

## Supporting Information

# Polymorphous ZnO complex architectures: selective synthesis, mechanism, surface area- and Zn-polar plane-codetermining antibacterial activity

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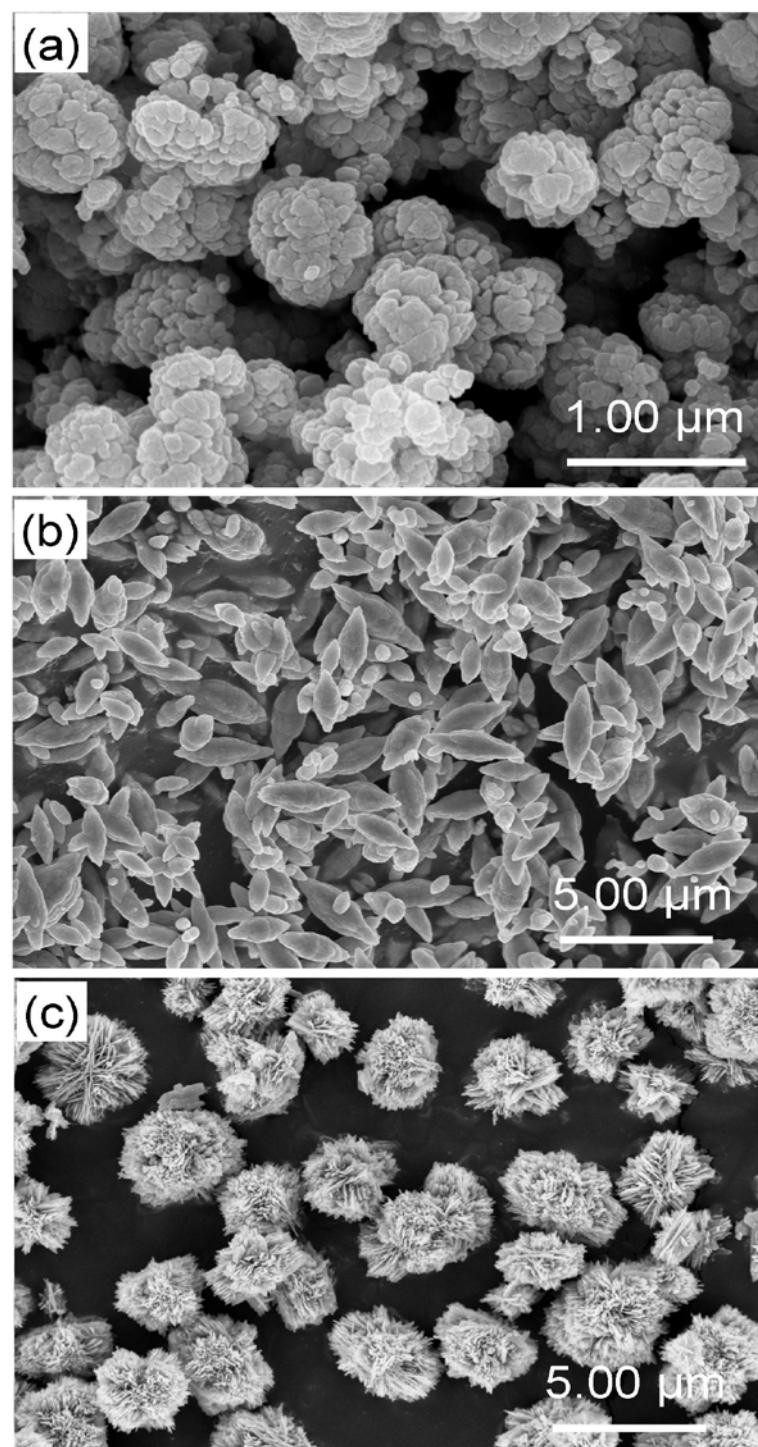
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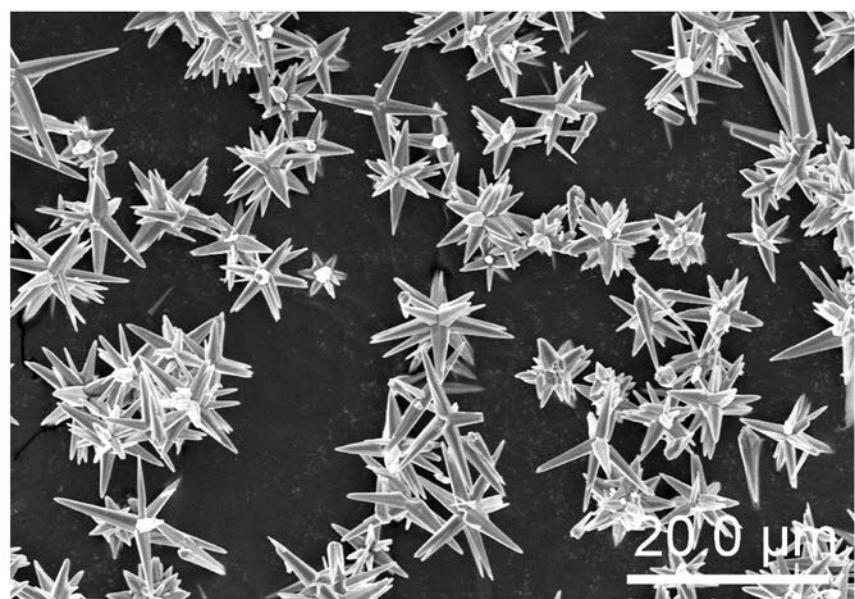
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**Fig. S1** low- magnified SEM images of the spherical-shaped ZnO produced at the various NaOH/Zn<sup>2+</sup> molar ratios  $\alpha$  of: (a)  $\alpha = 1.0$ . (b)  $\alpha = 2.0$ , and (c)  $\alpha = 3.0$ .



**Figure S2** low-magnified SEM images of flower-shaped ZnO architectures formed at the en /Zn<sup>2+</sup> molar ratio of 1.0.