## Electronic Supplementary Information

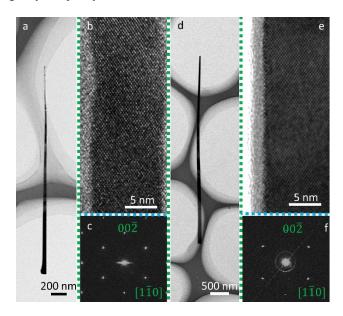
## In situ TEM observation of the vapour-solid-solid growth of <001>

## InAs nanowires

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Fig. S1a and S1d shows the bright-field TEM images of typical InAs  $<00\overline{1}>$  nanowires. Fig. S1b, S1c, S1e and S1f shows their corresponding HRTEM images and SAED patterns, respectively, indicating that our  $<00\overline{1}>$  nanowires have high crystal quality.



**Fig. S1** TEM investigations on typical InAs  $<00\overline{1}>$  nanowires. (a, d) BF TEM images of typical InAs  $<00\overline{1}>$  nanowires. (b, e) their corresponding HRTEM images and (c, f) SAED patterns taken along the [  $1\overline{10}$ ] zone-axes.

Fig. S2 shows the heating procedure of the *in situ* TEM heating experiments performed on InAs  $<00\overline{1}>$  nanowires.

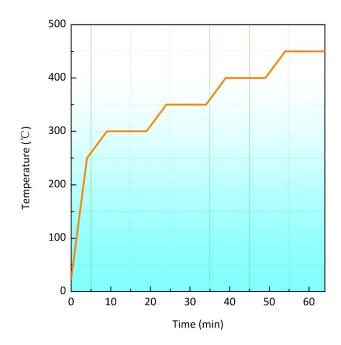


Fig. S2 The heating procedure of the *in situ* heating experiments.