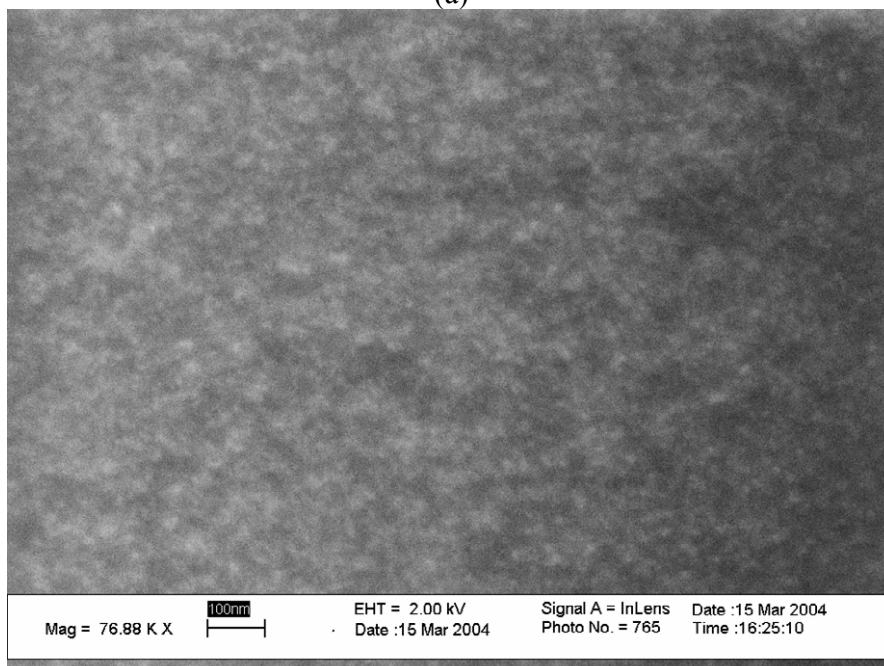


Supplementary Information:

Scanning Electron Micrographs of silica prepared from an undiluted (a) and diluted (b) TEOS-based sol.

(a)



(b)

