

Continuous Flow Synthesis of Rh and RhAg Alloy Nanoparticle Catalysts Enables Scalable Production and Improved Morphological Control

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Table S1. Reaction parameters for flow reactions carried out under μ wI.

Flow Mode	Flow Rate (cm^3h^{-1})			Length of Tubing (m)	Residence Time (min)
Single-phase	30			7.6	9
Single-phase	30			3.8	4.6
Single-phase	15			7.6	18
Single-phase	7.5			7.6	35
Two-phase	160 (Carrier Fluid)	64 (PVP)	16 ($\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$)	7.6	1
Two-phase	80 (Carrier Fluid)	32 (PVP)	8 ($\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$)	7.6	2
Two-phase	80 (Carrier Fluid)	32 (PVP)	8 ($\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$)	30.5	6
Two-phase	80 (Carrier Fluid)	32 (PVP)	8 ($\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$)	30.5	9
Two-phase	20 (Carrier Fluid)	8 (PVP)	2 ($\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$)	30.5	30

Table S2. Ratio of intensity values corresponding to 111 and 200 obtained from PXRD analyses.

Sample	I_{111}/I_{200}
Rh multipods_ μ wI_120°C_9 min	1.94
Rh multipods_CvH_120°C_9 min	1.48
Batch reaction_no syringe pump_Rh NPs_ μ wI_120°C_9 min	1.77
Rh NPs_ μ wI_120°C_9 min_ $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and PVP injected using syringe pump	1.76

Table S3. Statistical analysis of Rh multipods formed after different thermal treatment conditions.

Sample Identity	Original Average Appendage Length/Diameter (nm)		Thermal Treatment Conditions		Reaction Time (min)	Size of Multipods (nm)	Size of Non-multipods (nm)	Size of Small Seeds (nm)
	Multipods	Non-multipods	Mode of Heating	Reaction Temperature (°C)				
Rh multipods- μ wI	6.75 \pm 1.40	3.67 \pm 0.64	μ wI	150	15	6.64 \pm 1.54		
RhMP multipods- μ wI			μ wI	175	15	6.13 \pm 1.14		
Rh multipods- μ wI			μ wI	175	60	6.94 \pm 1.49		
Rh multipods-CvH	6.81 \pm 1.68	3.93 \pm 0.98	μ wI	150	15	7.25 \pm 1.39	5.05 \pm 0.81	
Rh multipods-CvH			μ wI	175	15	7.27 \pm 1.51	5.07 \pm 0.79	2.19 \pm 0.30
Rh multipods-CvH			CvH	175	15	6.31 \pm 1.48	4.33 \pm 0.65	
Rh multipods-CvH			CvH	175	60	6.96 \pm 1.24	4.55 \pm 0.71	

Table S3. ICP analysis of Rhodium multipods supported on amorphous silica.

Sample	Rh wt%	SSTOF (surface site ⁻¹ s ⁻¹) Value
Rh multipods_ μ wI_120°C_9 min	1.362	8.5
Rh multipods_CvH_120°C_9 min	3.345	6.8

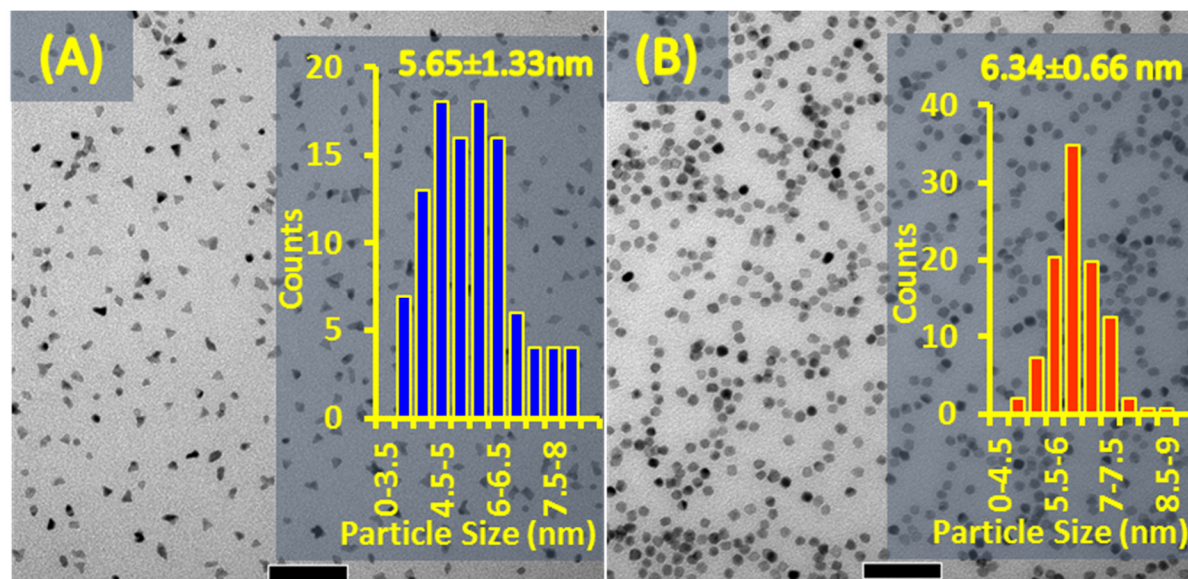


Figure S1. TEM images of Rh NPs using control reactions. **(A)** Products isolated from control batch reaction carried out under μ wI at 120 °C for 9 minutes while not using a syringe pump. **(B)** Products isolated from control reaction carried out under μ wI at 120 °C for 9 minutes and adding $\text{RhCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and PVP dissolved in EG injected using separate syringes.

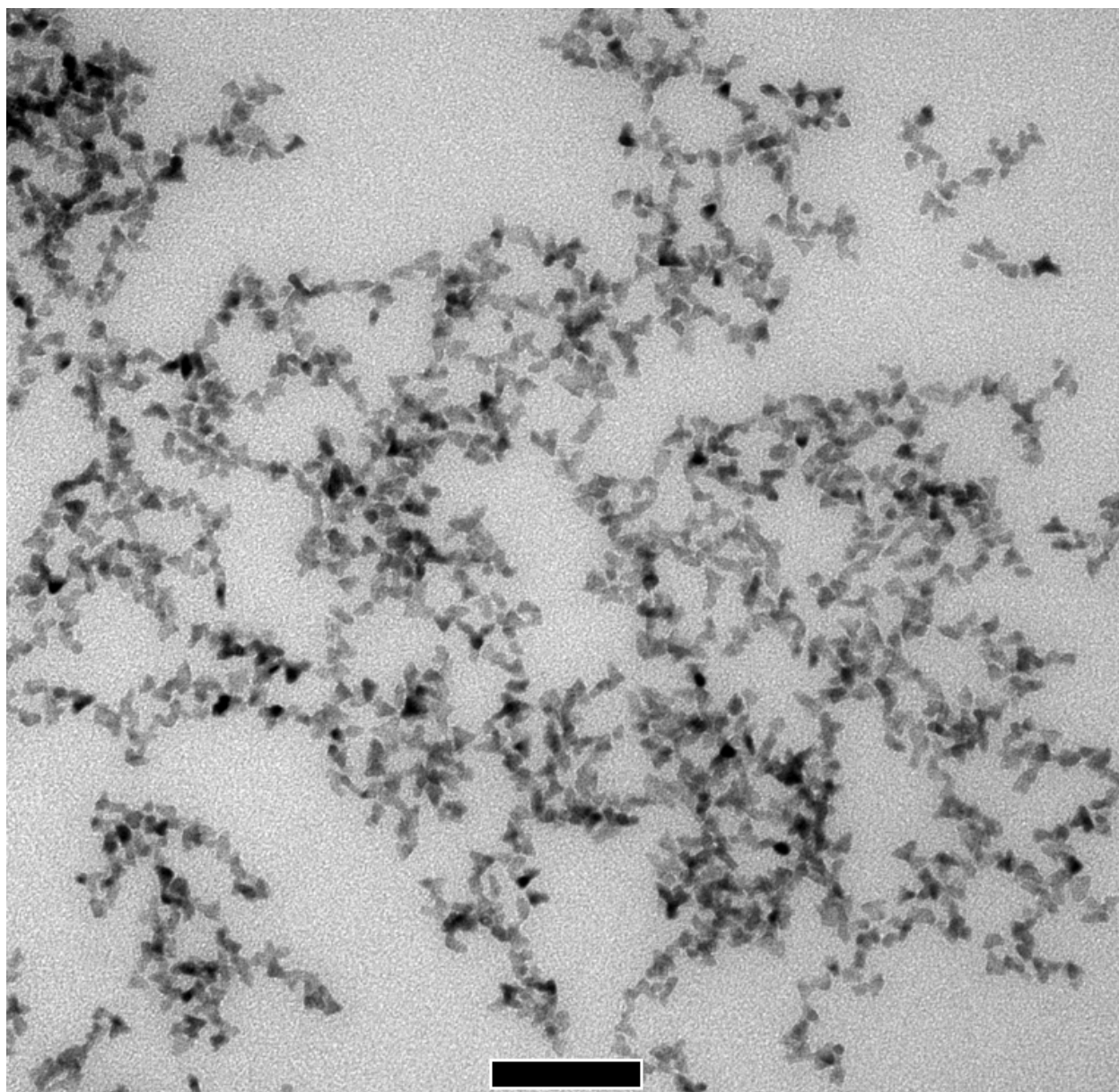


Figure S2. Microwave assisted thermal treatment at 150 °C for 15 min of Rh multipods synthesized using μ wI at 120°C in EG in 9 min. Scale bar is 50 nm.

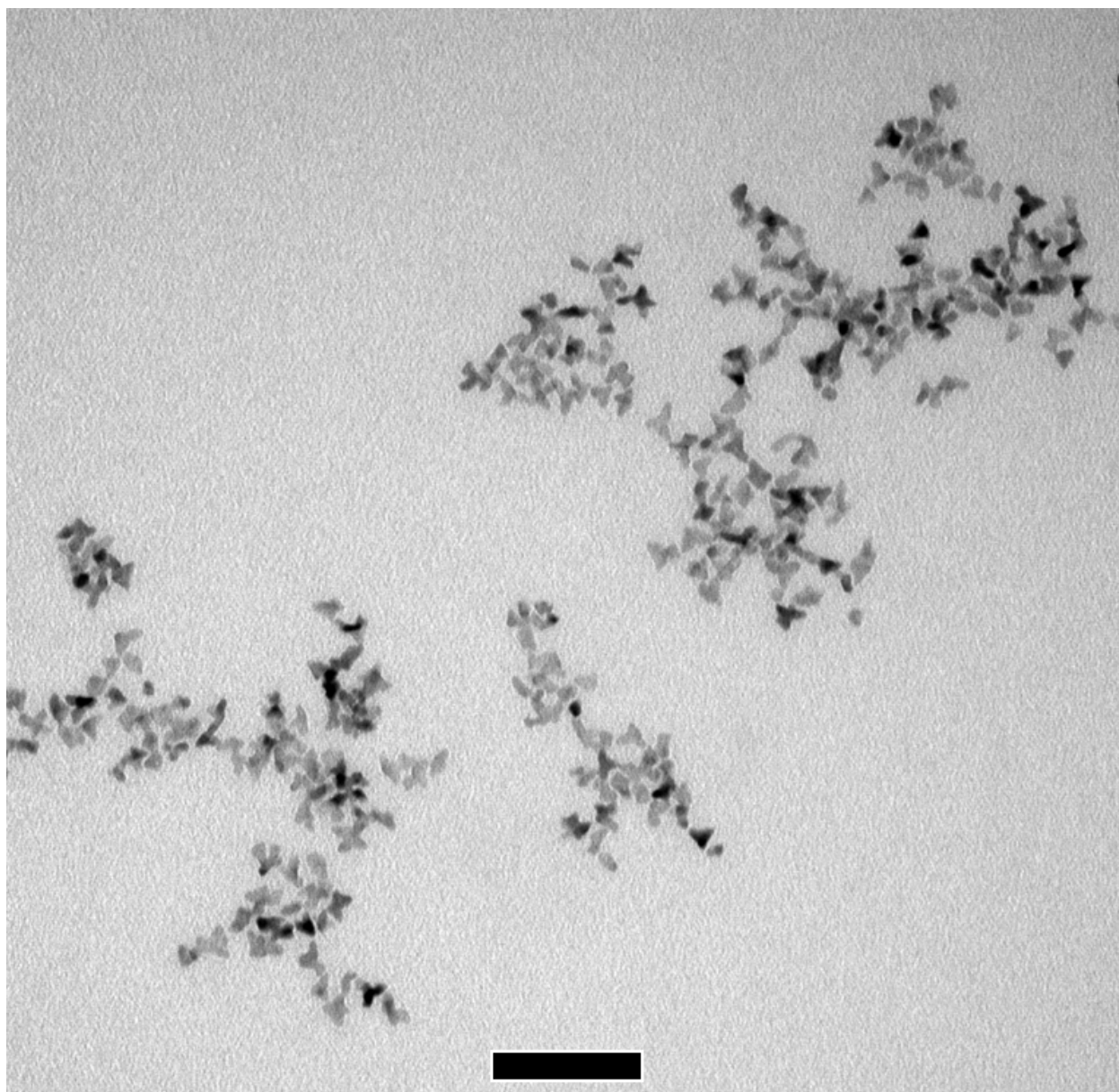


Figure S3. Microwave assisted thermal treatment at 175 °C for 15 min of Rh multipods synthesized using μ wI at 120°C in EG in 9 min. Scale bar is 50 nm.

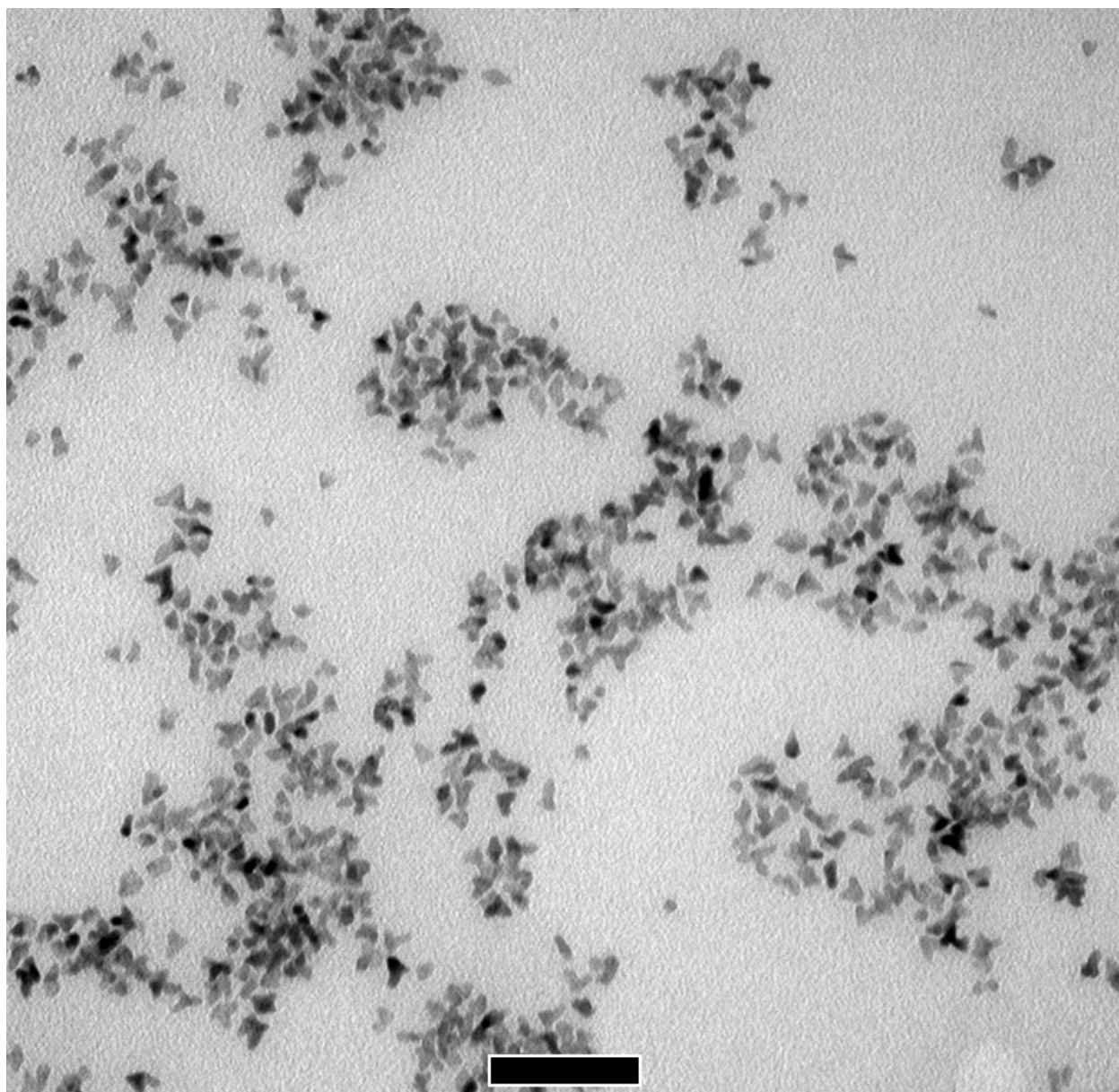


Figure S4. Microwave assisted thermal treatment at 175 °C for 60 min of Rh multipods synthesized using μ wI at 120°C in EG in 9 min. Scale bar is 50 nm.

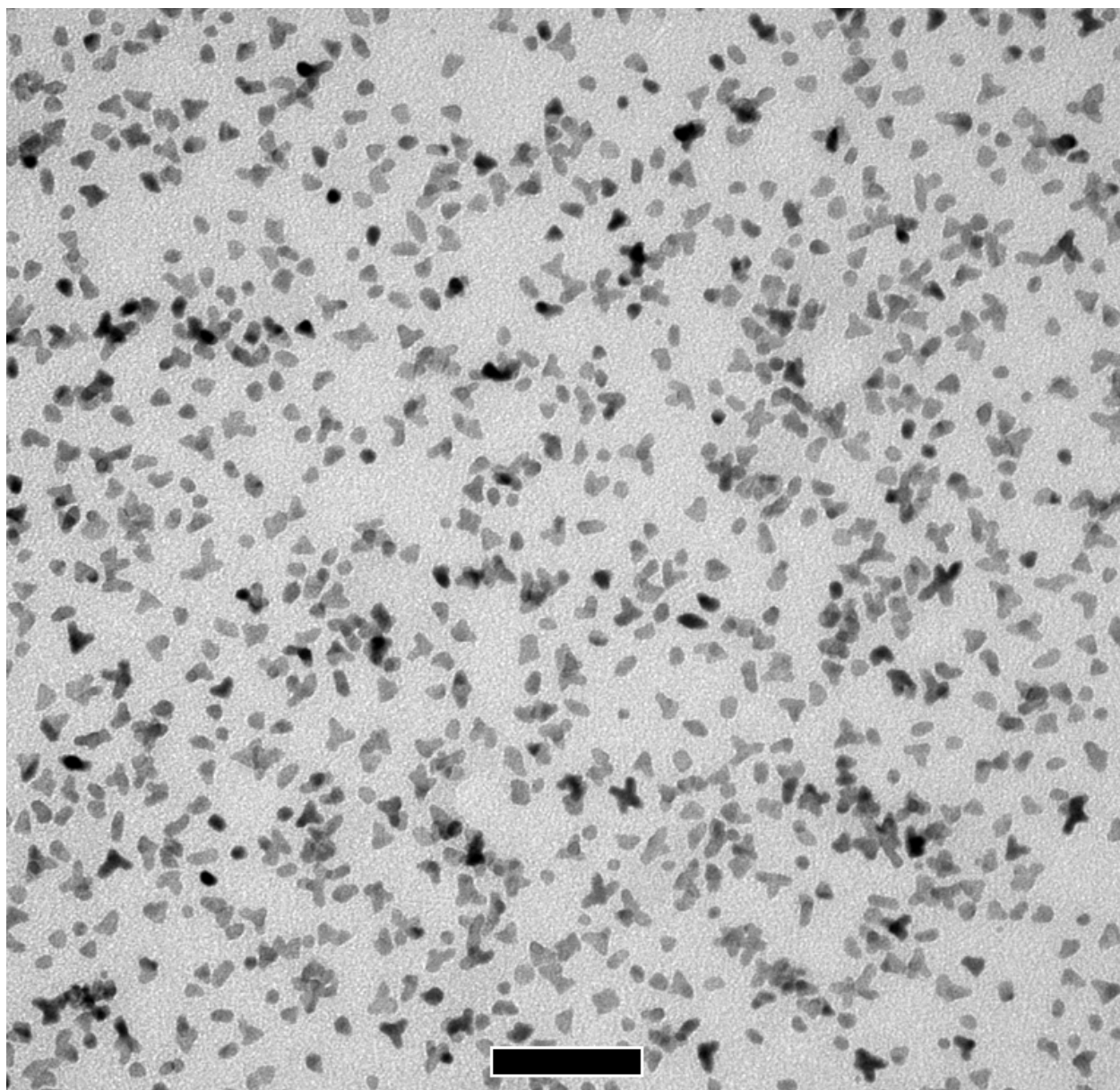


Figure S5. Oil bath assisted thermal treatment at 150 °C for 15 min of Rh multipods synthesized using CvH at 120°C in EG in 9 min. Scale bar is 50 nm.

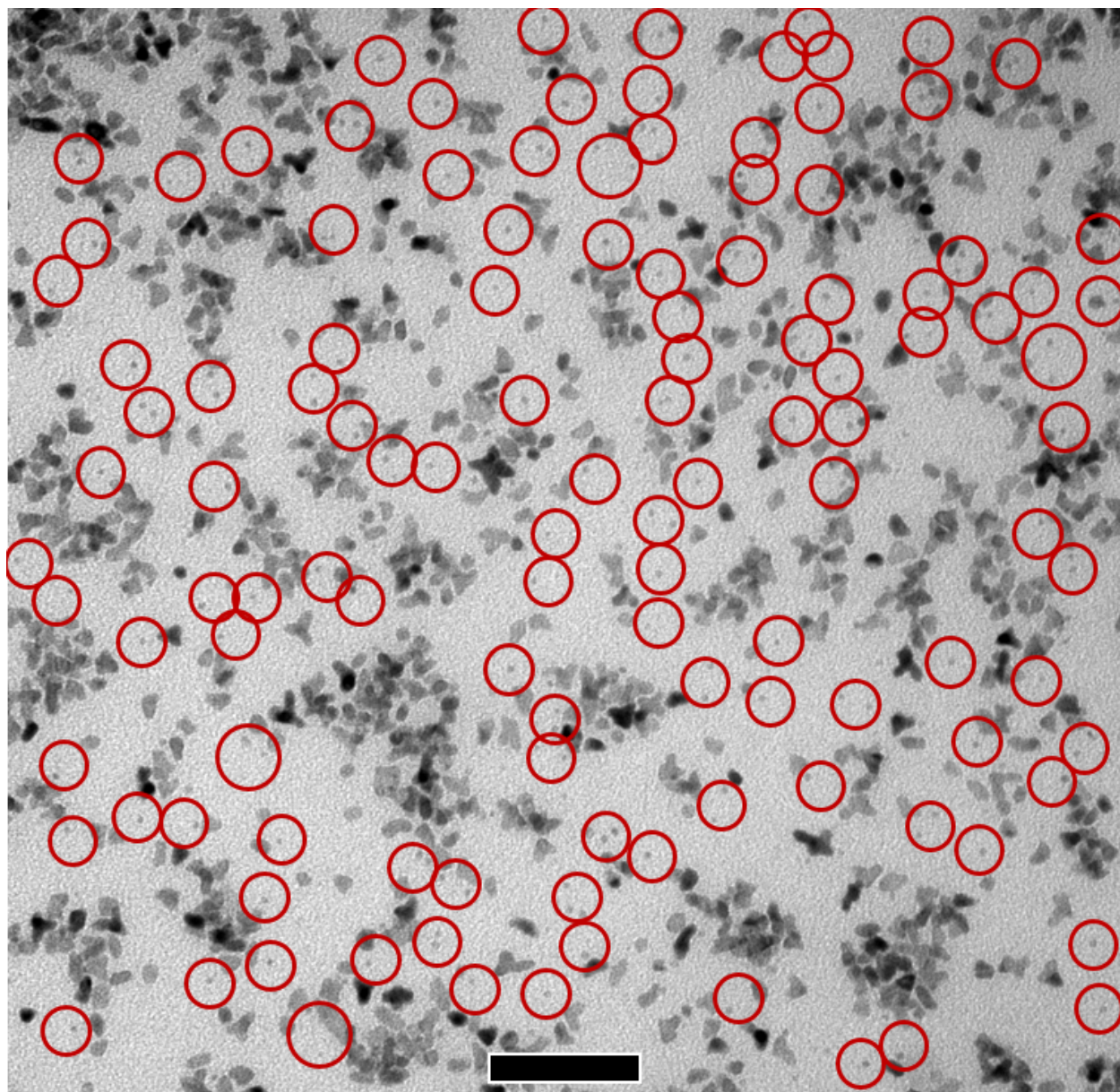


Figure S6. Microwave assisted thermal treatment at 175 °C for 15 min of Rh multipods synthesized using CvH at 120°C in EG in 9 min. Red circles indicate small Rh seeds. Scale bar is 50 nm.

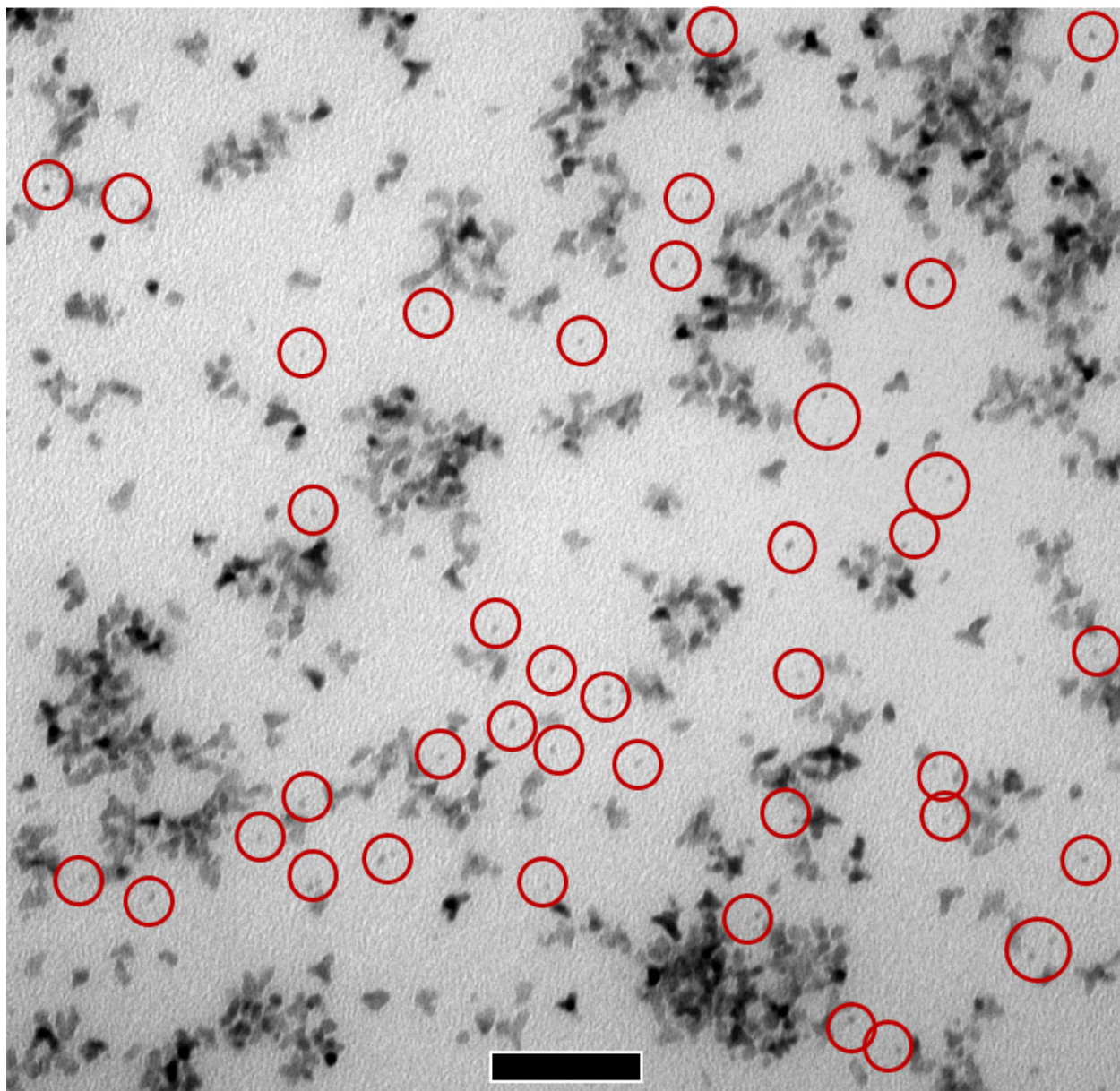


Figure S7. Oil bath assisted thermal treatment at 175 °C for 15 min of Rh multipods synthesized using CvH at 120°C in EG in 9 min. Red circles indicate small Rh seeds. Scale bar is 50 nm.

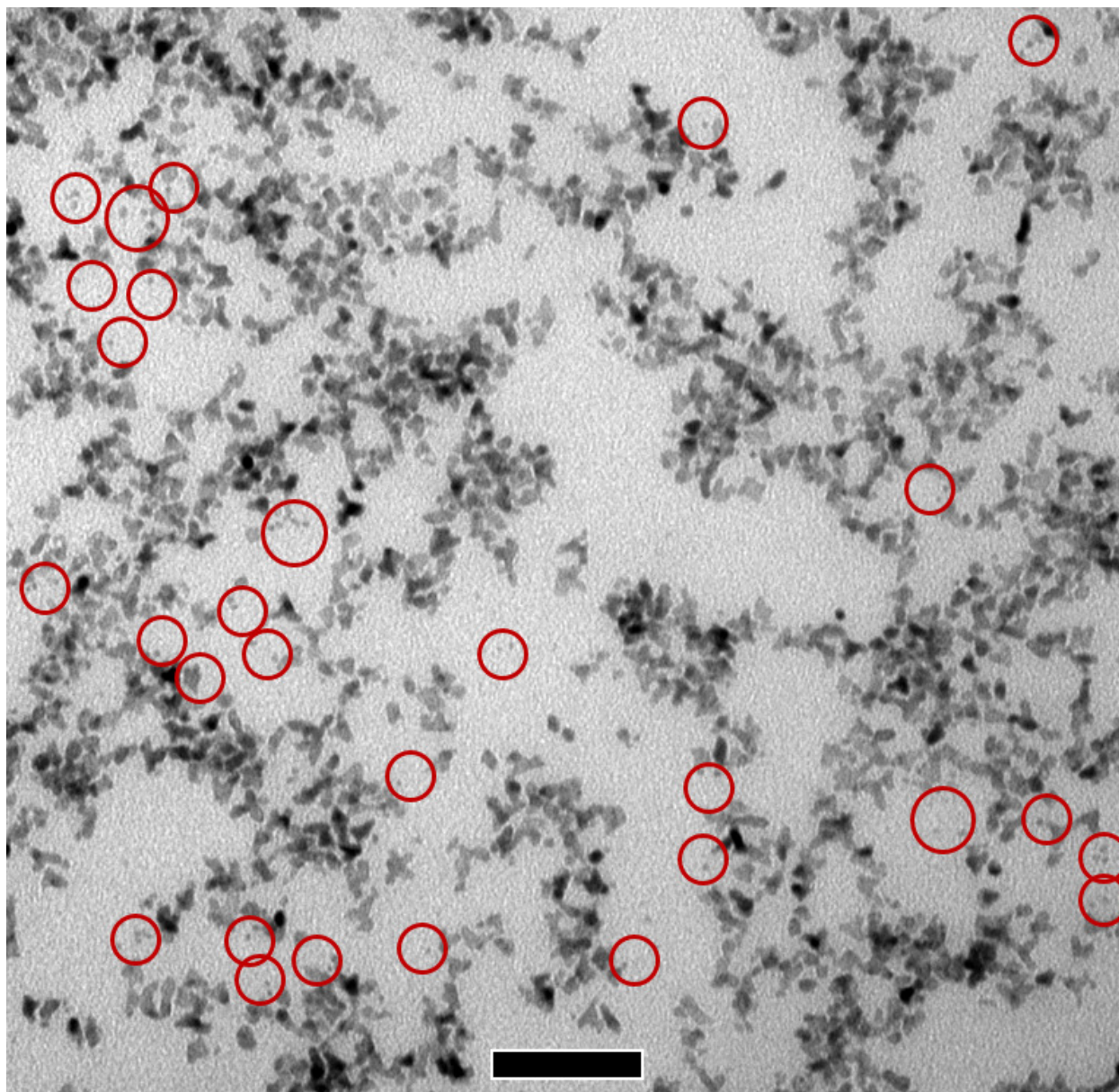


Figure S8. Oil bath assisted thermal treatment at 175 °C for 60 min of Rh multipods synthesized using CvH at 120°C in EG in 9 min. Red circles indicate small Rh seeds. Scale bar is 50 nm.

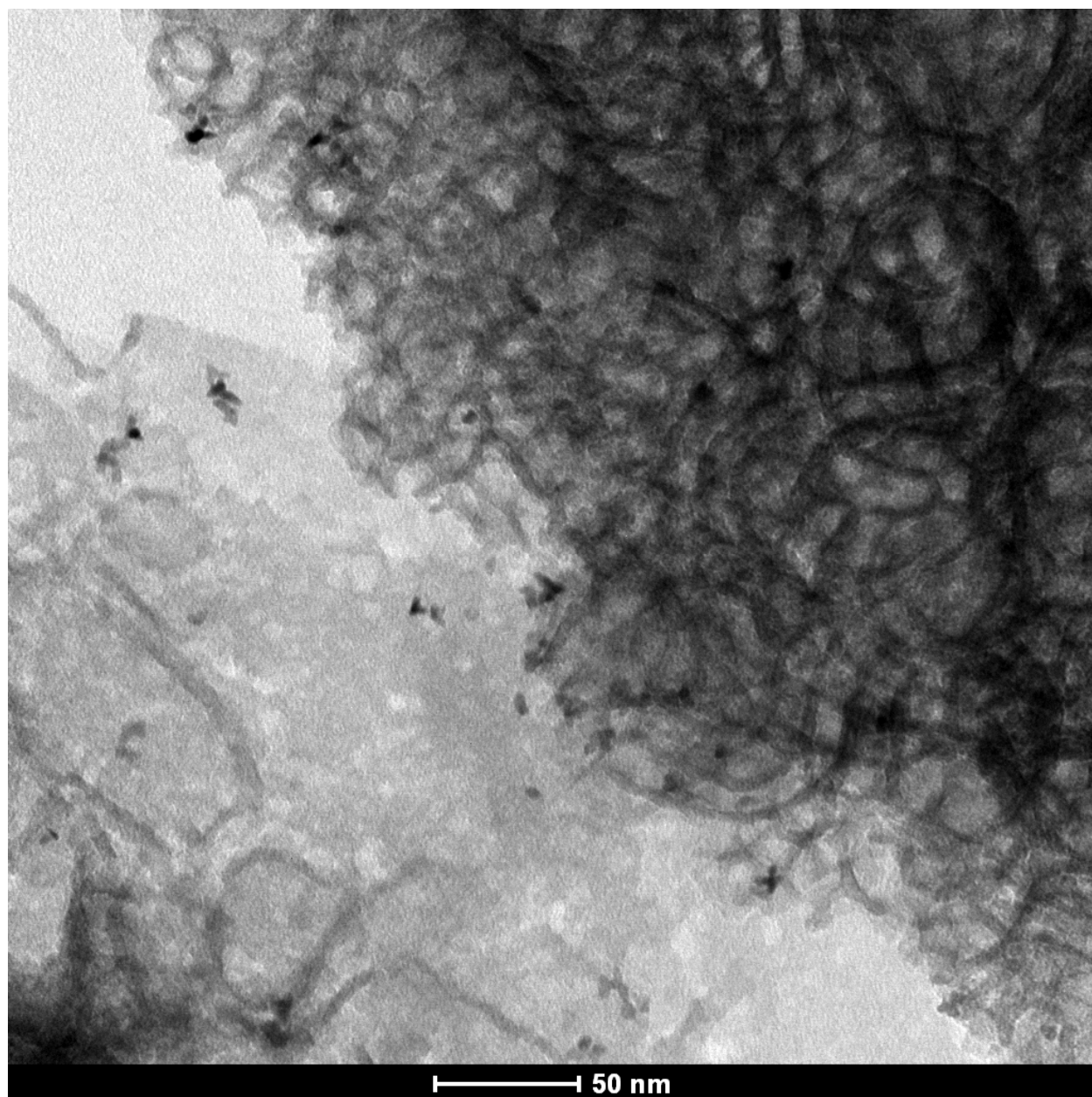


Figure S9. TEM image of Rh multipods synthesized under μ wI using two phase flow reaction at 120 °C for 9 minutes after being supported on amorphous silica; scale bar is 50 nm.

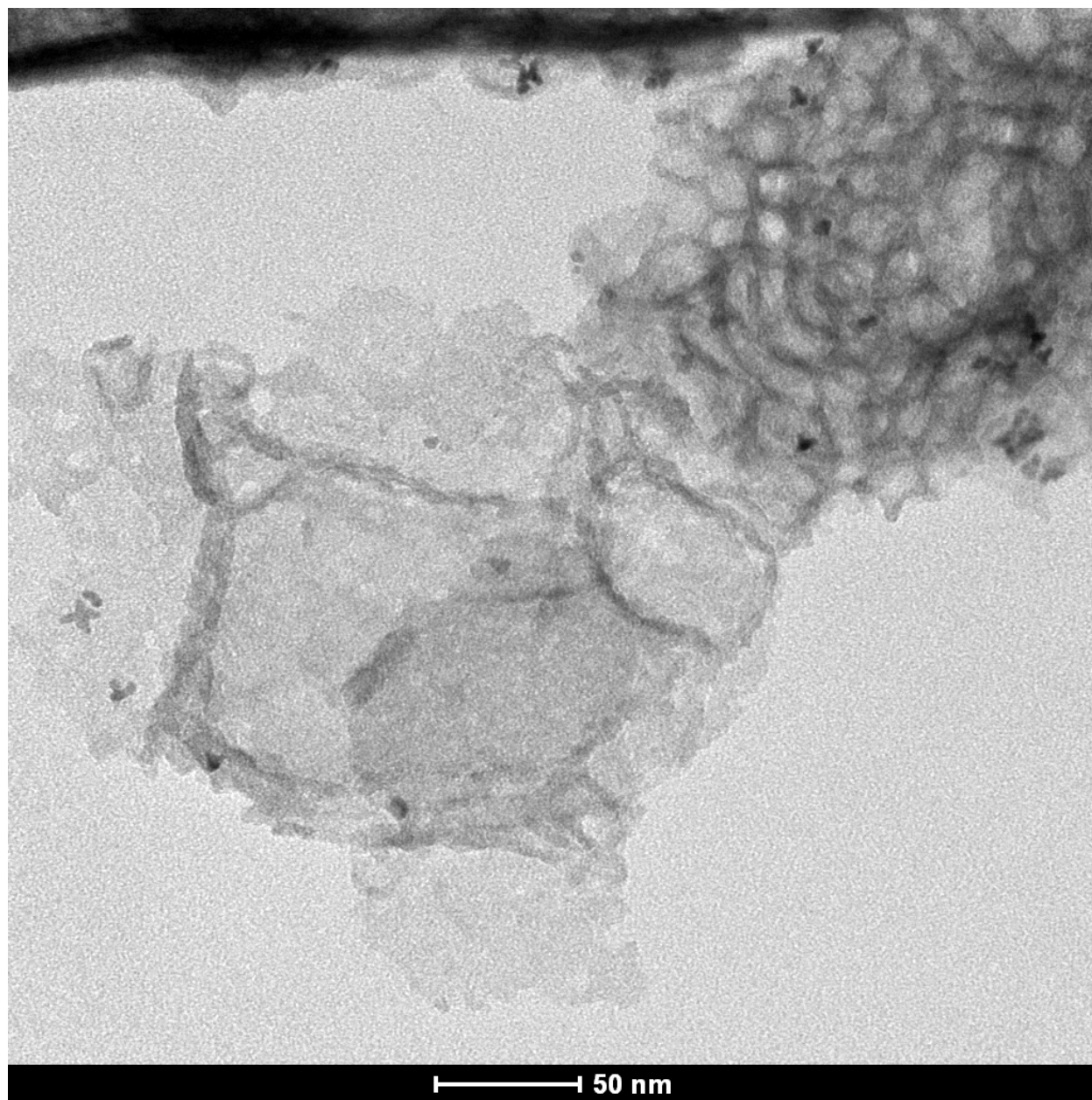


Figure S10. (A) TEM image of post-catalytic Rh multipods synthesized under μ wI using two phase flow reaction at 120 °C for 9 minutes after being supported on amorphous silica; scale bar is 50 nm.

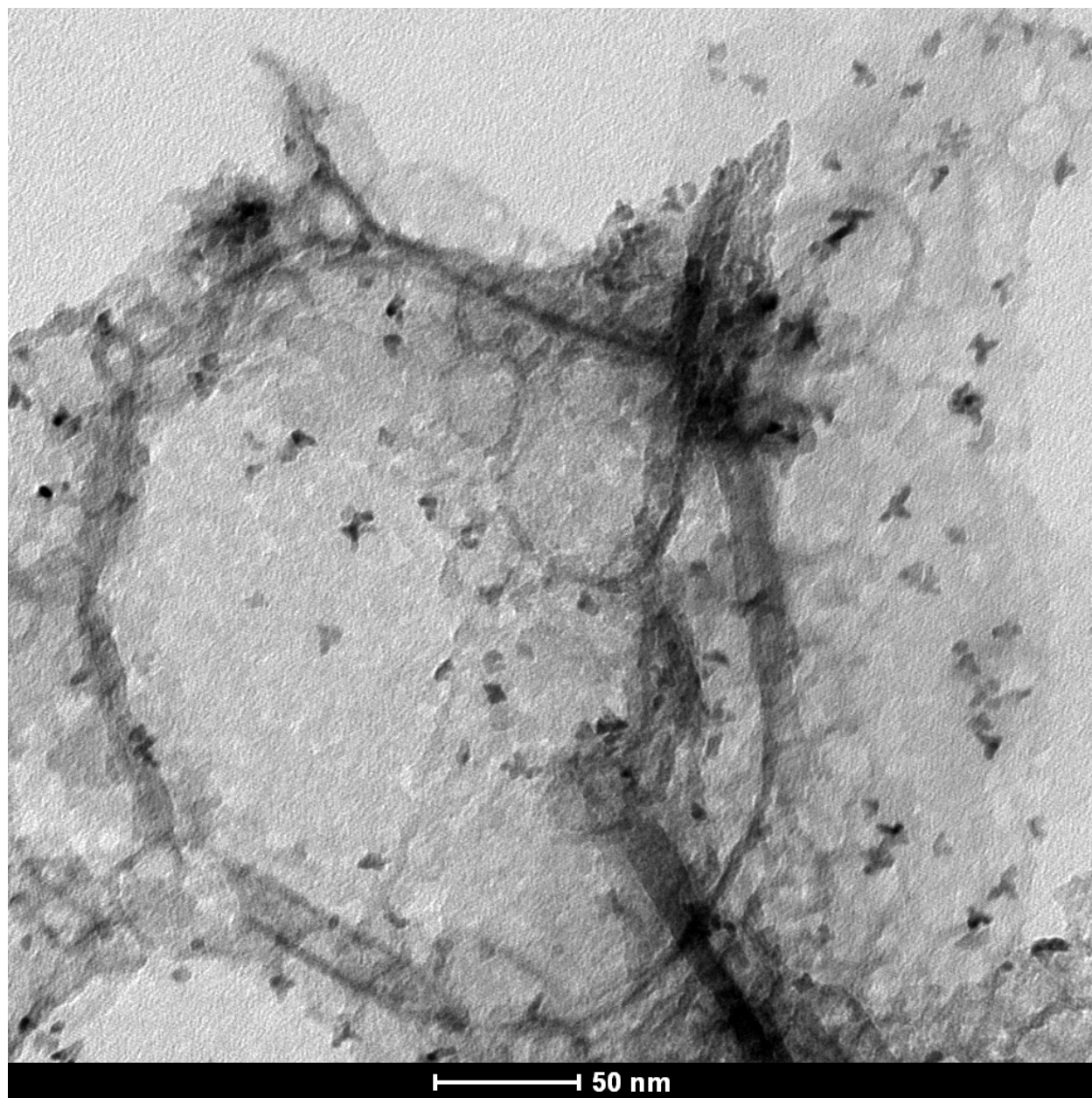


Figure S11. TEM image of Rh multipods synthesized under CvH using two phase flow reaction at 120 °C for 9 minutes after being supported on amorphous silica; scale bar is 50 nm.

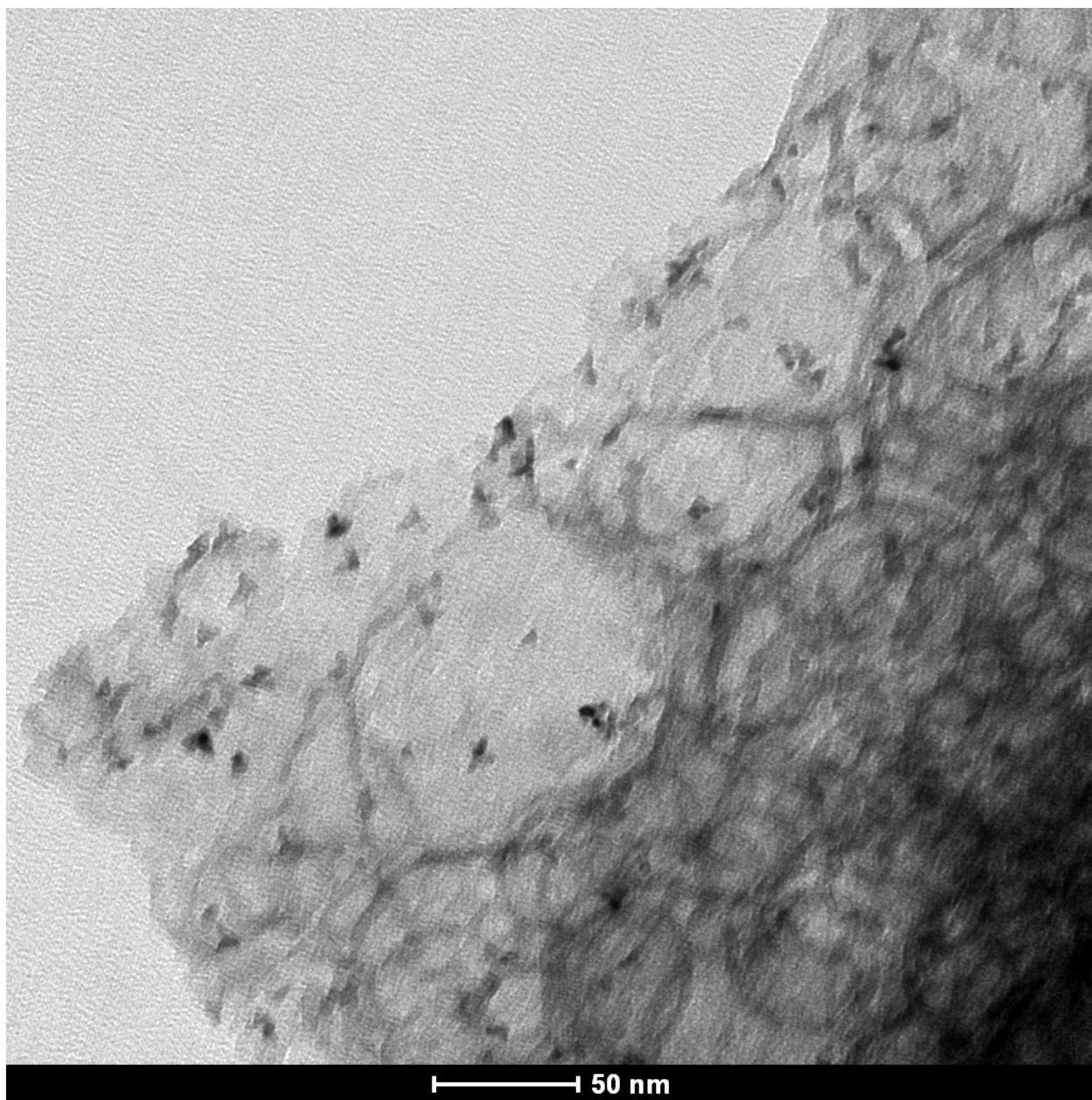


Figure S12. TEM image of post-catalytic Rh multipods synthesized under CvH using two phase flow reaction at 120 °C for 9 minutes after being supported on amorphous silica; scale bar is 50 nm.

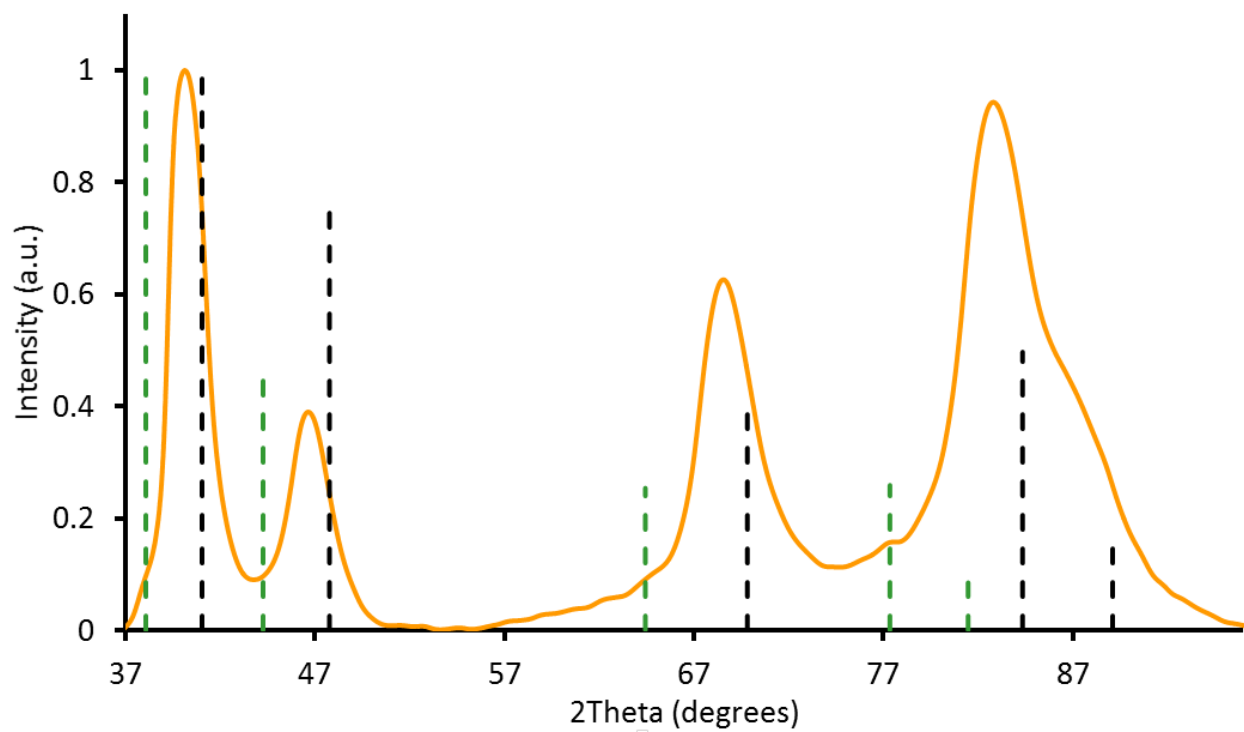


Figure S13. PXRD of Rh₇₀Ag₃₀ alloy NPs using two phase flow reaction.

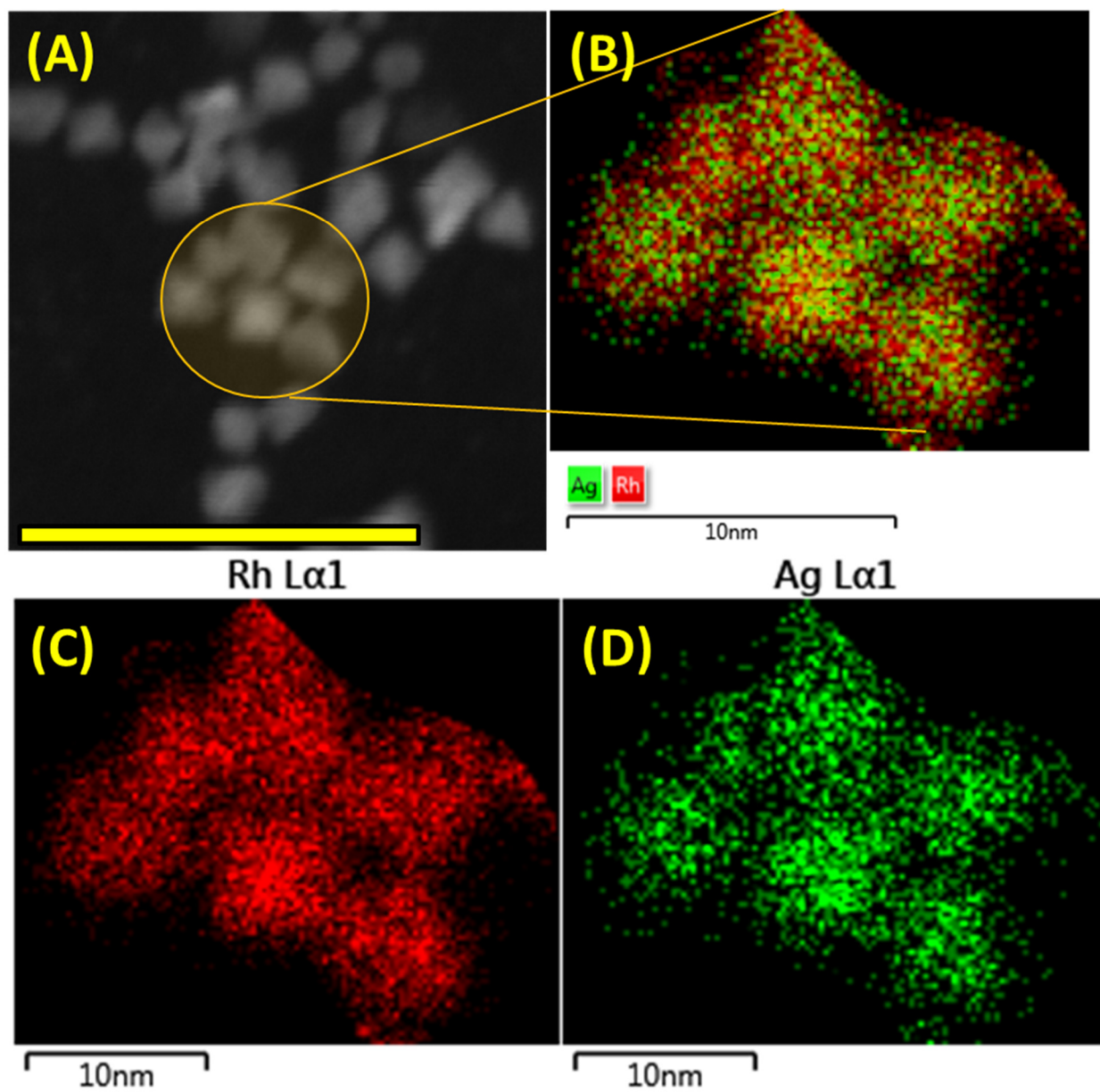


Figure S14. (A) HAADF-STEM images of Rh₇₀Ag₃₀ alloy NPs synthesized using two phase flow reaction; (B)-(D) show 2D EDS mapping results. Scale bar is 50 nm.

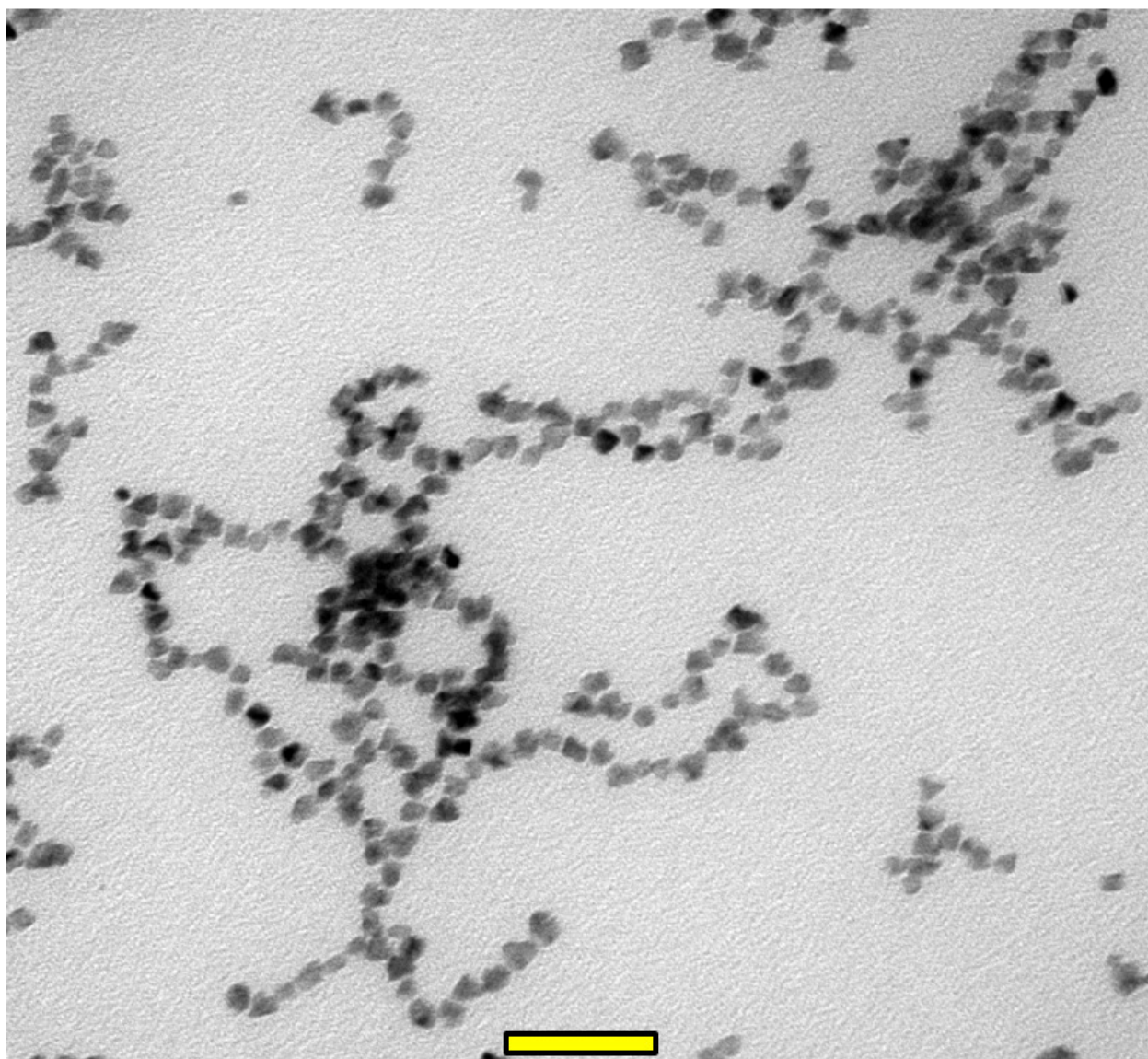


Figure S15. TEM images of Rh₇₀Ag₃₀ alloy NPs using two phase flow reaction; scale bar is 50 nm.

Equation S1. Activity was calculated using the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Activity } (\mu\text{mol g}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}) \\ = & \left(\frac{1}{\text{Mass of catalyst used (g)}} * \frac{\text{C6H10 flow } \left(\frac{\text{mol}}{\text{min}} \right) * 10^6}{60 \left(\frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}} \right)} \right) \\ & \left(\frac{(\text{Area counts for cyclohexane})}{(\text{MW of cyclohexane})} \right) \\ * & \frac{1}{\left(\frac{(\text{Area counts for cyclohexane})}{(\text{MW of cyclohexane})} \right) + \left(\frac{(\text{Area counts for cyclohexene})}{(\text{MW of cyclohexene})} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

Turnover frequency normalized for Rh loading was calculated using the formula:

$$\text{TOF (S}^{-1}\text{)} = \frac{\text{Activity} * 10^{-6} (\text{mol}/(\mu\text{mol}))}{\frac{(\text{Wt\% of Rh})}{(\text{MW of Rh})}} * \frac{1}{\left[\text{percentage of } \left(\frac{(\text{Surface area})}{(\text{Volume})} \right) \text{ for the NPs} \right]}$$

Kinetic studies and determination of activation energies.

The catalytic run was started at 25 °C and temperature was changed to 30 °C after attainment of steady state conversion of cyclohexene to cyclohexane at 25 °C. Temperature was held constant at 30 °C until the steady state was achieved again. This process was repeated for temperature values of 24, 18, 12, and 6 °C respectively. The activation energy values were obtained using the slope of the best fit line by plotting Ln (activity) vs. $\frac{1}{T(K)}$. The activity values were averaged using at least four points corresponding to steady state of the catalysts.