

## Supporting Information

### The impact of Ni and Zn doping on the thermal durability and thermoelectric variables of pristine CuSe nanoparticles

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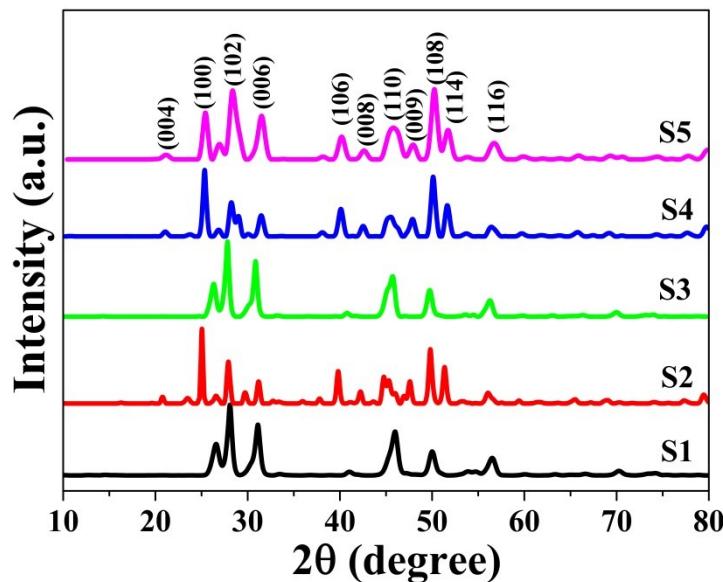
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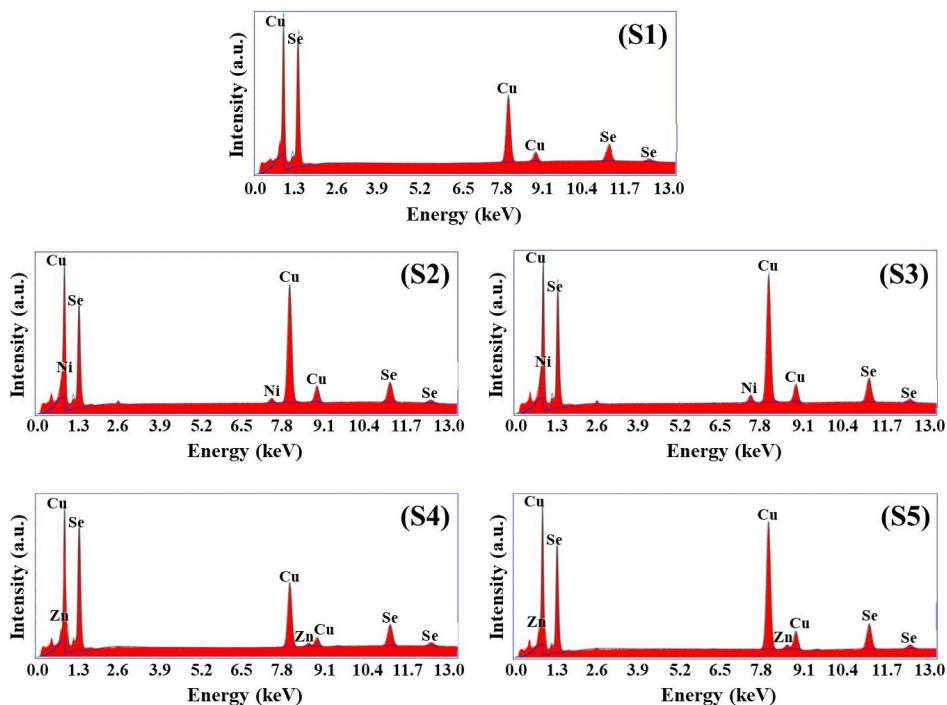
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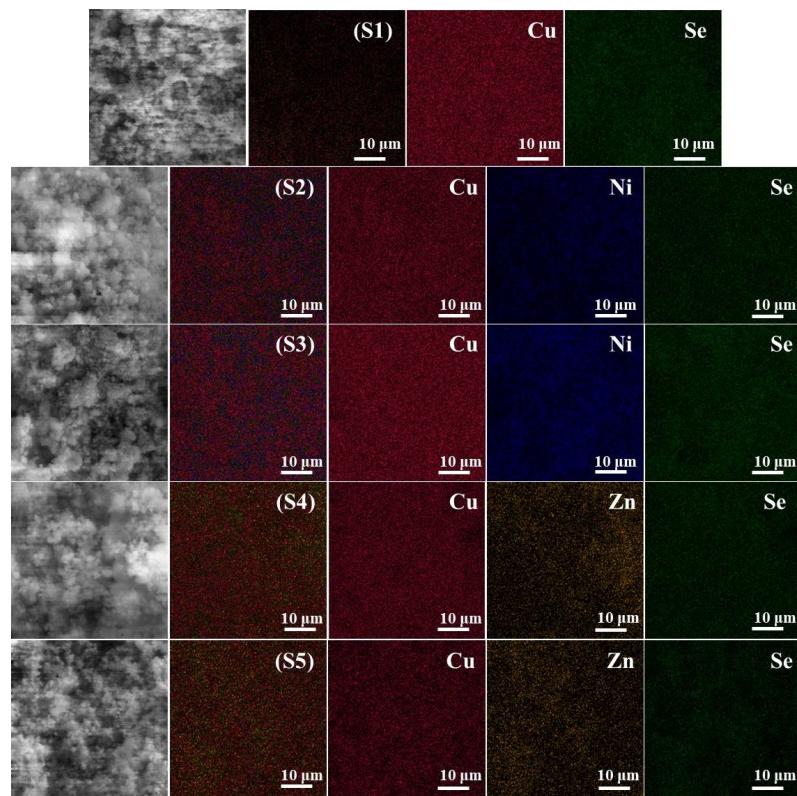
**Figure S1** The XRD patterns for as-synthesized nanoparticles (adapted from S. R. Patel et. al., ACS Applied Biomaterials, 2023, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acsabm.3c00090> )

**Table S1:** The structural data for as-synthesized S1, S2, S3, S4 and S5 nanoparticles (adapted from S. R. Patel et. al., ACS Applied Biomaterials, 2023, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acsabm.3c00090>).

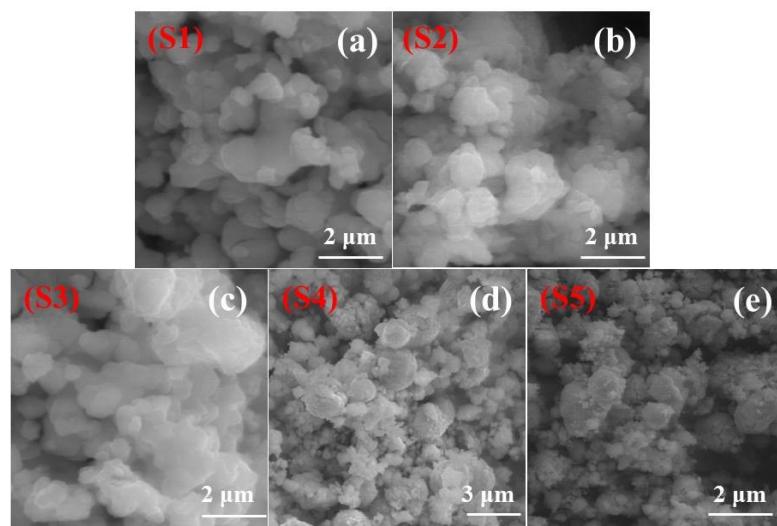
Sample	Lattice parameters		Volume V(Å <sup>3</sup> )	Crystallite size t (nm)	Micro Strain	Dislocation density δ
	a (Å)	c (Å)				
S1	3.948	17.285	233.31	11.981 ± 0.108	0.002904	7.046 × 10 <sup>15</sup>
S2	3.942	17.258	232.24	14.805 ± 0.162	0.002426	5.015 × 10 <sup>15</sup>
S3	3.936	17.231	231.17	11.658 ± 0.098	0.003139	8.819 × 10 <sup>15</sup>
S4	3.957	17.326	234.94	11.882 ± 0.112	0.002979	7.531 × 10 <sup>15</sup>
S5	3.966	17.366	236.55	8.464 ± 0.092	0.004237	15.581 × 10 <sup>15</sup>



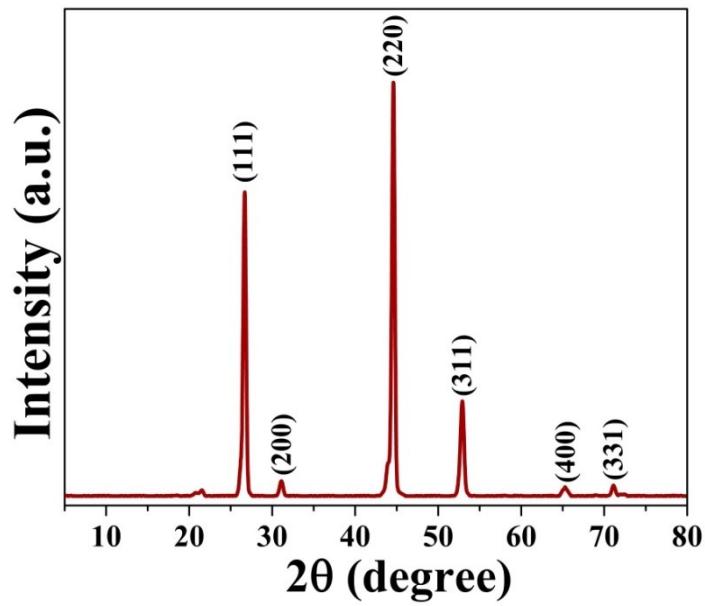
**Figure S2** The EDAX spectra for all five as-synthesized nanoparticles (adapted from S. R. Patel et. al., ACS Applied Biomaterials, 2023, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acsabm.3c00090> ).



**Figure S3** The EDAX elemental mapping micrographs for S1, S2, S3, S4 and S5 nanoparticles  
 (adapted from S. R. Patel et. al., ACS Applied Biomaterials, 2023,  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acsabm.3c00090>).



**Figure S4** The FESEM micrographs for S1, S2, S3, S4 and S5 nanoparticles (adapted from S. R. Patel et. al., ACS Applied Biomaterials, 2023, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/acsabm.3c00090> ).



**Figure S5** The XRD pattern of Cu<sub>2</sub>Se resulting from the vacuum annealing of pristine CuSe nanoparticles.