## Supporting information

## Solution synthesis of conveyor-like MnSe nanostructured architectures with an unusual core/shell magnetic structure

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**Fig. S1** The typical XPS analysis of the as-prepared WZ-MnSe nanoconveyors, (a) Mn 2p region, and (b) Se 3d region. The two distinct peaks of 642.2 and 653.9 eV are assigned to Mn  $2p_{3/2}$  and Mn  $2p_{1/2}$  core level, respectively, which can be used as a fingerprint to identify the presence of Mn(II), and the fitting peaks centered at 55.3 eV is consistent with Se 3d core level.<sup>S1</sup>



**Fig. S2** HRTEM image of the endpoint in a NW. The two yellow arrowheads indicate the boundary between Ag<sub>2</sub>Se and MnSe. The Ag<sub>2</sub>Se nanoparticles can be indexed to the cubic phase with the space group of *I*m3m (a = 4.99 Å), and the MnSe NW has a WZ-type structure with the space group of  $P6_3mc$  (a = 4.16 Å, c = 6.70 Å). Along the interfaces, the mismatch value between MnSe ( $1\bar{1}00$ )[ $11\bar{2}0$ ] and Ag<sub>2</sub>Se (002)[110] is ~1.7 %, the mismatch of MnSe ( $1\bar{1}00$ )[0001] and Ag<sub>2</sub>Se (002)[110] is ~5.5 %, and the mismatch for MnSe (0002)[ $3\bar{3}00$ ] and Ag<sub>2</sub>Se (002)[110] is ~16 %, as calculated using the standard cell parameters.



**Fig. S3** TEM images of the sample obtained at different amount of Ag nanoparticle solution: (a) 0.05 mL, and (b) 0.2 mL.



Fig. S4 (a, b) low-, (c) high-magnification TEM images of the synthesized MnSe nanosaws with thick teeth.



Fig. S5 SEM images of the synthesized MnSe nanopods.



Fig. S6 (a) low-, (b) high-magnification TEM images, (c) HRTEM image of the synthesized MnSe nanocondyles.



**Fig. S7** (a) Temperature dependence of FC and ZFC susceptibility, (b) hysteresis loops at 5 K for the short teeth nanoconveyors obtained at 300 °C, 3 min and solid nanopods.

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