**Supporting Information** 

**Sulfate-Ion-Assisted Galvanic Replacement Tuning of Silver** 

**Dendrites to Highly Branched Chains for Effective SERS** 

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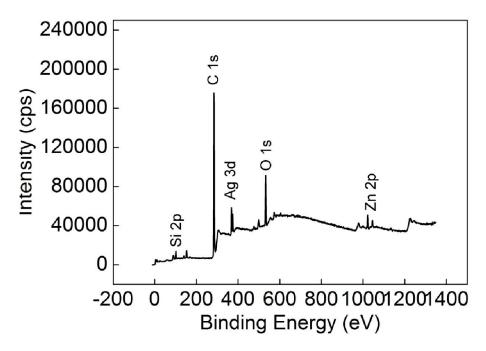
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**Fig. S1** XPS wide spectrum of the HBSCs (highly branched silver chains) obtained in 10 mM AgNO<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution in the presence of 2.5 mM Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at a reaction time of 10 min.

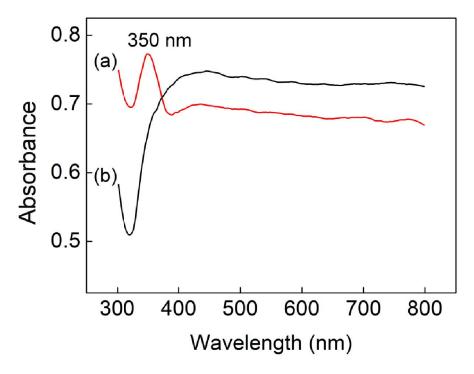
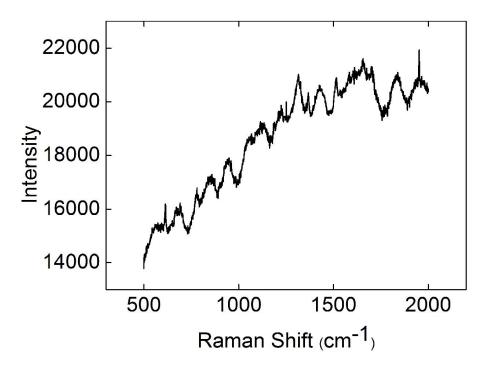


Fig. S2 UV-vis spectra of silver dendrites (a) and HBSCs (b).



**Fig.S3** Raman spectrum of R6G ( $1 \times 10^{-2}$  M in ethanol solution). (Excitation: 633 nm, power: 17 mW, data collection: 120 s and  $10 \times$  microscope objective lens)