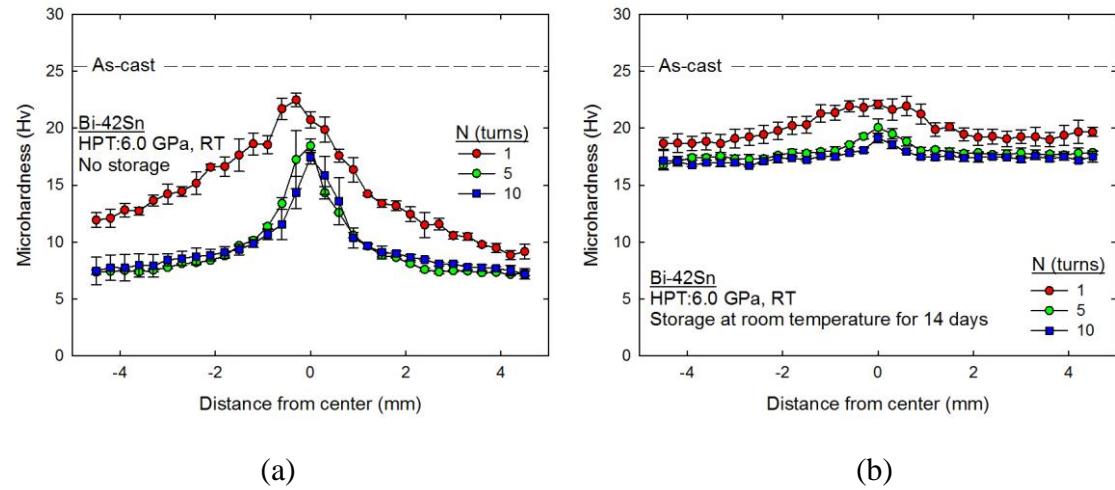
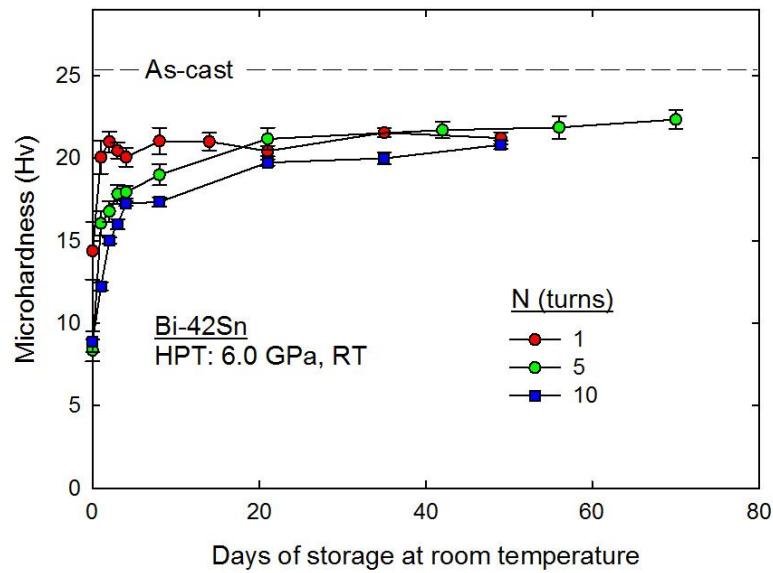


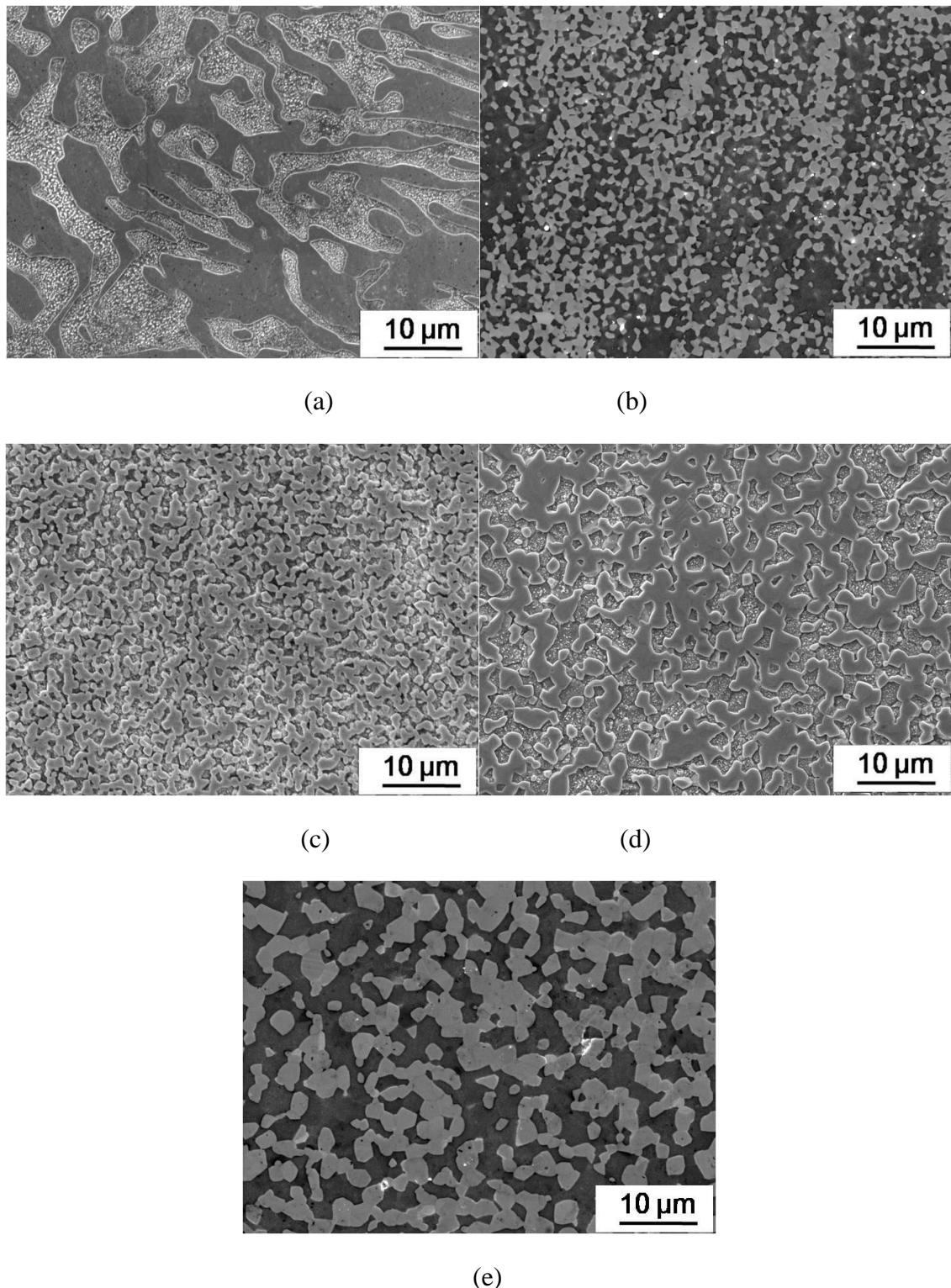
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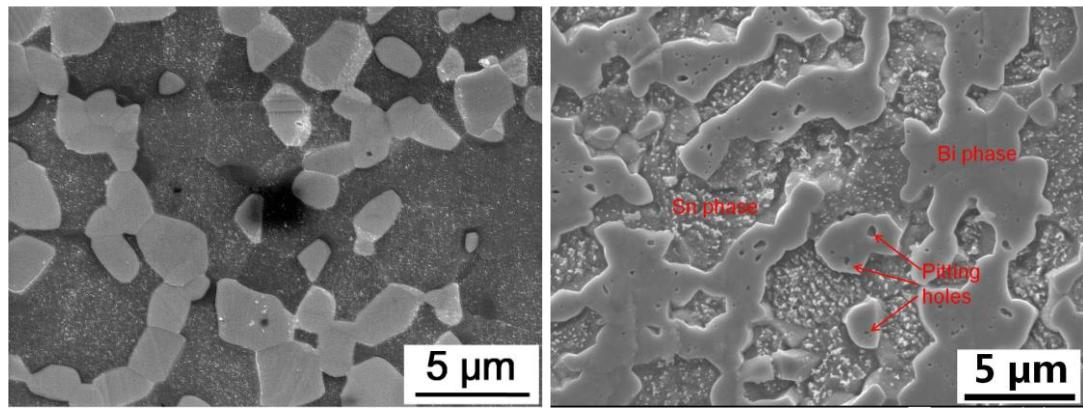
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**Figure 2** Vickers microhardness measured 2 mm from the disk centers versus numbers of days of storage at RT for the as-cast alloy and after HPT processing through 1, 5 and 10 turns.



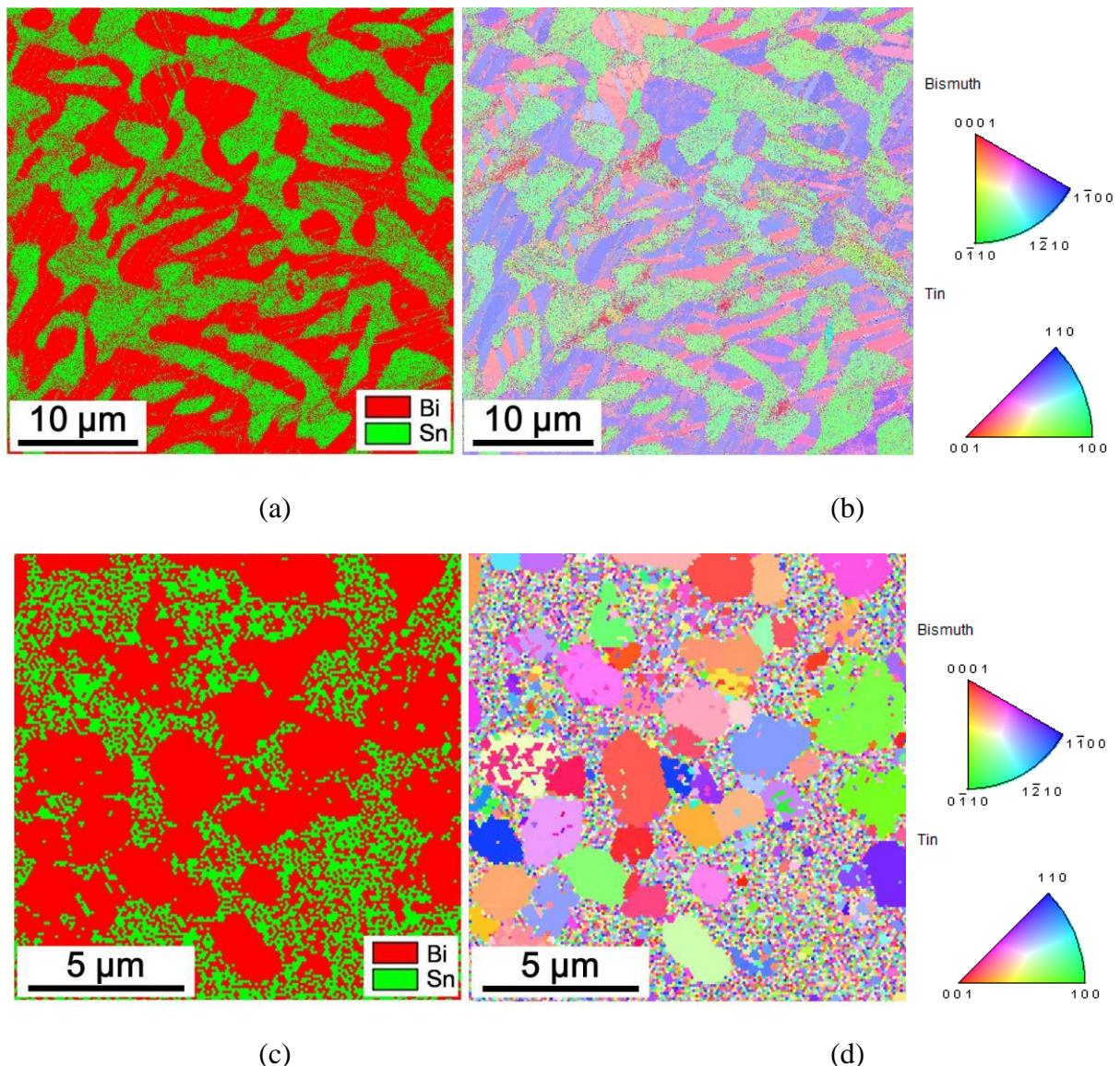
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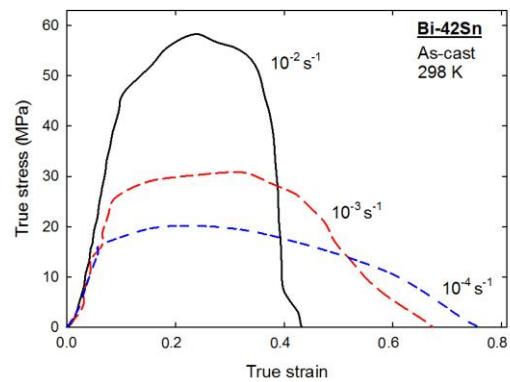
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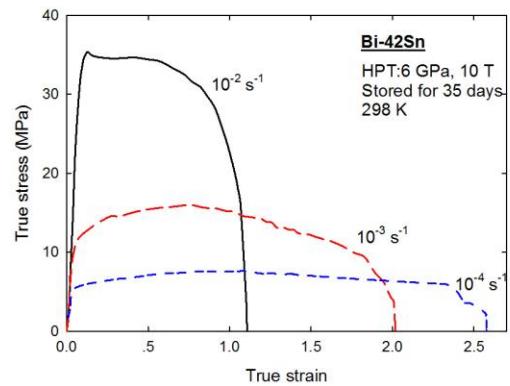
**Figure 4** Microstructure of Bi-Sn sample after HPT processing for 10 turns and storage at RT for 91 days (a) without etching and (b) after etching.



**Figure 5** Microstructures of Bi-Sn samples by EBSD: (a) phase map and (b) orientation map of as-cast sample; (c) phase map and (d) orientation map after HPT processing and storage at RT for 35 days.

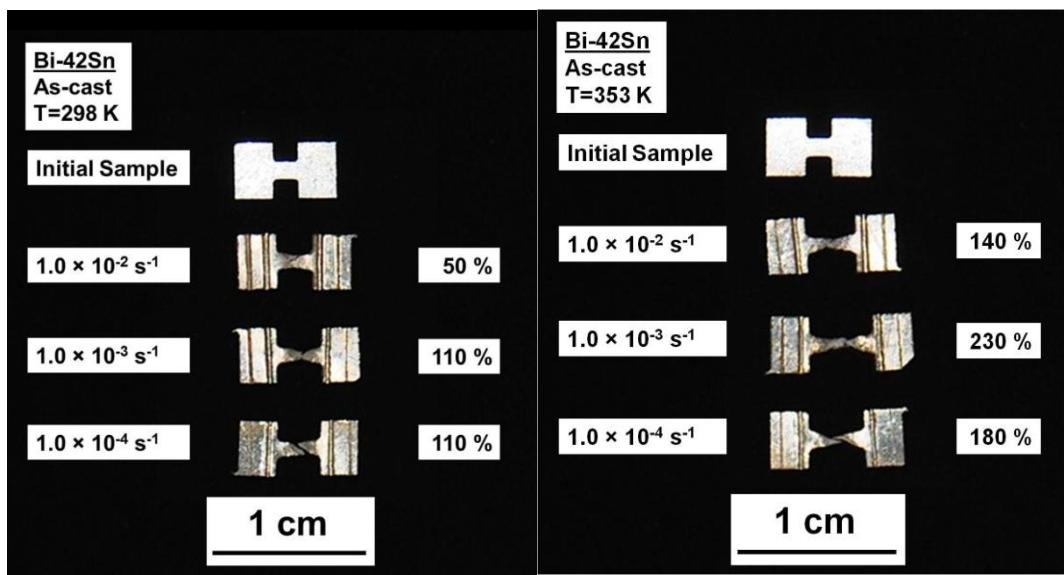


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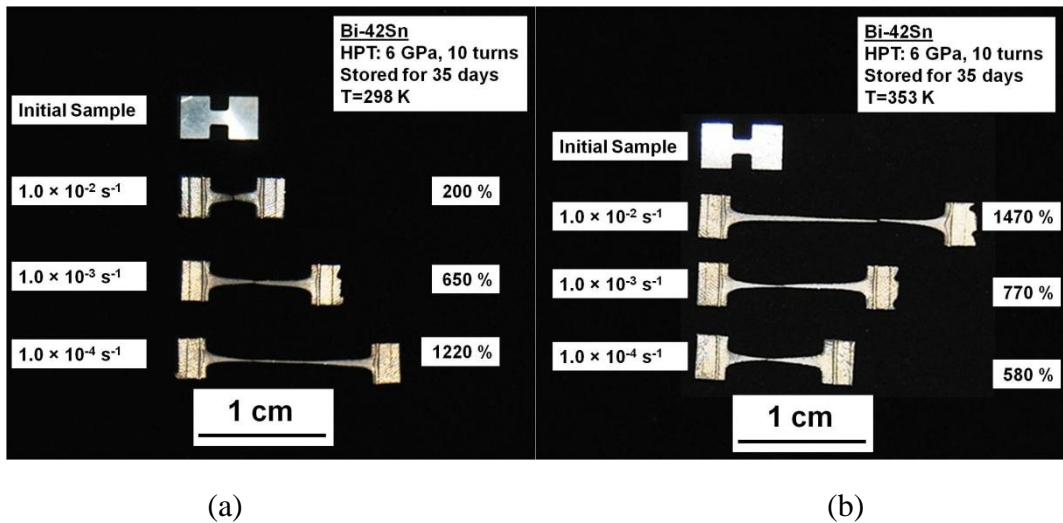
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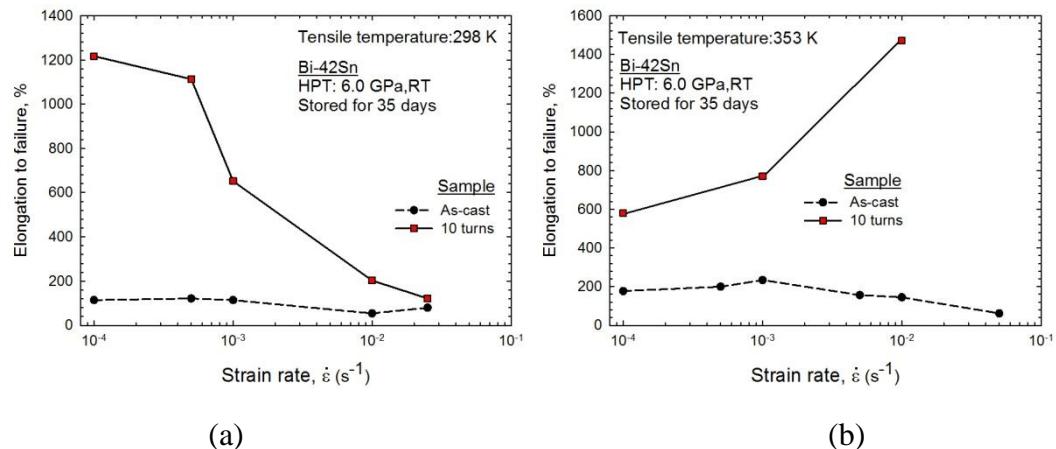
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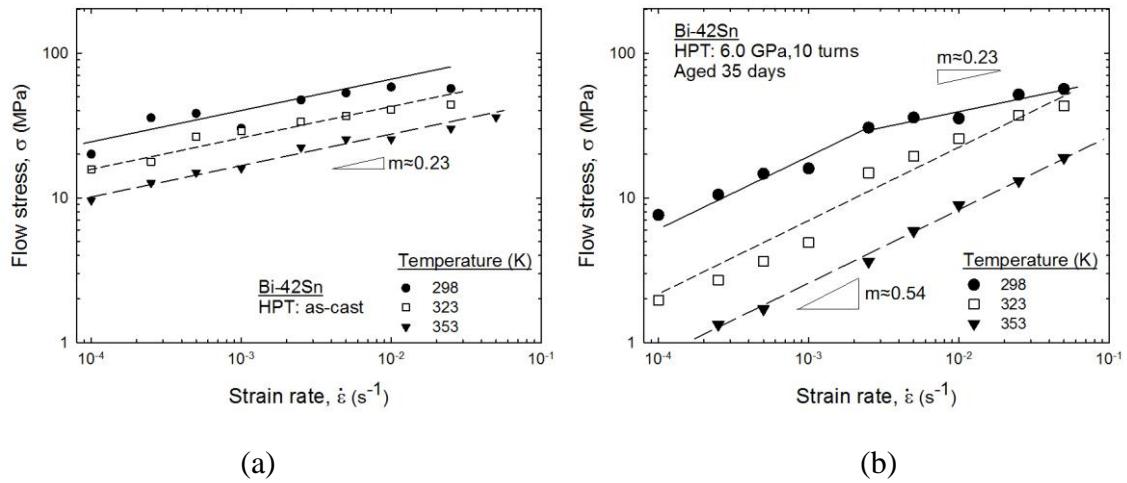
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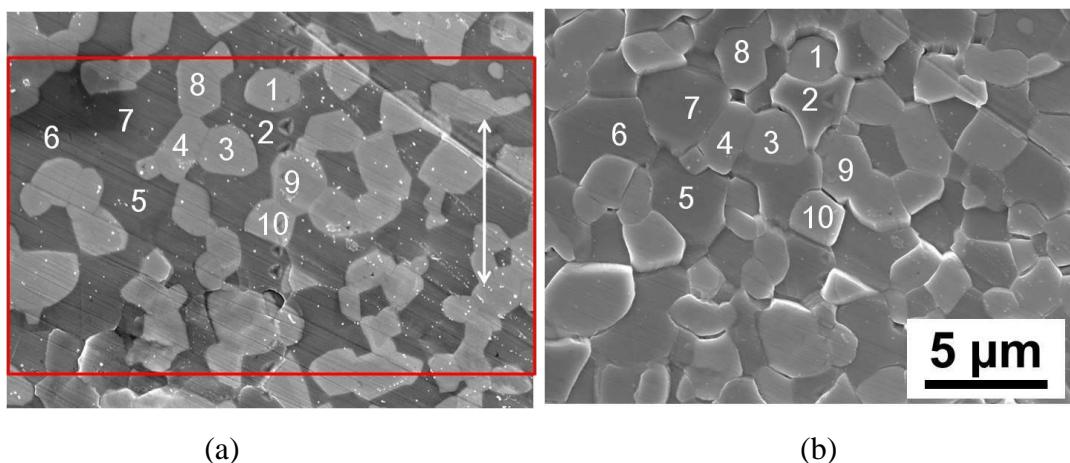
**Figure 8** Appearance of specimens after HPT processing for 10 turns and storage for 35 days and then testing to failure at different initial strain rates for tests conducted at (a) 298 K and (b) 353 K.



**Figure 9** Elongations after testing to failure with different initial strain rates at (a) 298 K and (b) 353 K.



**Figure 10** Flow stress versus strain rate at different temperatures for (a) the as-cast alloy and (b) the alloy processed by HPT and stored for 35 days: the slopes give the values of the strain rate sensitivity,  $m$ .



**Figure 11** Microstructure after processing by HPT for 10 turns and storing for 35 days (a) before and (b) after testing to 30% strain at RT: the white arrow in (a) shows the tensile direction.