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Supporting information

## Size-Tunable Synthesis of High-Quality Gold Nanorods under Basic Conditions by Using $H_2O_2$ as the Reducing Agent

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## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND CAPTIONS

Half reaction	Standard potential (V)
Au <sup>3+</sup> /Au <sup>+</sup>	,
AuBr₄⁻+2e⁻→ AuBr₂⁻+2Br⁻	+0.805
Au <sup>+</sup> /Au <sup>0</sup>	
AuBr₂⁻+e →Au⁰+2Br⁻	+0.962
O <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	
$O_2$ +2H++2e $\rightarrow$ H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	+0.682
Ascorbic acid	
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> +2H <sup>+</sup> +2e→C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	+0.13

**Table S1.** The standard potentials in GNR formation



Figure S1. Photos of GNR solutions with increasing amount of NaOH addition. From A to J:

17.5µl, 22.5µl, 27.5µl, 32.5µl, 37.5 µl, 50µl, 100µl, 150µl, 200µl, 350µl.



Figure S2. The aspect ratio of the GNRs versus longitudinal surface plasmon peak.



**Figure S3.** TEM images of the GNRs obtained with different  $Ag^+$  concentrations. (A)  $2 \times 10^{-10}$ 

<sup>5</sup>M, (B) 4×10<sup>-5</sup>M (C) 6×10<sup>-5</sup>M, (D) 8×10<sup>-5</sup>M, (E) 1×10<sup>-4</sup>M, (F) 1.2×10<sup>-4</sup>M, (G) 1.4×10<sup>-4</sup>M.