## **Supporting Information**

## A trialkylphosphine-driven chemical transformation route to Ag and Bi based chalcogenides

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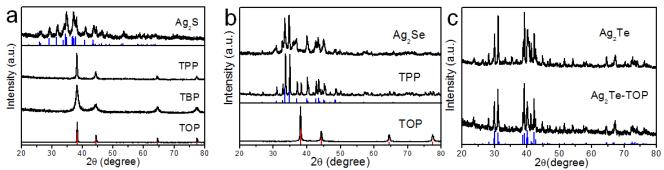
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**Figure S1.** (a) XRD patterns of  $Ag_2S$ , (b)  $Ag_2Se$ , (c)  $Ag_2Te$  based transformation reactions with different reductants of TPP, TBP, and TOP.

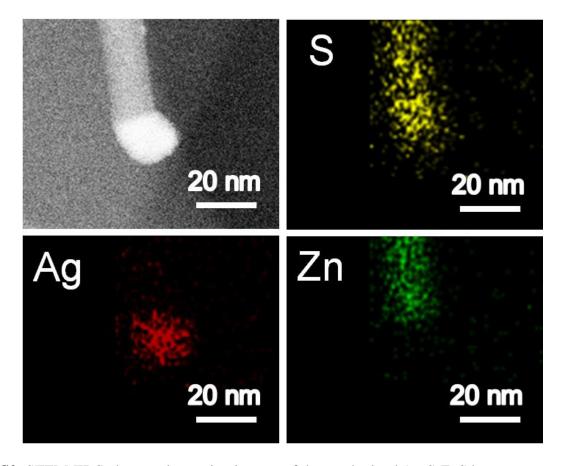


Figure S2. STEM-EDS elemental mapping images of the as-obtained Ag<sub>2</sub>S-ZnS heteronanocrystals.

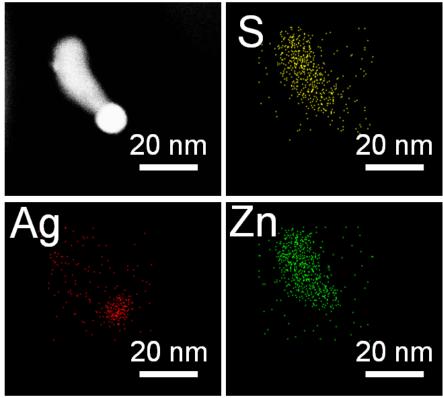
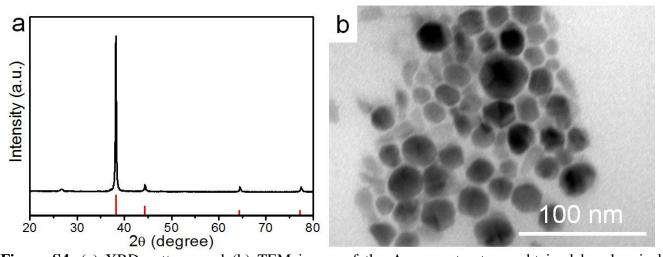
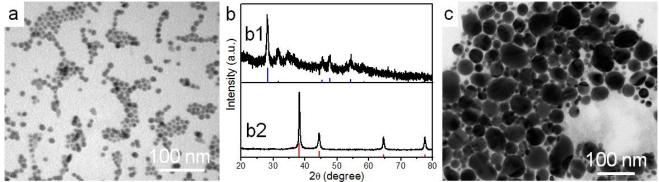


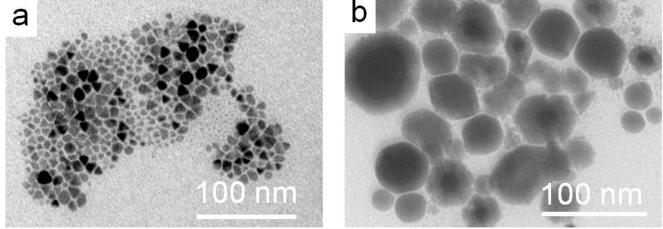
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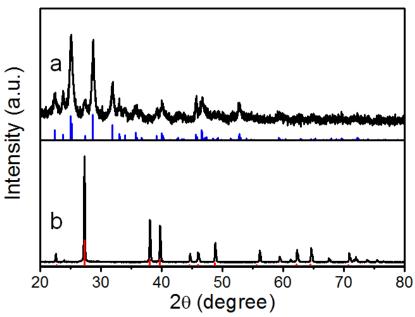
**Figure S4.** (a) XRD pattern, and (b) TEM image of the Ag nanostructures obtained by chemical transformation of  $AgInS_2$  nanocrystals.



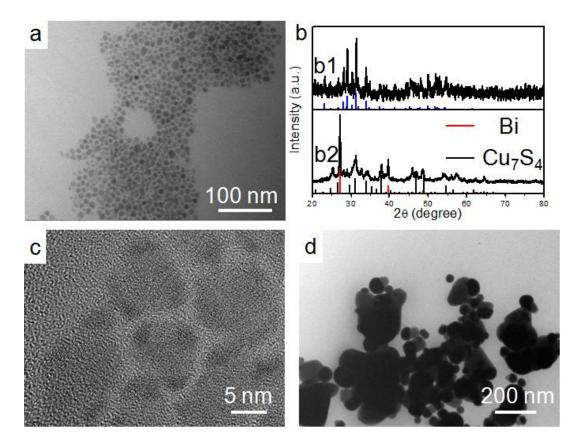
**Figure S5.** (a) TEM image of the AgFeS<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals, (b) XRD patterns of AgFeS<sub>2</sub> (b1) before chemical transformation, and (b2) after chemical transformation, (c) TEM image of the Ag nanostructures obtained by chemical transformation of AgFeS<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals.



**Figure S6.** TEM image (a) before chemical transformation, and (b) after chemical transformation of the  $AgBiSe_2$  nanocrystals.



**Figure S7.** XRD patterns of  $Bi_2S_3$  nanocrystals (a) before chemical transformation, and (b) after chemical transformation.



**Figure S8.** (a) TEM image, (b) XRD patterns of  $Cu_3BiS_3$  nanocrystals (b1) before chemical transformation, and (b2) after chemical transformation, TEM images of the chemical transformation process of  $Cu_3BiS_3$  nanocrystals for different time: (c) 10 min, (d) 30 min.