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## Near-infrared optical performances of two Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> nanosheets

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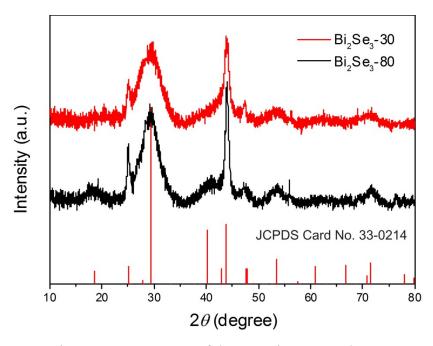


Fig. S1. XRD patterns of the two  $Bi_2Se_3$  nanosheets.

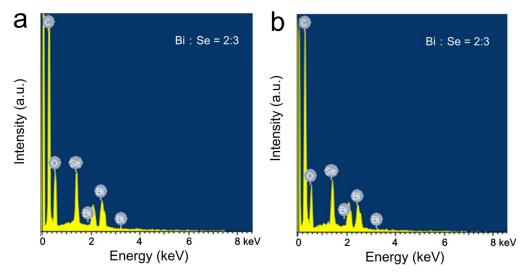


Fig. S2. EDS spectra of (a)  $Bi_2Se_3$ -30 and (b)  $Bi_2Se_3$ -80 nanosheets.

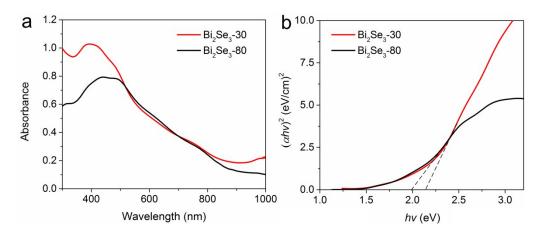


Fig. S3. (a) Absorption spectra of the two  $Bi_2Se_3$  nanosheets. (b) Plots of  $(\alpha hv)^2$  vs. hv of the two  $Bi_2Se_3$  nanosheets.

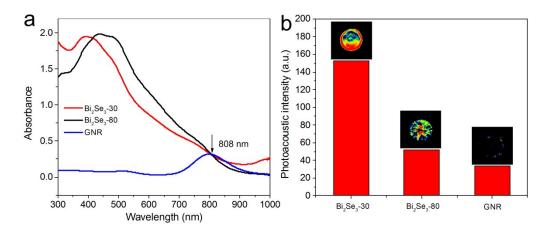


Fig. S4. (a) Absorption spectra of the two  $Bi_2Se_3$  nanosheets and GNRs with same intensities at 808 nm. (b) Corresponding photoacoustic images and quantitative intensities of the two  $Bi_2Se_3$  nanosheets and GNRs.