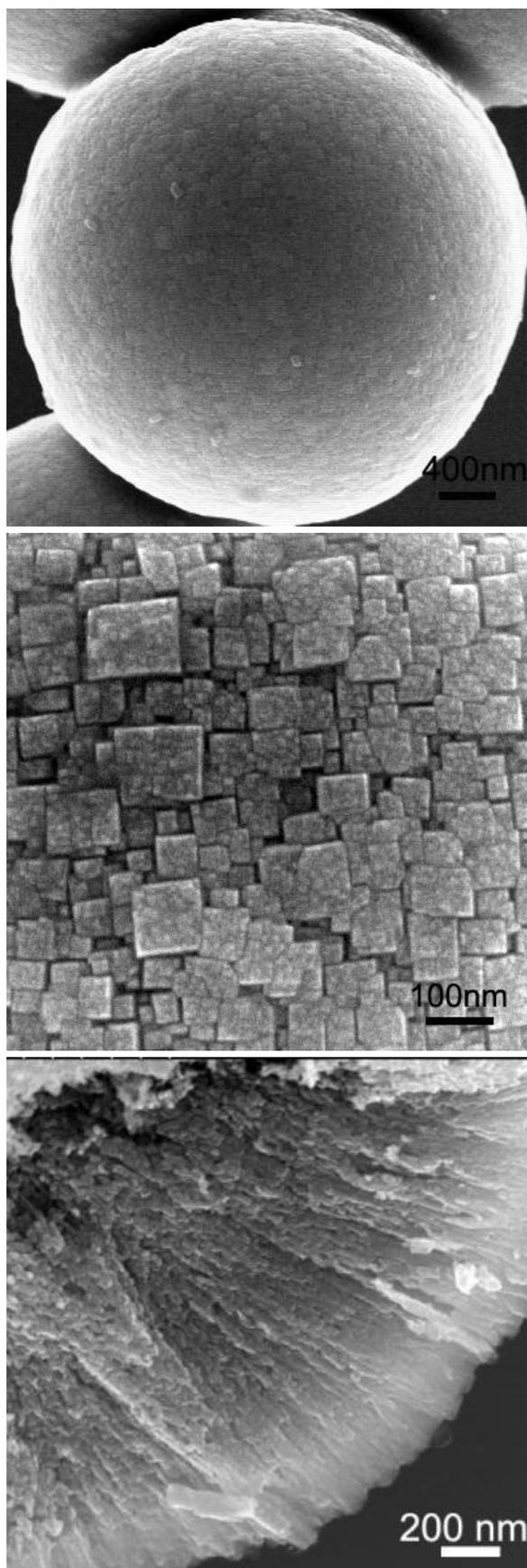


Figure S10. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 10 hours.

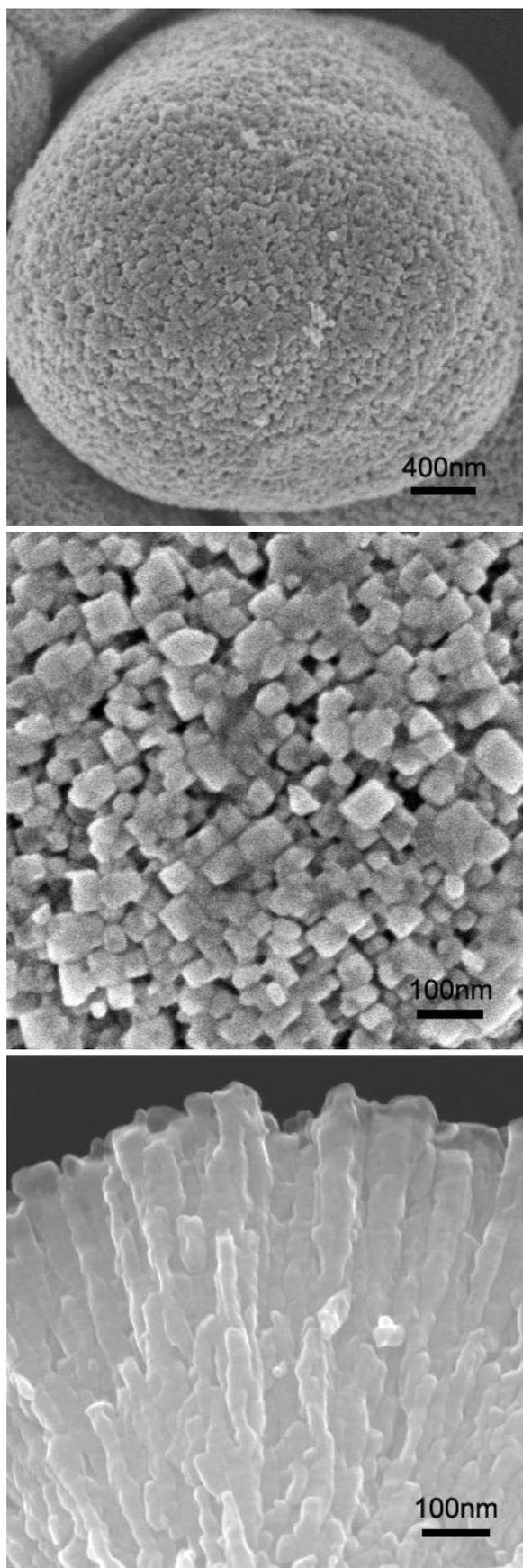


Figure S10. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 15 hours.

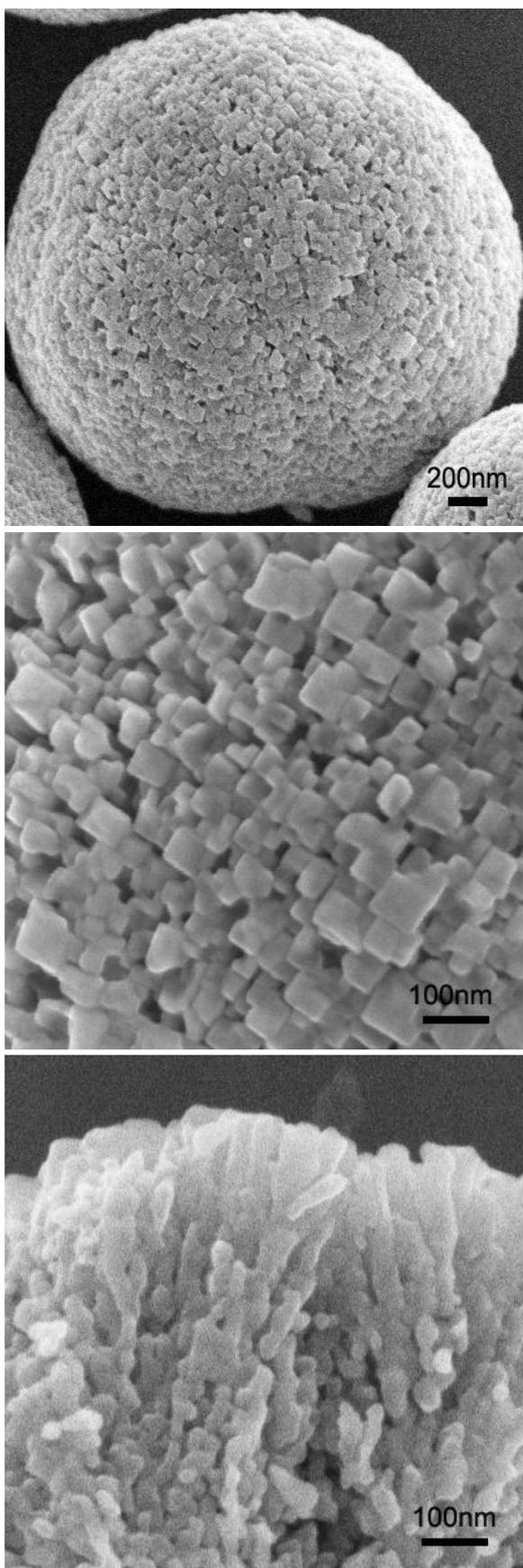


Figure S10. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> microspheres prepared from a reaction from 0.5 mL TBT in 30 mL of 2 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution heated at 180 °C for 24 hours.

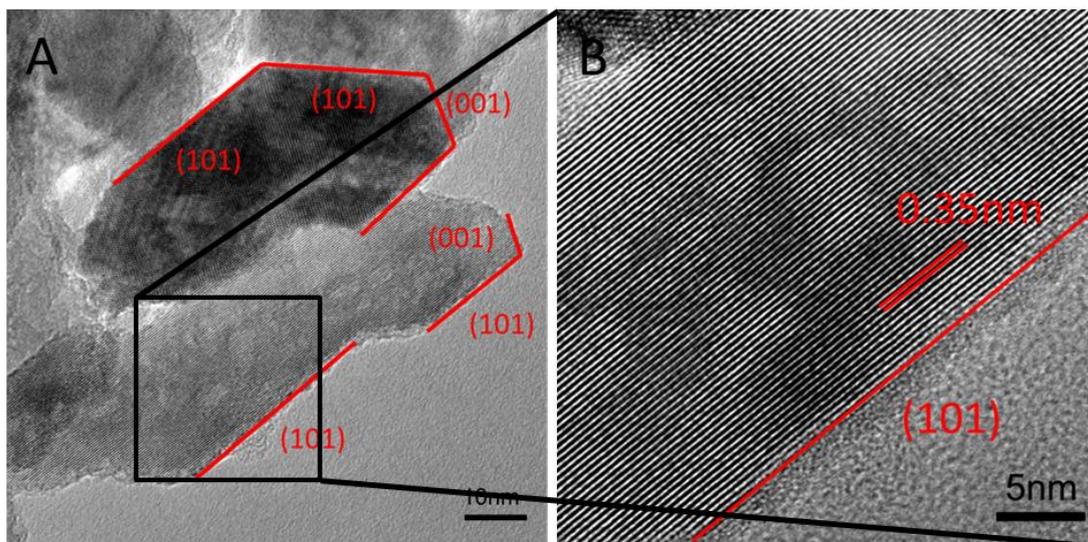


Figure S11. TEM and HRTEM images of small pieces of MATS.

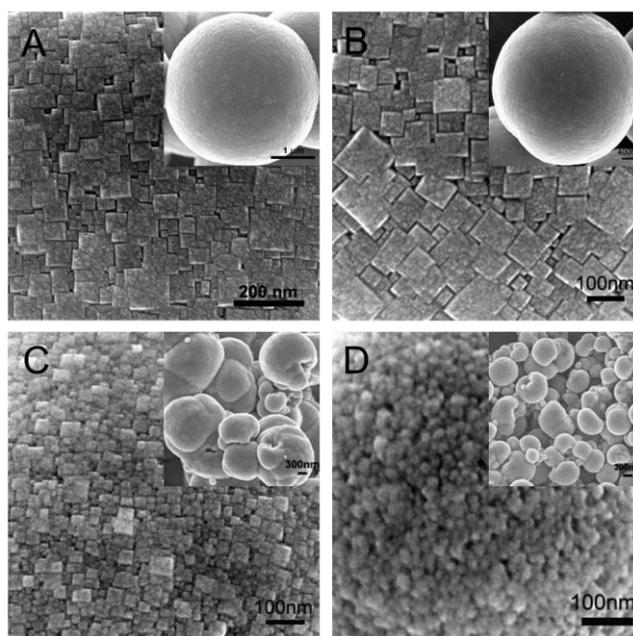


Figure S12. FE-SEM images of MATS obtained at different amount of TBT. A 0.25 ml, B 0.5 ml, C 1.0 ml, and D 1.5 ml TBT was added into 30 ml 2 mol/L  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  at 180°C for 5 hours.