

## *Supporting Information*

### **Lignosulfonate as a versatile regulator for the mediated synthesis of**

### **Ag@AgCl nanocubes**

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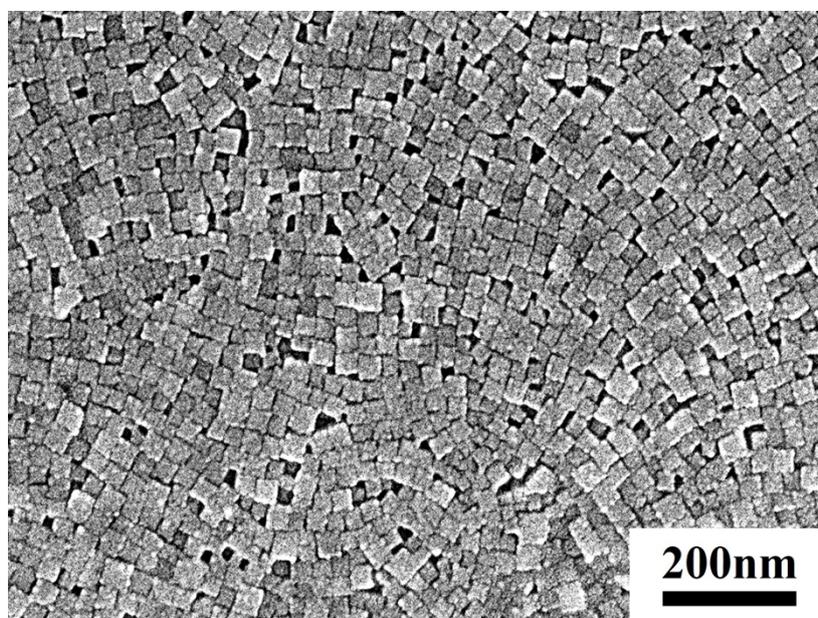
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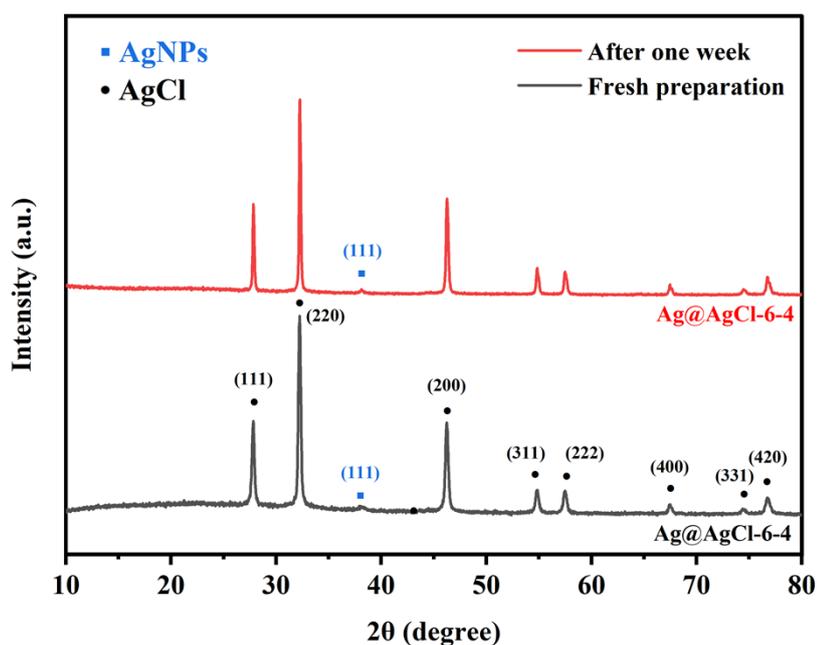
## S1 Influences of LS concentration on the morphology of Ag@AgCl nanocubes

**Table S1.** Dosages of LS, NaCl and AgNO<sub>3</sub>

Sample No	LS (mM)	NaCl (mM)	AgNO <sub>3</sub> (mM)
Ag@AgCl-1	0	10	10
Ag@AgCl-2	0.025	10	10
Ag@AgCl-3	0.125	10	10
Ag@AgCl-4	0.25	10	10
Ag@AgCl-5	0.5	10	10
Ag@AgCl-6	1.0	10	10
Ag@AgCl-7	1.5	10	10
Ag@AgCl-8	2.0	10	10
Ag@AgCl-9	3.0	10	10
Ag@AgCl-10	4.0	10	10
Ag@AgCl-11	5.0	10	10



**Figure S1.** FESEM images of Ag@AgCl nanocubes after one week of placement at a regulated concentration of 1.0mM.

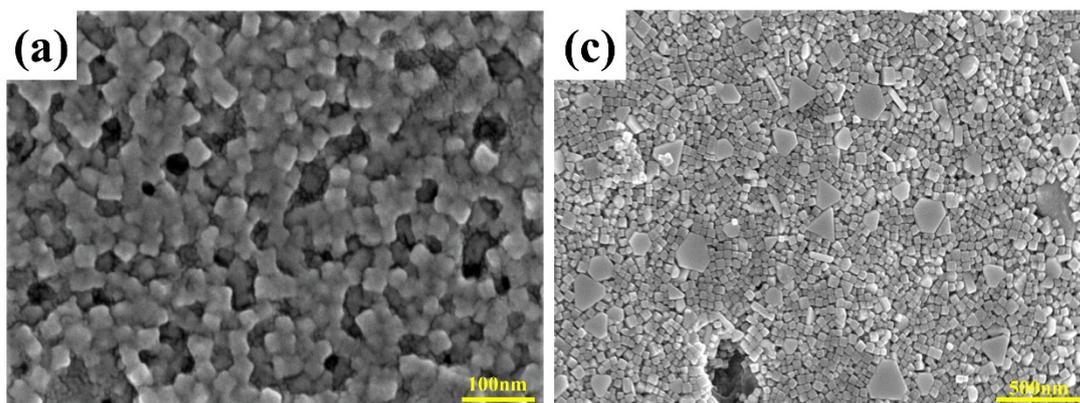


**Figure S2.** XRD pattern of Ag@AgCl nanocubes after preserving for one week.

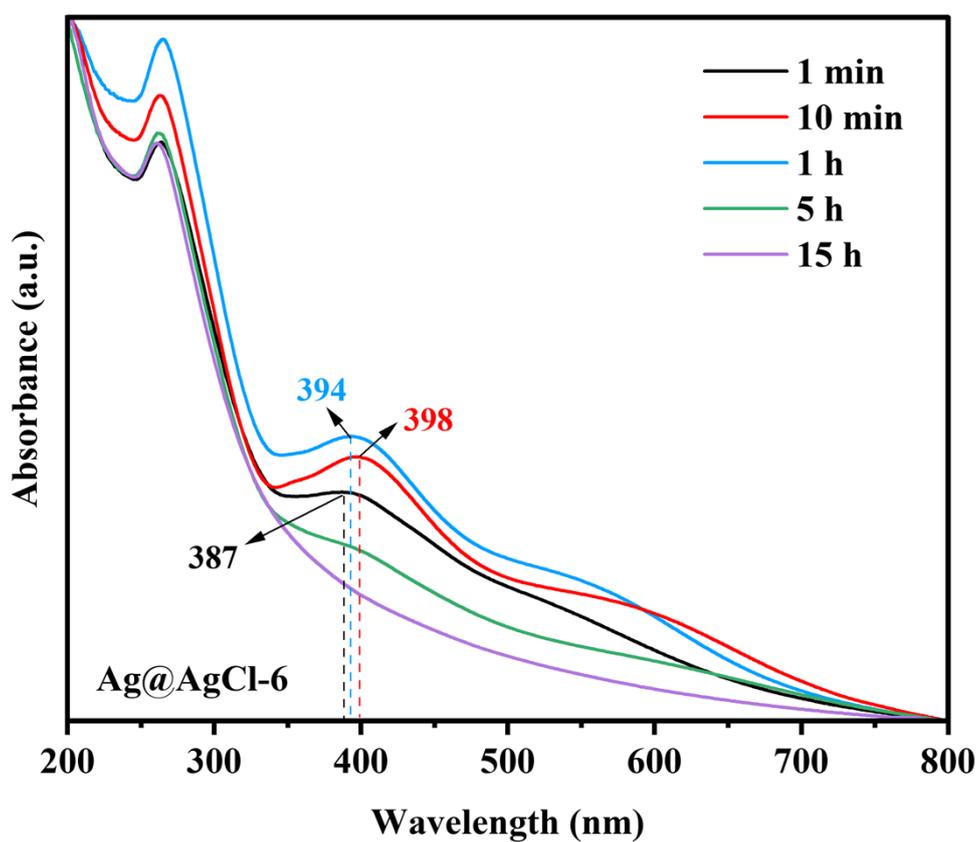
### S2 Influence of reaction time on the morphology of Ag@AgCl nanocubes

**Table S2.** Different reaction times in the synthesis of Ag@AgCl nanocubes

Sample No	Time (min)	LS concentration (mM)
Ag@AgCl-6-1	1	1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-2	10	1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-3	30	1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-4	60	1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-5	600	1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-6	900	1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-7	1200	1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-8	1800	1.0

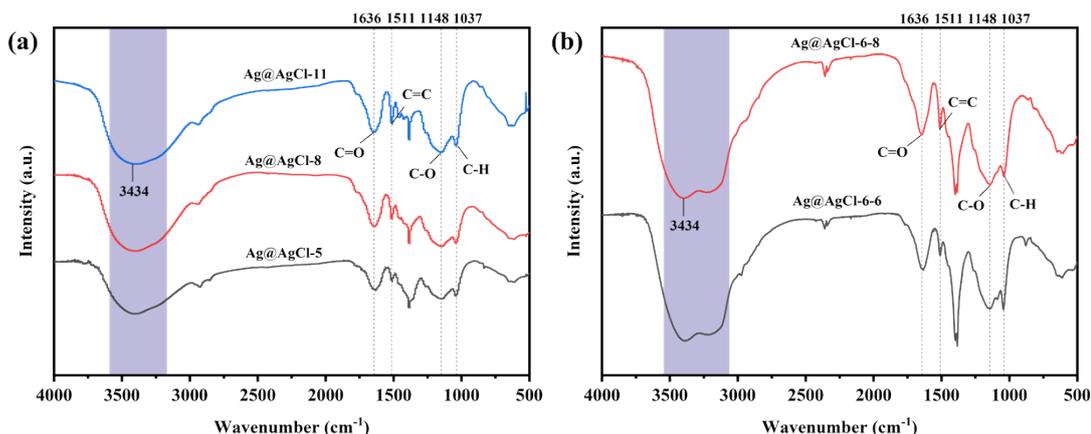


**Figure S3.** FESEM images of Ag@AgCl nanocubes after (a) 10 h and (b) 20 h reaction time, respectively.



**Figure S4.** UV-vis spectra of Ag@AgCl-6 nanocubes at different reaction times.

### S3 FTIR analysis



**Figure S5.** FTIR spectra of Ag@AgCl nanocomposites regulated by (a) different reaction times and (b) LS concentrations.

#### S4 XPS analysis of Ag@AgCl nanocubes

**Table S3.** Relative contents of Ag elements in Ag3d XPS spectrum

Sample No	Ag <sup>0</sup> : Ag <sup>+</sup>
Ag@AgCl-1-4	0:1.0
Ag@AgCl@-6-4	0.39:1.0
Ag@AgCl@-11-4	2.83:1.0

**Table S4.** Relative contents of C element in C1s XPS spectrum

Sample No	C=O:C=C
Ag@AgCl-1-4	0.2:1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-4	0.6:1.0
Ag@AgCl@-11-4	0.52:1.0

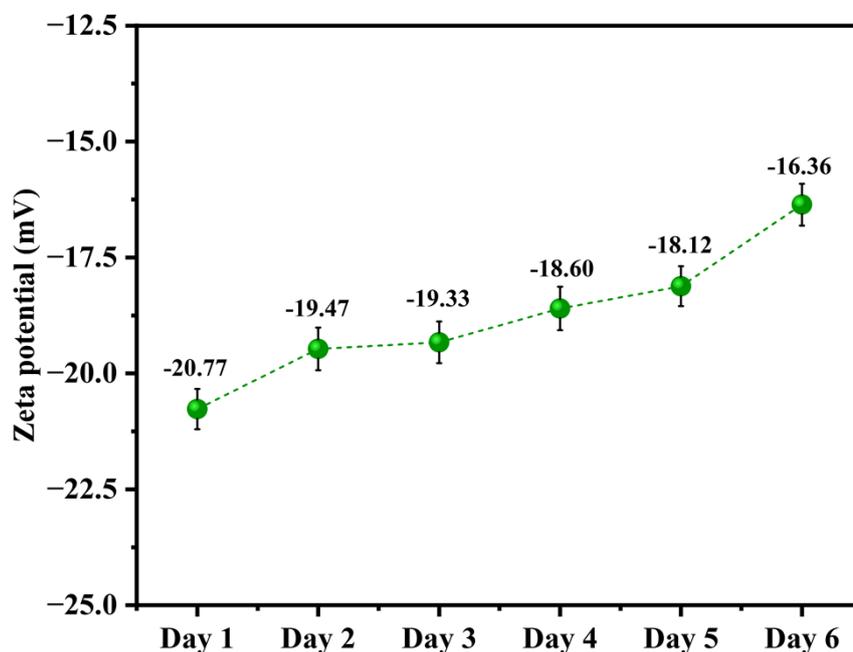
**Table S5.** Relative contents of O elements in O1s XPS spectrum

Sample No	C-O:C=O:SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>
Ag@AgCl-1-4	0.49:1.0:0
Ag@AgCl-6-4	0.40:1.0:0.65
Ag@AgCl-11-4	0.04:1.0:0.24

**Table S6.** Relative contents of Cl elements in Cl2p XPS spectrum

Sample No	Cl2p <sub>1/2</sub> : Cl2p <sub>3/2</sub>
Ag@AgCl-1-4	0.75:1.0
Ag@AgCl-6-4	0.49:1.0
Ag@AgCl-11-4	0.48:1.0

Overall, the zeta potential showed a gradual upward trend over time, increasing from -20.77 mV to -16.36 mV (Figure S6.). This suggests that the electrostatic repulsion between the composites weakens over time, probably due to the saturation of LS adsorption, leading to a decrease in dispersion stability. However, the Zeta potential was roughly maintained between -16 mV and -20 mV, reflecting the dynamic balance between the dispersion and aggregation of silver nanoparticles in the solution during the whole observation period, and the stability of the suspension was good.



**Figure S6.** Zeta potential map of Ag@AgCl nanocubes at different reaction times.

**Table S7.** The yield of the Ag@AgCl nanocube and the proportion of silver

nanoparticles deposited on the surface

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	Ag@AgCl-6-4
Ag <sup>0</sup> : Ag <sup>+</sup>	0.39:1.0
the yield of the Ag@AgCl nanocube	84.37 %
the proportion of silver nanoparticles deposited on the Ag@AgCl nanocube surface	28.06 %

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