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Supporting Information for

2 **Depletion Force Optimization for High-Purity Gold**
3 **Nanotriangles Prepared Using Different Growth Methods**

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1 **Table S1.** TEM analysis of the size and purity of seed-mediated growth AuNTs in the
2 samples shown in Figures 1 and 2. 50 AuNTs were counted for the analysis, except for
3 the seed solution of 1.0 mL (400 and 387 AuNTs were counted before and after the
4 purification, respectively).

| Seed /mL | λ_{\max} /nm | Edge /nm | Purity (as synthesized) /% | Purity (precipitate) /% | Diameter of spherical AuNPs /nm |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 0.1 | 707 | 133±10 | 46 | 56 | 81±6 |
| 0.15 | 692 | 117±7 | 51 | 55 | 78±6 |
| 0.2 | 683 | 104±6 | 41 | 66 | 67±3 |
| 0.4 | 665 | 82±7 | 55 | 81 | 53±3 |
| 0.6 | 656 | 70±6 | 50 | 84 | 47±3 |
| 0.8 | 649 | 63±5 | 60 | 72 | 41±3 |
| 1.0 | 644 | 56±4 | 54 | 78 | 38±2 |
| 1.2 | 643 | 48±4 | 36 | 53 | 34±2 |
| 1.4 | 638 | 45±3 | 38 | 46 | 31±2 |

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1 **Table S2.** TEM analysis of the purity of AuNTs for the samples shown in Figure 3. 50

2 AuNTs were counted for the analysis.

| Seed /mL | Edge /nm | Purity (as synthesized) /% | Purity (precipitate) /% |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0.4 | 82±7 | 55 | 81 |
| 0.6 | 70±6 | 50 | 84 |
| 0.8 | 63±5 | 60 | 72 |
| 1.0 | 56±4 | 54 | 78 |

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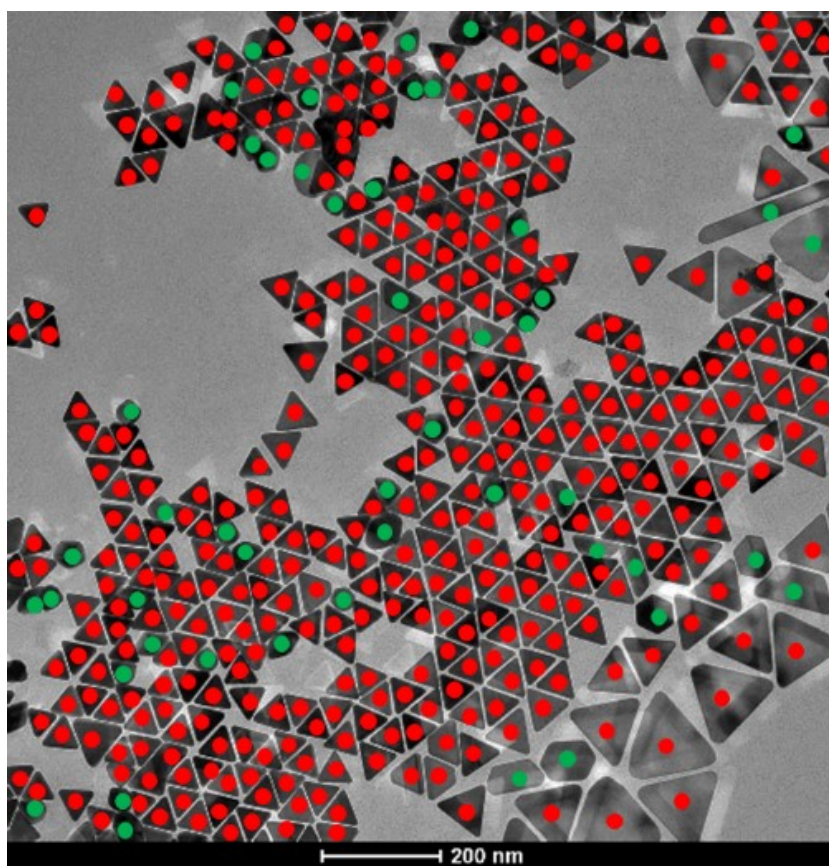
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1 **Table S3.** TEM analysis of the size and purity of seedless growth AuNTs in the samples
2 shown in Figures 4 and 5. 50 AuNTs were counted for the analysis, except for the edge
3 length of 49 nm (345 and 301 AuNTs were counted before and after the purification,
4 respectively).

| Edge /nm | λ_{\max} /nm | CTAC /M | KI /mM | AA /mM | Purity (as synthesized) /% | Purity (precipitate) /% | Diameter of spherical AuNPs /nm |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 104±6 | 688 | 0.1 | 25 | 64 | 46 | 96 | 55±3 |
| 90±6 | 670 | 0.1 | 25 | 100 | 35 | 92 | 59±3 |
| 80±4 | 663 | 0.1 | 5 | 64 | 55 | 63 | 57±5 |
| 69±6 | 652 | 0.1 | 10 | 100 | 60 | 79 | 49±2 |
| 59±2 | 640 | 0.1 | 10 | 64 | 55 | 92 | 41±2 |
| 50±3 | 631 | 0.1 | 75 | 64 | 43 | 93 | 34±2 |
| 49±2 | 626 | 0.05 | 10 | 100 | 38 | 93 | 35±3 |

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3 **Figure S1.** A large area TEM image for counting AuNTs in a sample. The particles were
4 discriminated by their shape by color dots into AuNTs (red) other shapes of AuNPs
5 (green).