## Electronic Supplementary Information Tailored Synthesis of Nonlinear Optical Quaternary Chalcogenides: Ba<sub>4</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>S<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Ba<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and Ba<sub>4</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>

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Figure S1a. Crystal structure of (a)  $NaBa_4Ge_3S_{10}Cl$  and (b)  $Ba_4Ge_3S_9Cl_2viewed$  along the [110] direction.



Figure S1b. The fundamental  $[Ge_3S_9]$  ring viewed along the side and top direction with bond lengths.



Figure S1c. Coordination environments of Ba and Cl atoms in Ba<sub>4</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>S<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. (a) Ba1 atoms. (b) Ba2 atoms. (c) Cl2 atoms. (d) Cl1 atoms.



Figure S2a. The EDX spectrum of Ba<sub>4</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>S<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S2b. The EDX spectrum of  $Ba_4Si_3Se_9Cl_2$ .



Figure S2c. The EDX spectrum of Ba<sub>4</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S3. Experimental powder XRD (×), the calculated (red solid line) and difference (blue solid line) results of the fullprof refinements for (a)  $Ba_4Si_3Se_9Cl_2$  and (b)  $Ba_4Ge_3Se_9Cl_2$ .



Figure S4. UV-vis diffuse-reflectance spectra of (a)  $Ba_4Si_3Se_9Cl_2$  and (b)  $Ba_4Ge_3Se_9Cl_2$ .



Figure S5. Phase-matching curves, i.e. particle size versus SHG response, for Ba<sub>4</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, Ba<sub>4</sub>Ge<sub>3</sub>Se<sub>9</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and AgGaS<sub>2</sub> (as reference).



Figure S6. The diagram of symmetry elements of the hexagonal space group  $P6_3$  (no.

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