## **Supporting Information:**

Highly ordered 3D-silver nanoring arrays (3D-AgNRAs) for refractometric sensing

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Figure S1. (a) Large area SEM image of 3D-AgNRAs; (b) Centimeter-size optical

image of 3D-AgNRAs.



Figure S2. FDTD simulated reflectance spectra of 3D-AgNRAs with P=1  $\mu$ m, D<sub>1</sub>=530 nm, D<sub>2</sub>=870 nm, and various H<sub>1</sub> (H<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>1</sub>=100 nm).



Figure S3. The reflectance main dip position's cross-section electromagnetic field distribution for 3D-AgNRAs with 50 (a), 100 (b), 200 (c), and 300 nm (d)  $H_{1.}$ 



Figure S4. FDTD simulated reflectance spectra of 3D-AgNRAs with P=1  $\mu$ m, H<sub>1</sub>=200 nm, H<sub>2</sub>=300 nm, and D<sub>2</sub>=830 nm, but varied D<sub>1</sub> from 200 nm to 500 nm



**Figure S5.** The reflectance main dip position's cross-section electromagnetic field distribution for 3D-AgNRAs with 200 (a), 300 (b), 400 (c), and 500 nm (d) D<sub>1</sub>.



Figure S6. FDTD simulated reflectance spectra of 3D-AgNRAs with P=1  $\mu$ m, H<sub>1</sub>=200 nm, H<sub>2</sub>=300 nm, T=250 nm, but varied D<sub>2</sub> from 660 nm to 840 nm



**Figure S7.** The reflectance main dip position's cross-section electromagnetic field distribution for 3D-AgNRAs with 660 (a), 730 (b), 750 (c), and 840 nm (d) D<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S8.** The temporal dependence of particle diameter during etching. The initial etched PS nanosphere mask taken as example was 780 nm in diameter.