

## Supporting Information

### **Impact of plasmonic nanoparticles on hemorheology of erythrocytes**

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**Table S1.** Zeta potential values (mean  $\pm$  SD, N = 3) measured in deionized water (DI) and Dulbecco's Phosphate Buffered Saline (DPBS).

Sample	Zeta Potential (mV)	
	DI	DPBS
Ag NP	-31.6 $\pm$ 3.3	-28.4 $\pm$ 1.6
Au NP	-33 $\pm$ 3.4	-21 $\pm$ 1.31
TiN NP	-38.7 $\pm$ 2.8	-20 $\pm$ 1.2
ZrN NP	-39.2 $\pm$ 0.9	-17.6 $\pm$ 1.2

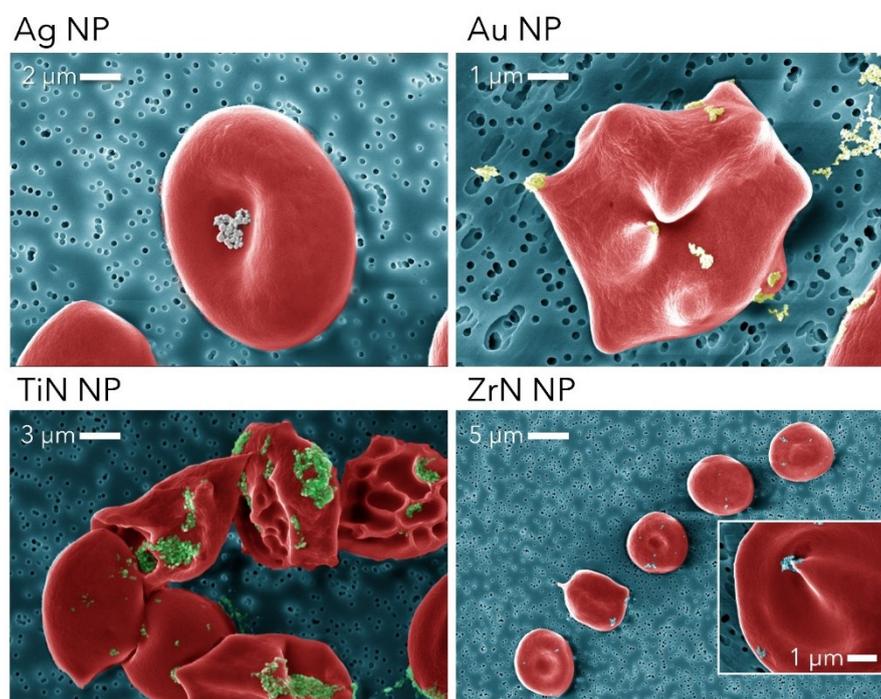
The parameters to characterize RBC aggregation in sylectometry are usually retrieved from the exponential representation of kinetics curves. The kinetics of aggregation process in static conditions was retrieved from the optical microscopy images by calculating the change of area occupied by RBCs:

$$S_{RBCs}(t) = a \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{x}{t_1}\right) + c,$$

within 2 h (see Fig. 3 (a)). Aggregation kinetics is characterized by a time constant  $t_1$  and by a half time  $T_{1/2}$ , which is the time interval where the area occupied by RBC is reduced by half the amplitude  $a$ .

**Table S2.** Temporal aggregation parameters derived from the kinetics curves of the area occupied by RBC change in time.

Sample	$t_1$ , min	$T_{1/2}$ , min
Control	23.8 $\pm$ 1.1	16.5 $\pm$ 0.8
Ag NP	29.4 $\pm$ 1.4	20.4 $\pm$ 0.9
Au NP	28.3 $\pm$ 1	19.6 $\pm$ 0.7
TiN NP	119.34 $\pm$ 16.9	82.7 $\pm$ 11.7
ZrN NP	13.2 $\pm$ 1.3	9.2 $\pm$ 0.9



**Figure S1.** Colored SEM images of RBC treated with (a) Ag NP, (b) Au NP, (c) TiN NP, (d) ZrN NP at concentration  $100 \mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ .