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1. In the Experimental, heating rate of hydrothermal reaction should be given out.
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Reviewer #2: The paper reported the synthesis of quasi-vertical ZnO nanosheets on FTO substrate by hydrothermal method with PVP as surfactant. I don't think the paper can be published in Materials Letters because no deep insight in materials synthesis was provided in the paper. For the synthesis of ZnO nanostructures, the surfactant PVP is widely used. What the different of the author's work with the results in literatures is not mentioned. What is the key factor that affect the morphology of the ZnO nanostructures? The paper is too preliminary as a paper to be published. More investigation on the growth mechanism and morphology evolution should be carried out.

Reviewer #3: This manuscript describes two-dimensional crystal growth in Zinc oxide nanostructure on the substrate. The authors have confirmed the ZnO nanostructure dimensional growth depend on the concentration of NaOH mineralizer under hydrothermal reaction. However, the reviewer thinks that there are some concerns in the interpretation and discussion. The reviewer, therefore, cannot recommend for the publication in Materials Letters in the present form. The comments for the following points should be addressed.

1. Which process does crystal growth occur in hydrothermal reaction or annealing process?

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Dear Dr. Umar,

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