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## **Supplementary Information**

Thermal stability of self-assembled ordered three-phase Au-BaTiO<sub>3</sub>-ZnO nanocomposite thin films via *in situ* heating in TEM

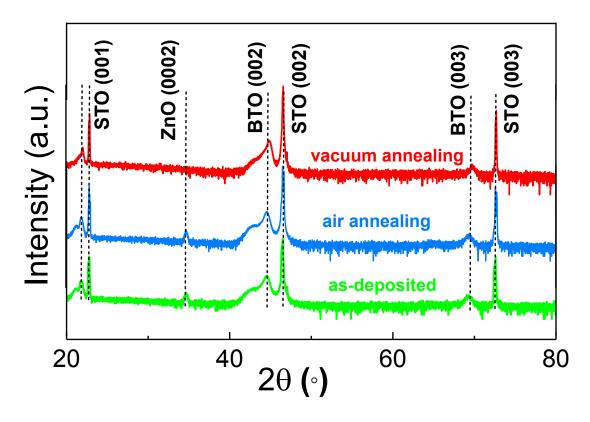
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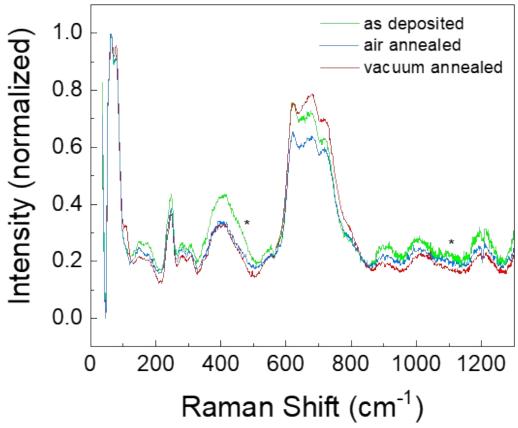
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**Figure S1**. X-ray Diffraction. XRD plots of the as-deposited, air annealed and vacuum annealed three-phase Au-BaTiO<sub>3</sub>-ZnO nanocomposite.



**Figure S2.** Raman Spectroscopy of the as-deposited, air annealed and vacuum annealed three-phase Au-BaTiO<sub>3</sub>-ZnO nanocomposite.

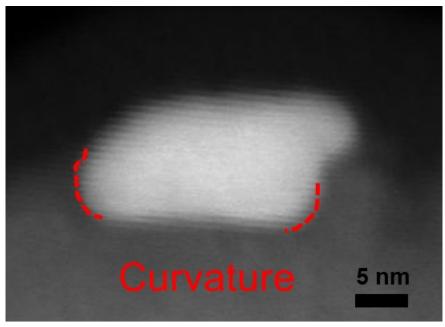
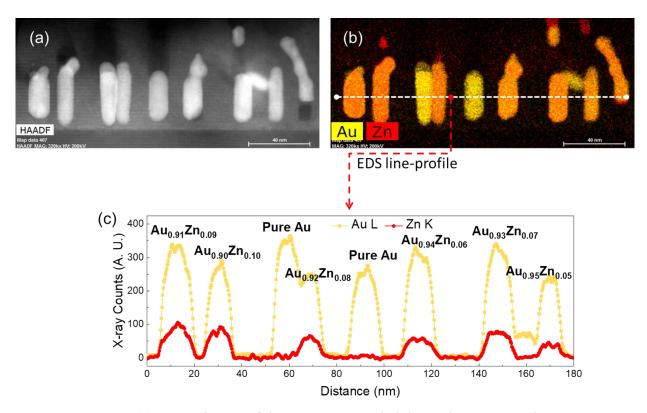


Figure S3. STEM image of the Au NP showing the curvature at room temperature



**Figure S4.** (a) STEM image of the vacuum annealed three-phase Au-BaTiO<sub>3</sub>-ZnO nanocomposite, (b) its corresponding EDS map and (c) the EDS line-scan showing the pillar compositions.