

## Electronic Supplementary Information

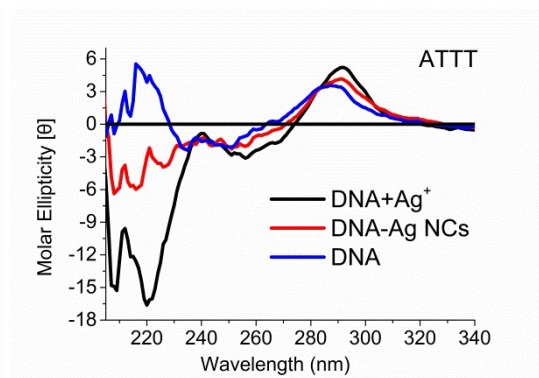
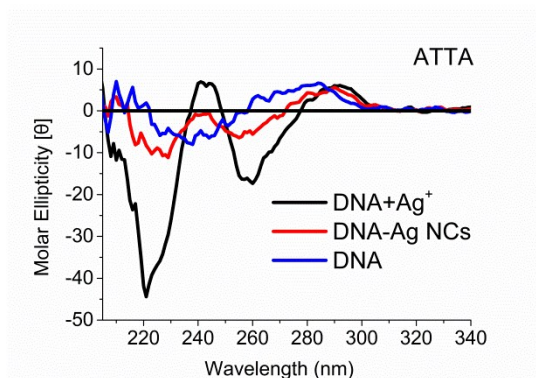
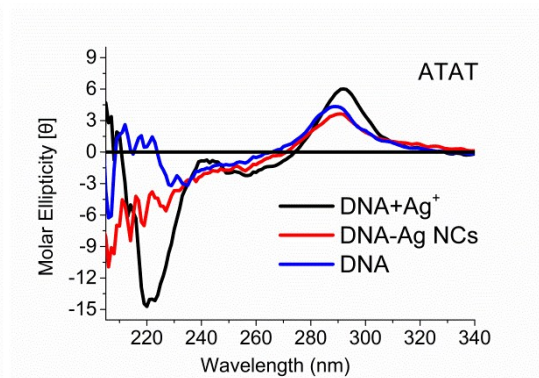
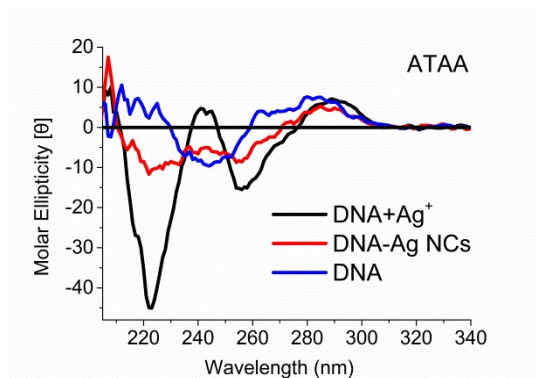
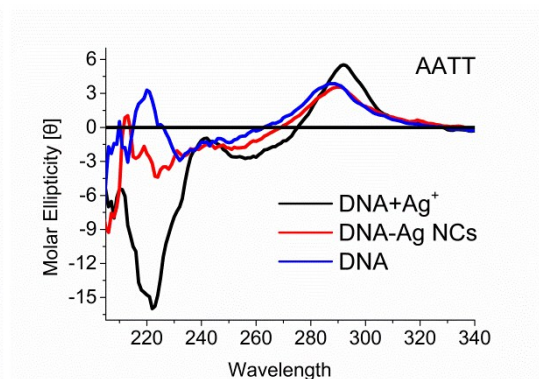
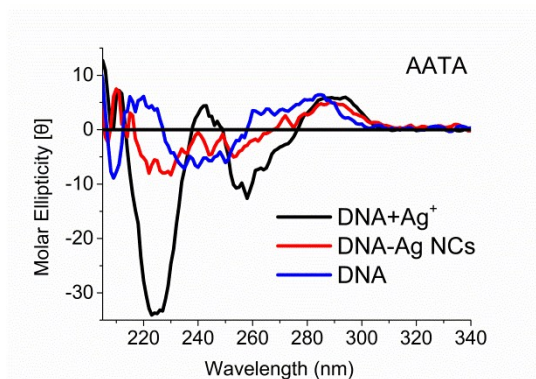
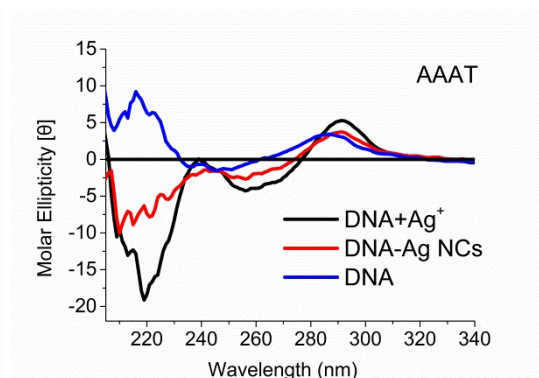
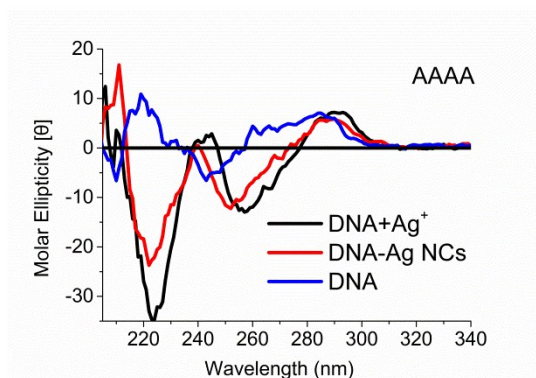
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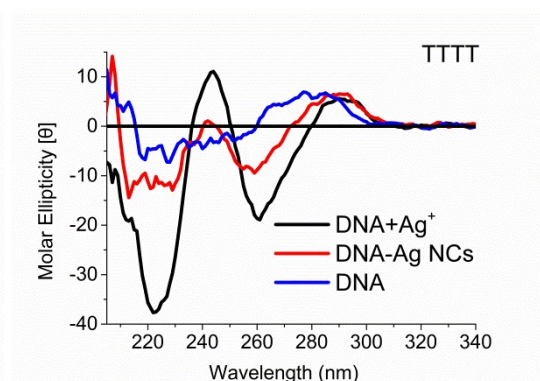
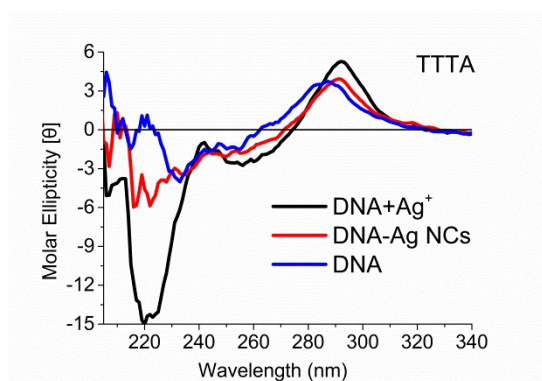
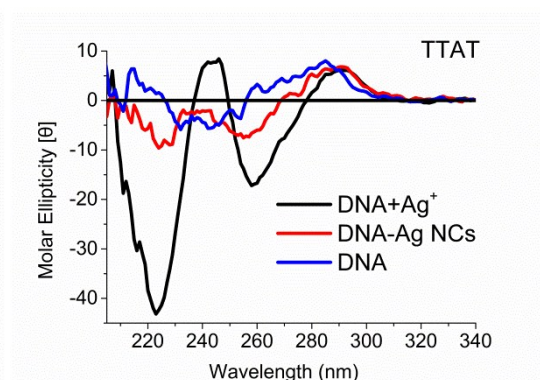
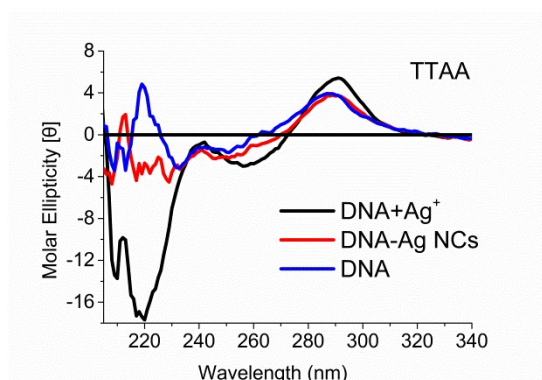
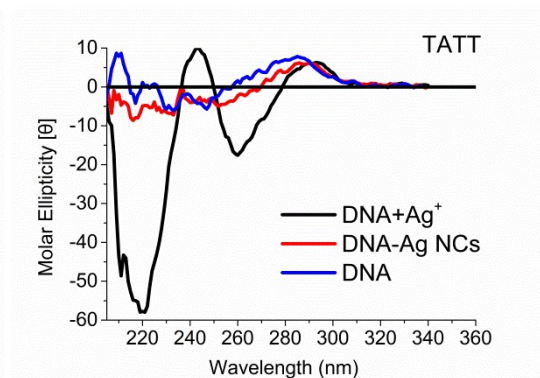
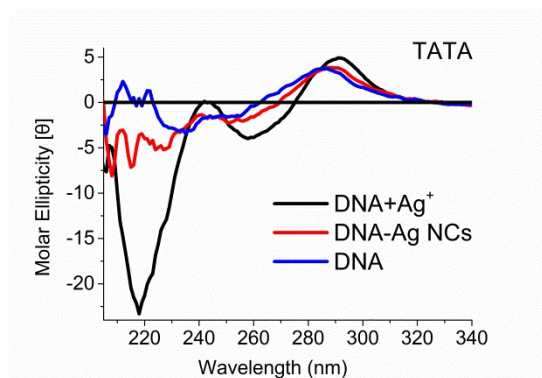
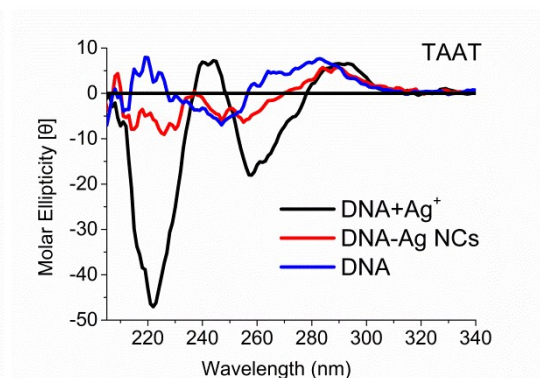
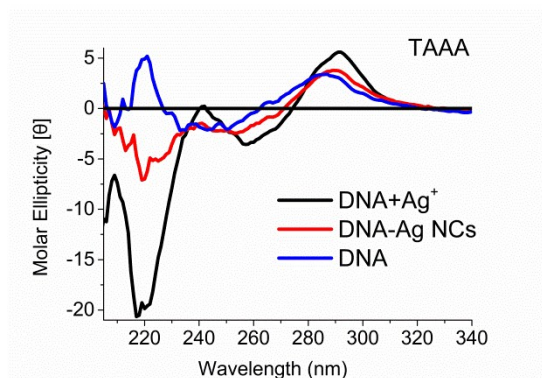
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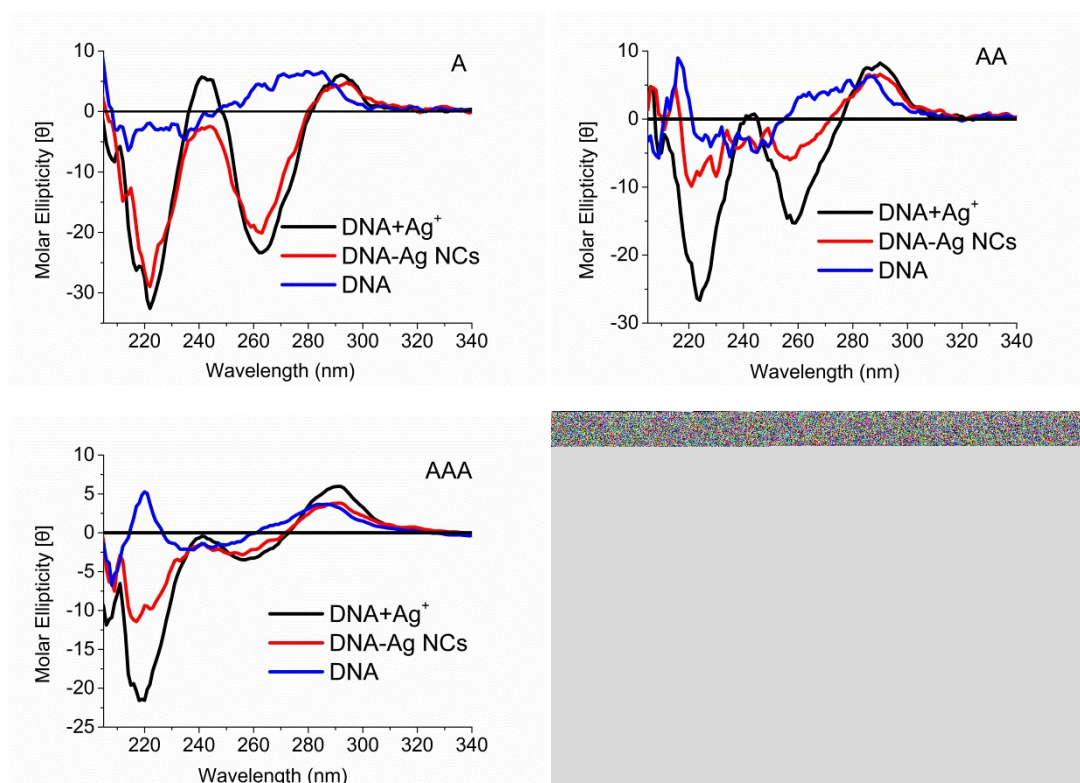


Fig. S1. The circular dichroism spectra of DNA+Ag<sup>+</sup> complex (black), DNA-Ag NCs (red) and pure DNA (blue) solution. All samples were dispersed in 20 mM PB buffer at pH 6.6.

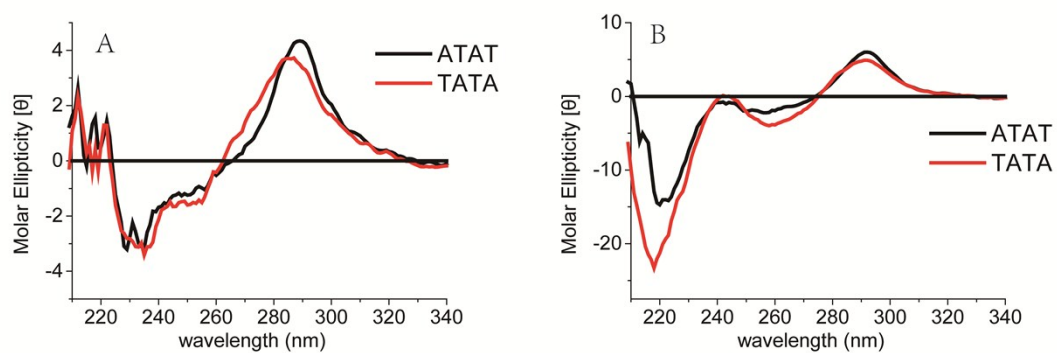


Fig. S2. The CD spectra of the DNA sequence C<sub>4</sub>-ATAT-C<sub>4</sub> (black) and C<sub>4</sub>-TATA-C<sub>4</sub> (red) (A) before and (B) after adding the Ag<sup>+</sup> ions.

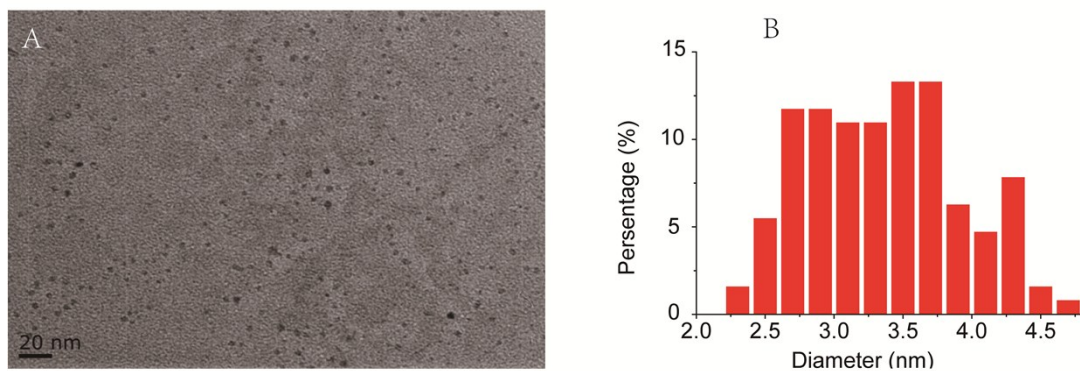


Fig. S3. The TEM image and size distribution histogram (B) of the Ag NCs stabilized by the DNA sequence C<sub>4</sub>-**TATA**-C<sub>4</sub>.

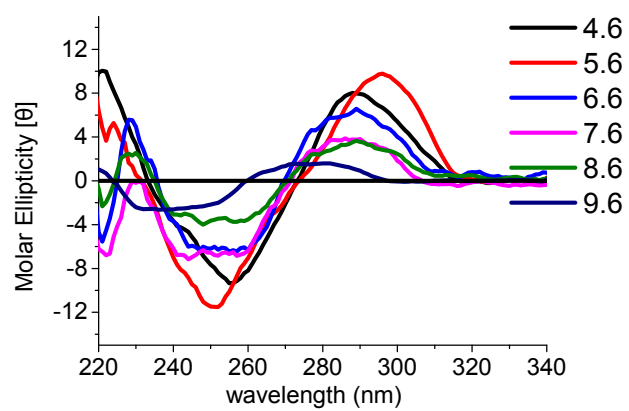


Fig. S4. The CD spectra of the sequence  $C_4$ -**ATAT**- $C_4$  under a wide pH values ranged from 4.6 to 9.6.

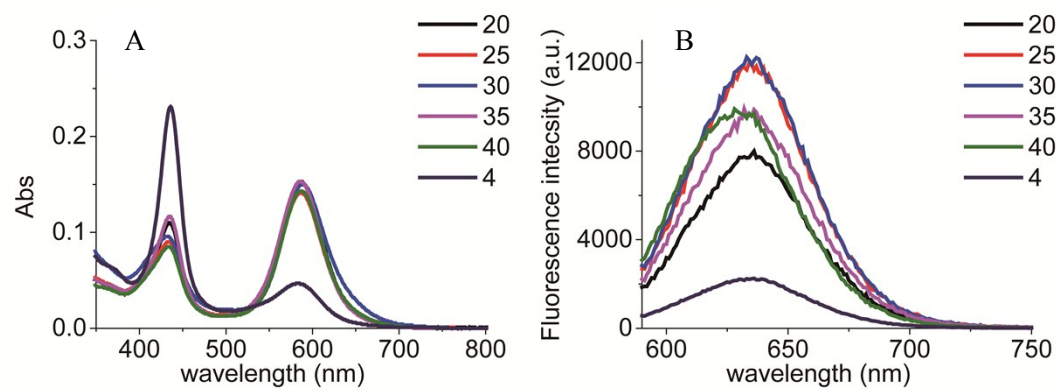


Fig. S5. (A) The UV adsorption spectrum and (B) fluorescence intensity of  $C_4$ -ATAT- $C_4$  stabilized Ag NCs as a function of temperature.