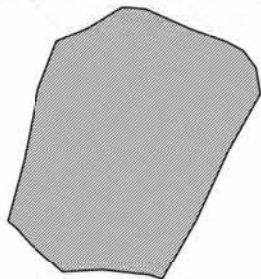
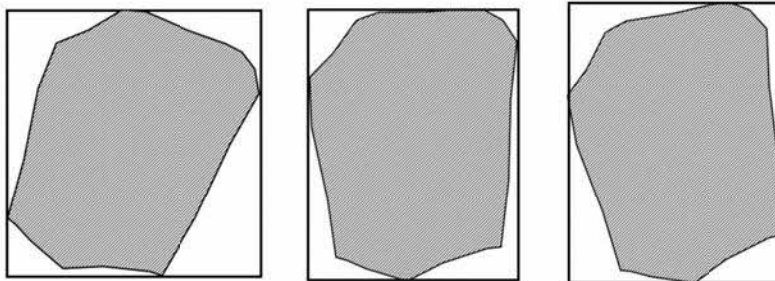


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FIG.1

1. Select a silver particle to be a measurement target.



2. While rotating the selected silver particle, rectangles circumscribing the silver particle are calculated.



3. On the rectangle of the minimum area that circumscribes the silver particle, a long side and a short side of the rectangle are determined as a major axis and a minor axis, respectively.

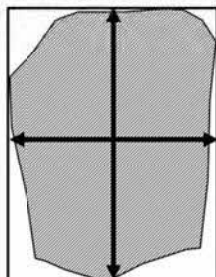


FIG.2

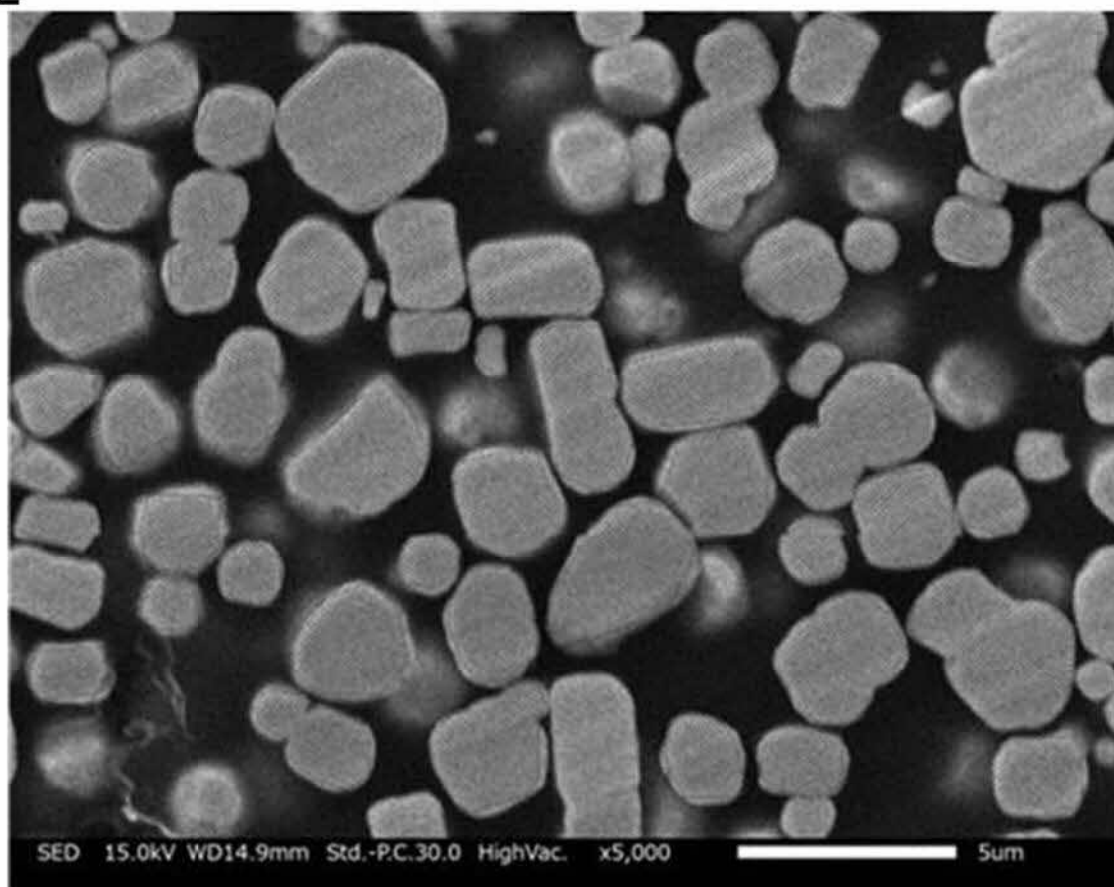


FIG.3A

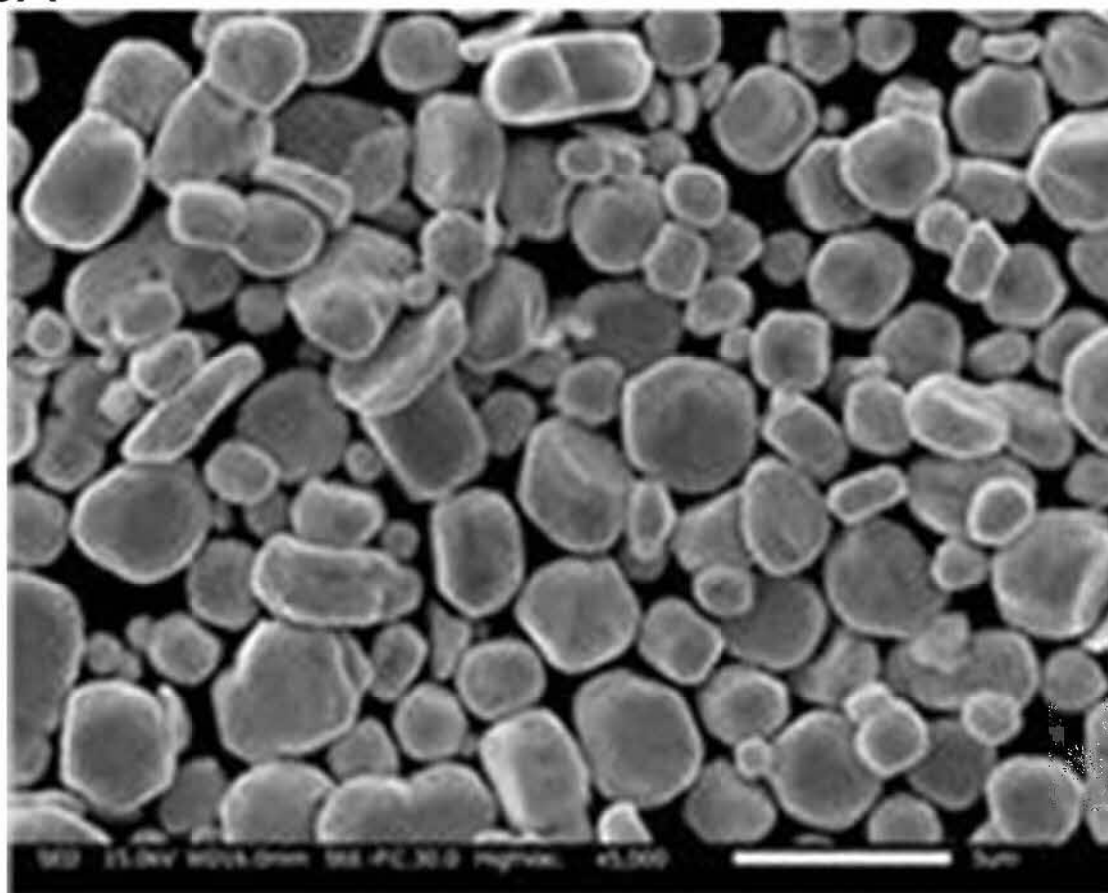


FIG.3B

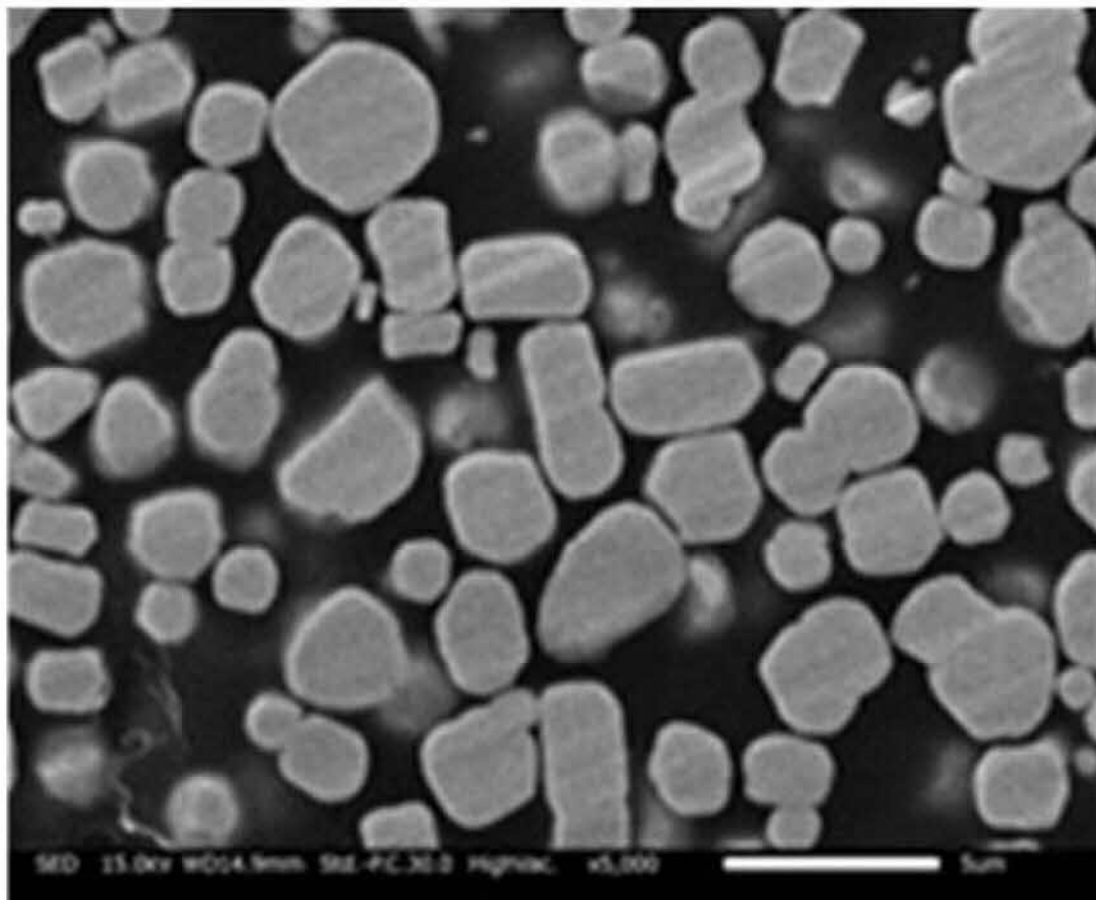
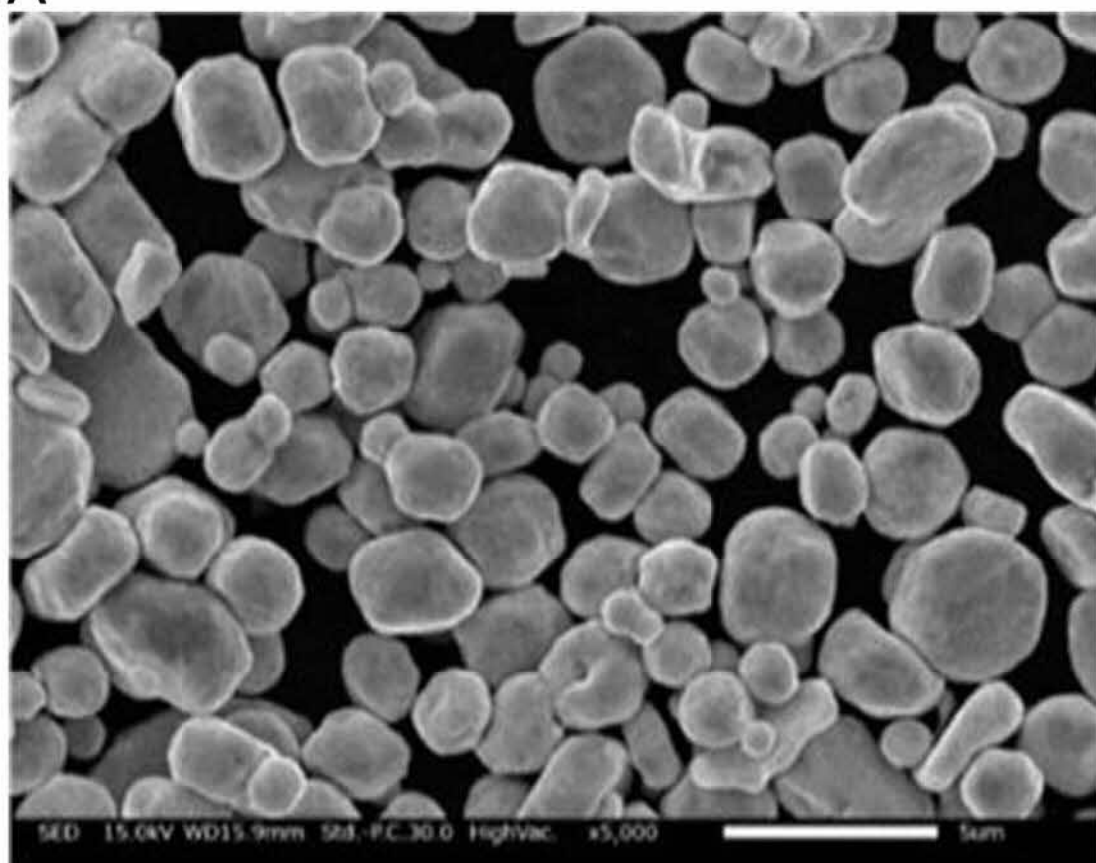


FIG.4A



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FIG.4B

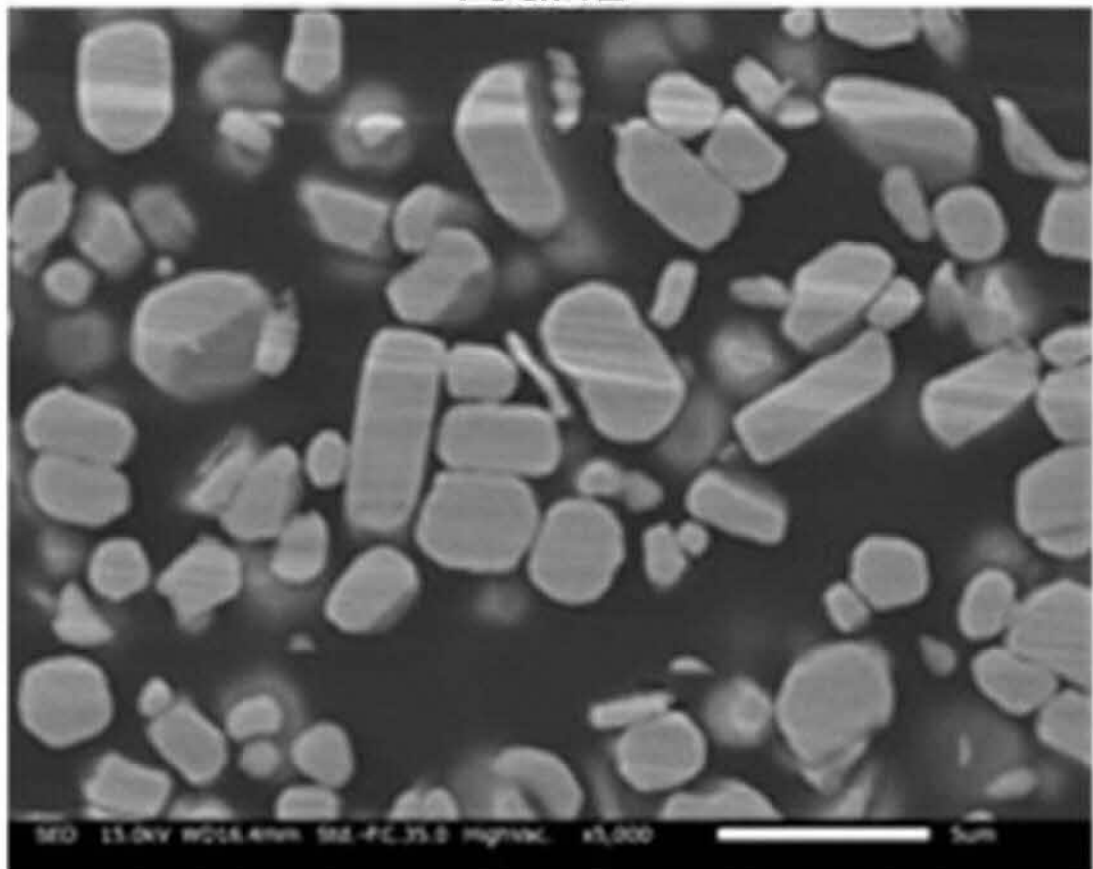
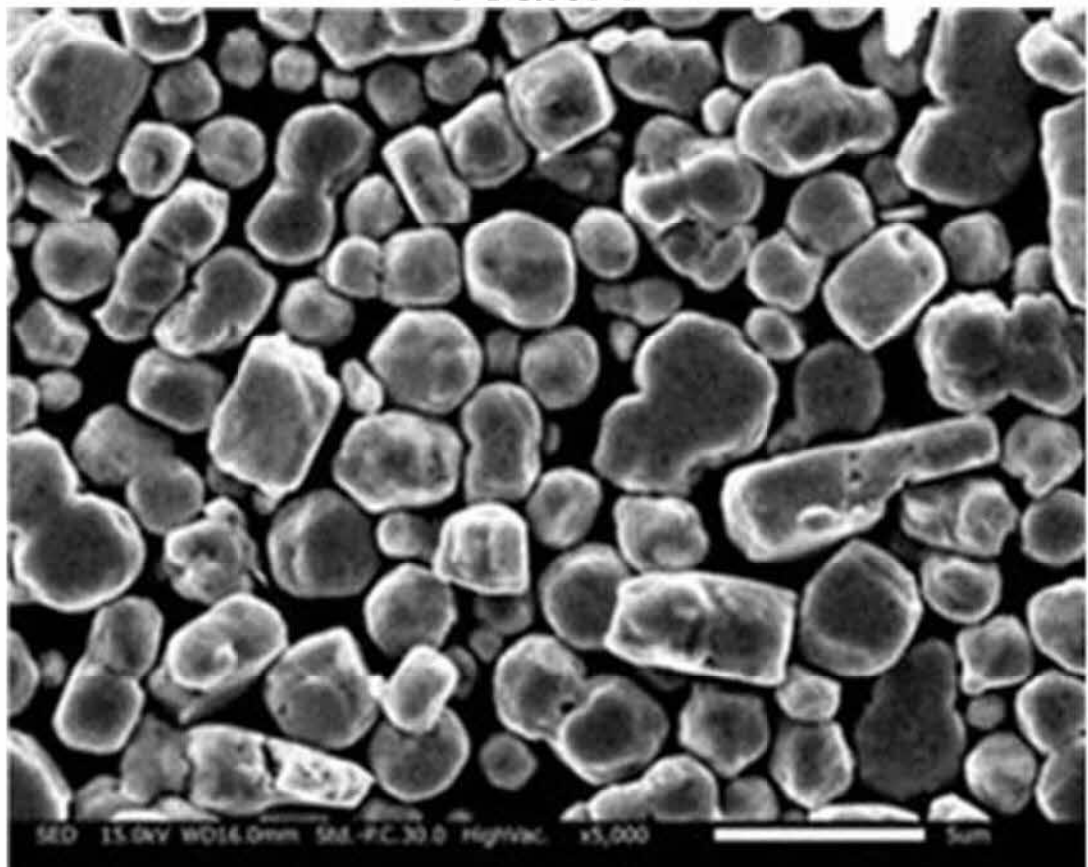


FIG.5A



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FIG.5B

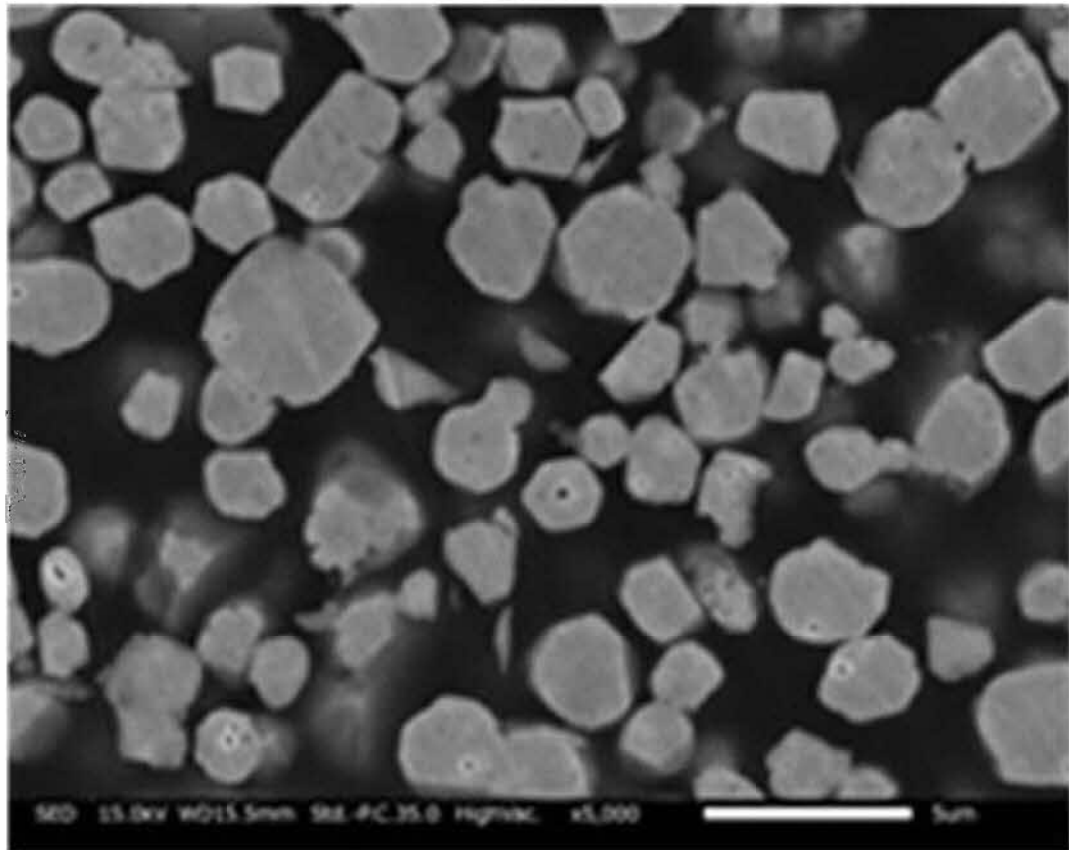
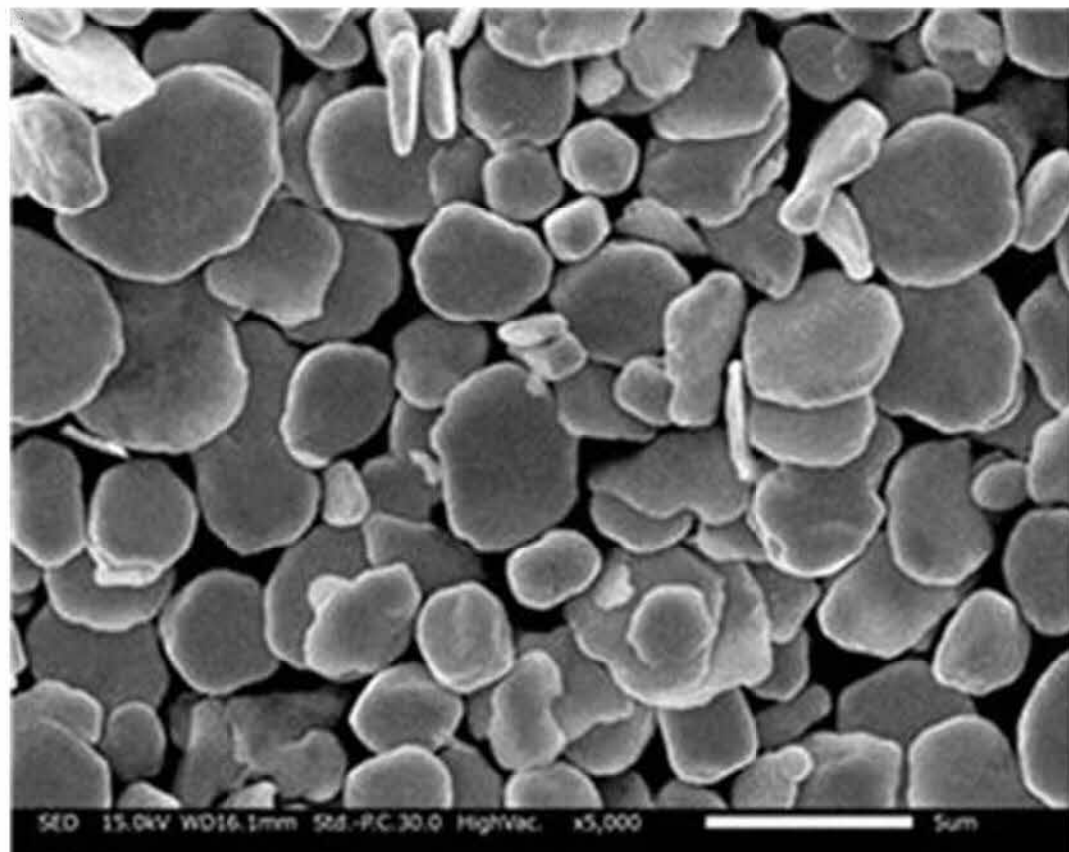


FIG.6A



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FIG.6B

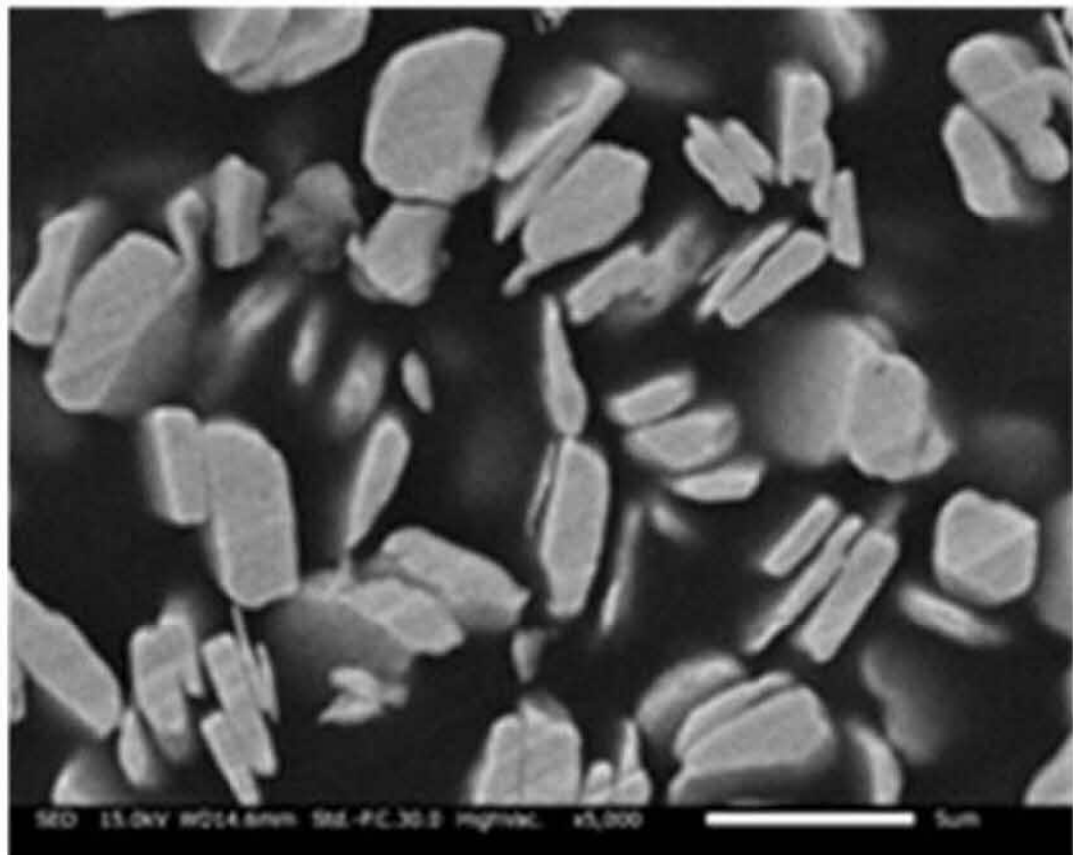
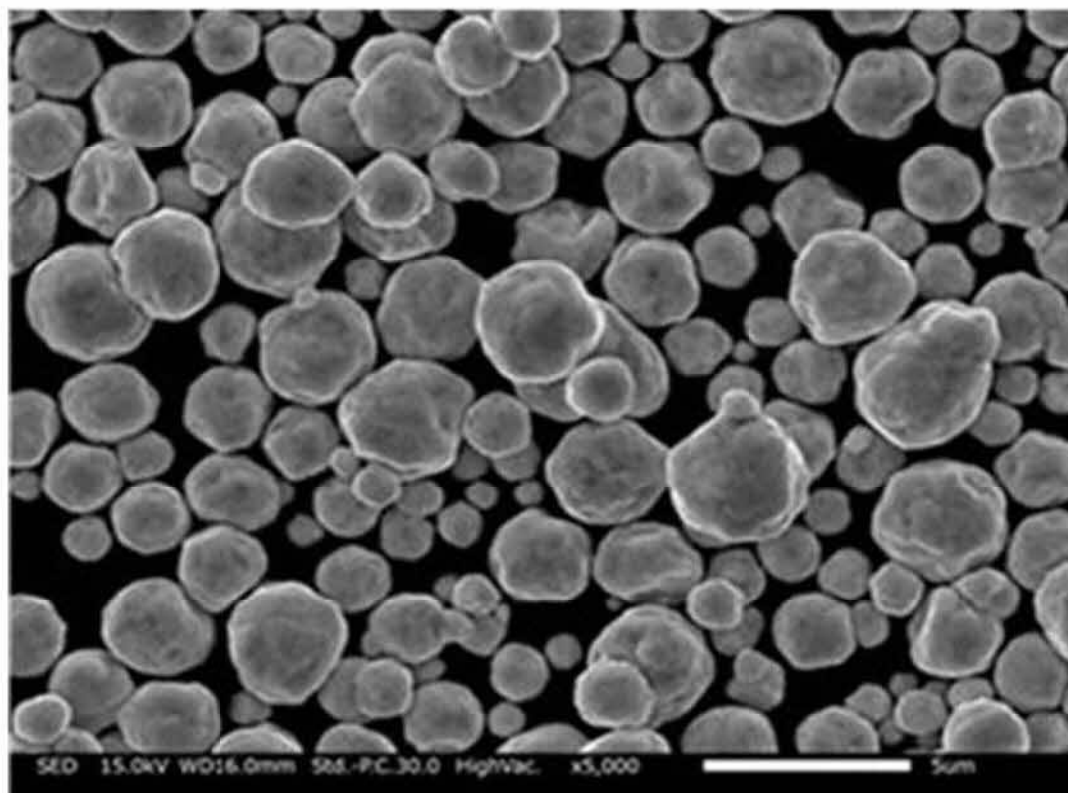


FIG.7A



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FIG.7B

