

## Supporting Information

# Direct Readout of Homo- vs. Heterochiral Ligand Shell of Quantum Dots

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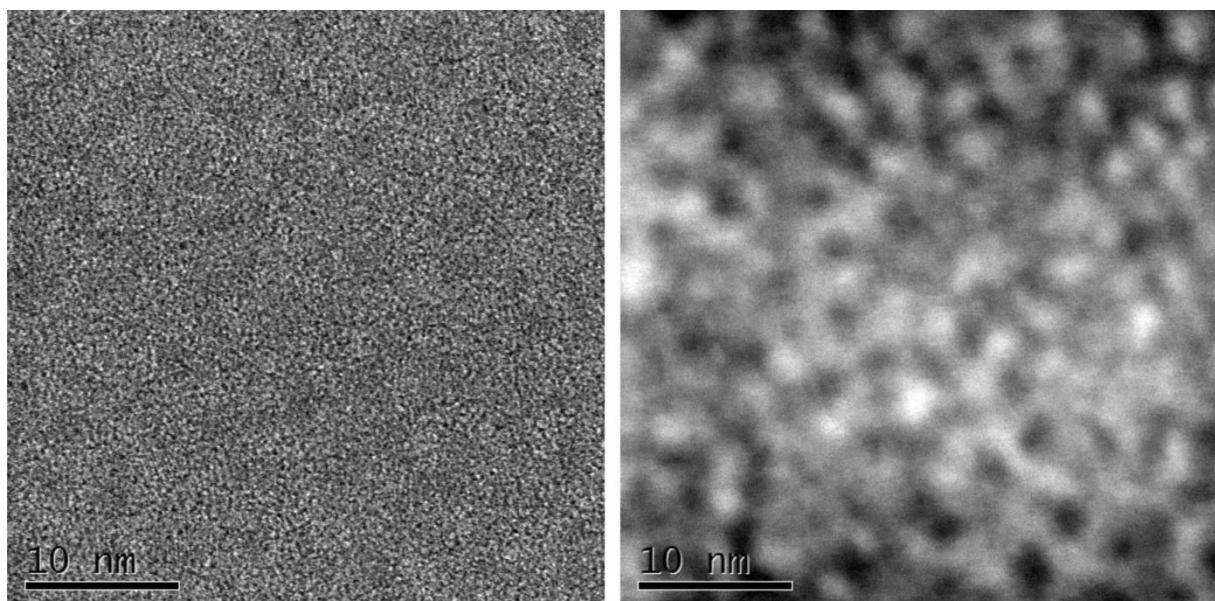
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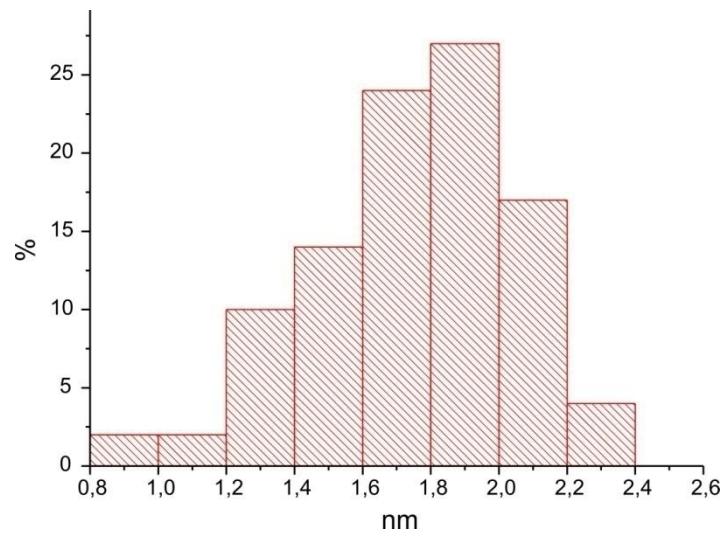
## Characterization of ZnO QDs

### Transmission Electron Microscopy

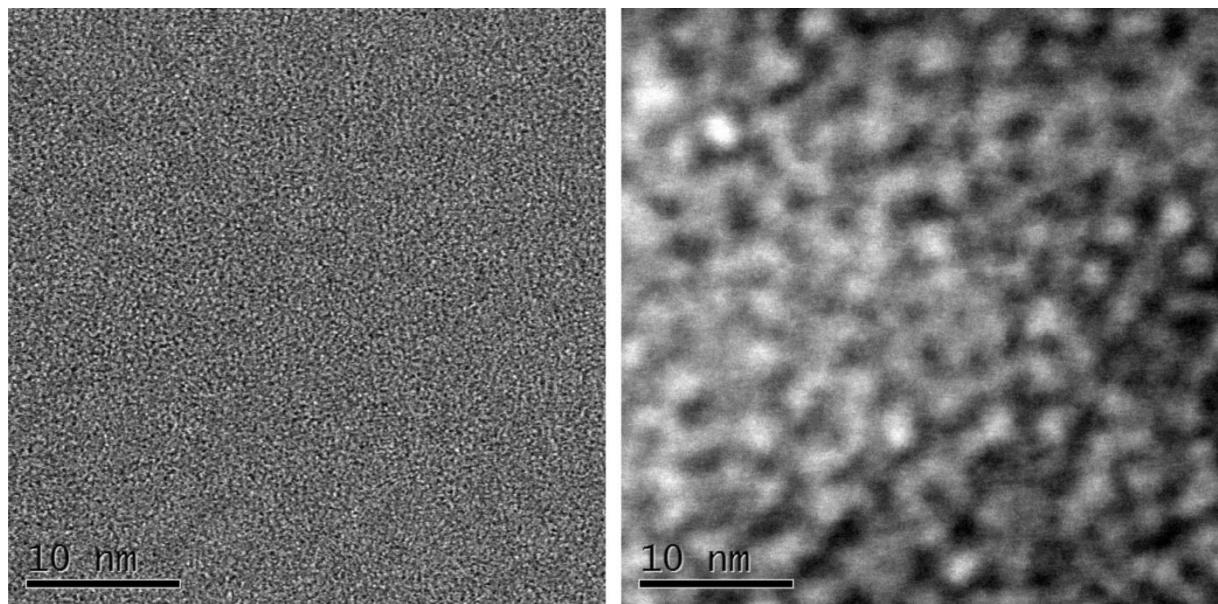
Size, shape and morphology of the nanoparticles were examined by High-Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy (HR TEM). Nanoparticle samples were drop-cast (THF or DMSO solution) onto 300-mesh, holey carbon-coated copper grids (Quantifoil). Afterward, the excess solvent evaporated at room temperature. Nanoparticle samples were imaged using a C<sub>s</sub> corrected scanning transmission electron microscope (STEM, HITACHI HD2700, 200 kV). The observations were carried on in three modes: SE (images used to study morphology), HAADF STEM (Z-contrast) and HR TEM (images showing the atomic structure). A wide variety of magnifications (from x1500 up to x8000000) were used to study the microstructure of ZnO samples. The size of nanoparticles was calculated by image analyses, using ImageJ2x computer software. For image analyses a population of 100 particles was used for each sample. Average sizes and standard deviations were calculated from obtained results.



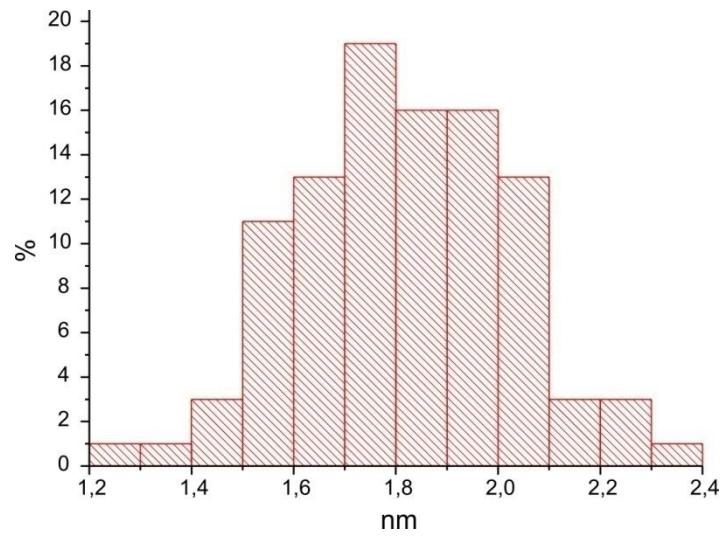
**Figure S1.** Representative HR TEM (left) and HAADF STEM (right) images of **ZnO<sup>1RR</sup>** dispersed in THF.



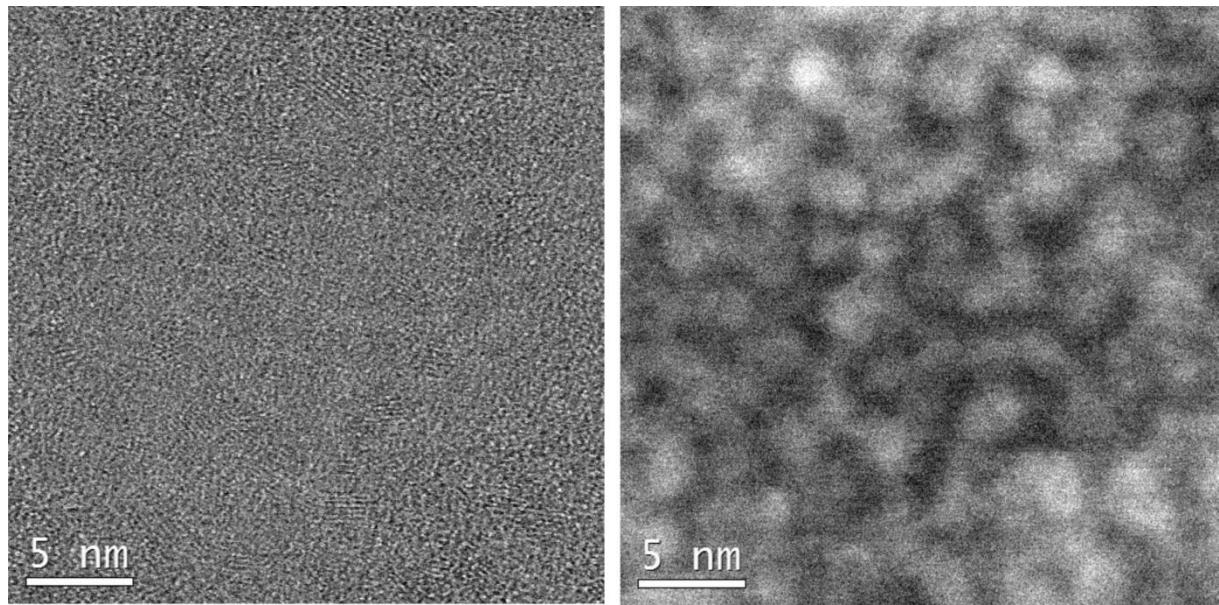
**Figure S2.** Size distribution of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{RR}}$  calculated from TEM images. Average size of the inorganic core:  $1.7 \pm 0.3$  nm.



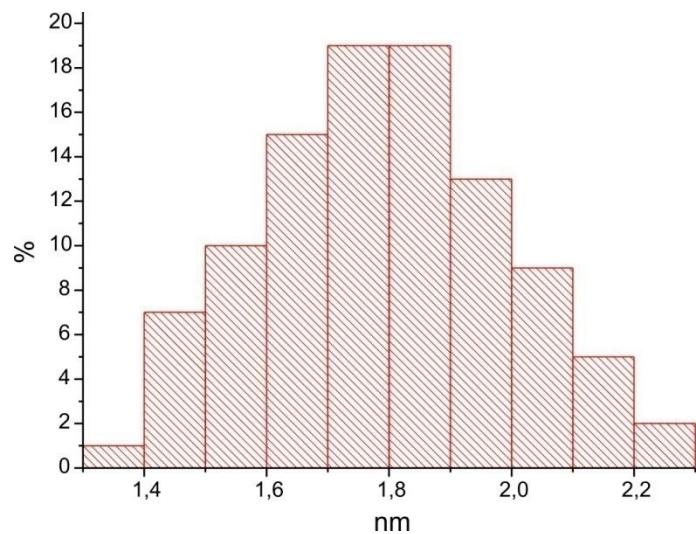
**Figure S3.** Representative HR TEM (left) and HAADF STEM (right) images of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{SS}}$  dispersed in THF.



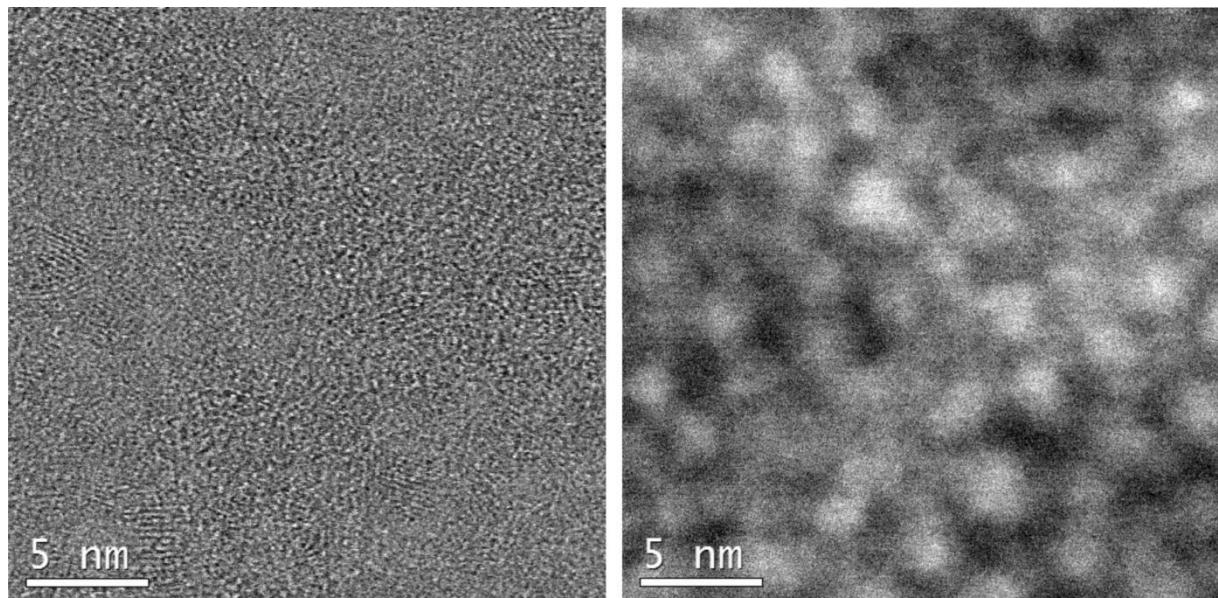
**Figure S4.** Size distribution of  $\text{ZnO}^{\text{ISS}}$  calculated from TEM images. Average size of the inorganic core:  $1.8 \pm 0.2$  nm.



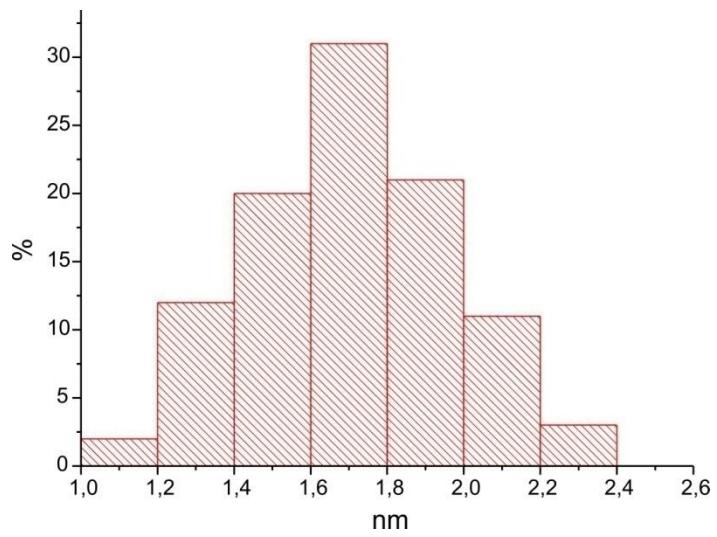
**Figure S5.** Representative HR TEM (left) and HAADF STEM (right) images of  $\text{ZnO}^{\text{ITrac}}$  dispersed in THF.



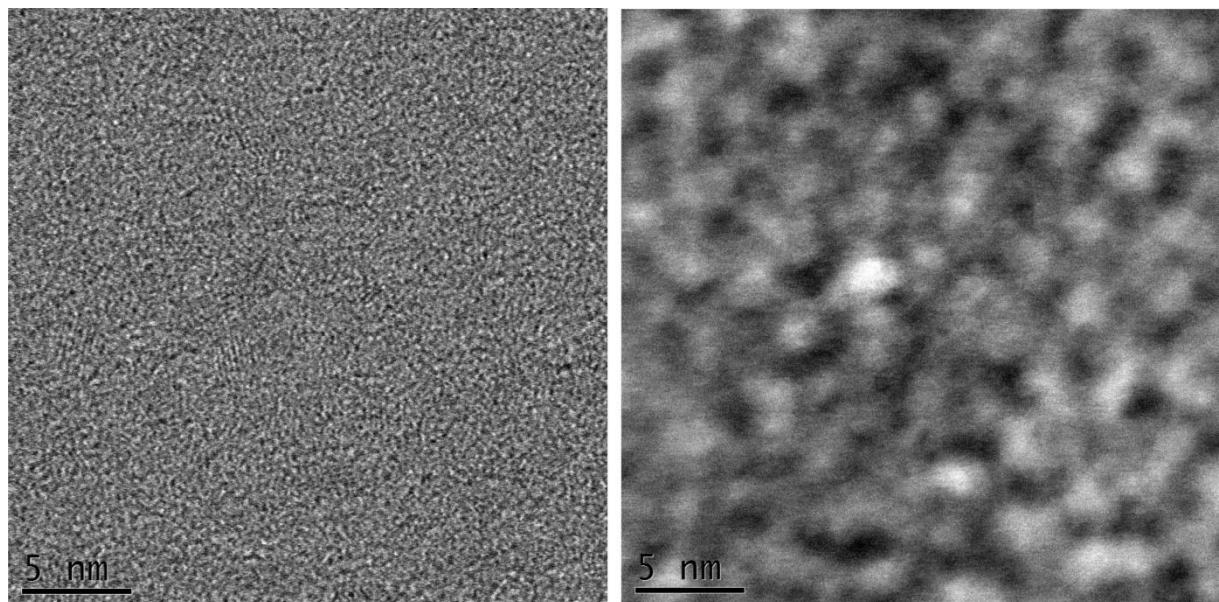
**Figure S6.** Size distribution of  $\text{ZnO}^{\text{ITrac}}$  calculated from TEM images. Average size of the inorganic core:  $1.8 \pm 0.2$  nm.



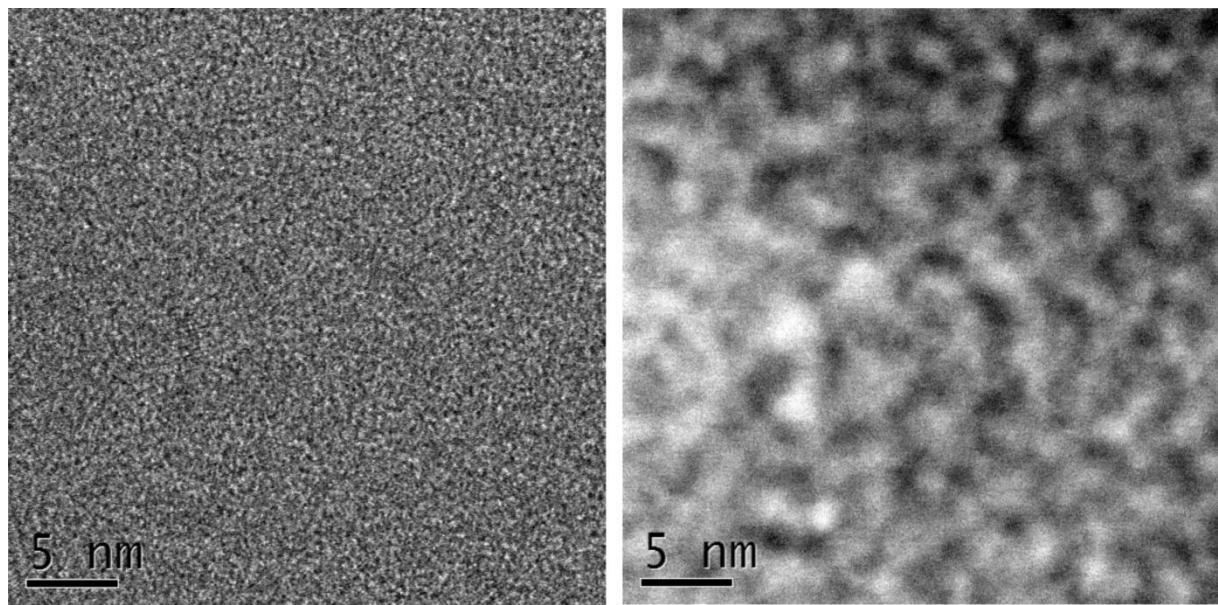
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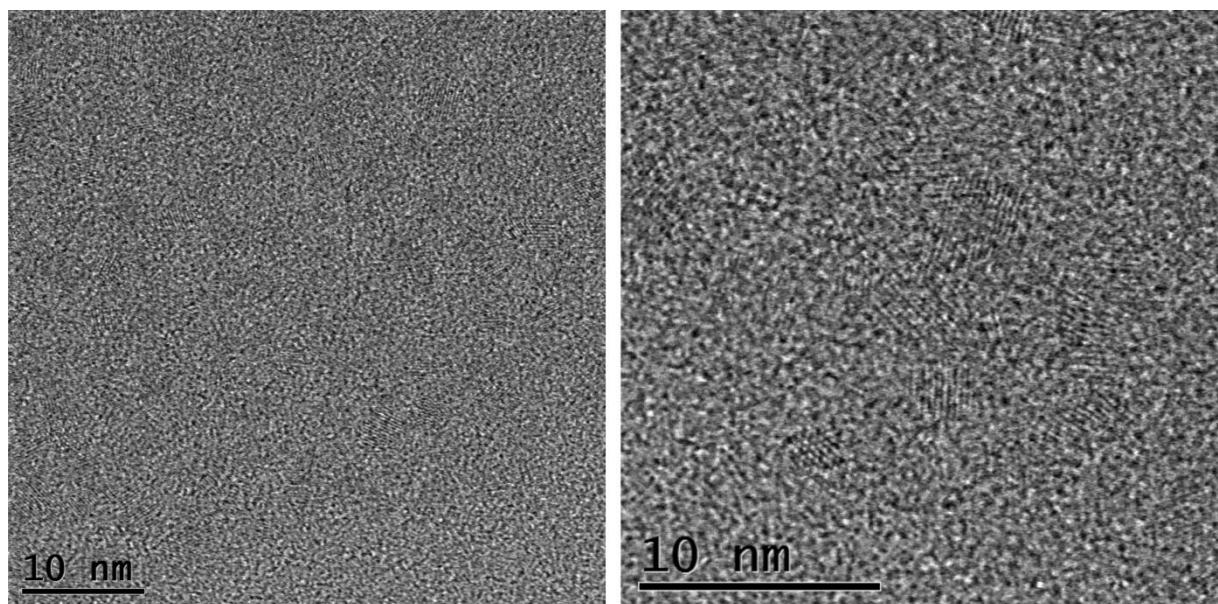
**Figure S8.** Size distribution of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{Crac}}$  calculated from TEM images. Average size of the inorganic core:  $1.7 \pm 0.3$  nm.



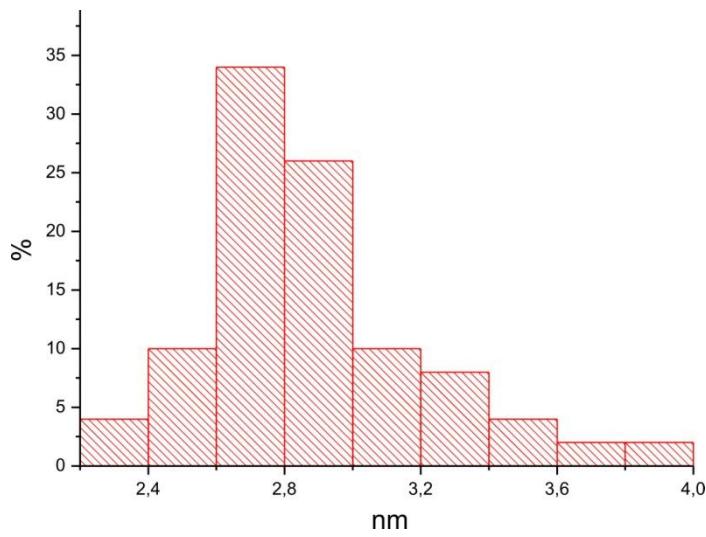
**Figure S9.** Representative HR TEM (left) and HAADF STEM (right) images of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{RS}}$  dispersed in THF.



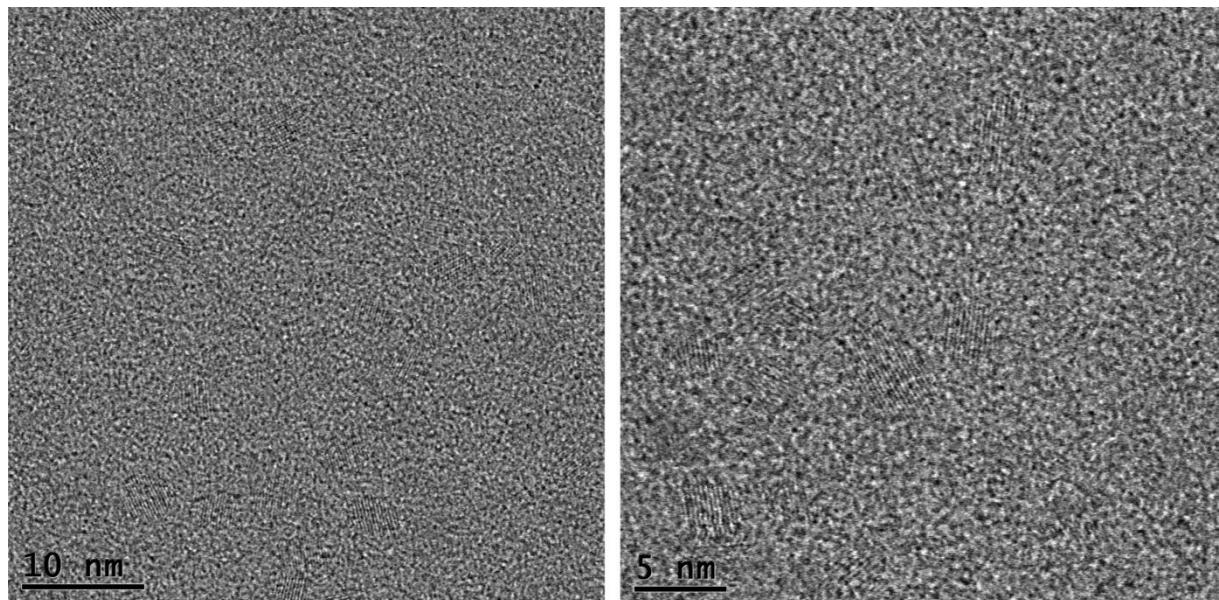
**Figure S10.** Representative HR TEM (left) and HAADF STEM (right) images of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{SR}}$  dispersed in THF.



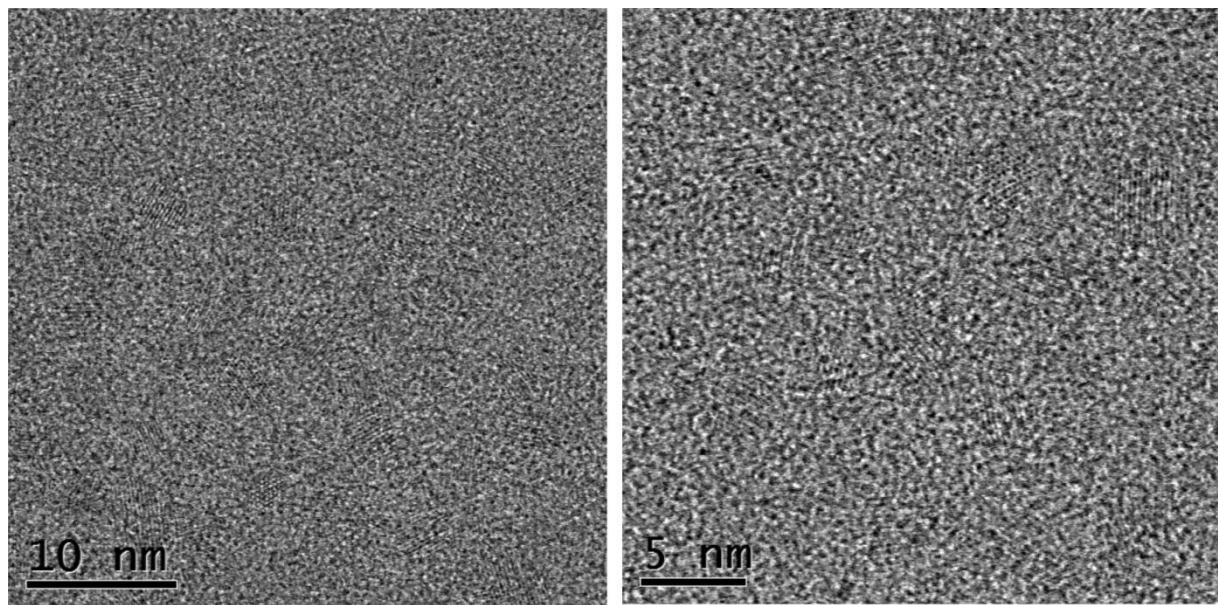
**Figure S11.** Representative HR TEM images of  $\text{ZnO}^{2\text{rac}}$  dispersed in THF.



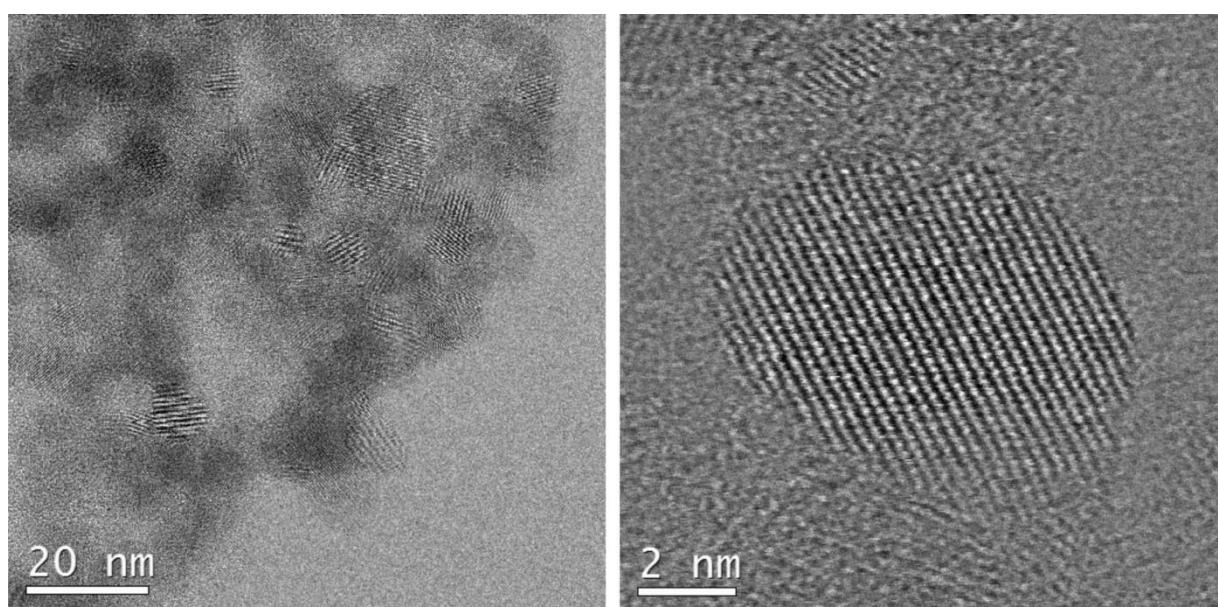
**Figure S12.** Size distribution of  $\text{ZnO}^{2\text{rac}}$  calculated from TEM images. Average size of the inorganic core:  $2.9 \pm 0.4$  nm.



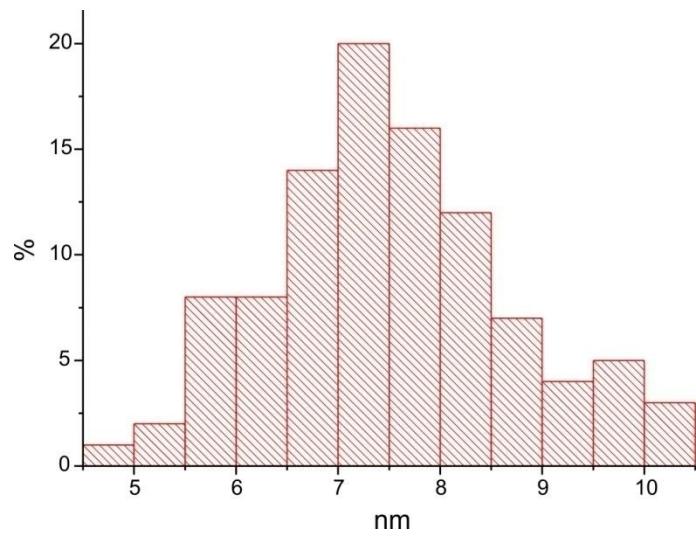
**Figure S13.** Representative HR TEM images of  $\text{ZnO}^{2\text{R}}$  dispersed in THF.



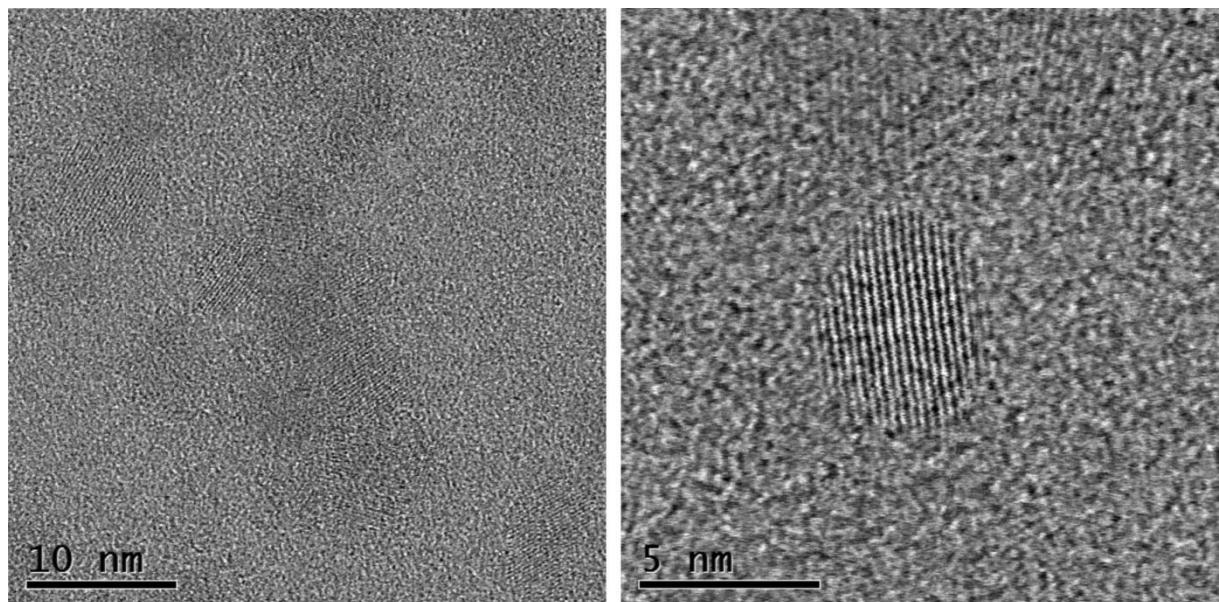
**Figure S14.** Representative HR TEM images of  $\text{ZnO}^{2\text{S}}$  dispersed in THF.



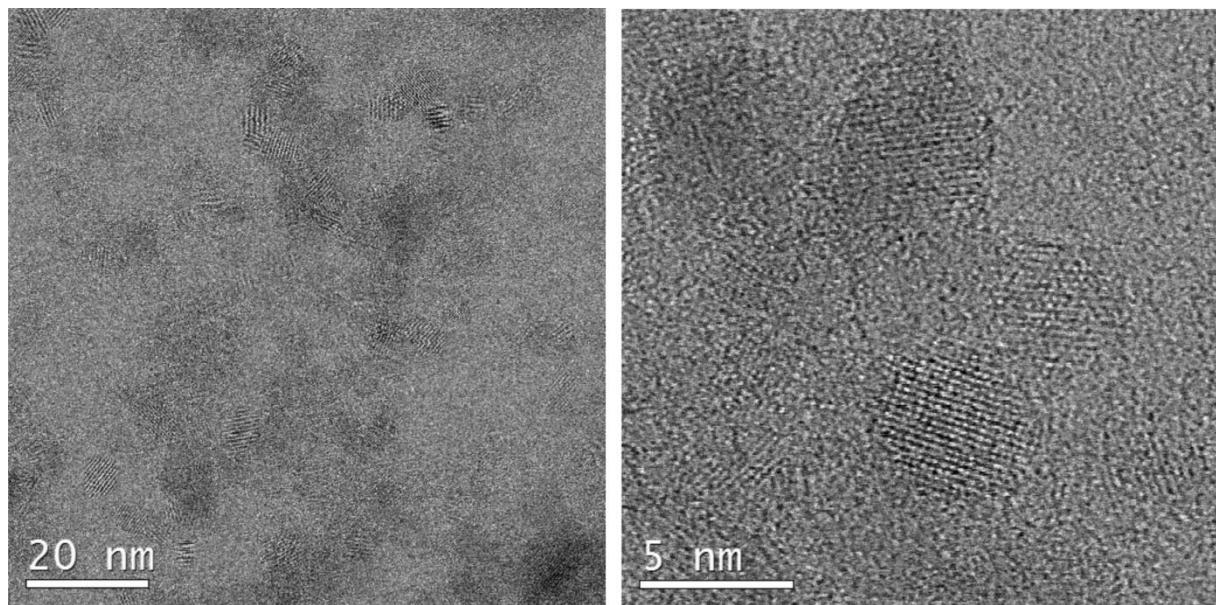
**Figure S15.** Representative HR TEM images of  $\text{ZnO}^{3rac}$  dispersed in THF.



**Figure S16.** Size distribution of  $\text{ZnO}^{3\text{rac}}$  calculated from TEM images. Average size of the inorganic core:  $7.5 \pm 1.2$  nm.



**Figure S17.** Representative HR TEM images of  $\text{ZnO}^{3\text{R}}$  dispersed in DMSO.

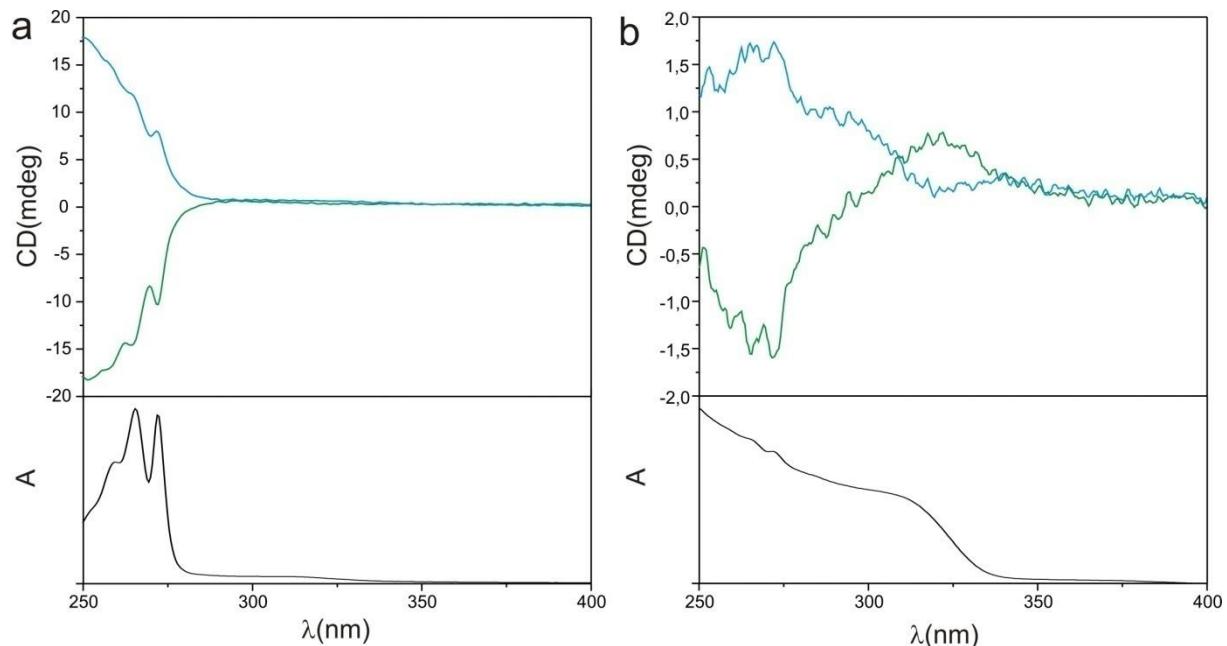


**Figure S18.** Representative HR TEM images of **ZnO<sup>3S</sup>** dispersed in DMSO.

Average sizes of the inorganic core of **ZnO<sup>1RS</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>1SR</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>2R</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>2S</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>3R</sup>** and **ZnO<sup>3S</sup>** are consistent with previously reported.[1] ( $1.7 \pm 0.2$  nm,  $1.7 \pm 0.2$  nm,  $2.9 \pm 0.4$  nm,  $2.9 \pm 0.4$  nm,  $7.5 \pm 1.4$  nm,  $7.5 \pm 1.4$  nm)

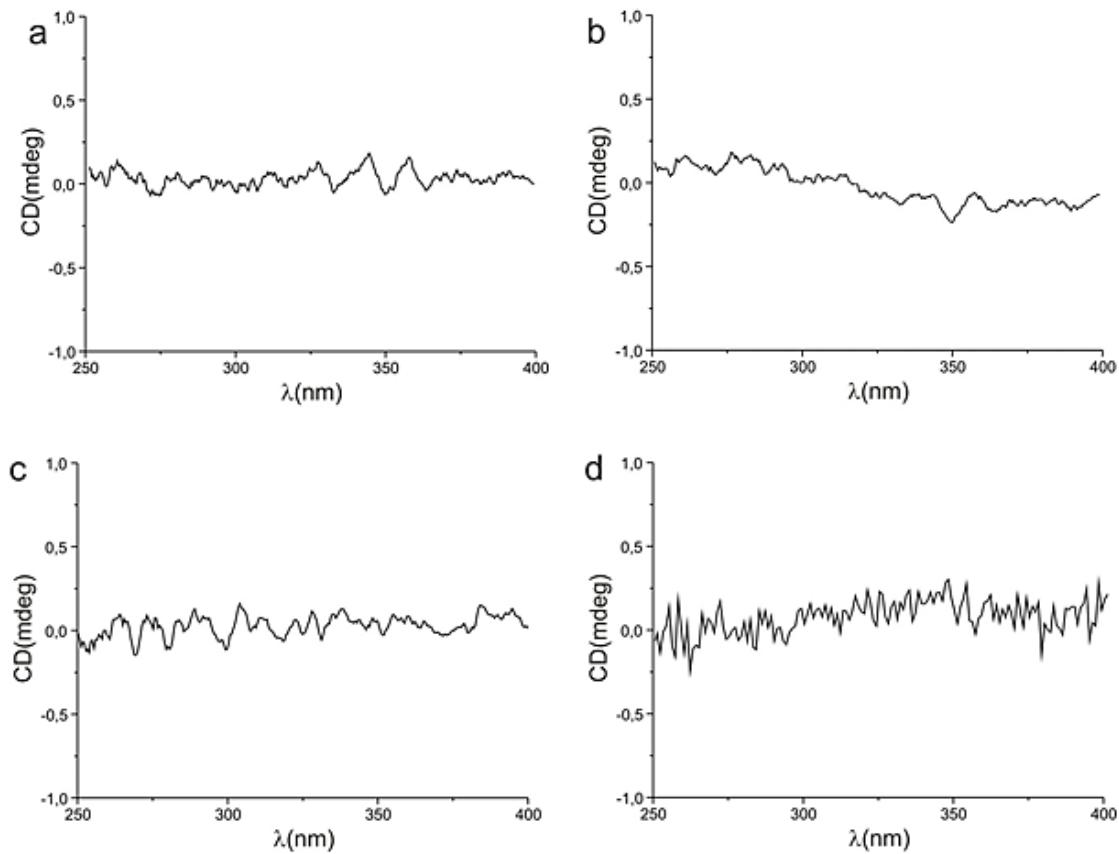
## Circular dichroism

Circular dichroism (CD) spectra were recorded with a Jasco J-815 spectropolarimeter in THF or DMSO solution. Absorption analysis was carried out by using a Hitachi U-2910 spectrophotometer, with solvents as reference.



**Figure S19.** CD and normalized absorption spectra of proligands (a): **1RR** (green), **1SS** (blue); ZnO NCs (b): **ZnO<sup>1RR</sup>** (green), **ZnO<sup>1SS</sup>** (blue).

Absorption spectra of **ZnO<sup>1RR</sup>** and **ZnO<sup>1SS</sup>** are essentially identical and on Figure S19 only one representative spectrum is shown.

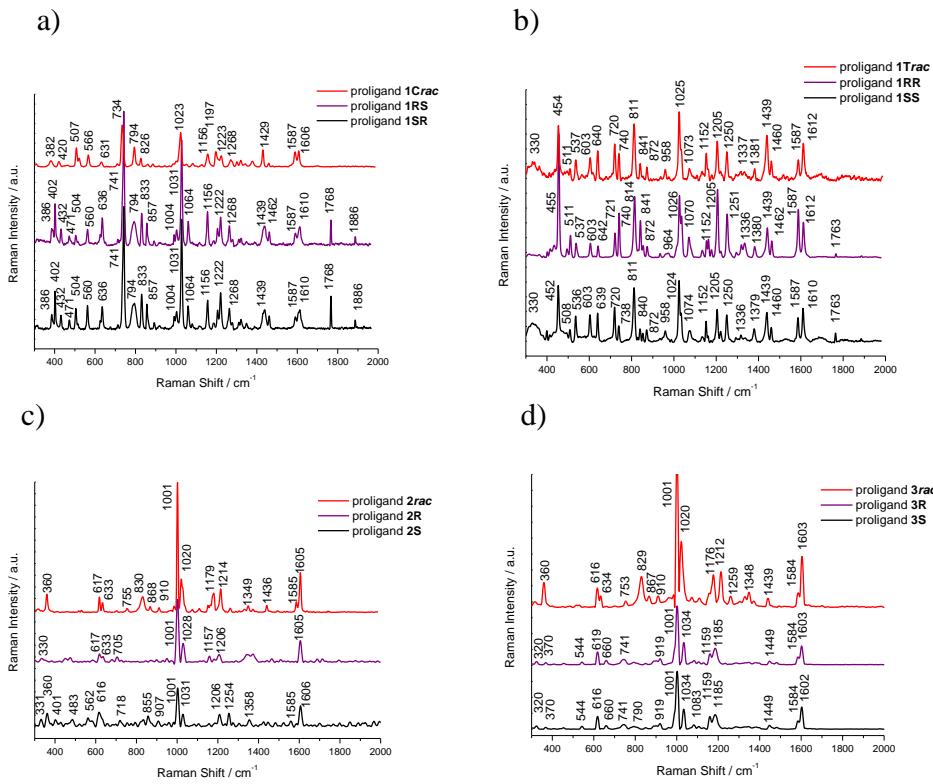


**Figure S20.** CD spectra of ZnO NCs: **ZnO<sup>1Crac</sup>** (a); **ZnO<sup>1Trac</sup>** (b); **ZnO<sup>2rac</sup>** (c); **ZnO<sup>3rac</sup>** (d).

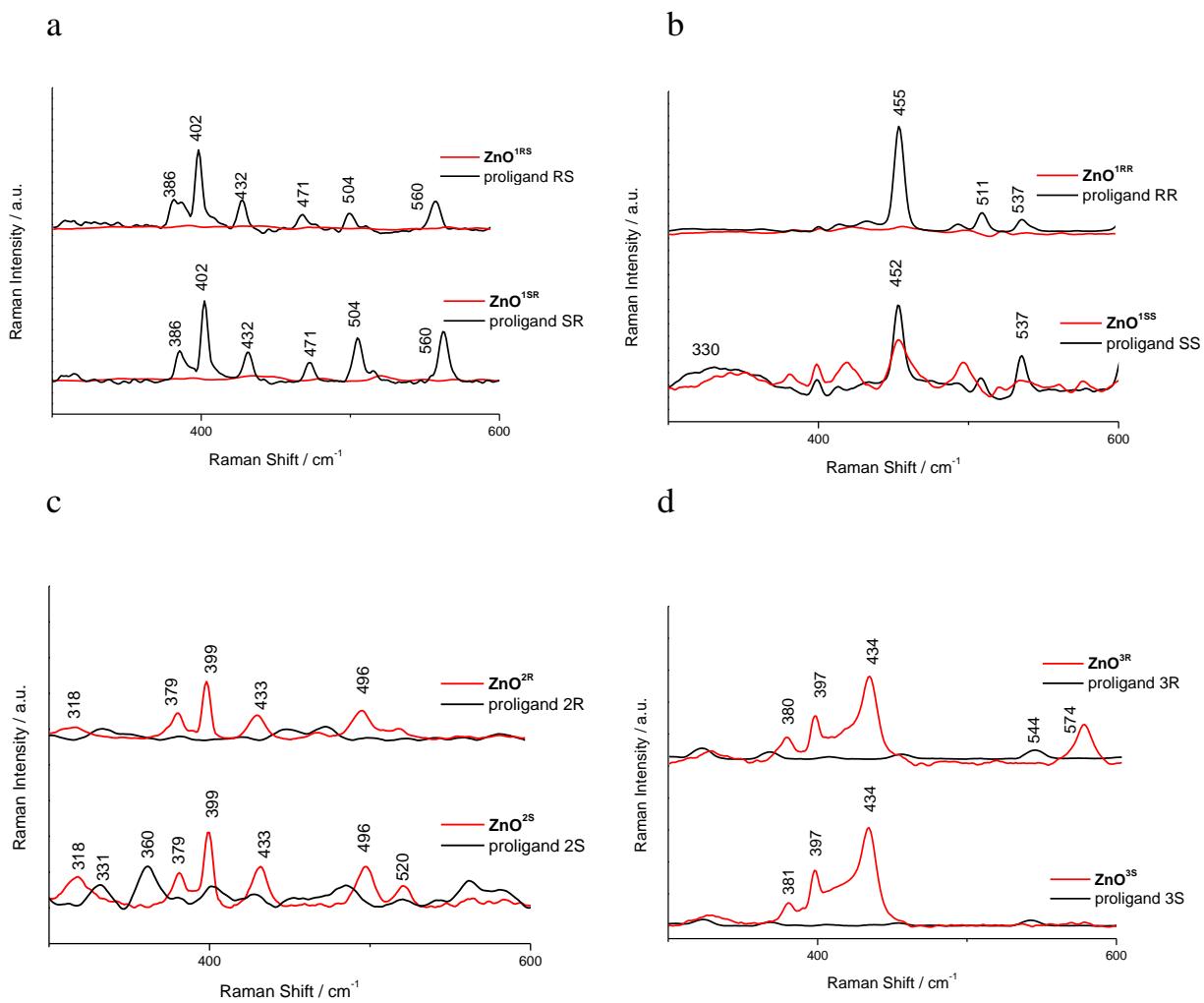
CD spectra of **ZnO<sup>1RS</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>1SR</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>2S</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>2R</sup>**, **ZnO<sup>3S</sup>** and **ZnO<sup>3R</sup>** are consistent with previously reported. [1]

## Raman Spectroscopy

Raman Spectroscopy measurements were carried out in the mapping mode ( $1\text{m}\mu \times 1\text{m}\mu$ ). The spectra were taken in different places of the sample (over 40) using the Renishaw inVia Raman system equipped with the 785 nm diode laser. The light from the laser was passed through a line filter and focused on a sample mounted on an X-Y-Z translation stage with a  $50 \times$  microscope objective, NA = 0.25. The beam diameter was approximately  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$ . The laser power at the sample was 5 mW or less.



**Figure S21.** The Raman spectra of **1Crac**, **1SR**, **1RS** (a); **1Trac**, **1RR**, **1SS** (b); **2rac**, **2S**, **2R** (c); **3rac**, **3S**, **3R** proligands (d).



**Figure S22.** The comparison of the Raman spectra recorded for ZnO NCs and proligands in the 300-600 cm<sup>-1</sup> region: ZnO<sup>1RS</sup>, ZnO<sup>1SR</sup>, and 1RS, 1SR (a); ZnO<sup>1RR</sup>, ZnO<sup>1SS</sup>, and 1RR, 1SS (b); ZnO<sup>2R</sup>, ZnO<sup>2S</sup>, and 2S, 2R (c); ZnO<sup>3R</sup>, ZnO<sup>3S</sup>, and 3S, 3R (d).

**Table S1.** Tentative assignments of the Raman bands observed for proligands. [2,3,4]

Raman band positions [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]				Assignments*
1SS / 1RR	1SR / 1RS	2S / 2R	3S / 3R	
330/-		331/330	320	$\gamma$ CCC + $\gamma$ CH,
	386	360/-	370	$\delta$ CC + $\delta$ OH,
	402	401/-		$\delta$ CN + $\delta$ CCNH,
	432			$\delta$ CN + $\delta$ CCNH,
452 /455	471	483		vbenz. angle bend
508/511	504			

536/537	560	562	544	
603		616/617		CCC angle bend (5-mem.), $\omega$ CH, $\omega$ NH
639/642	636	-/633	616/619	
			660	
720/721		718/705		$\nu$ CC (5-mem.),
738/740	741		741	
-	794		790/-	$\nu$ CC (5-mem.), $\gamma$ CH + $\gamma$ COH
811/814				$\text{NH}_2$ , $\gamma$ NH + $\gamma$ CCN, CCN, CH wag,
840/841	833			
872	857	855/-		
		907/-	919	CH <sub>2</sub> rock
958/964				$\nu$ CC (5-mem.), $\gamma$ NH + $\gamma$ CCN
	1004	1001	1001	$\gamma$ CH + $\gamma$ CCC,
1024/1026	1031	1031/1028	1034	$\rho$ (OH) + (CH) + (NH <sub>2</sub> ),
1074/1070	1064		1083/-	$\nu$ CO $\delta$ CC,
1152	1156	-/1157	1159	$\nu$ C=C + $\delta$ CH,
1178	1186	1186	1185	
1205	1206	1206	-	$\delta$ CH + $\delta$ COH
-	1222	-	-	$\delta$ CH + $\delta$ CCH
1250/1251	1268	1254/-		
1336		1358/1346		
1379/1380				$\delta$ NH + $\delta$ CH
1439	1439		1449	$\nu$ C=C + $\delta$ CH
1460/1462	1462			
1587	1587	1585	1584	$\nu$ C=C + $\delta$ CH
1610/1612	1610	1606/1605	1602/1603	$\nu$ C=C + $\nu$ CO

\* $\nu$ : stretching,  $\delta$ : in-plane bending,  $\gamma$ : out-of-plane bending,  $\omega$ : wagging,  $\rho$ : rocking, comb.

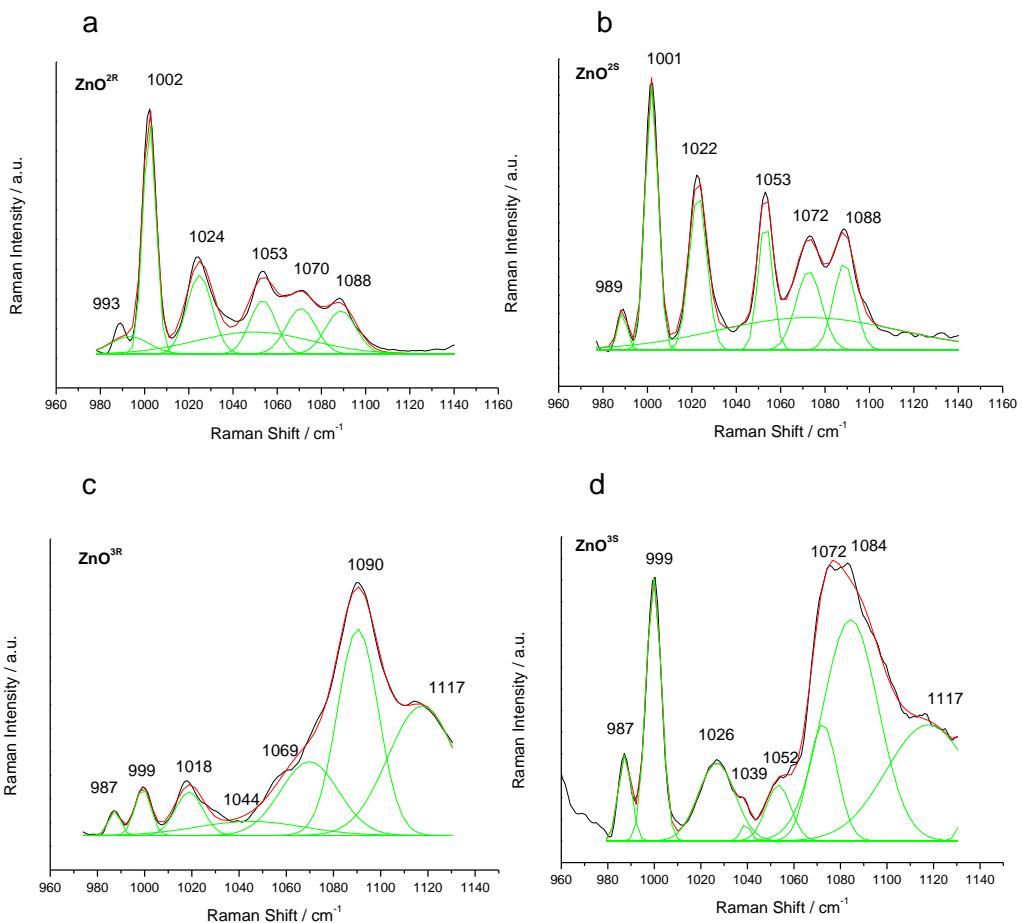
mod.: combination modes.

**Table S2.** Tentative assignments of the Raman bands observed in the spectra of chiral ZnO NCs. [2, 3, 4]

Raman band positions [cm <sup>-1</sup> ]				Assignments*
ZnO <sup>1SS</sup> / ZnO <sup>1RR</sup>	ZnO <sup>1SR</sup> / ZnO <sup>1RS</sup>	ZnO <sup>2S</sup> / ZnO <sup>2R</sup>	ZnO <sup>3S</sup> / ZnO <sup>3R</sup>	
-	-	328/328	328/328	$\gamma$ CCC + $\gamma$ CH, ZnO (E <sub>2H</sub> -E <sub>2L</sub> )
-	-	379/379	380/381	$\delta$ CC + $\delta$ OH, ZnO (A <sub>1</sub> (TO))
-	-	399/399	397/397	$\delta$ CN + $\delta$ CCNH, ZnO (E <sub>2</sub> )
420	-	433/433	434/434	$\delta$ CN + $\delta$ CCNH, ZnO (E <sub>2H</sub> )
452/459	-	-	-	vbenz. angle bend, ZnO comb. mod.
497/-	-	-	-	
649, 679, 720/728	689/692	-	-	CCC angle bend (5-mem.), $\omega$ CH, $\omega$ NH
-	753/742	-	-	v CC (5-mem.),
-/786	-	769	-	v CC (5-mem.), $\gamma$ CH + $\gamma$ COH
812/816	829	-	829/830	CC, NH <sub>2</sub> , $\gamma$ NH + $\gamma$ CCN
851/854	860/860	851/852	-	CH wag, $\gamma$ NH + $\gamma$ CCN, ZnO comb. mod.
878	887	-	-	CH <sub>2</sub> rock
928/928	947/-	-	932/932	v CC (5-mem.), $\gamma$ NH + $\gamma$ CCN
1007/-	-	1000/ 998,	997/997	$\gamma$ =CH + $\gamma$ CCC, ZnO (A <sub>1</sub> )
1022/1025	1018/-	1026/1017	1024/1017	

	1033/1032	1023/1024		$\gamma$ CH, $\rho$ (OH) + (CH) + (NH <sub>2</sub> ), ZnO comb. mod.
1041/1045	1050/1050	1053/1054		$\gamma$ CH, $\nu$ CC, ZnO (A <sub>1</sub> )
1083/1089	1096/1096	1077/1091,1118	1079/1089,1116	$\gamma$ CH, $\nu$ CO, $\delta$ CC, ZnO comb. mod.
1159/1163	1169/1171	-	1157/-	$\nu$ C=C + $\delta$ CH, ZnO comb. mod.
-	-	-	1181/-	$\delta$ CH + $\delta$ COH
1212/1215	1222/1222	-	-	$\delta$ CH + $\delta$ CCH
-	-	1294/1256	1294/1294	
1316/1297	1326/1304	-/1316	-	
-	-	1345/1345	1347/-	
1387/1391	1396/1391	-	-	$\delta$ NH + $\delta$ CH $\sigma$ HCH
-	-	1421/1413	1420/1410	
1442/1446	1439/1435	-	-	$\nu$ C=C + $\delta$ =CH
-	1490/1490	1471/1464	1473/1465	
-	-	1555/1565	1554/1566	
1588/-	1597/-	-	-	$\nu$ C=C + $\delta$ CH $\sigma$ NH <sub>2</sub>
1602/1604	-	1601/1600	1601/1601	
-	1615/1612	-	-	$\nu$ C=C + $\nu$ C-O

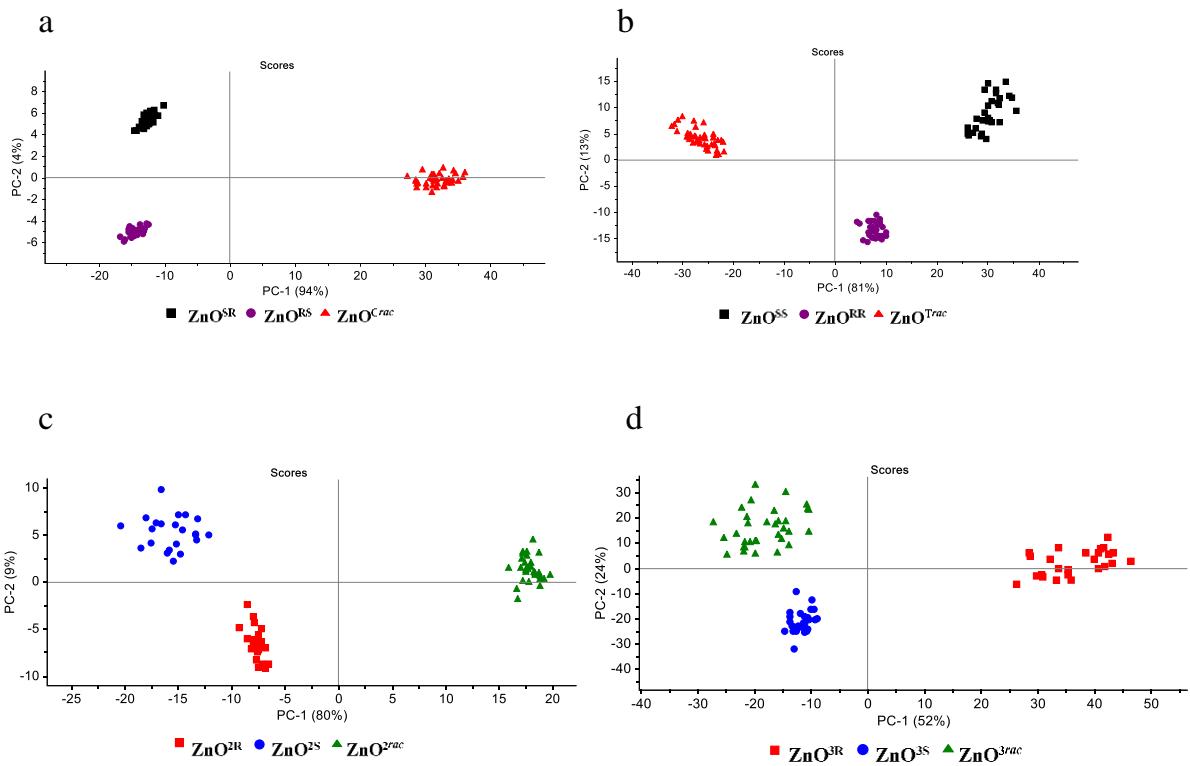
\* $\nu$ : stretching,  $\delta$ : in-plane bending,  $\gamma$ : out-of-plane bending,  $\omega$ : wagging,  $\rho$ : rocking,  $\sigma$ : scissoring, comb. mod.: combination modes. All OH vibration modes are assignment based on the literature, however in our case it is oxygen atom from ligand bonded to ZnO surface.



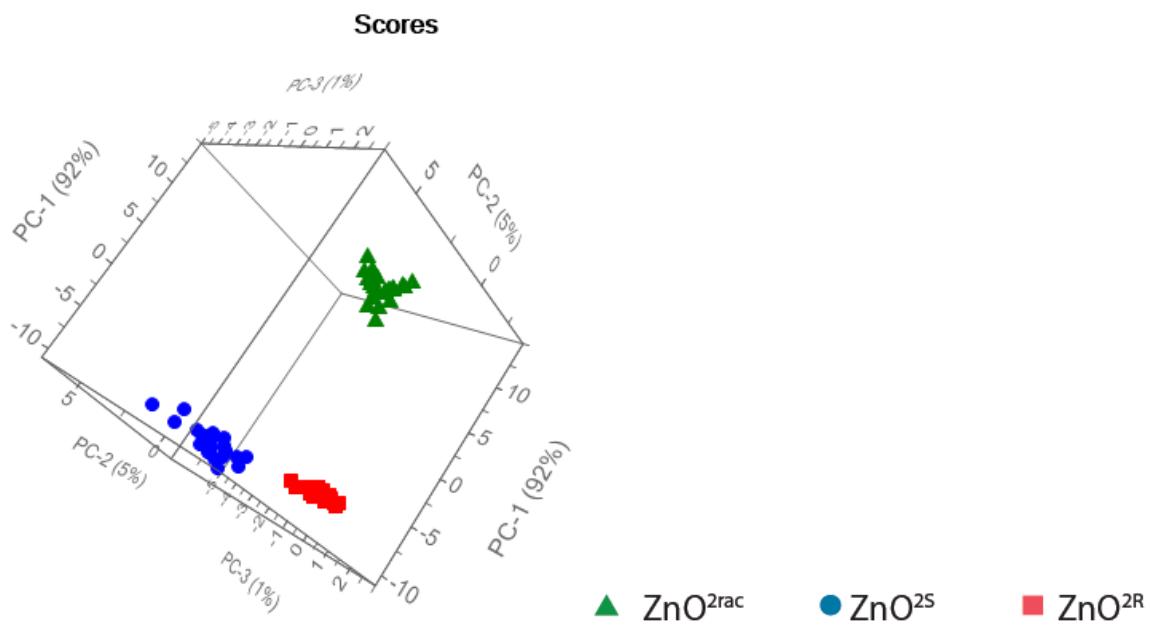
**Figure S23.** The Raman spectra in the 960–1160  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region collected for  $\text{ZnO}^{2\text{R}}$  (a),  $\text{ZnO}^{2\text{S}}$  (b),  $\text{ZnO}^{3\text{R}}$  (c),  $\text{ZnO}^{3\text{S}}$  (d). For the assignment see Table S1.

### The component principal analysis

The component principal analysis(PCA) was performed over the pre-processed Raman spectra. First, Raman spectra were smoothed with Savitsky-Golay filter, the background was removed using baseline correction (10 itenary and 64 points), and then the spectra were normalized using a so-called Min-Max normalization using a built-in OPUS software package (Bruker Optic GmbH 2012 version). After that, the data were transferred to the Unscrambler software (CAMO software AS, version 10.3, Norway), where the PCA calculation was performed based onto the NIPALS algorithm, validation (random with 20 segments), significance 0.05 and the 90 number of samples (Raman spectra).The presented below data are based on the PCA analysis for the regions of 200-2000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  wavenumbers.



**Figure S24.** PCA scores of ZnO<sup>1SR</sup>, ZnO<sup>1SR</sup>, ZnO<sup>1Crac</sup> (a); ZnO<sup>1RR</sup>, ZnO<sup>1SS</sup>, ZnO<sup>1Trac</sup> (b); ZnO<sup>2R</sup>, ZnO<sup>2S</sup>, ZnO<sup>2rac</sup> (c); ZnO<sup>3R</sup>, ZnO<sup>3S</sup>, ZnO<sup>3rac</sup> (d). All calculation made in the 200 - 2000 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.

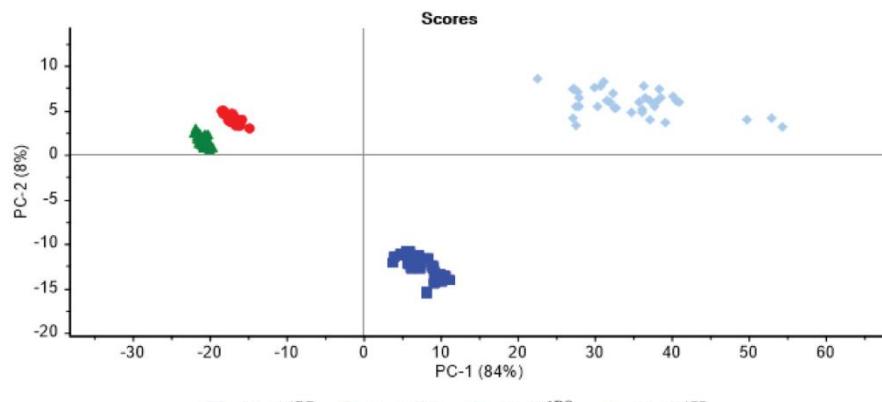


**Figure S25.** PCA scores of ZnO<sup>2R</sup>, ZnO<sup>2S</sup>, and ZnO<sup>2rac</sup>. For 960 – 1120 cm<sup>-1</sup> range.

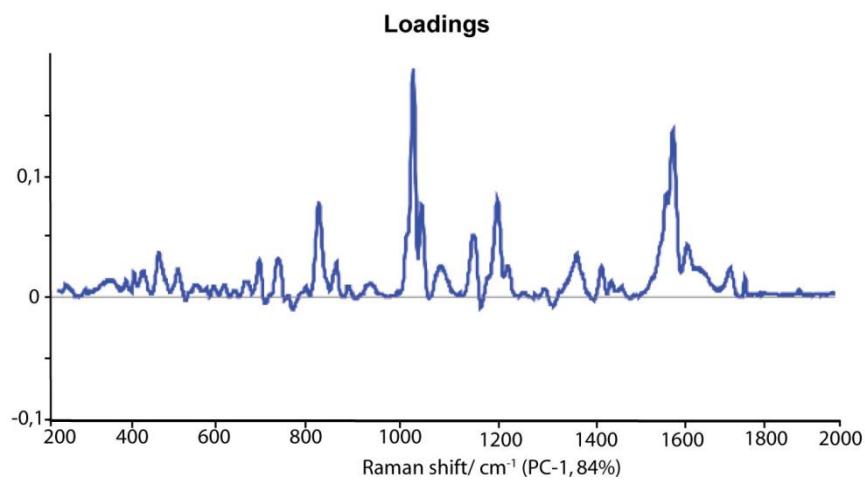
**Table S3.** Calculated the weighted variables (absolute values) in the loading of PC1 and PC1 + PC2 scores for the 960-1120 cm<sup>-1</sup>region.The most weighted variables are bolded.

Analyzed groups of ZnO NCs	Variable	weighting	PC1 + PC2 [%]
<b>ZnO<sup>IRS</sup>, ZnO<sup>ISR</sup>, ZnO<sup>ICrac</sup></b>	1018	0.08	<b>99</b>
	1024	0.16	
	1033	0.03	
	<b>1043</b>	0.30	
	1057	0.02	
<b>ZnO<sup>IRR</sup>, ZnO<sup>ISS</sup>, ZnO<sup>ITrac</sup></b>	1007	0.01	<b>97</b>
	1012	0.10	
	<b>1022</b>	0.32	
	1032	0.08	
	1038	0.06	
	1050	0.02	
<b>Zn<sup>2R</sup>, ZnO<sup>2S</sup>, ZnO<sup>2rac</sup></b>	1083	0.06	<b>97</b>
	1006	0.07	
	1012	0.05	
	<b>1022</b>	0.43	
	1040	0.02	
	1048	0.07	
<b>ZnO<sup>3R</sup>, ZnO<sup>3S</sup>, ZnO<sup>3rac</sup></b>	1074	0.05	<b>87</b>
	<b>1000</b>	0.29	
	1014	0.003	
	1032	0.10	
	1054	0.003	
<b>ZnO<sup>IRR</sup>, ZnO<sup>ISS</sup>, ZnO<sup>IRS</sup>, ZnO<sup>ISR</sup></b>	1089	0.13	<b>96</b>
	1006	0.08	
	1012	0.09	
	<b>1022</b>	0.32	
	1033	0.05	
	1042	0.12	
	1082	0.04	

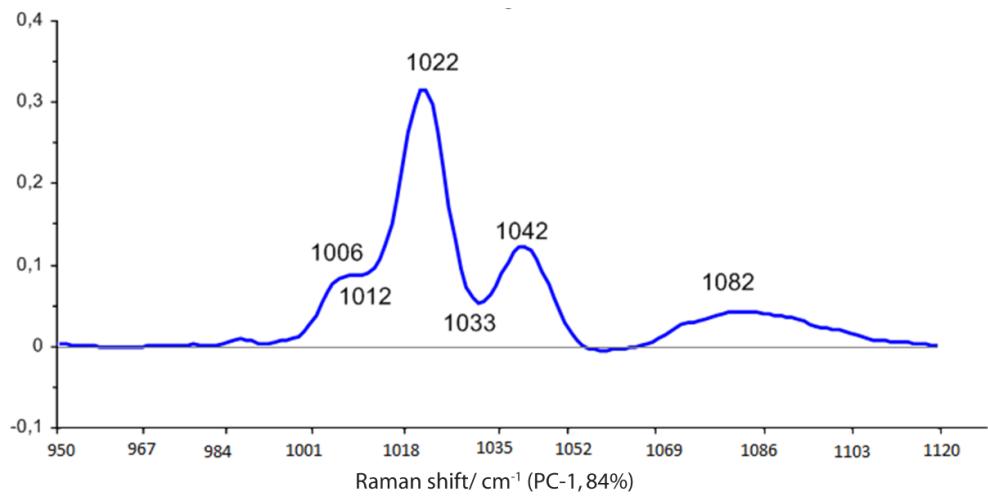
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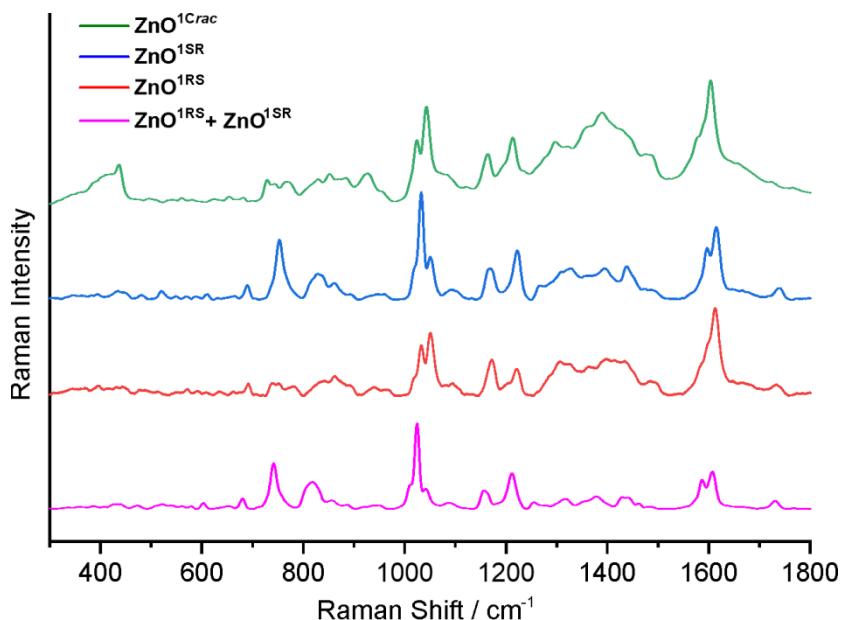
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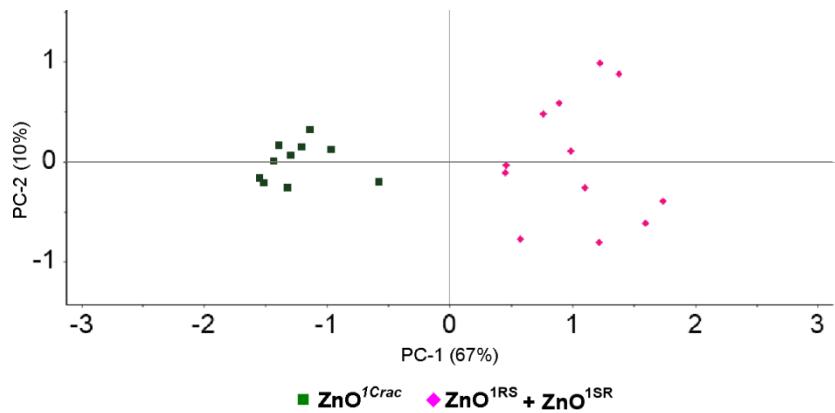
**Figure S26.**Scheme presents the PCA classification of  $\text{ZnO}^{\text{ISS}}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}^{\text{IRR}}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}^{\text{ISR}}$  and  $\text{ZnO}^{\text{IRS}}$ , (a) and the loadings (b) performed for 200 - 2000 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.



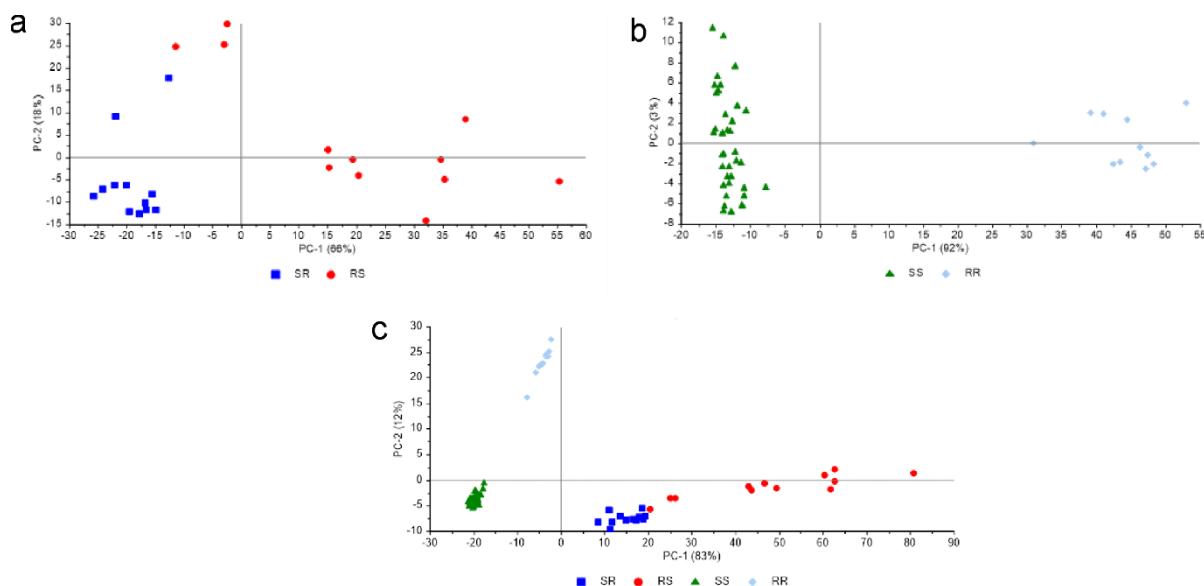
**Figure S27.** PC1 loadings for  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{SS}}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{RR}}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{SR}}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{RS}}$ . Presented calculations are taken in  $960 - 1120 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  region.



**Figure S28.** The Raman spectra of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{Crac}}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{SR}}$ ,  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{RS}}$  and the mixture of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{RS}}$  and  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{SR}}$ .



**Figure S29.** PCA scores of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{Crac}}$  and a mixture of  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{RS}}$  and  $\text{ZnO}^{1\text{SR}}$ . For 200 – 2000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region.



**Figure S30.** PCA scores of (1R, 2S)-, (1S, 2R)-*cis*-1-amino-2-indanol (**RS, SR**) (a), (1R, 2R)-, (1S, 2S)-*trans*-1-amino-2-indanol (**SS, RR**) (b), and (1R, 2S)-, (1S, 2R)-, (1R, 2R)-, (1S, 2S)-1-amino-2-indanol (**RS, SR, SS, RR**) (c).

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