

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Investigating the formation of diverse ZnO nanostructures based on solvent, temperature, and pH as adjustable parameters**

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## Section-S1: Lattice parameters of as-synthesized ZnO nanostructures

**Table S1.** Lattice parameters for ZnO nanostructures (**ZnO-1** to **ZnO-5**).

Sample	hkl	2θ values (degrees)	Lattice constants a, b, c (Å)	Volume of unit cell (Å³)	APF	d spacings (Å)
<b>ZnO-1</b>	(100)	31.49	a = b = 3.28, c = 5.26	49.11	0.755	2.84
	(002)	34.13				2.63
	(101)	35.95				2.50
<b>ZnO-2</b>	(100)	31.51	a = b = 3.28, c = 5.25	49.10	0.755	2.84
	(002)	34.14				2.62
	(101)	36.04				2.49
<b>ZnO-3</b>	(100)	31.45	a = b = 3.28, c = 5.26	49.23	0.755	2.84
	(002)	34.11				2.63
	(101)	35.94				2.50
<b>ZnO-4</b>	(100)	31.46	a = b = 3.28, c = 5.25	49.17	0.755	2.84
	(002)	34.16				2.62
	(101)	35.95				2.50
<b>ZnO-5</b>	(100)	31.46	a = b = 3.28, c = 5.25	49.16	0.755	2.84
	(002)	34.14				2.62
	(101)	35.97				2.50

**Table S2.** Lattice parameters for ZnO nanostructures (**ZnO-6** to **ZnO-13**).

Sample	h k l	2θ values (degrees)	Lattice constants a, b, c (Å)	Volume of unit cell (Å³)	APF	d spacing (Å)	FWHM
<b>ZnO-6</b>	(100)	31.44	a = b = 3.29,	49.41	0.755	2.85	0.492
	(002)	34.11	c = 5.26			2.63	
	(101)	35.94				2.50	
<b>ZnO-7</b>	(100)	31.42	a = b = 3.29,	49.52	0.755	2.85	0.491
	(002)	34.07	c = 5.27			2.63	
	(101)	35.91				2.50	
<b>ZnO-8</b>	(100)	31.40	a = b = 3.29,	49.61	0.755	2.85	0.338
	(002)	34.05	c = 5.27			2.63	
	(101)	35.87				2.51	
<b>ZnO-9</b>	(100)	31.40	a = b = 3.29,	49.60	0.755	2.85	0.334
	(002)	34.06	c = 5.27			2.63	
	(101)	35.89				2.51	
<b>ZnO-10</b>	(100)	31.41	a = b = 3.29,	49.58	0.755	2.85	0.311
	(002)	34.06	c = 5.27			2.63	
	(101)	35.89				2.50	
<b>ZnO-11</b>	(100)	31.54	a = b = 3.28,	48.97	0.755	2.85	0.358
	(002)	34.19	c = 5.25			2.63	
	(101)	36.02				2.50	
<b>ZnO-12</b>	(100)	31.44	a = b = 3.29,	49.40	0.755	2.85	0.265
	(002)	34.10	c = 5.26			2.63	
	(101)	35.93				2.50	
<b>ZnO-13</b>	(100)	31.41	a = b = 3.29,	49.53	0.755	2.85	0.258
	(002)	34.07	c = 5.27			2.63	
	(101)	35.90				2.50	

**Table S3.** Lattice parameters for ZnO nanostructures (**ZnO-14h** to **ZnO-17h**).

Sample	h k l	2θ values (degrees)	Lattice constants	Volume of unit cell (Å <sup>3</sup> )	APF	d
			a, b, c (Å)			spacings (Å)
<b>ZnO-14h</b>	(100)	31.69	a = b = 3.26,	48.07	0.754	2.82
	(002)	34.45	c = 5.22			2.61
	(101)	36.23				2.48
<b>ZnO-15h</b>	(100)	31.74	a = b = 3.26,	48.08	0.755	2.82
	(002)	34.44	c = 5.22			2.61
	(101)	36.22				2.48
<b>ZnO-16h</b>	(100)	31.74	a = b = 3.25,	48.14	0.755	2.82
	(002)	34.42	c = 5.20			2.61
	(101)	36.21				2.48
<b>ZnO-17h</b>	(100)	31.73	a = b = 3.25,	48.14	0.755	2.82
	(002)	34.42	c = 5.20			2.61
	(101)	36.23				2.48

## Section S-2: Band Gap values of ZnO nanostructures

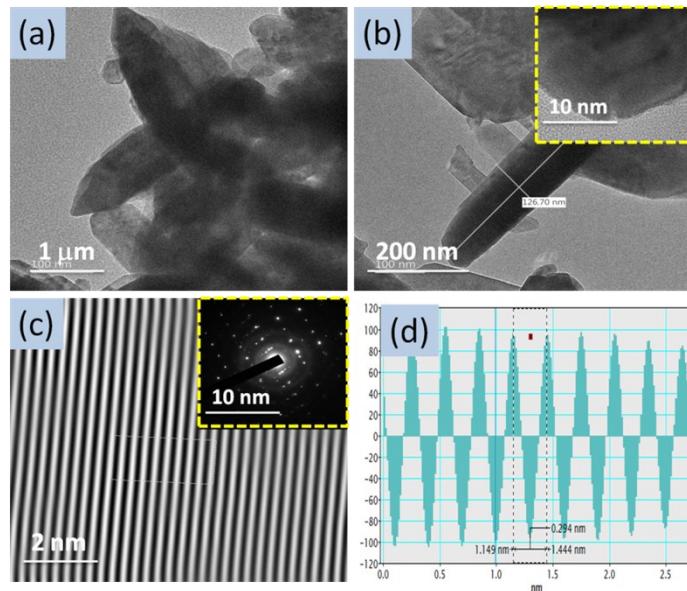
**Table S4.** Band gap values of as-synthesized ZnO nanostructures in different solvents

Sample	Band Gap ( $E_g$ ) (eV)
ZnO-1	3.17
ZnO-2	3.11
ZnO-3	3.08
ZnO-4	3.01
ZnO-5	3.06

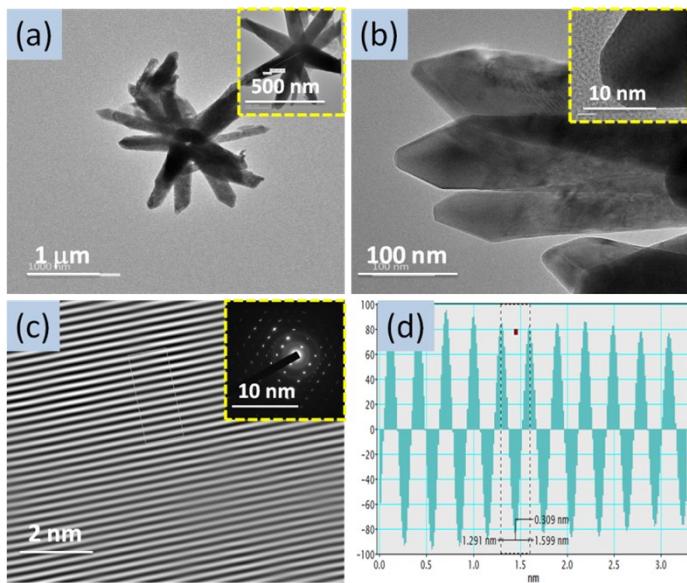
**Table S5.** Band gap values of as-synthesized ZnO nanoflowers at different temperatures

Sample	Band Gap ( $E_g$ ) (eV)
ZnO-6	3.14
ZnO-7	3.15
ZnO-8	3.16
ZnO-9	3.17
ZnO-10	3.10
ZnO-11	3.15
ZnO-12	3.16
ZnO-13	3.17

### Section-S3: TEM images of ZnO nanostructures (ZnO-9 and ZnO-12)

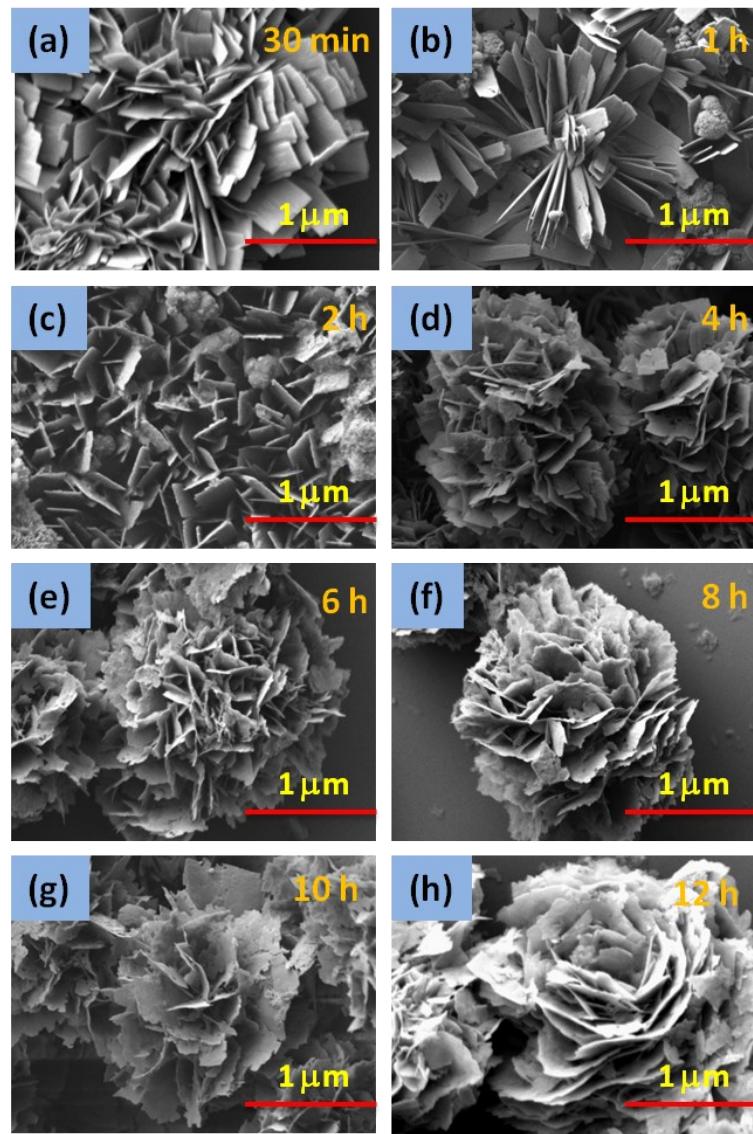


**Fig. S1** (a) TEM image at 1  $\mu\text{m}$  (b) TEM image at 200 nm (inset: HRTEM image at 10 nm), (c) Lattice fringe (inset: SAED pattern) and (d) d-spacing average of **ZnO-9**.

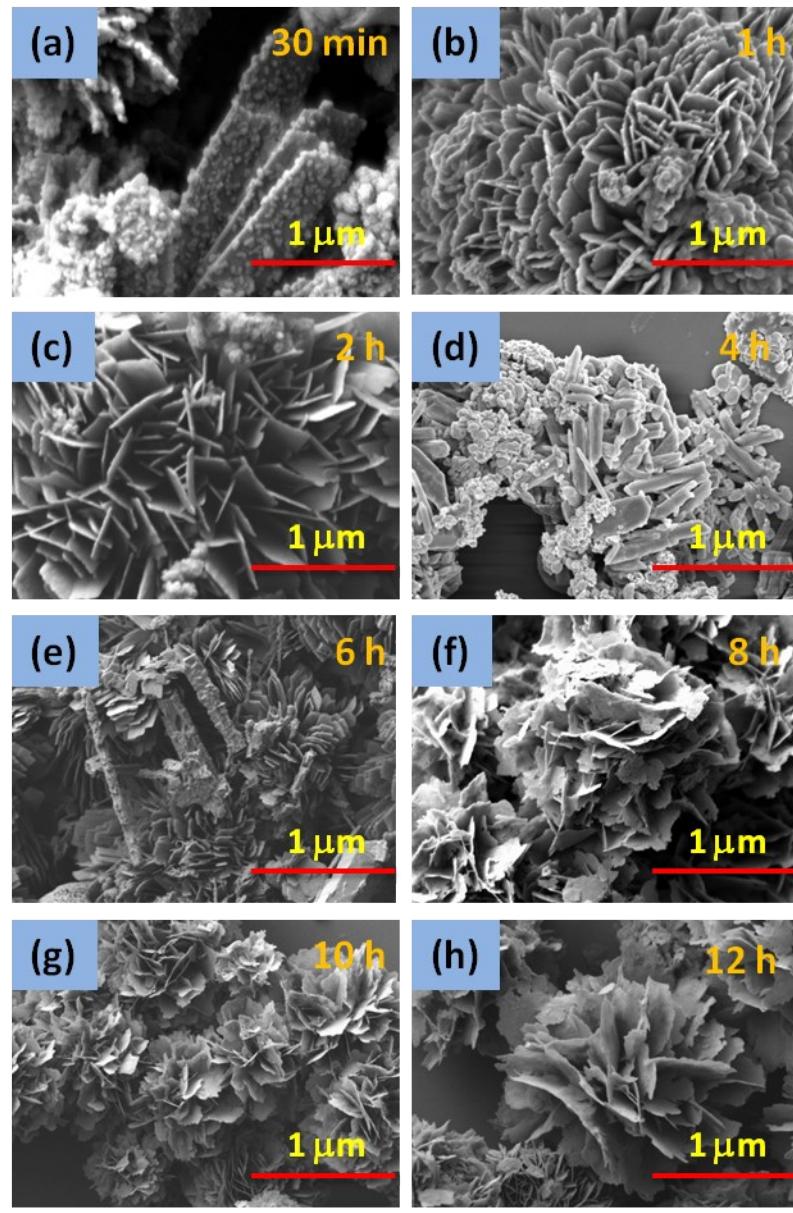


**Fig. S2** (a) TEM image at 1  $\mu\text{m}$  (inset: TEM image at 500 nm), (b) TEM image at 100 nm (inset: HRTEM image at 10 nm), (c) Lattice fringe (inset: SAED pattern) and (d) d-spacing average of **ZnO-12**.

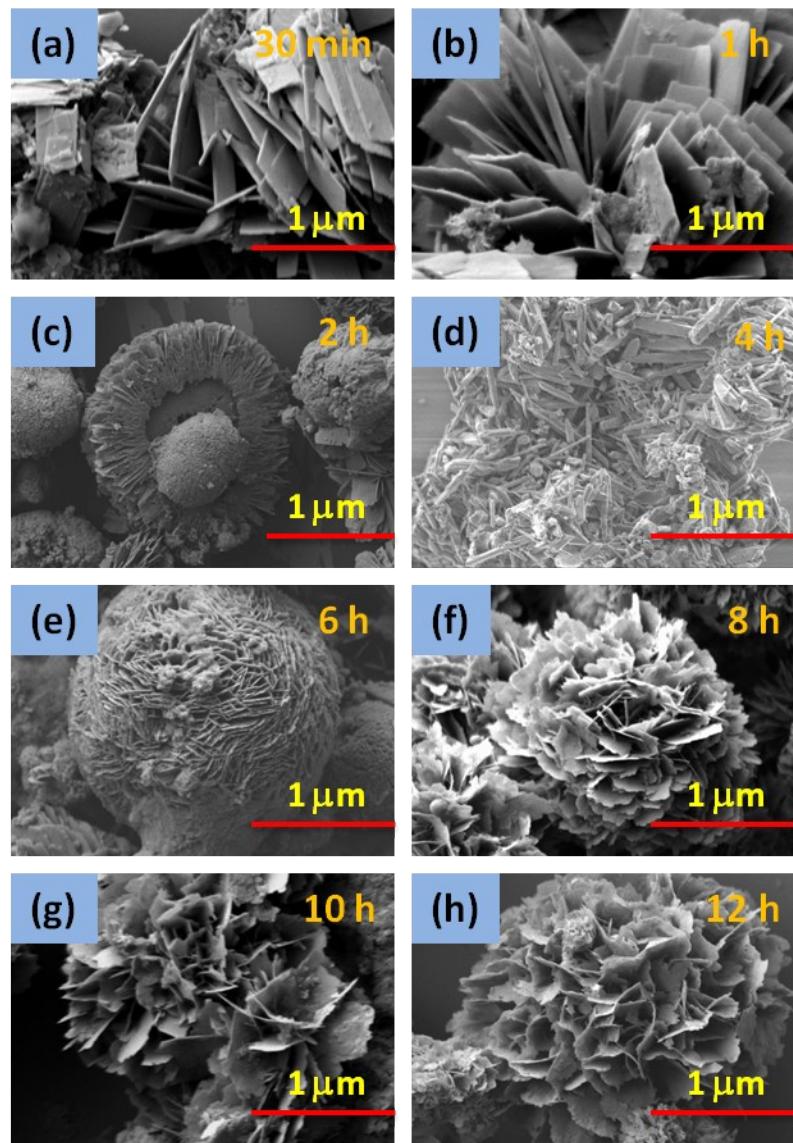
**Section-S4: FESEM images of ZnO nanostructures (ZnO-15 to ZnO-17)**



**Fig. S3** (a-h) Formation of 3D ZnO nanoflowers (**ZnO-15** at pH = 10) assembled by nanosheets with a variation of growth time from 30 minutes to 12 hours.



**Fig. S4** (a-h) Formation of 3D ZnO nanoflowers (**ZnO-16** at pH = 11) assembled by nanosheets with a variation of growth time from 30 minutes to 12 hours.



**Fig. S5** (a-h) Formation of 3D ZnO nanoflowers (**ZnO-17** at pH = 12) assembled by nanosheets with a variation of growth time from 30 minutes to 12 hours.