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Abstract

Artifact-free bulk nanocrystalline $Cu_{88}Al_{11.5}Y_{0.5}$ alloy has been synthesized by *in situ* consolidation of mechanically alloyed powder blend followed by annealing of the consolidated compact at 200°C (or 0.35 T_m) for 30 min. Grain size determination and phase identification have been carried by X-ray line broadening analysis and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). Hardness measurement has demonstrated that the Hall-Petch effect is the dominant strengthening mechanism for both as-consolidated and annealed specimens. Strength improvement after short annealing time was attributed to the relaxations of non-equilibrium grain boundaries.

Keywords: Nanocrystalline, Copper alloys, Mechanical alloying, In situ consolidation, strengthening mechanism

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