

# SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

## Versatility of One-pot, Single-step Synthetic Approach for Spherical Porous (Metal) Oxide Nanoparticles Using Supercritical Alcohols

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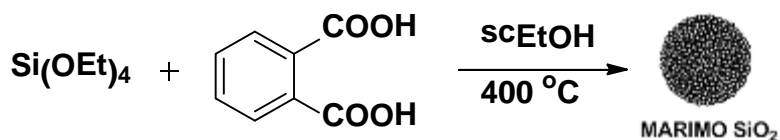
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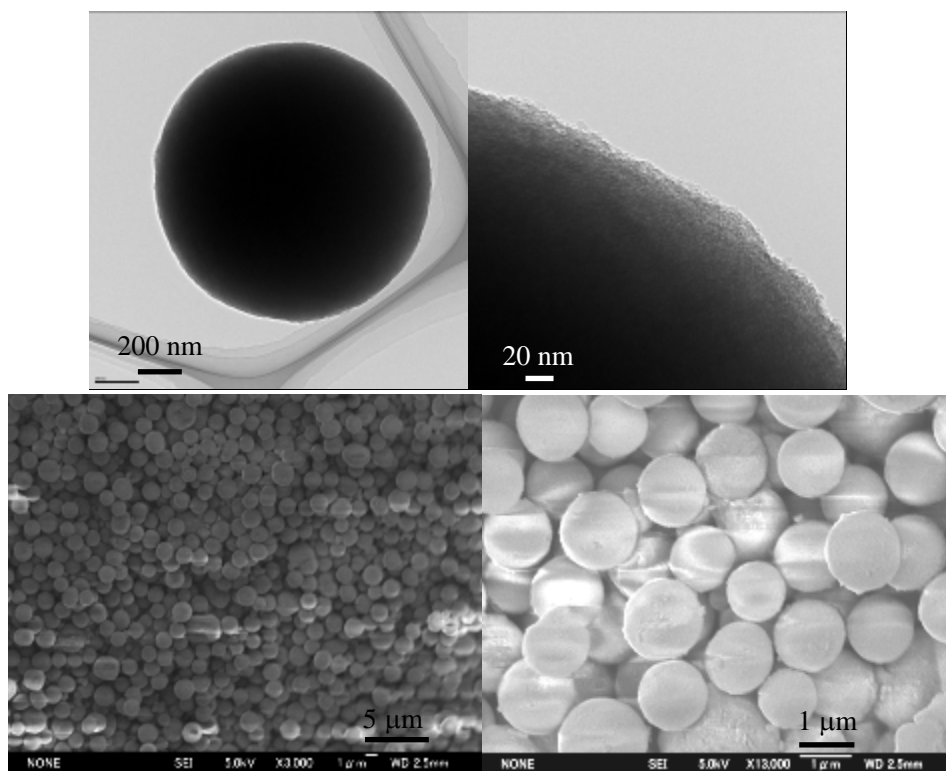
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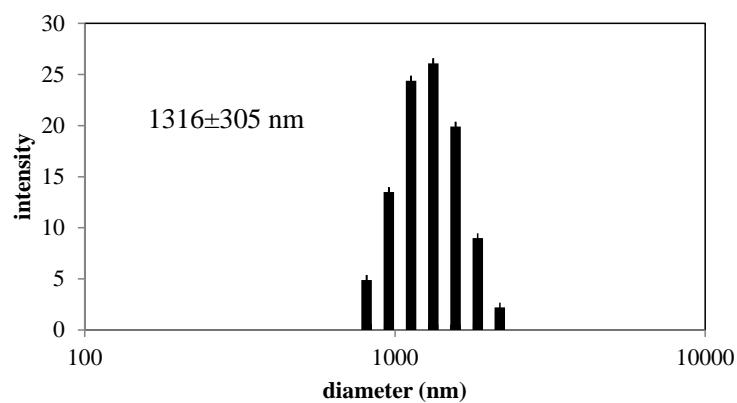
## 1. Synthesis of MARIMO SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles in the presence of phthalic acid in supercritical EtOH



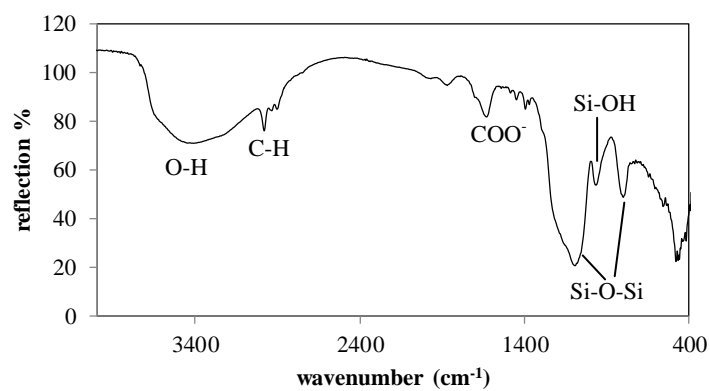
**Scheme S1** Reaction of Si(OEt)<sub>4</sub> with phthalic acid in scEtOH at 400 °C for 10 min and 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> EtOH density.



**Fig. S1.** TEM and FESEM images of MARIMO SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> EtOH density in the presence of phthalic acid.



**Fig. S2.** DLS spectrum of MARIMO SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> EtOH density in the presence of phthalic acid.

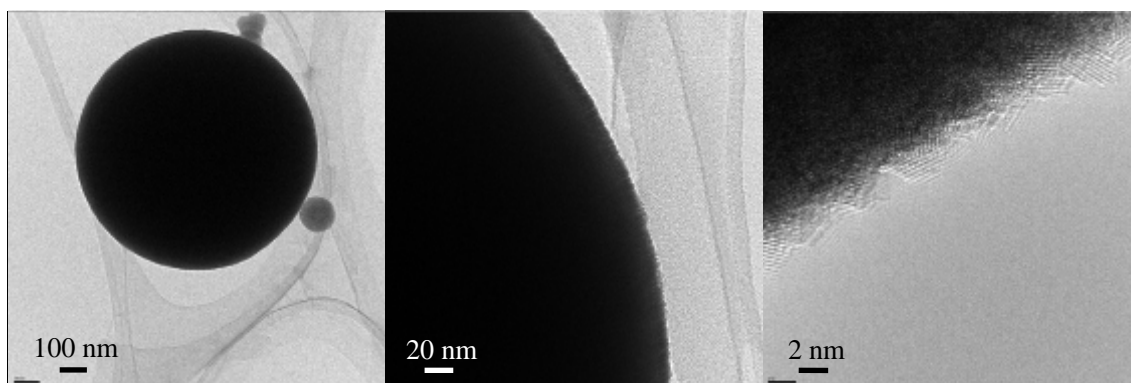


**Fig. S3.** FTIR spectrum of MARIMO SiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> EtOH density in the presence of phthalic acid.

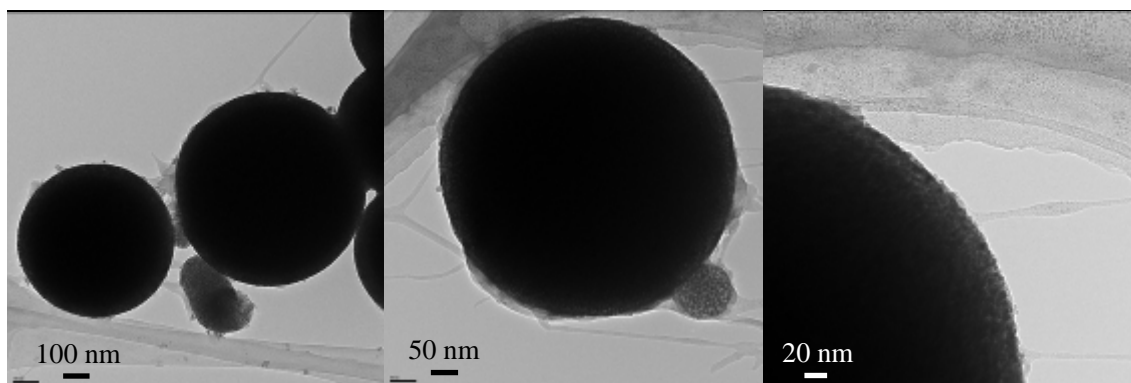
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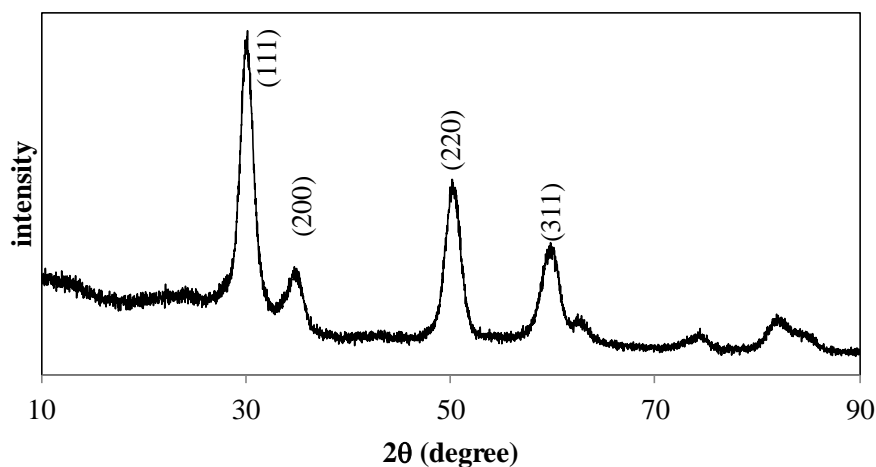
**Scheme S2** Reaction of ZrO(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O with formic acid in scMeOH at 300 or 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density.



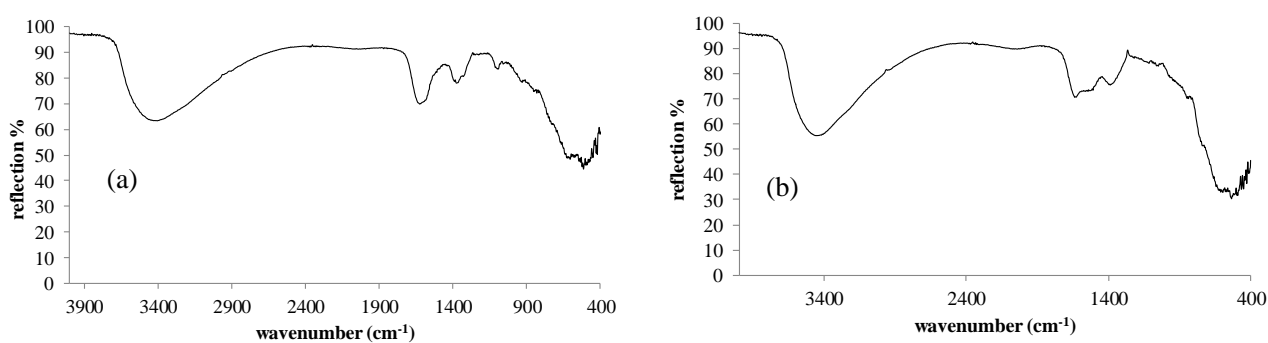
**Fig. S4.** TEM images of MARIMO ZrO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.



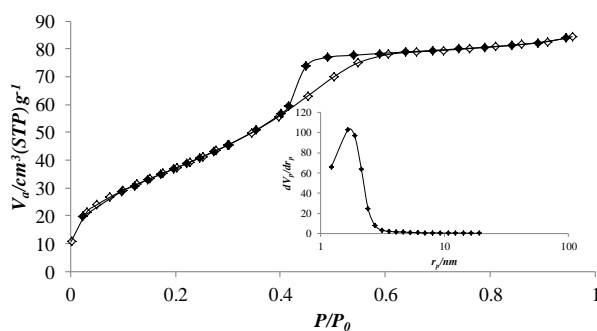
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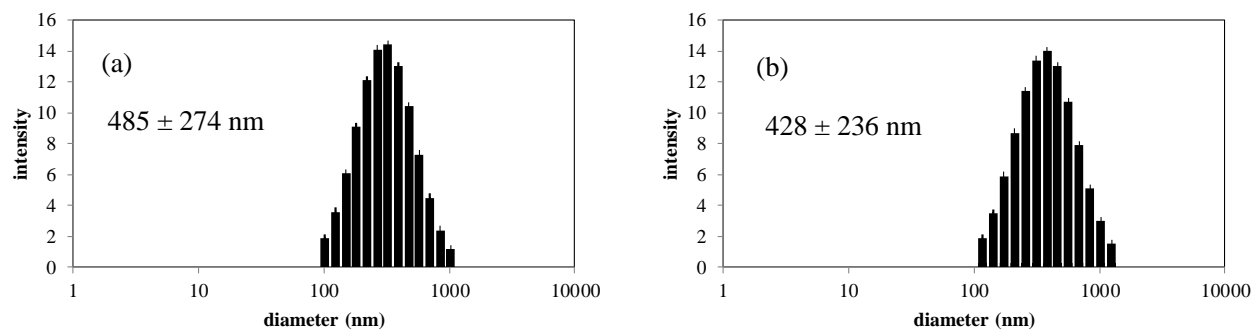
**Fig. S6.** XRD pattern of MARIMO ZrO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.



**Fig. S7.** FTIR spectra of MARIMO ZrO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at (a) 300 °C and (b) 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

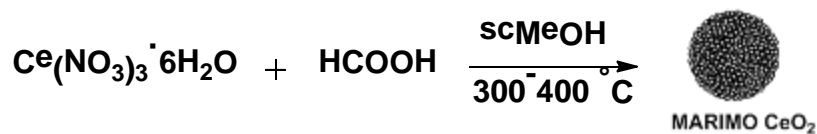


**Fig. S8.** Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherm and Barret Joyner Halenda (BJH) pore size distribution plots of MARIMO ZrO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

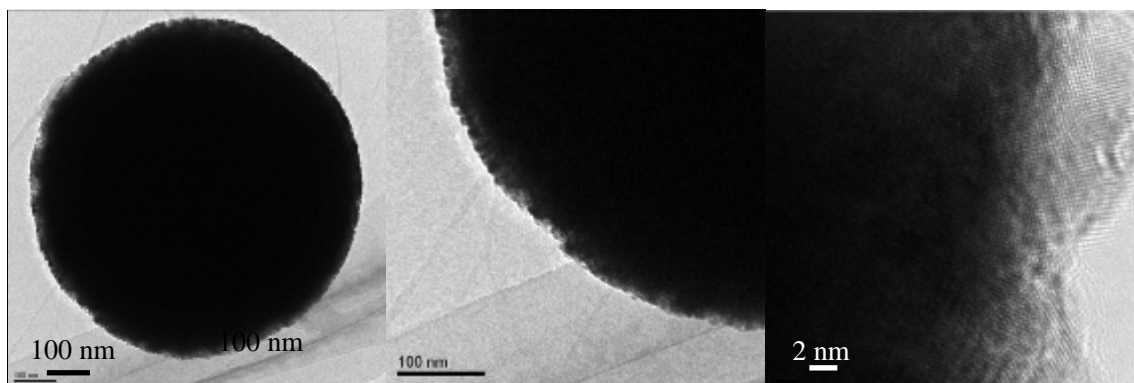


**Fig. S9.** DLS spectra of MARIMO ZrO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at (a) 300 °C and (b) 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

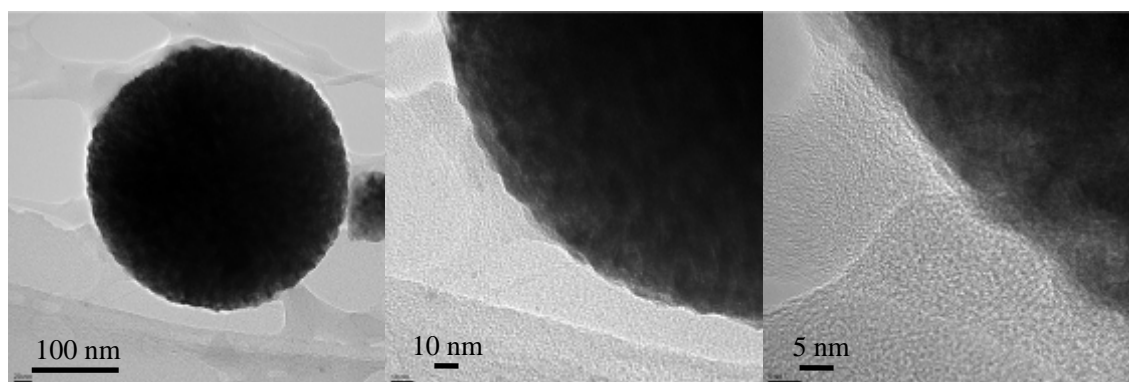
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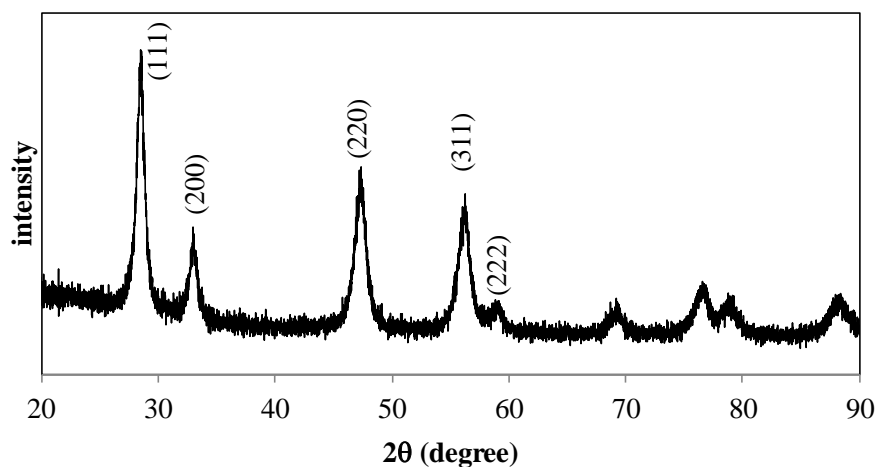
**Scheme S3** Reaction of Ce(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O with formic acid in scMeOH at 300 or 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density.



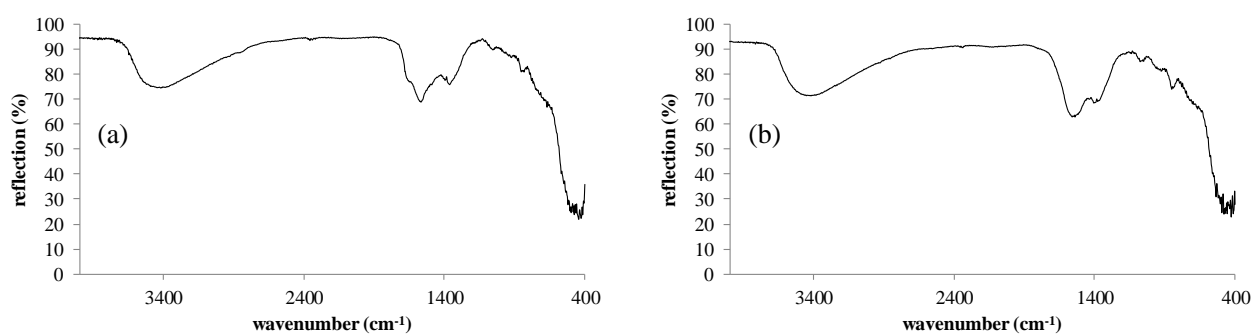
**Fig. S10.** TEM images of MARIMO CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.



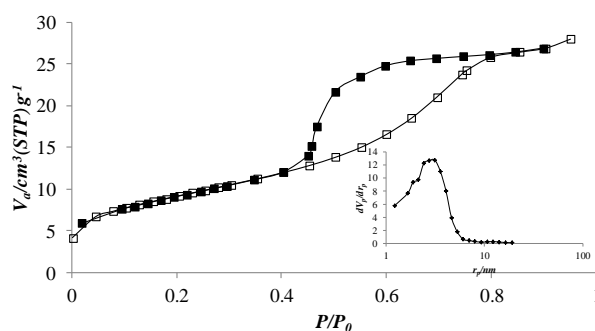
**Fig. S11.** TEM images of MARIMO CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.



**Fig. S12.** XRD pattern of MARIMO CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

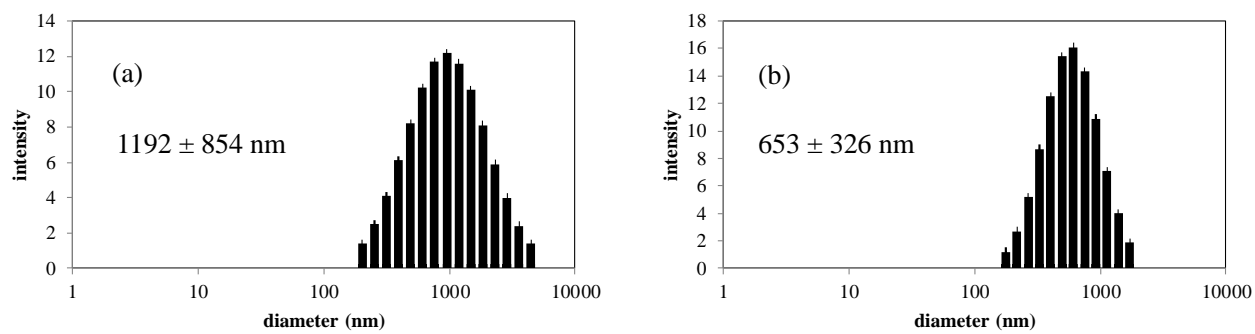


**Fig. S13.** FTIR spectra of MARIMO CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at (a) 300 °C and (b) 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.



**Fig. S14.** Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherm and BJH pore size distribution plots of MARIMO CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.



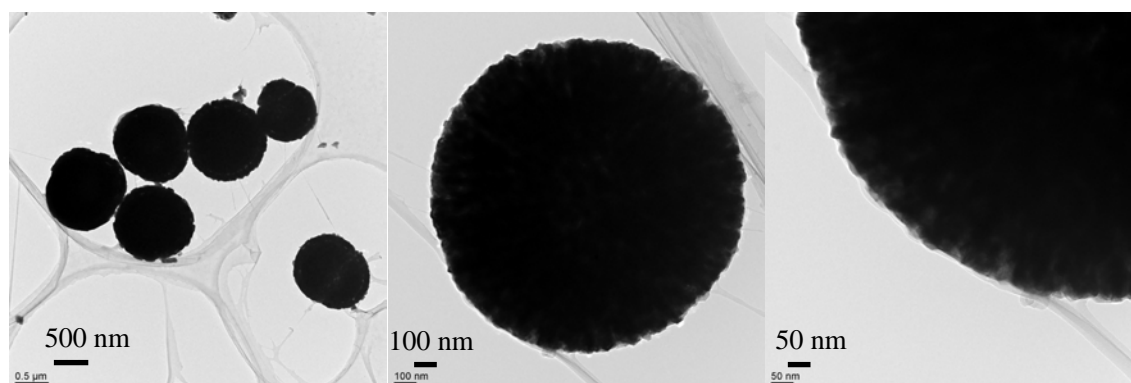


**Fig. S15.** DLS spectra of MARIMO CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at (a) 300 °C and (b) 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

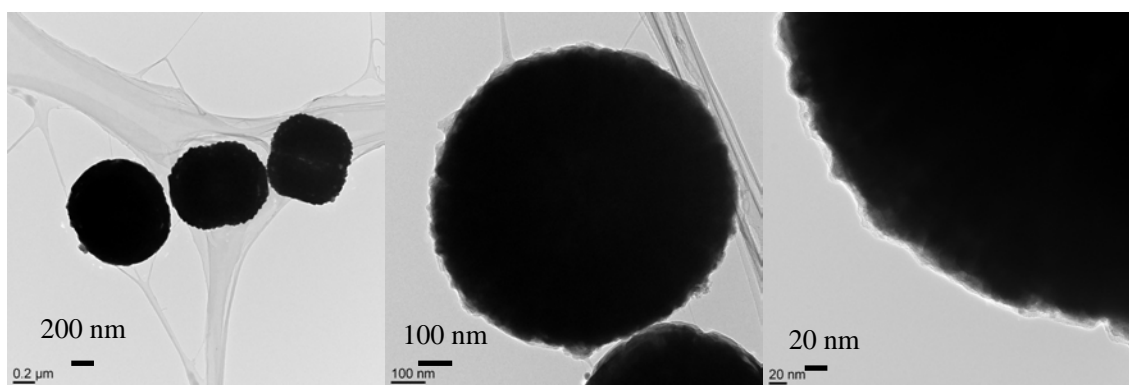
#### 4. Synthesis of MARIMO ZnO nanoparticles in the presence of formic acid in supercritical MeOH



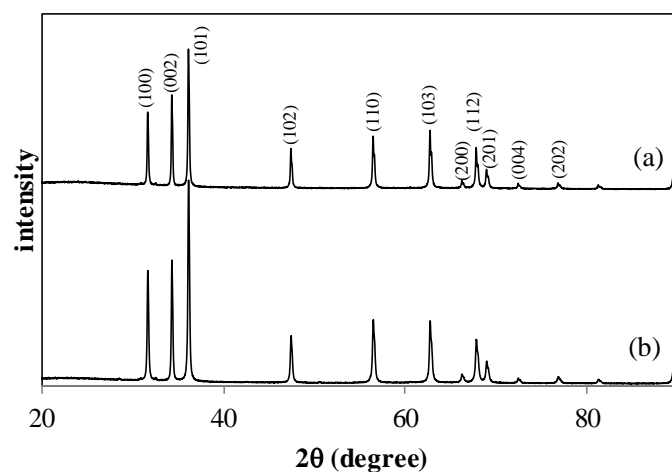
**Scheme S4** Reaction of  $\text{Zn}(\text{OCOCH}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with formic acid in scMeOH at 300 or 400 °C for 10 min in  $0.28 \text{ g mL}^{-1}$  MeOH density.



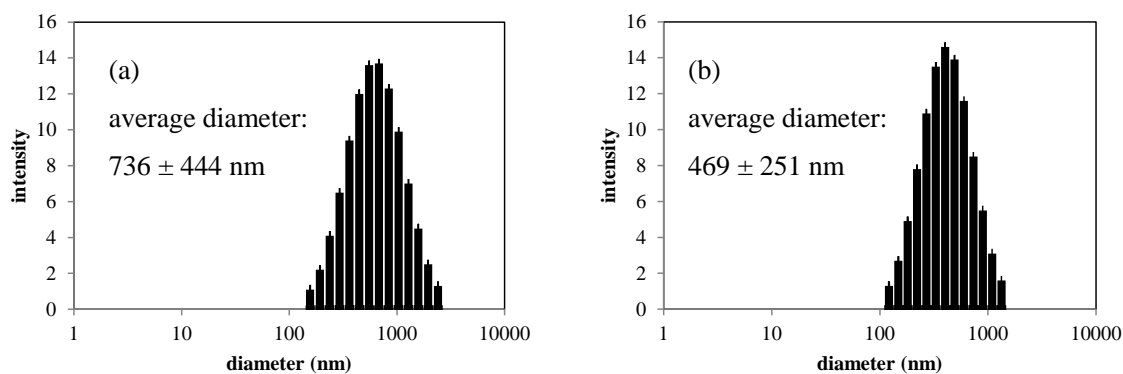
**Fig. S16.** TEM images of MARIMO ZnO nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in  $0.28 \text{ g mL}^{-1}$  MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.



**Fig. S17.** TEM images of MARIMO ZnO nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in  $0.28 \text{ g mL}^{-1}$  MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

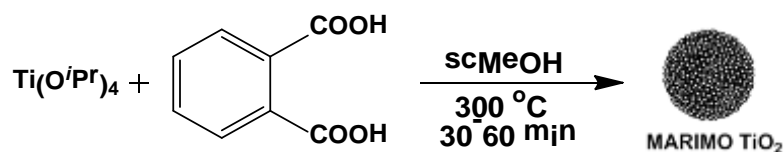


**Fig. S18.** XRD patterns of MARIMO ZnO nanoparticles prepared at (a) 300 °C and (b) 400 °C for 10 min in  $0.28 \text{ g mL}^{-1}$  MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

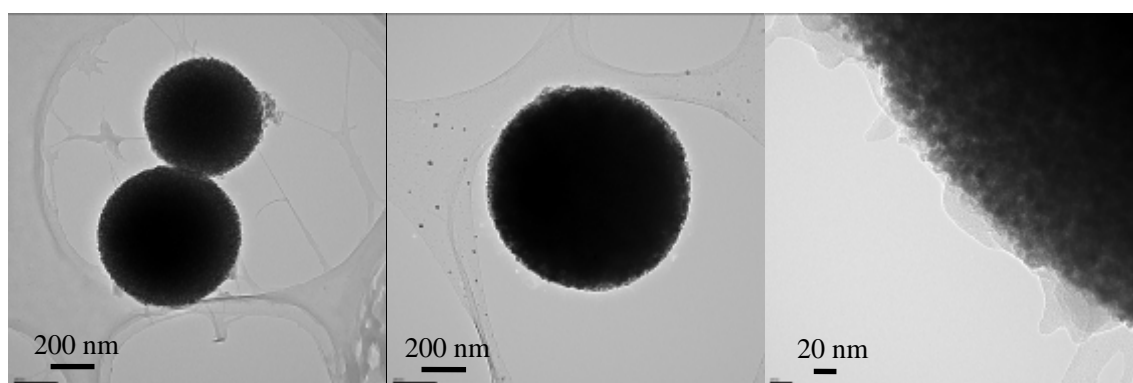


**Fig. S19.** DLS plots of MARIMO ZnO nanoparticles prepared at (a) 300 and (b) 400 °C for 10 min in  $0.28 \text{ g mL}^{-1}$  MeOH density in the presence of formic acid.

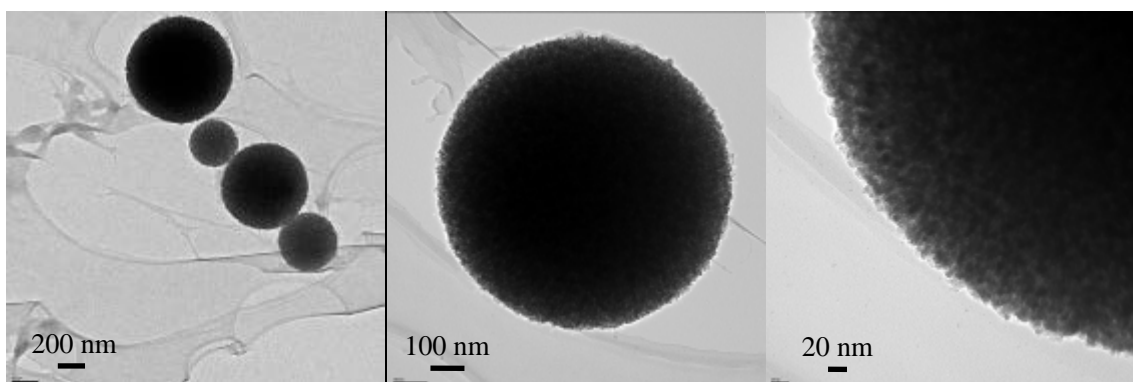
## 5. Synthesis of MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles in the presence of phthalic acid in different reaction times in supercritical MeOH



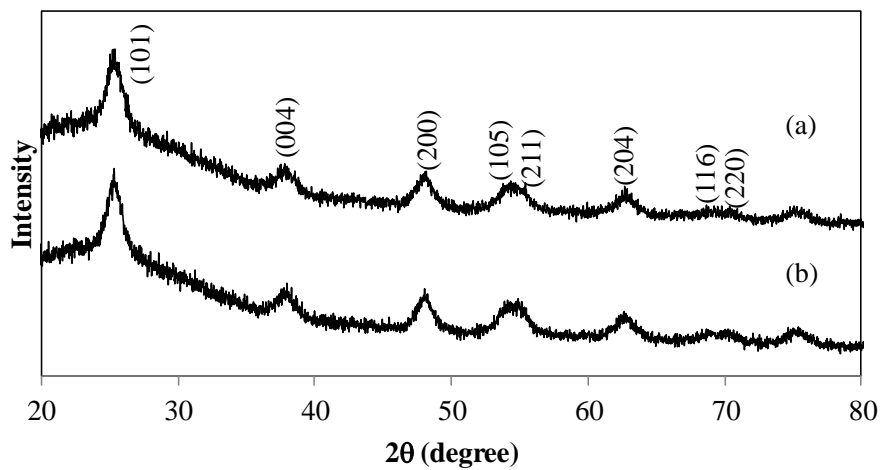
**Scheme S5** Reaction of Ti(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub> with phthalic acid in scMeOH at 300 °C for 30 or 60 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density.



**Fig. S20.** TEM images of MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 30 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid.



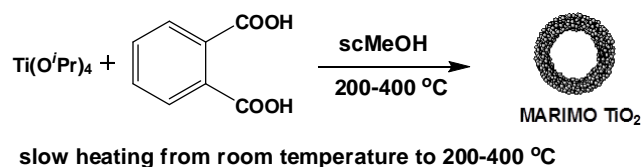
**Fig. S21.** TEM images of MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 60 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid.



**Fig. S22.** XRD pattern of MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for (a) 30 min and (b) 60 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid.

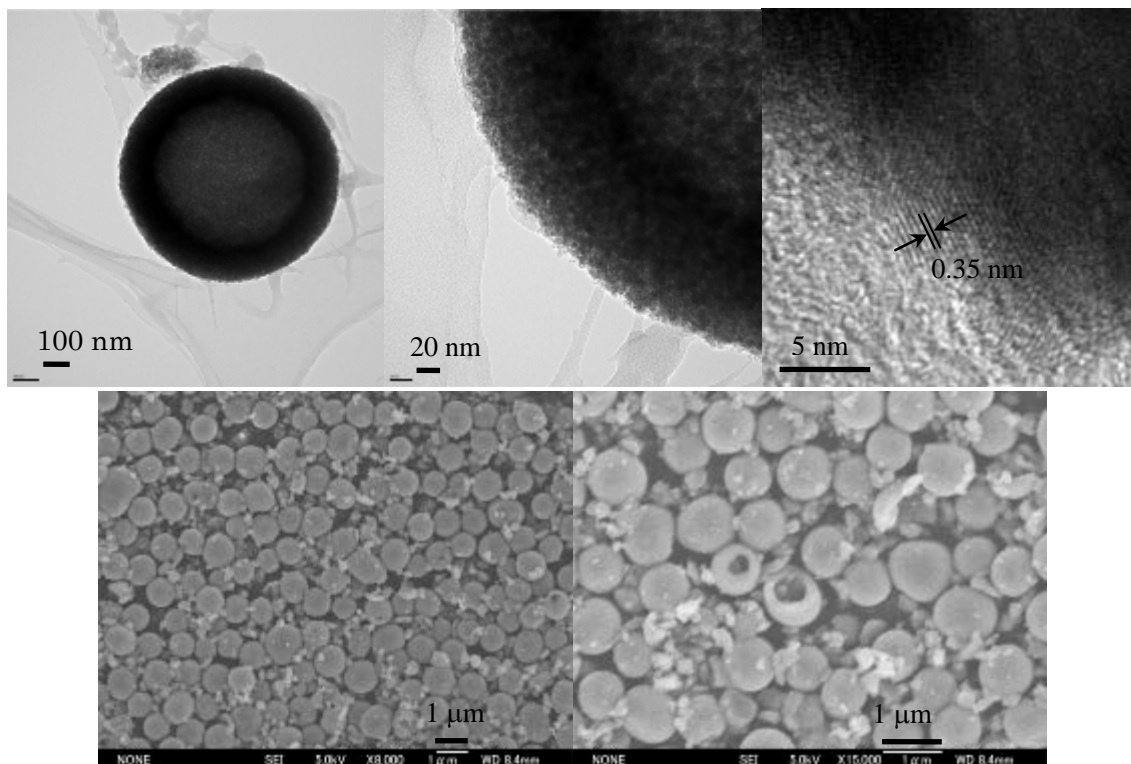
## 6. Synthesis of hollow MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles in the presence of phthalic acid in supercritical MeOH with slow heating

The reaction was performed under the conditions of 200-300 °C, 10 min, and 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density with slow heating (ca. 2.0, 5.4, and 10.0 °C/min) from room temperature (Scheme S5). Then, the reaction was quenched by putting the reactor into ice-water bath or slow cooling (5.4 °C/min) to room temperature.

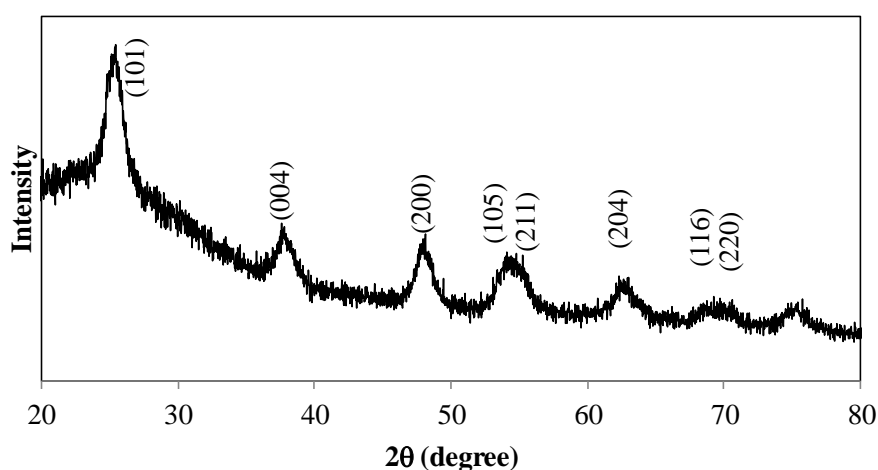


**Scheme S5** Reaction of Ti(O<sup>i</sup>Pr)<sub>4</sub> with phthalic acid in scMeOH at 200-400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density with slow heating.

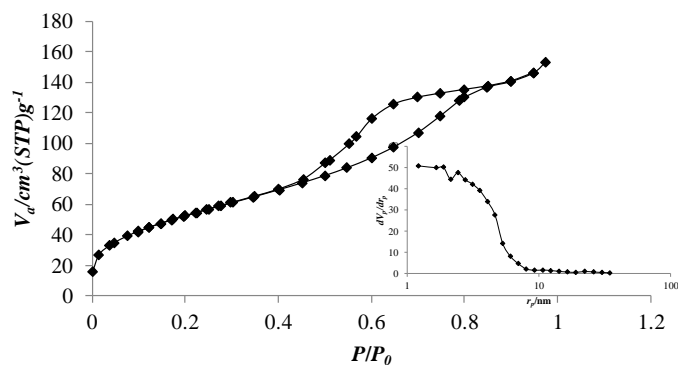
**6.1 Reaction of  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$  with phthalic acid in scMeOH at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density with slow heating (5.4 °C/min).**



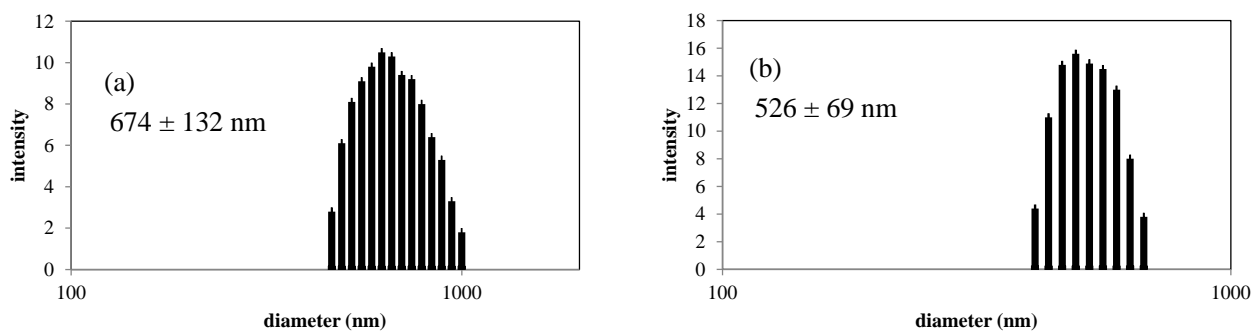
**Fig. S23.** TEM and FESEM images of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid (slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and slow cooling: 5.4 °C/min).



**Fig. S24.** XRD patterns of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid with slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and slow cooling: 5.4 °C/min.



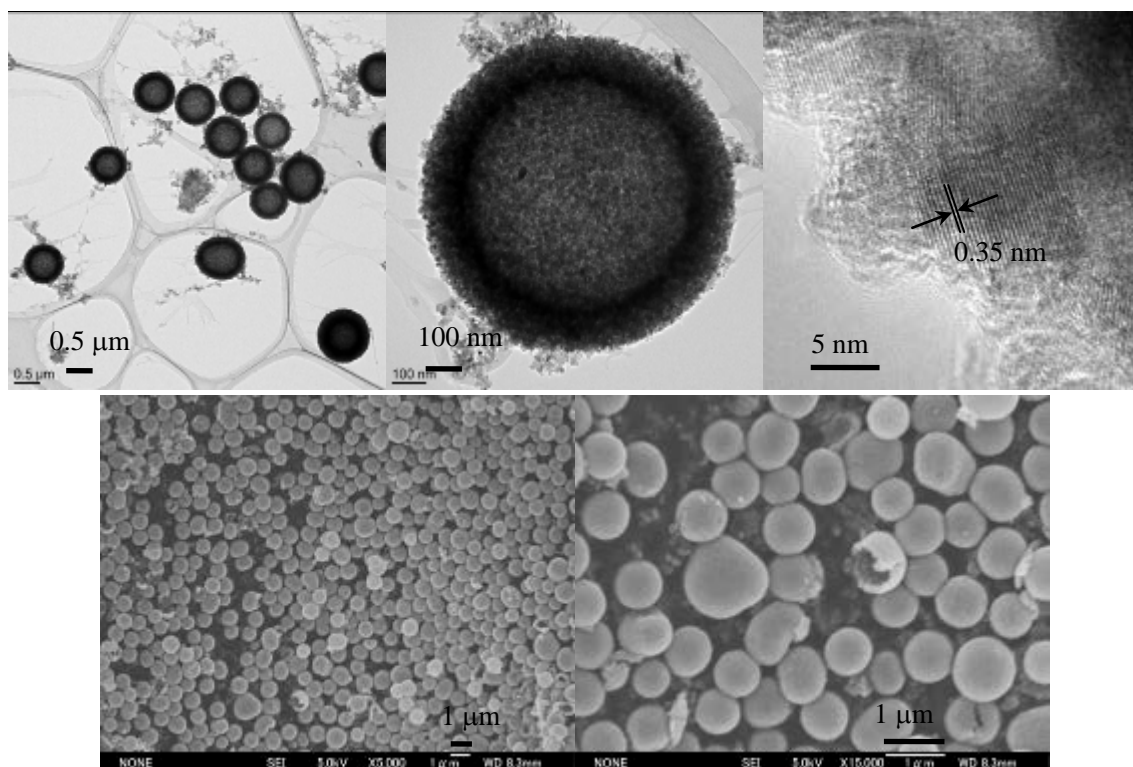
**Fig. S25.** Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherm and BJH pore size distribution plots of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at  $300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min in  $0.28\text{ g mL}^{-1}$  MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid. (slow heating:  $5.4\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$  and slow cooling:  $5.4\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ ).



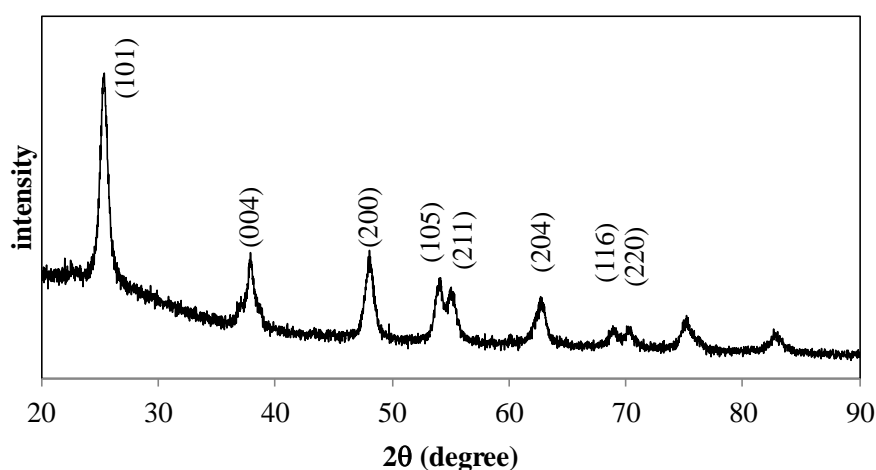
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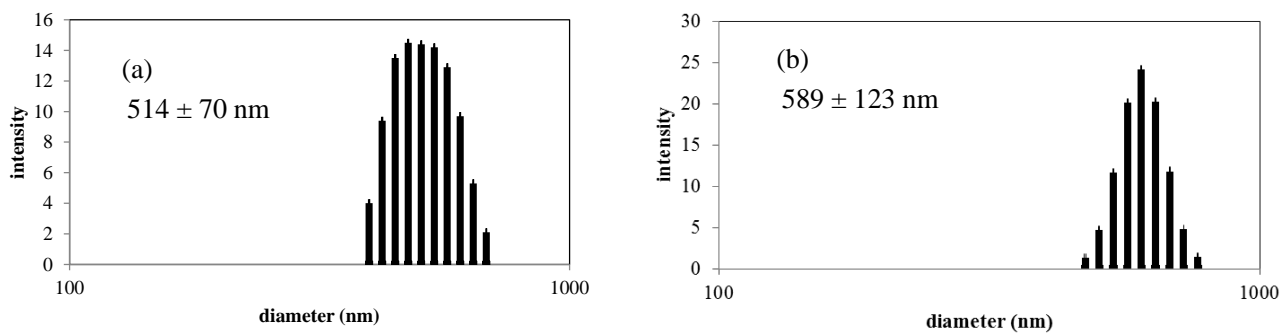
**6.2 Reaction of  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$  with phthalic acid in scMeOH at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density with slow heating (5.4 °C/min).**



**Fig. S27.** TEM and FESEM images of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid. (slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and slow cooling: 5.4 °C/min)

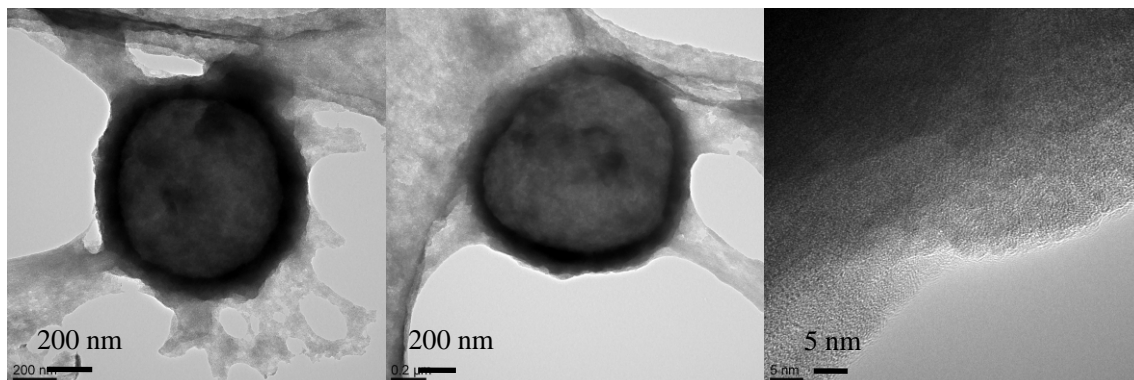


**Fig. S28.** XRD pattern of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid. (slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and slow cooling: 5.4 °C/min)

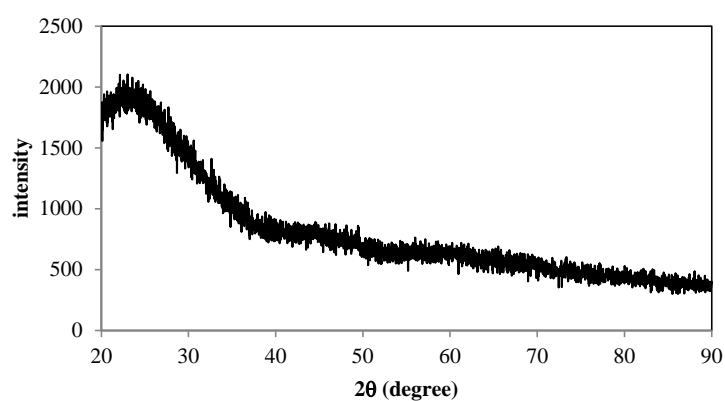


**Fig. S29.** DLS spectra of MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid, (a) slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and the reaction was quenched by putting the reactor into ice-water bath; (b) slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and slow cooling: 5.4 °C/min.

**6.3 Reaction of  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$  with phthalic acid in scMeOH at 200 °C for 10 min and 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> density with slow heating (5.4 °C/min).**

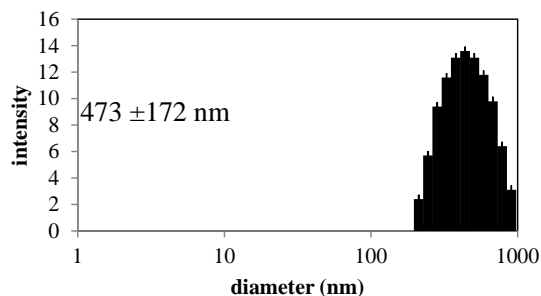


**Fig. S30.** TEM images of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 200 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid (slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and the reaction was quenched by putting the reactor into ice-water bath).

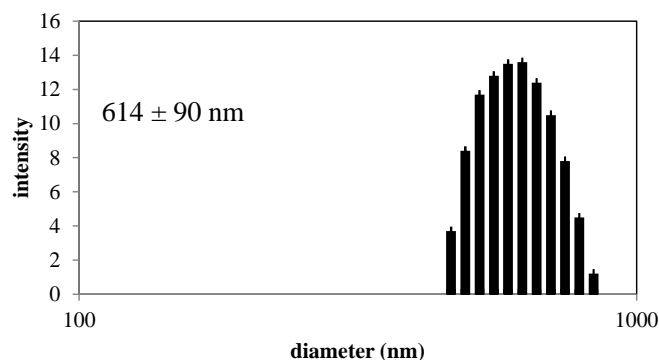


**Fig. S31.** XRD pattern of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 200 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid (slow heating: 5.4 °C/min and the reaction was quenched by putting the reactor into ice-water bath).

**6.4 Reaction of  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$  with phthalic acid in scMeOH at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density with slow heating (2 and 10 °C/min).**



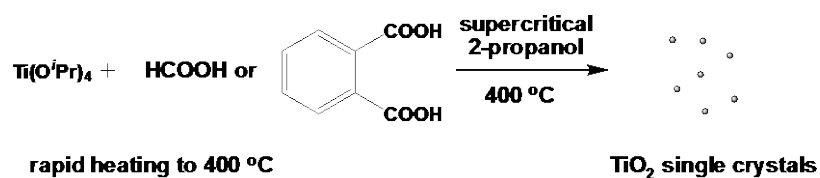
**Fig. S32.** DLS spectrum of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid (slow heating: 2 °C/min and the reaction was quenched by putting the reactor into ice-water bath).



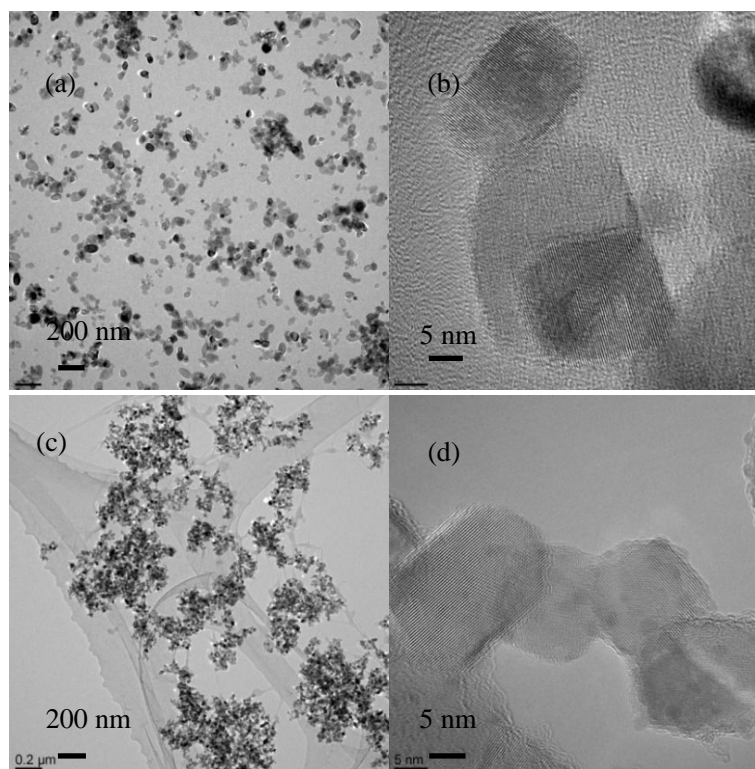
**Fig. S33.** DLS spectrum of MARIMO  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid (slow heating: 10 °C/min and the reaction was quenched by putting the reactor into ice-water bath).

## 7. Effect of reaction media

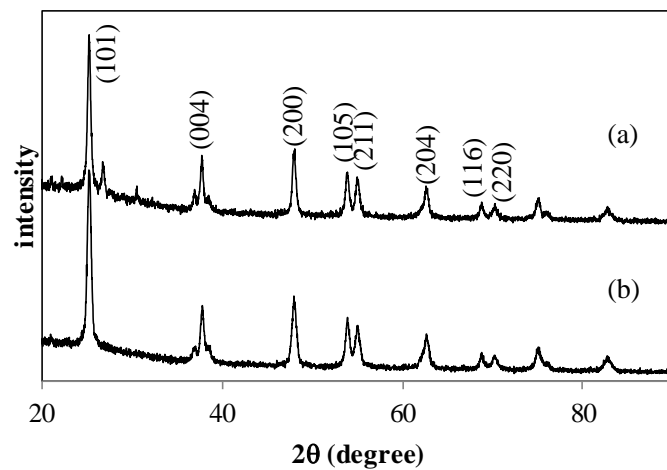
The reaction was performed in supercritical 2-propanol in the presence of HCOOH or phthalic acid under the conditions of 400 °C, 10 min, and 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> 2-propanol density (Scheme S6).



**Scheme S6** Reaction of  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$  with phthalic acid in supercritical 2-propanol at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> 2-propanol density.

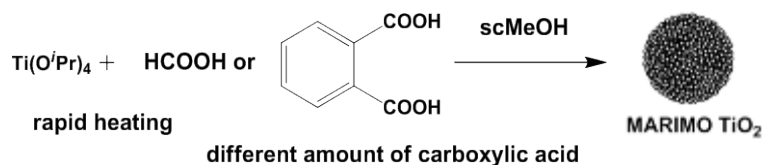


**Fig. S34.** TEM images of prepared TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles at 400 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> 2-propanol density, (a and b) in the presence of phthalic acid; (c and d) in the presence of HCOOH.

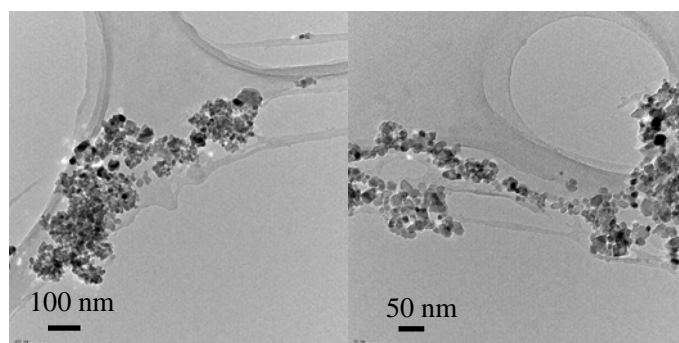


**Fig. S35.** XRD patterns of  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at  $400^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min in  $0.28\text{ g mL}^{-1}$  2-propanol density, (a) in the presence of phthalic acid; (b) in the presence of  $\text{HCOOH}$ .

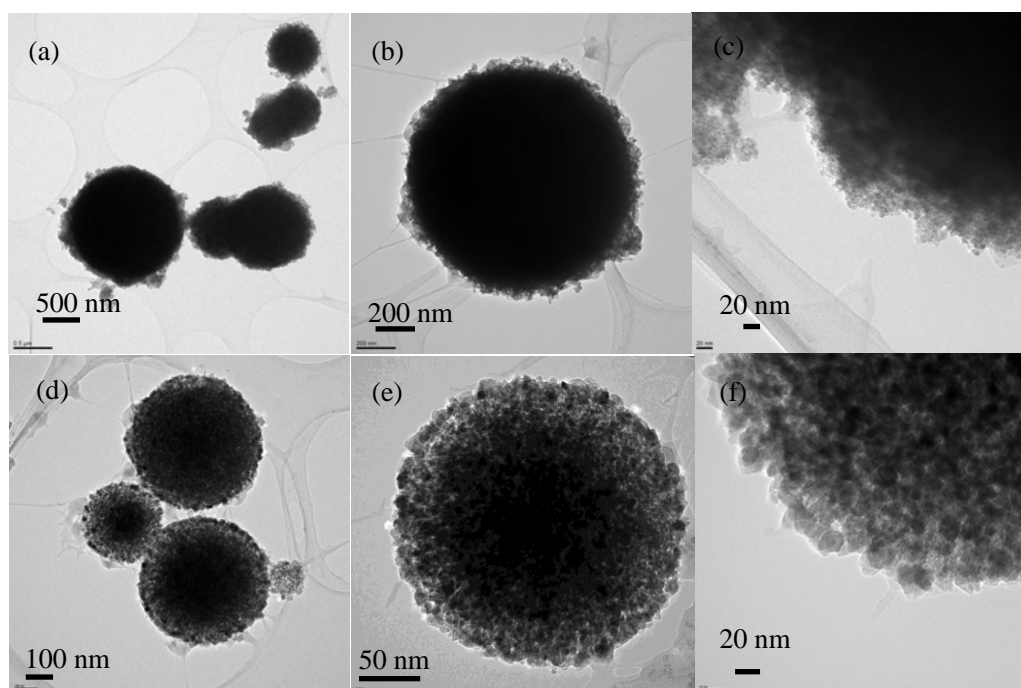
## 8. Effect of carboxylic acid amount



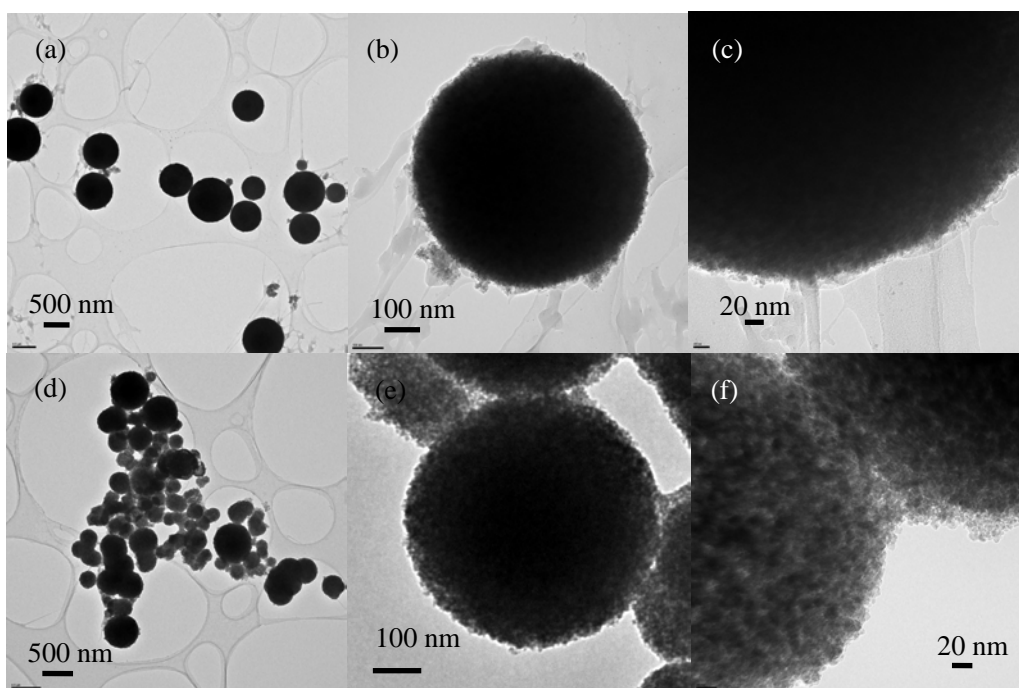
**Scheme S7** Reaction of  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$  with different amount of HCOOH or phthalic acid in scMeOH at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density.



**Fig. S36.** TEM images of  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in scMeOH without carboxylic acid.



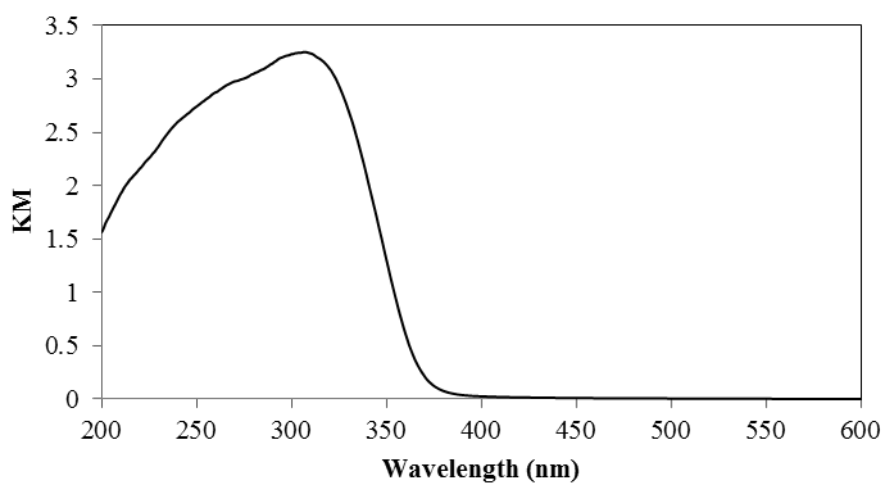
**Fig. S37.** TEM images of  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in scMeOH in the presence of HCOOH, (a, b, and c)  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4\text{:HCOOH} = 1\text{:}1$ ; (d, e, and f)  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4\text{:HCOOH} = 1\text{:}10$ .



**Fig. S38.** TEM images of  $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticles prepared at  $300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min in  $0.28\text{ g mL}^{-1}$  MeOH density in scMeOH, (a, b, and c)  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ :phthalic acid = 1:1; (d, e, and f)  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ :phthalic acid = 1:10.



## 9. Photocatalytic reaction by MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles



**Fig. S39.** UV-vis spectrum of MARIMO TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles prepared at 300 °C for 10 min in 0.28 g mL<sup>-1</sup> MeOH density in the presence of phthalic acid.