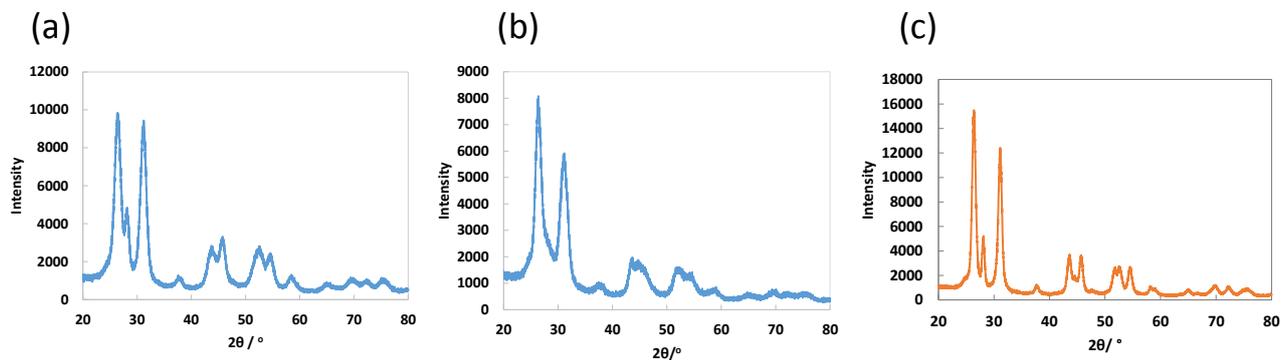


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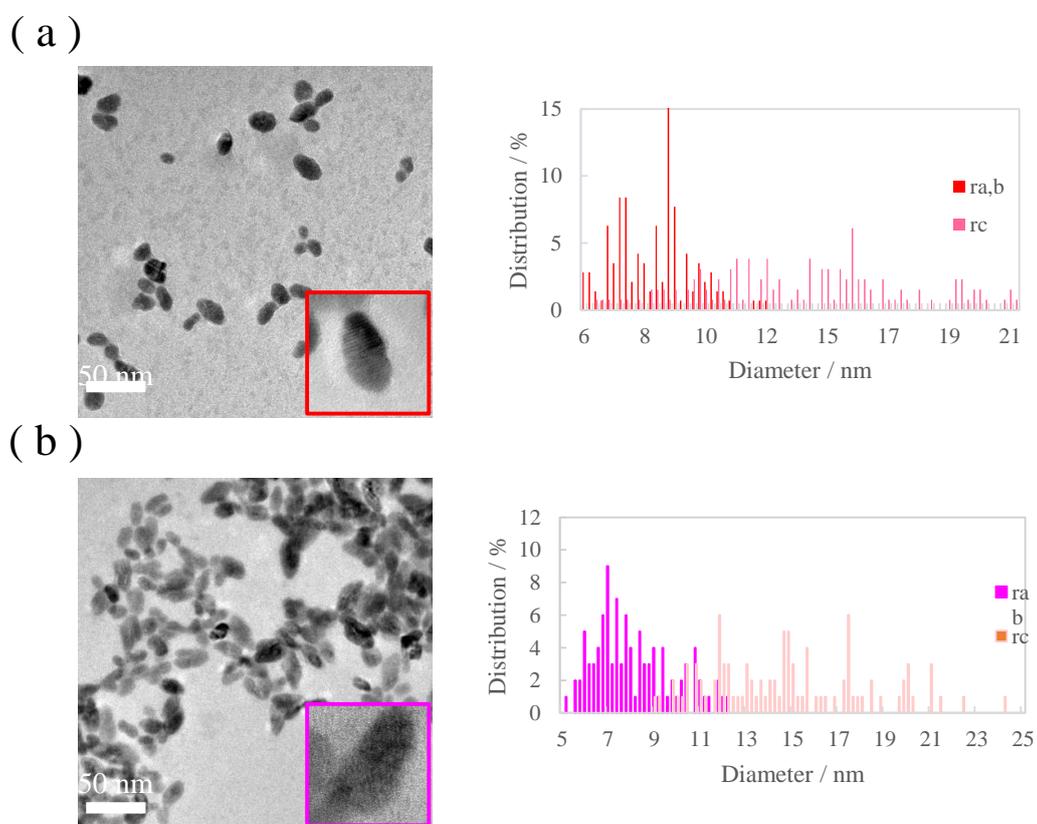
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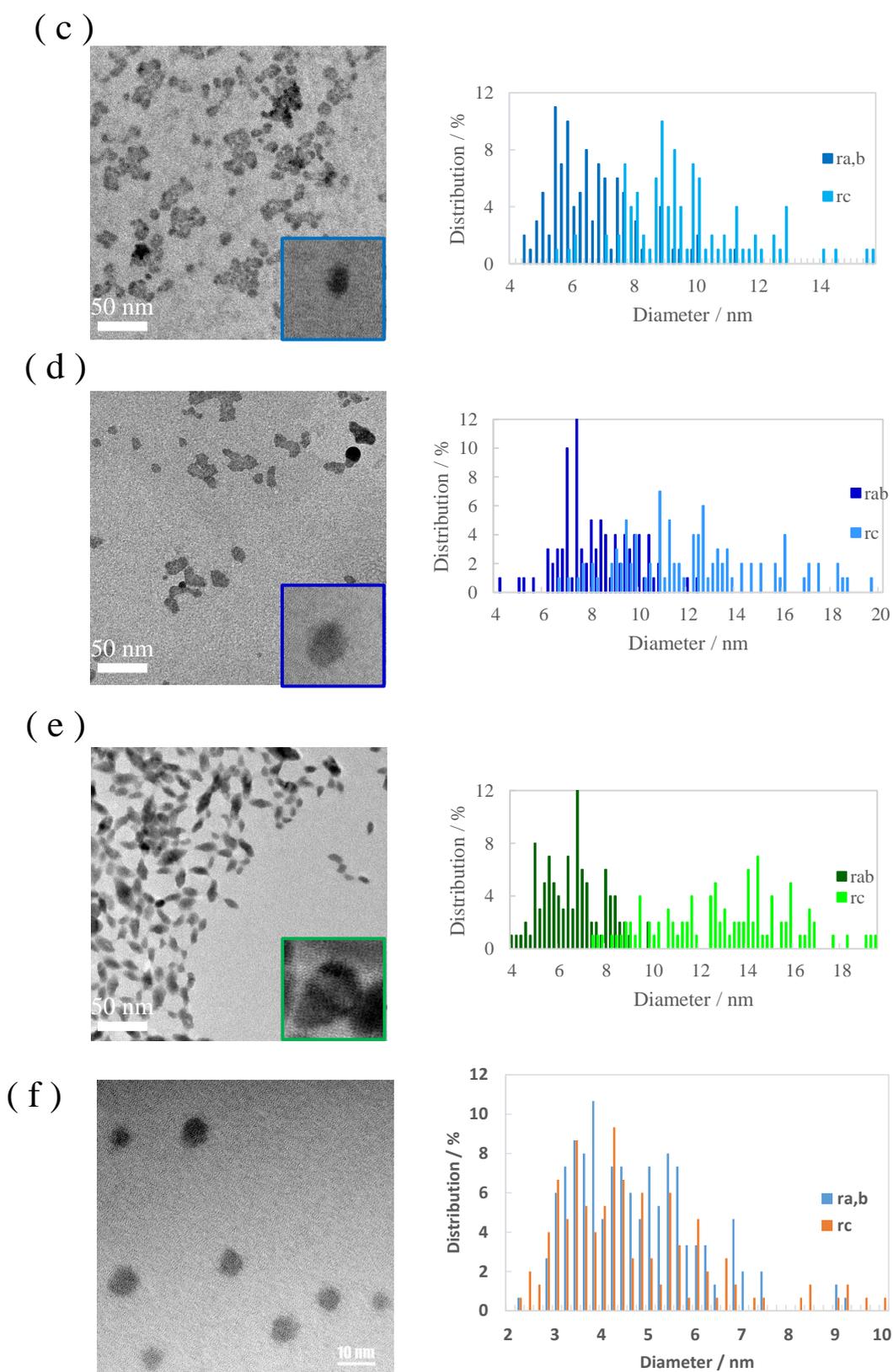
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## Supplemental Figures

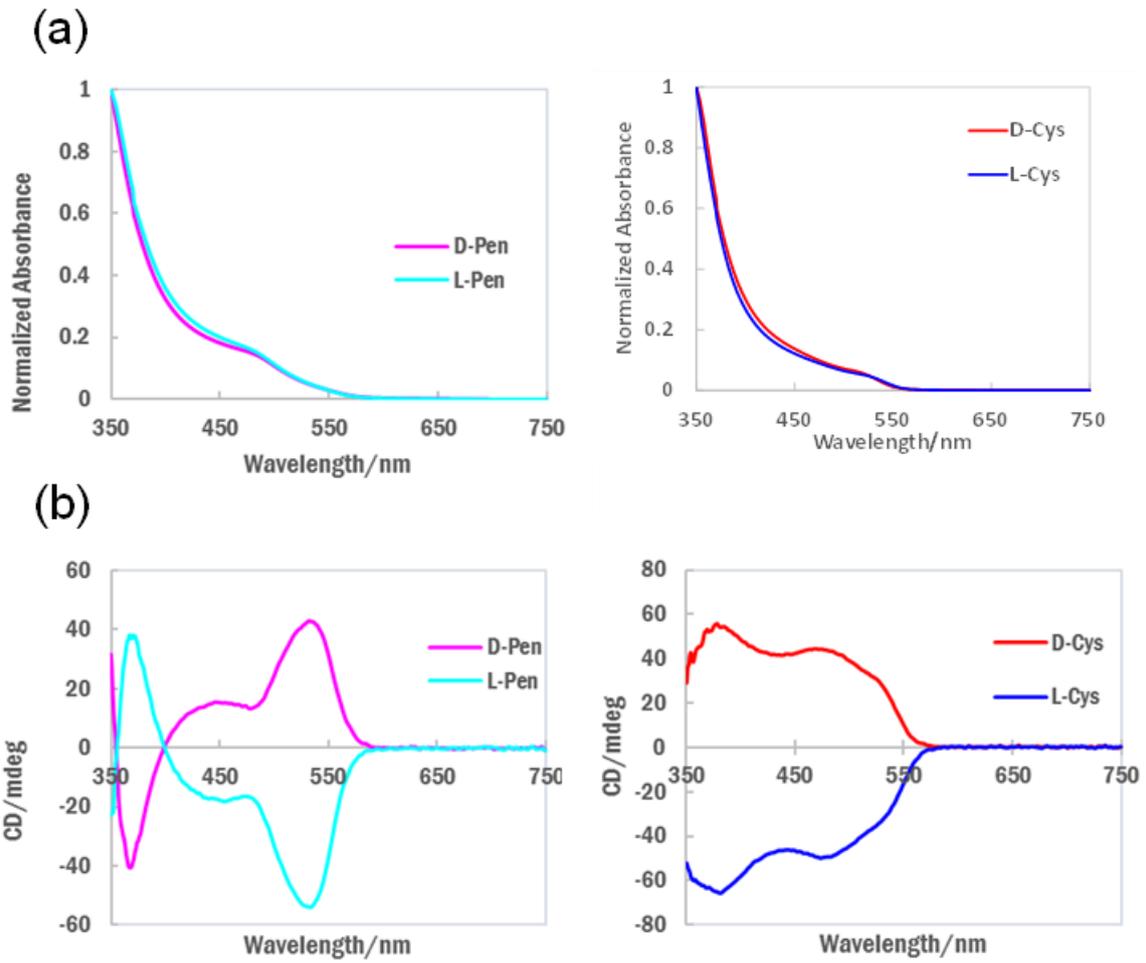


**Fig. S1** XRD profiles of HgS NPs capped with chiral ligands: (a) D-Pen, (b) D-Cys and (c) L-NAc-Cys and (f) DT ligand-exchanged from D-Pen, together with their size distributions. “rab” and “rc” denote the lengths along with the short and long axes of prolate-spherical shaped NPs, respectively.

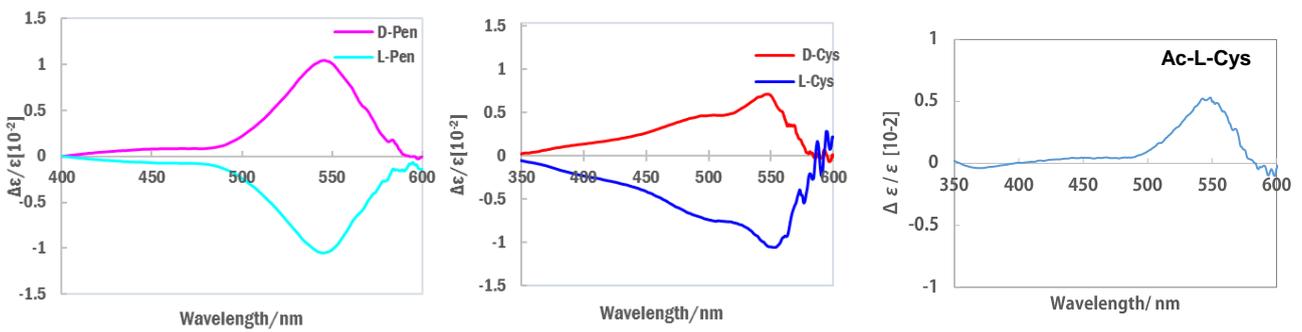




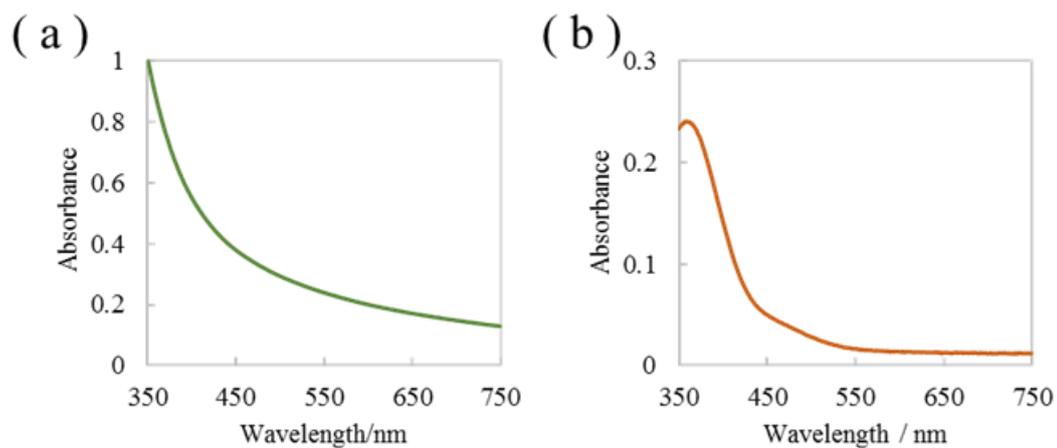
**Fig. S2** TEM images of HgS NPs capped with chiral ligands: (a) D-Pen, (b) L-Pen, (c) D-Cys, (d) L-Cys, (e) L-NAc-Cys and (f) DT ligand-exchanged from D-Pen, together with their size distributions. “rab” and “rc” denote the lengths along with the short and long axes of prolate-spherical shaped NPs, respectively.



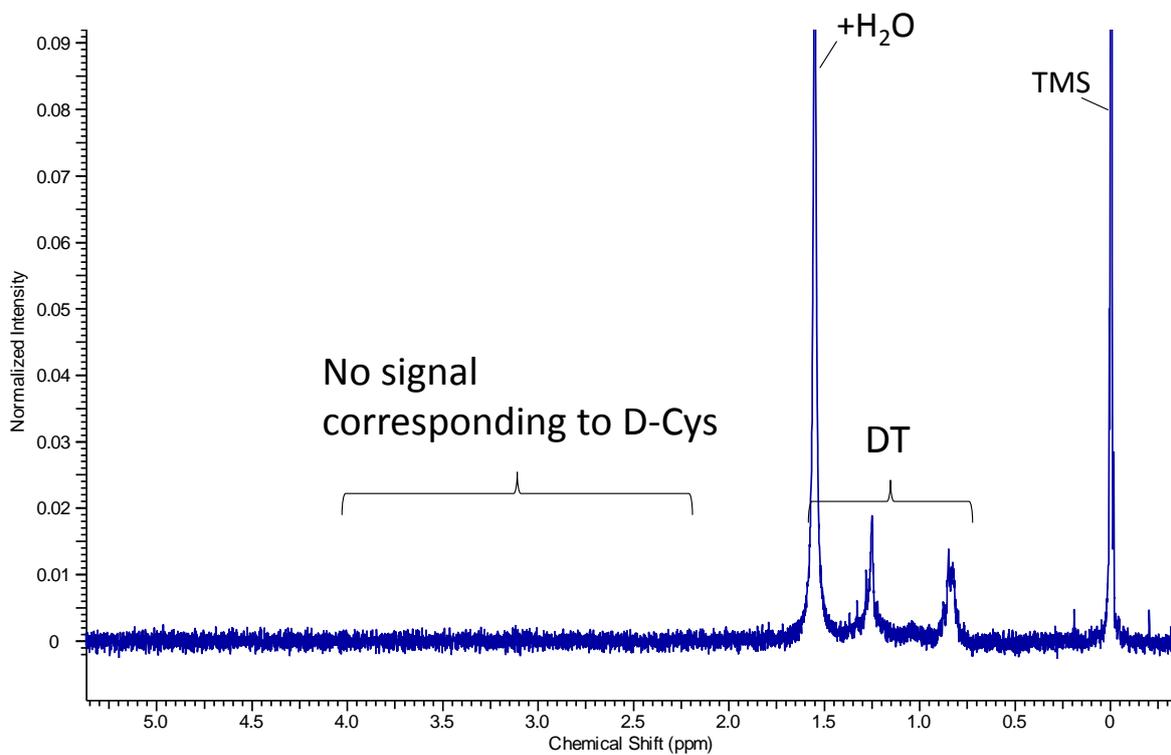
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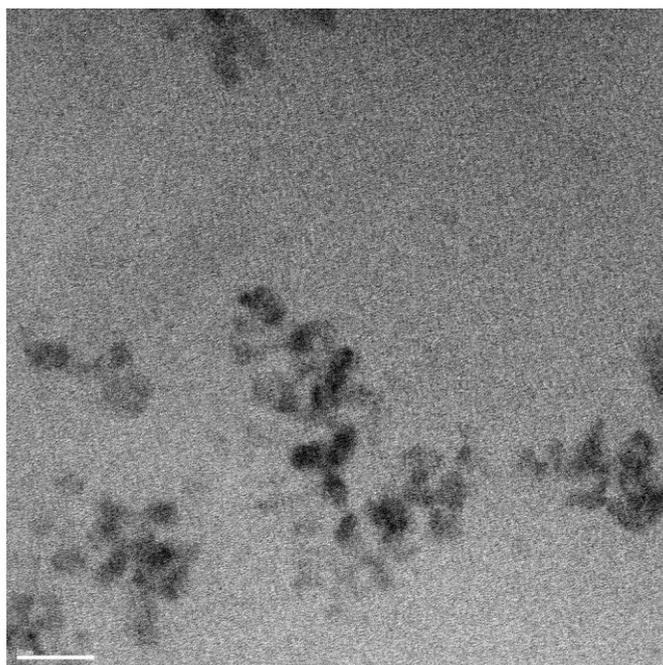
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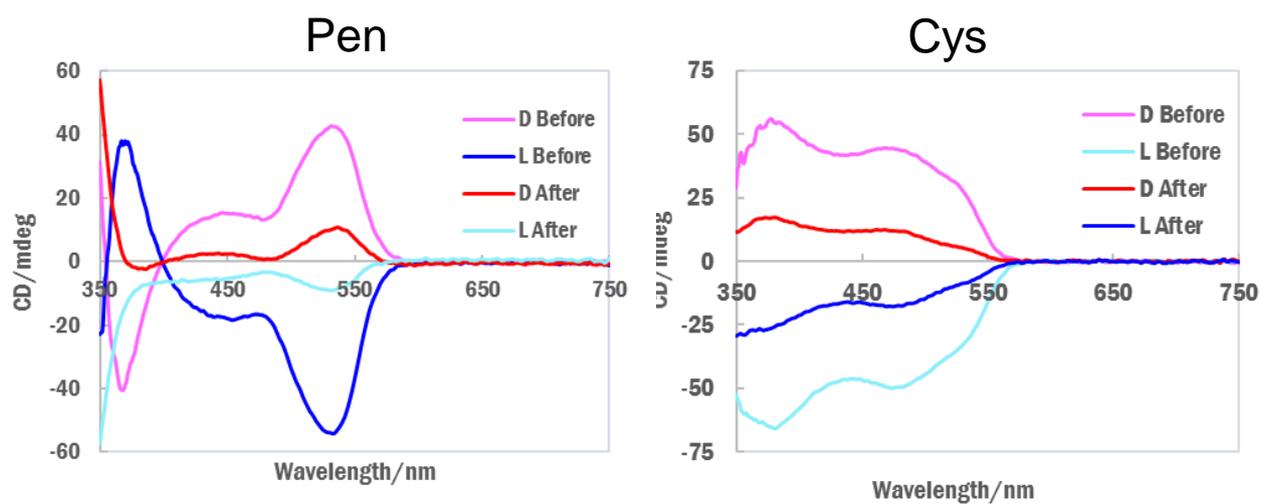
**Fig. S5** Absorption spectra of HgS NPs prepared in the presence of (a) MPA and (b) AET.



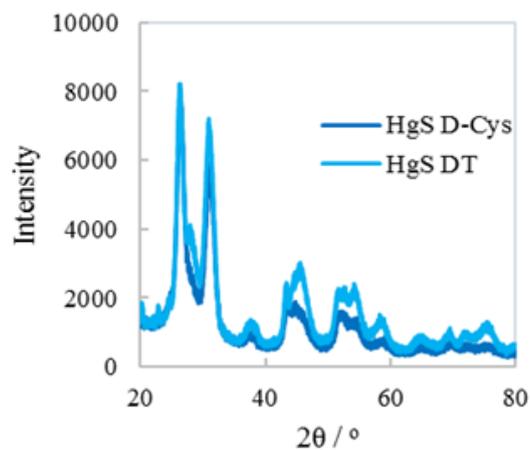
**Fig. S6** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum after the ligand exchange from L-Cys to DT (in CDCl<sub>3</sub>/TMS).



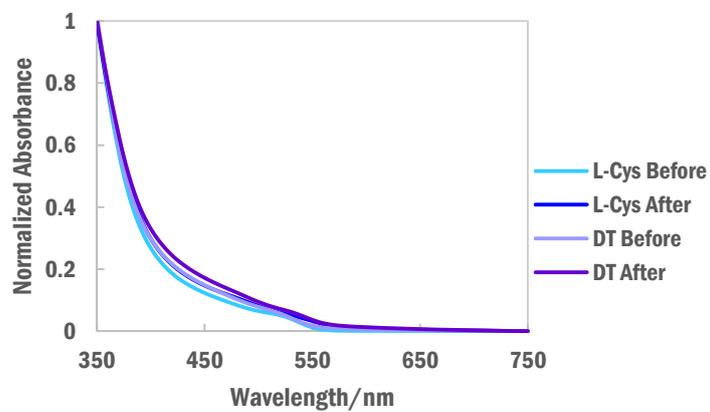
**Fig. S7** Typical TEM image of HgS NPs capped with DT after ligand exchanged from L-Cys (Scale bar: 20 nm).



**Fig. S8** Comparison of CD spectra before and after the ligand-exchange.



**Fig. S9** XRD profiles of HgS NPs before and after the ligand-exchange from D-Cys to DT.



**Fig. S10** Absorption spectral change of the aqueous solution of HgS@L-Cys and TCE solution of HgS@DT before and after the heat treatment at 80 °C in water and 100 °C in TCE.