## Mechanism of Ligand-Induced Chiral Transmission Through a Top-

## **Down Selective Domain Etching**

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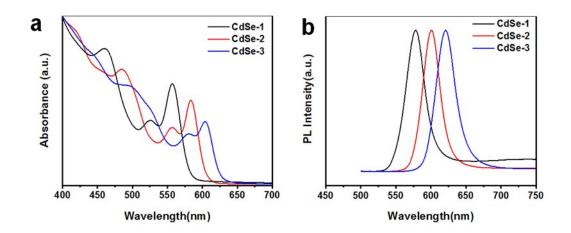


Figure S1. UV-vis. and PL of the different CdSe cores for the control synthesis of DRs.

Table S1. Physical properties of different CdSe cores.

Name	Abs (nm)	Diameter (nm) <sup>a</sup>	PL (nm)	FWHM (nm)
CdSe-1	557	3.2	578	33
CdSe-2	583	3.9	601	30
CdSe-3	603	4.7	619	32

<sup>a</sup> Diameter of the CdSe core is determined from the absorption spectrum by Peng's equation (nm).<sup>1</sup>

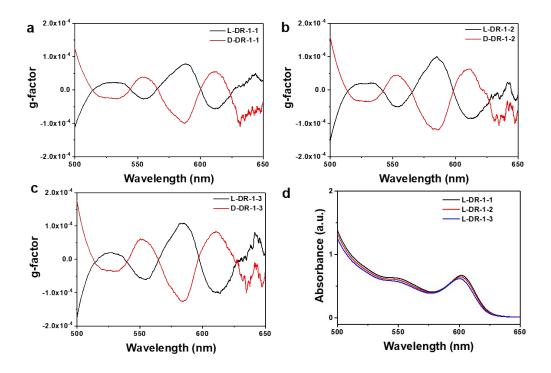


Figure S2. Corresponding g-factors variations and UV-vis. spectra of DR-1-n (n = 1-3) at the first exciton absorption peak as shown in Figure 4. a) CD spectrum of benzylamine modified DRs-1-1 after Cys exchange; b) CD spectrum of DRs-1-2 after one etching cycle and Cys exchange; c) CD spectrum of DRs-1-3 after two etching cycles and Cys exchange; d) Corresponding UV-vis. absorption spectra of the different etching processes.

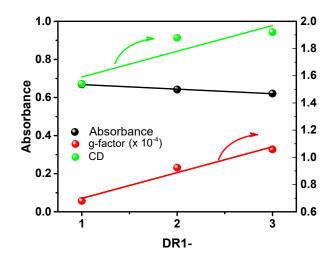


Figure S3. CD, UV-vis. and g-factor variations of L-Cys-DR-1-3 (n= 1-3) at the first exciton absorption peak during the etching process. The UV-vis. value was taken at the maximum at the first exciton absorption peak.

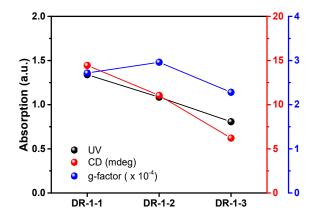


Figure S4. CD, UV-vis. and g-factor evolution of L-Cys-DR-1 (< 500 nm) during the etching process. The UV-vis. value is the wavelength of the maximum value of the CD signal.

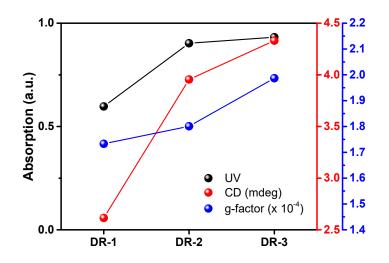


Figure S5. CD, UV-vis. and g-factor variations of L-Cys-DRs with different shell thicknesses at the first exciton absorption peak. The UV-vis. value is the maximum value at the first exciton absorption peak.

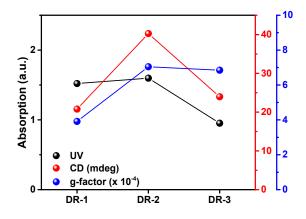


Figure S6. CD, UV-vis. and g-factor variations of L-Cys-DRs with different shell thicknesses (< 500 nm). The UV-vis. value is the wavelength of the maximum value of the CD signal.

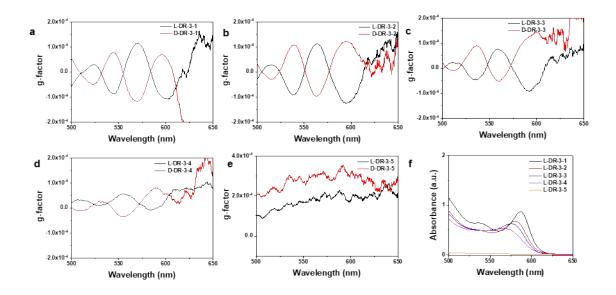


Figure S7. Corresponding UV-vis. and g-factor variations of DR-3 at the first exciton absorption peak as shown in Figure 8. (a) CD spectrum of benzyl amine-modified DRs after Cys exchange, (b)-(e) CD spectra of DRs with one cycle to four etching cycles after Cys exchange, (f) Corresponding UV-vis. absorptions of the different etching processes.

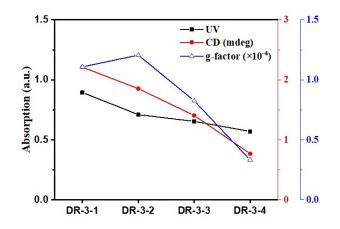


Figure S8. CD, UV-vis. and g-factor variations of L-Cys-DR-3-n (n = 1-4) at the first exciton absorption peak during the etching process. The UV-vis. value is the maximum value at the first exciton absorption peak.

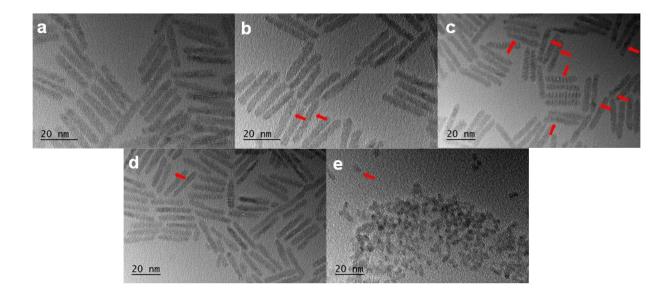


Figure S9. TEM images of DR-3 after the etching process. a) TEM of benzylamine modified DRs; b)-e) TEM of DRs after one cycle to four etching cycles.

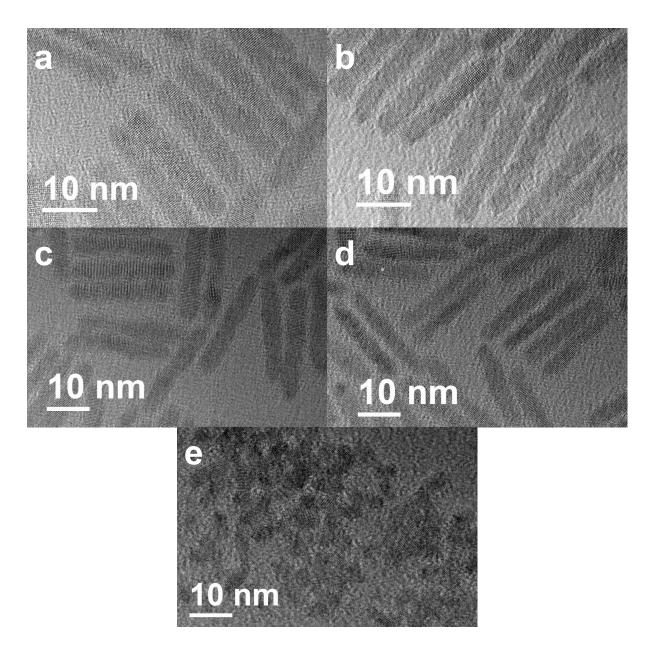


Figure S10. The HRTEM images corresponding to Figure 9. a) HRTEM of benzylamine modified DRs; b)-e) HRTEM of DRs after one cycle to four etching cycles.

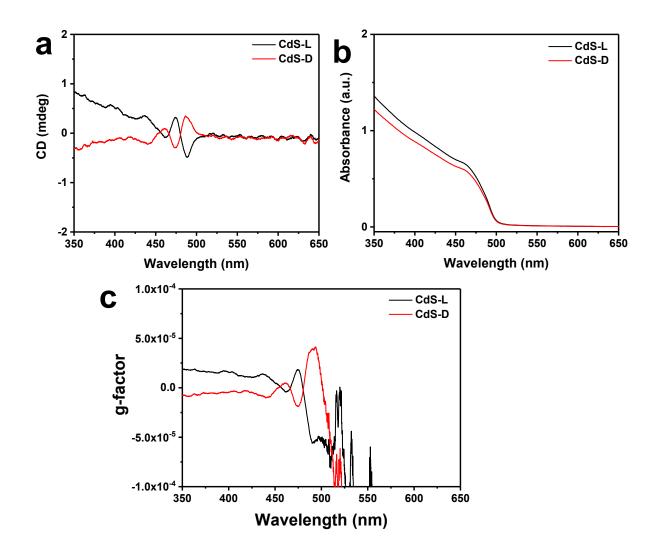


Figure S11. a) The CD spectrum of CdS-only nanorods after Cys exchange; b) the Corresponding UV-vis. absorptions of L-/D-CdS-only nanorods; c) the corresponding g-factor L-/D-CdS-only nanorods. The  $g_{CD}$  factor, defined as  $|g_{CD+} - g_{CD-}|/2$ , are  $3.72 \times 10^{-5}$  and  $3.00 \times 10^{-5}$  for L- and D-CdS-only nanorods, respectively.

Table S2. CD and g-factor of L-Cys-DR-3 at the first exciton absorption peak during the etching process.

Name	UV-vis (nm)	$CD^+/\lambda_{CD}^a$	CD <sup>-</sup> / $\lambda_{CD}^{b}$	CD+ -CD- /2c	$g_{\mathrm{CD}^+}/\lambda_{\mathrm{CD}}{}^{\mathrm{d}}$	$g_{\rm CD}/\lambda_{\rm CD}^{\rm e}$	$ g_{\rm CD^+} - g_{\rm CD^-} /2^{ m f}$
DR-3-1	586.8	2.251/572.0	-2.170/593.6	2.211	1.161/569.2	-1.055/599.4	1.108
DR-3-2	580.2	1.991/565.0	-2.093/589.6	1.853	1.135/563.4	-1.276/595.0	1.206
DR-3-3	575.0	1.402/558.0	-1.412/586.6	1.407	0.735/559.4	-0.915/591.6	0.825
DR-3-4	568.8	1.354/555.0	-0.185/582.2	0.770	0.566/554.8	-0.099/583.0	0.333
DR-3-5	/	/	/	/	/	/	/

<sup>a, b</sup> CD anisotropy at the most intense positive and negative CD bands (mdeg/nm), <sup>c</sup> magnitude of the CD signal, defined as  $|CD^+ - CD^-|/2$ , <sup>d, e</sup> CD anisotropy  $g_{CD}$ -factors at the most intense positive and negative CD bands (10<sup>-4</sup>/nm), <sup>f</sup> magnitude of the  $g_{CD}$  factor, defined as  $|g_{CD^+} - g_{CD^-}|/2$ .

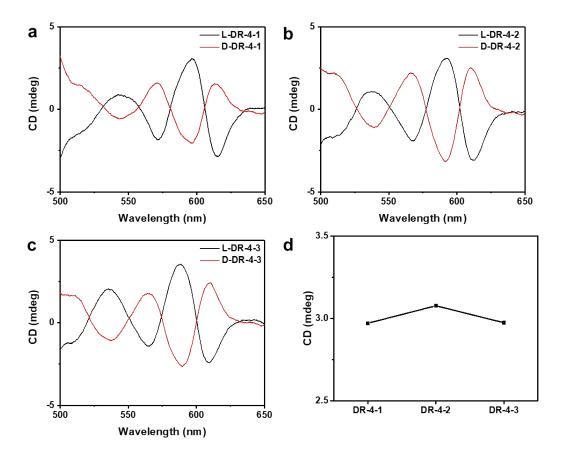


Figure S12. CD spectrum variations of DR-4-n (n =1-3) at the first exciton absorption peak during the etching process. a) CD spectrum of benzyl amine-modified DRs after the Cys exchange, b-c) CD spectra of DRs after one and two etching cycles and Cys exchange, d) CD signal evolution of L-Cys-DR-4-n (n =1-3) at the first exciton absorption peak during the etching process.

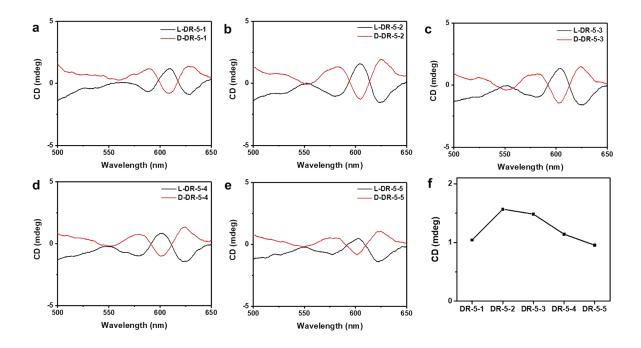


Figure S13. CD spectrum variations of DR-5-n (n = 1-5) at the first exciton absorption peak during the etching process. a) CD spectrum of benzyl amine-modified DRs after the Cys exchange, b-e) CD spectra of DRs after one cycle to four etching cycles and Cys exchange, f) CD signal variation of L-Cys-DR-5-n (n = 1-5) at the first exciton absorption peak during the etching process.

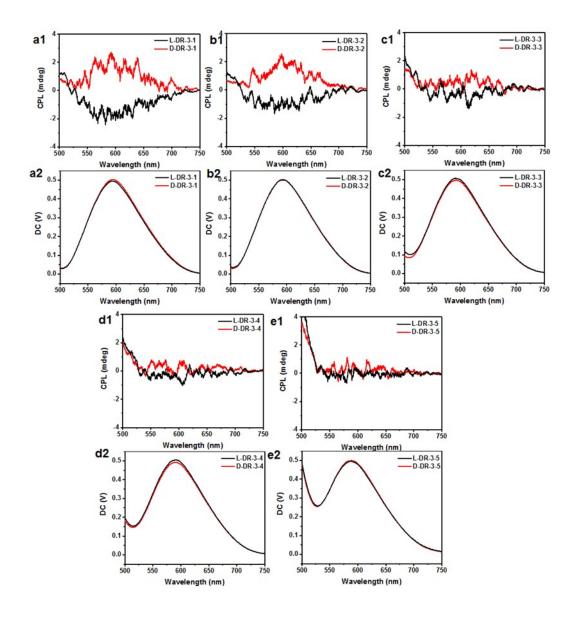


Figure S14. CPL variation of DR-3-n (n = 1-5) during the etching process. a1) CPL of benzyl amine-modified DRs after Cys exchange; b1-e1) CPL of DRs after one to four etching cycles and Cys exchange. a2-e2) Corresponding DC in volts, which stands for fluorescence intensity.

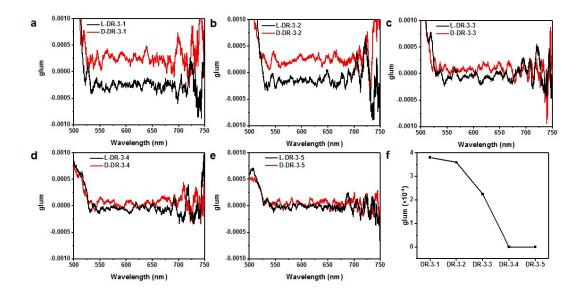


Figure S15. The corresponding  $g_{lum}$  variation of DR-3-n (n = 1-5), as shown in Figure S11. (a) The glum of benzyl amine-modified DRs after Cys exchange; (b)-(e) the  $g_{lum}$  of DRs after one to four etching cycles and Cys exchange; (f) the  $g_{lum}$  variation of L-Cys-DR-3 during the etching process.

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