## **Supporting Information**

## Template approach to crystalline GaN nanosheets

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Figure S1 SEM images of GaOOH and γ-Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanostructures synthesized at different

 $H_2O$  and ethanediamine ratios: (a) 3:1; (b) 2:1; (c)1:1; (d)1:2 and (e) 1:3, respectively;



Figure S2 XRD patterns of GaOOH and  $\gamma$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanostructures synthesized at different

H<sub>2</sub>O and ethanediamine ratios;



Figure S3 (a, b) SEM images of  $\gamma$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanosheets under different magnifications;



Figure S4 Low-magnification TEM and its corresponding HRTEM images of  $\gamma$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

nanosheets with different H<sub>2</sub>O and ethanediamine ratios: (a, b) 2:1 and (c, d) 1:1;



Figure S5 (a) Low-magnification STEM image of GaN nanosheets and their elemental



mapping of (b) Ga and (c) N elements;

Figure S6 Typical SEM images of (a)  $\gamma$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanosheets and (b) GaN nanosheets

nitrified at 850°C for 30 min;



Figure S7 (a) Low-magnification TEM and (b) HRTEM images of GaN nanosheets

synthesized at 850°C for 30 min;



Figure S8 Representative EDS composition spectrum of GaN nanosheets transferred from nitrified  $\gamma$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanosheet at 850°C for 60 min;