Electronic Supplementary Information for

## **Controlled Overgrowth of Pd on Au Nanorods**

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*Figure S1.* (A) TEM and (B) SEM images of cylindrical Au nanorods.



*Figure S2.* TEM images (*left panels*) and SAED patterns (*right panels*) of (A) an individual Au@Pd core-shell nanorod with a polycrystalline Pd shell formed in CTAC and (B) an individual Au@Pd core-shell nanocuboid with a conformal single-crystalline Pd shell formed in CTAB.



*Figure S3.* TEM images of Au@Pd core-shell nanorods obtained at 5 min, 15 min, 30 min, 1 h, 2 h and 12 h during the Pd overgrowth on Au nanorods in the presence of CTAC at 30 °C. The molar ratio of AA to  $H_2PdCl_4$  was 1.0. All the TEM images share the same scale bar in panel A.



*Figure S4.* TEM images of Au@Pd core-shell nanocuboids obtained at 30 min, 1 h, 2 h, 4 h, 8 h and 12 h during the Pd overgrowth on Au nanorods in the presence of CTAB at 30 °C. The molar ratio of AA to  $H_2PdCl_4$  was 1.0. All the TEM images share the same scale bar in panel A.



*Figure S5.* EDS spectra of Au@Pd core-shell nanostructures obtained through Pd overgrowth in CTAC at 30  $^{\circ}$ C (A) in the absence of Ag<sup>+</sup> and (B) in the presence of Ag<sup>+</sup>. The molar ratio of AA to H<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> was 0.5.



*Figure S6.* EDS spectra of Au@Pd core-shell nanostructures obtained through Pd overgrowth in CTAB at 30  $^{\circ}$ C (A) in the absence of Ag<sup>+</sup> and (B) in the presence of Ag<sup>+</sup>. The molar ratio of AA to H<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub> was 0.5.



*Figure S7.* TEM images of Au@Ag core-shell nanorods obtained after Ag UPD in (A) CTAC and (B) CTAB for 9 hours.



*Figure S8.* EDS spectra of (A) Au nanorods and Au@Ag core-shell nanorods after Ag UPD in (B) CTAC and (C) CTAB for 9 hours.



*Figure S9.* Optical extinction spectra of colloidal Au nanorods and Au@Ag core-shell nanorods obtained after Ag UPD in CTAC and CTAB for 9 hours.



*Figure S10.* TEM images of Au@Pd core-shell nanostructures synthesized with the addition of 400  $\mu$ L of 1 mM Ag<sup>+</sup>, 300  $\mu$ L of 10 mM H<sub>2</sub>PdCl<sub>4</sub>, and 30  $\mu$ L of 50 mM AA into the solution of Au@Ag core-shell nanorods (pre-formed through Ag UPD on Au nanorods) in (A) CTAC and (B) CTAB.