



1 Supporting Information

- Hydrothermal synthesis of (001) facet highly exposed
 ZnO plates: A new insight into the effect of citrate
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Figure 1. Distribution of Zn²⁺-OH⁻-H₂O system.

8 The distribution of Zn²⁺-OH⁻-H₂O system was calculated according to the equation (4), (10)-(13) 9 and the corresponding complex constant. The distribution can be calculated according to the

10 equation:

 $[Zn(OH)_{x}^{2-x}] = K_{Zn(OH)_{x}^{2-x}} \cdot [Zn^{2+}][OH^{-}]^{x}$



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Figure 2. SEM image of ZnO nanorods.

Table 1. Equilibrium equation and complex constant for $Zn^{2+}-C_6H_5O7^{3-}-H_2O$ system(25 °C).

| | Equilibrium Equation | Complex Constant |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | $ZnSO_{4(aq)} = SO_{4^{2-}} + Zn^{2+}$ | 1.08×10^{0} |
| 2 | $H_2SO_4 = H^+ + HSO_4^-$ | 7.76×10^{1} |
| 3 | $HSO_{4^{-}} = H^{+} + SO_{4^{2^{-}}}$ | 1.21×10^{-2} |
| 4 | $H_2O = H^+ + OH^-$ | 1.02×10^{-14} |
| 5 | $C_6H_8O_7 = C_6H_7O_7 + H^+$ | 7.45×10^{-4} |
| 6 | $C_6H_7O_7^- = C_6H_6O_7^{2-} + H^+$ | 1.73×10^{-5} |
| 7 | $C_6H_6O_7^{2-}=C_6H_5O_7^{3-}+H^+$ | 4.02 × 10 ⁻⁷ |
| 8 | $Zn^{2+} + C_6H_6O_{7^{2-}} = Zn^{2+}-C_6H_6O_{7^{2-}}$ | 5.13×10^{4} |
| 9 | $Zn^{2+} + C_6H_5O_7^{3-} = Zn^{2+}-C_6H_5O_7^{3-}$ | 2.51×10^{11} |
| 10 | $Zn^{2+} + OH^{-} = Zn(OH)^{+}$ | 2.51×10^{4} |
| 11 | $Zn^{2+} + 2OH^{-} = Zn(OH)_{2(aq)}$ | 2.00×10^{11} |
| 12 | $Zn^{2+} + 3OH^{-} = Zn(OH)^{3-}$ | 1.38×10^{14} |
| 13 | $Zn^{2+} + 4OH^{-} = Zn(OH)_{4^{2-}}$ | 4.57×10^{17} |



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