

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### A Facile Strategy for the Synthesis of Monodispersed $W_{17}O_{47}$

#### Nanoneedles

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**Table S1.** The length, width and aspect ratio of  $W_{17}O_{47}$  nanostructures under different volume ratios of oleic acid (OA) to 1-octadecene (ODE) with 0.2 mmol of sulfur powder and the reaction time at 1 h.

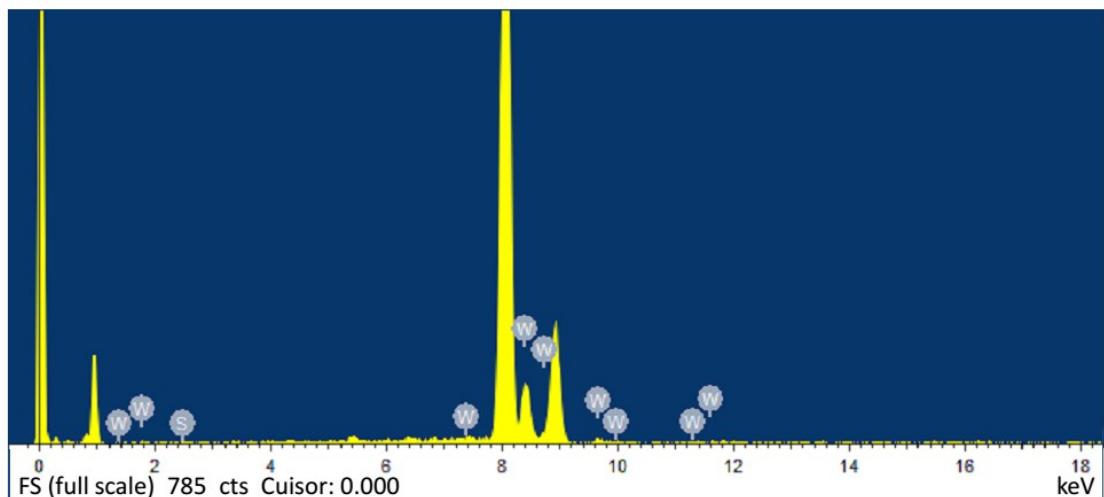
OA/ODE	0.5:9.5	1:9	2:8	3:7	5:5	7:3	8:2	10:0
Length (nm)	46.5	75.3	88.0	—	—	—	—	—
Width (nm)	6.7	4.2	9.0	—	—	—	—	—
aspect ratio	6.94	17.93	9.78	—	—	—	—	—

**Table S2.** The length, width and aspect ratio of  $W_{17}O_{47}$  nanostructures with the amount of sulfur powder. OA: ODE = 2:8; Reaction time = 1 h.

sulfur powder(mmol)	0	0.01	0.05	0.10	0.20	0.30
Length (nm)	—	88.0	65.6	87.3	88.0	133.3
Width (nm)	4.9	13.5	11.5	17.0	9.0	11.1
aspect ratio	—	6.52	5.70	5.14	9.78	12.01

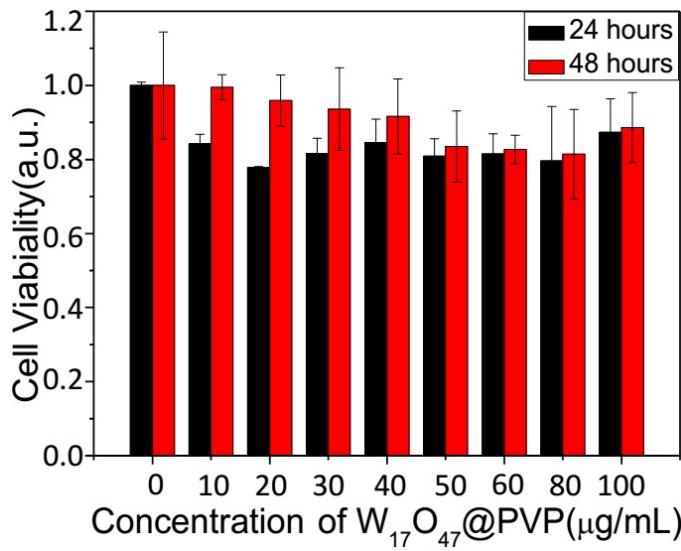
**Table S3.** The length, width and aspect ratio of  $W_{17}O_{47}$  nanostructures according to different reaction time with 0.2 mmol of sulfur powder. OA:ODE=2:8.

reaction time	10 min	30 min	1 h	2 h
Length (nm)	72.3	78.0	88.0	83. 7
Width (nm)	8.6	9.9	9.0	8.7
aspect ratio	8.4	7.88	9.78	9.6



element	weight percent	atomic percent
S K	0.29	1.63
W L	99.71	98.37
total	100.00	

**Figure S1.** The EDS images of  $\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{47}$  nanoneedles.



**Figure S2.** Cell viability tests of  $\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{47}$ @PVP nanoneedles after 24 and 48 h incubation, respectively. The cells used here are HeLa cells.