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Supplementary material for

## 2 Two Dimensional β-InSe with Layer-Dependent

<sup>3</sup> **Properties: Band Alignment, Work Function and** 

## 4 **Optical Properties**

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Figure S1: Electronic band structures of β-InSe monolayer (1L), few-layer (2L to 9L) and bulk β-InSe
extracted from GGA-PBE functional calculations. The green dashed line is Fermi energy level set to
0.0 eV.





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**Figure S2:** Calculated total density of states (TDOS) and partial density of states (PDOS) of  $\beta$ -InSe monolayer (1L), and few layer (2L to 9L) and bulk  $\beta$ -InSe based on GGA-PBE functional. The green dashed line is Fermi energy level set to 0.0 eV.

Table S1: Tabulation of band gap energy values extracted from different functional calculations of β InSe monolayer (1L), few-layer (3L and 5L) and bulk β-InSe.

Number of layer (L)	GG-PBE (eV)	optB86b-vdW (eV)	optPBE-vdW (eV)	HSE06 (eV)
	2.02	(01)	(01)	2.04
1	2.02	1.97	1.98	2.84
3	1.16	1.05	1.84	1.98
5	0.950	0.894	0.987	1.84
Bulk β-InSe	0.674	0.685	0.705	1.39

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**Table S2:** Tabulation of band gap energy values extracted from DFT calculations of  $\beta$ -InSe monolayer (1L), few-layer (2L to 9L) and bulk  $\beta$ -InSe based on GGA-PBE.

Number of layer (L)	Band gap values (eV)	Number of layer (L)	Band gap values (eV)
1	2.02	6	0.897
2	1.40	7	0.861
3	1.16	8	0.840
4	1.03	9	0.817
5	0.950	Bulk β-InSe	0.674

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29Figure S3: (a) GGA-PBE band gap energies of few-layer of β-InSe as a function of number of layer, (b)30electronic band structure of monolayer β-InSe extracted from GGA-PBE calculations, band dispersion31line with red is for band with SOC ( $E_g = 1.40 \text{ eV}$ ) and with black is for band without SOC ( $E_g = 1.42$ 32eV). The green dashed line is Fermi energy level set to 0.0 eV.

Table S3: Tabulation of work function values of β-InSe monolayer (1L), few-layer (2L to 9L) and bulk
 β-InSe.

Number of layer (L)	Work function (eV)	Number of layer (L)	Work function (eV)
1	5.22	6	5.00
2	5.05	7	4.99
3	5.02	8	4.99
4	5.01	9	4.98
5	5.00	Bulk β-InSe	4.77





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**Figure S4:** (a) Calculated phonon band dispersion structure of  $\beta$ -InSe a long high-symmetry direction  $\Gamma$ -Z-M-A- $\Gamma$  (b) Total potential energy fluctuation of  $\beta$ -InSe monolayer from 500 to 4000 fs during AIMD simulations at the temperature of 300K.The inset show the snapshot at 1 ps





**Figure S5:** Calculated real part of the dielectric function along x and z direction for  $\beta$ -InSe monolayer (1L), few-layer (2L to 9L) and bulk  $\beta$ -InSe.







**Figure S6:** Calculated imaginary part of the dielectric function along x and z directions for  $\beta$ -InSe monolayer (1L), few-layer (2L to 9L) and bulk  $\beta$ -InSe.





46 Figure S7: Calculated refractive index (n) along x and z directions for β-InSe monolayer (1L), few47 layer (5L) and bulk β-InSe.