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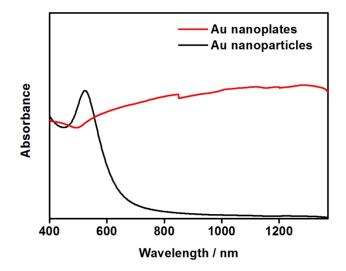
## Mild temperature synthesis of gold nanoplates using polyethyleneimine and their improved surface enhanced Raman signal

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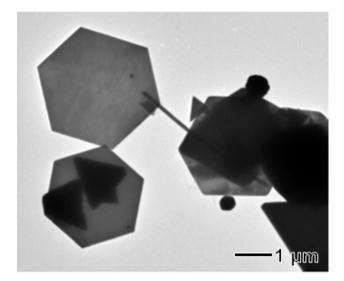
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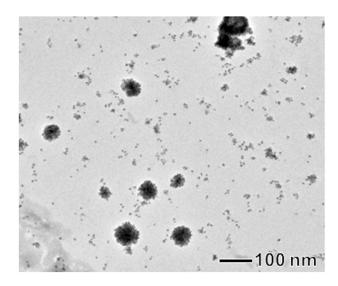
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*Fig. S1.* UV-vis spectra of Au nanoplates shown in Fig. 1 and Au nanoparticles shown in Fig. 4(a).



*Fig. S2.* TEM image of a sample prepared under same conditions as those in Fig. 1, except synthesis was conducted in presence of BPEI having smaller molecular weight (MW  $\sim$  25,000) instead of BPEI (MW  $\sim$  750,000).



*Fig. S3.* TEM image of sample prepared under same conditions as those in Fig. 1 except synthesis was conducted in absence of BPEI.

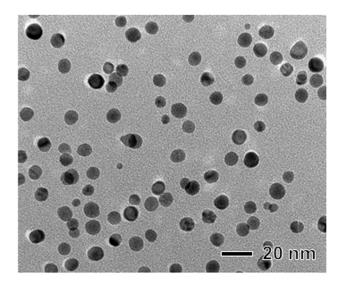


Fig. S4. TEM image of Au nanoparticles synthesized by reacting HAuCl<sub>4</sub> and BPEI.