**Supporting information** 

## Dark-field microscopy studies of polarizationdependent plasmonic resonance of single gold nanorods: Rainbow nanoparticles

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**S-TABLE 1.** Detailed information regarding the average size of the gold nanorods. Each data point was obtained from at least 150 particles.

Sample number	Length/nm	Diameter/nm	Aspect ratio
AuNR-19	$48.6 \pm 4.6$	$18.8 \pm 2.1$	$2.6 \pm 0.3$
AuNR-29	58.5±5.4	$28.9 \pm 2.3$	$2.0 \pm 0.2$
AuNR-37	63.2±5.2	36.7±3.1	$1.7 \pm 0.2$
AuNR-41	74.7±6.3	40.6±4.2	$1.8 \pm 0.2$



**S-Figure 1.** UV-Vis spectra of gold nanorods with different diameters (AuNR-18 (a), AuNR-29 (b), AuNR-37 (c) and AuNR-41 (d)). A decreased aspect ratio of the AuNRs results in a blue shift (arrow 1) in the longitudinal surface plasmon peak, whereas an increased diameter of the AuNRs causes a red shift in the transverse peak (arrow 2).

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**S-Figure 2.** Dark-field images of single nanorods of AuNR-19, AuNR-29, AuNR-37 and AuNR-41without polarization (a) and at different polarization angles (b:  $0^{\circ}$ ; c:  $30^{\circ}$ ; d:  $60^{\circ}$ ; e:  $90^{\circ}$ ; f:  $120^{\circ}$ ; g:  $150^{\circ}$ ; f:  $180^{\circ}$ ). All scale bars represent 2 µm. Green double-arrows represent the incident light polarization.



S-Figure 3. The corresponding background subtracted LSPR spectra of the single AuNR shown in Figure 6 without polarization (a) and at different polarization angles (b:  $0^{\circ}$ ; c:  $30^{\circ}$ ; d:  $60^{\circ}$ ; e:  $90^{\circ}$ ; f: 120  $^{\circ}$ ; g:  $150^{\circ}$ ; f:  $180^{\circ}$ ).