Supporting information

## Thermoelectric (Bi,Sb)<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> - Ge<sub>0.5</sub>Mn<sub>0.5</sub>Te composites with excellent mechanical properties

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Fig. S1 SEM image and corresponding EDS mappings for (Bi,Sb)<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> - Ge<sub>0.5</sub>Mn<sub>0.5</sub>Te