SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS :



Fig. S1 : Calibration curve of the magnetic device representing the magnetic field gradient as a function of the distance between the tip of the needle and the particle.



Fig. S2 : Histogram of the maximal deformations of magnetic pillars (diameter = $10 \ \mu m$) obtained by incorporating ferromagnetic black iron oxide particles with an average size of around 200 nm. The distance between the tip of the needle and the pillar, *D*, is 50 μm .

Movie 1 : Pillars with a 10 μm diameter and 20 μm height filled with ferromagnetic black iron oxide particles.

Movie 2 : Pillars of 5 μ m diameter and 15 μ m height with magnetic spherical aggregates of around 250 nm.

Movie 3 : Pillars of 5 μ m diameter and 15 μ m height with embedded magnetic nanorods.