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20 nm

Figure S 1: TEM pictures of ZnO nanorods obtained in absence of Li or Na ion.

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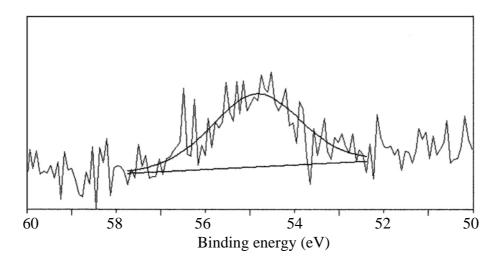


Figure S 2: XPS measurement on ZnO nanoparticles prepared in presence of 10% of $[Li(NMe_2)_2]$ showing the presence of Li ions after the washing of the sample with deionized water.