

Supplementary Materials for

Controlled synthesis of monodisperse hexagonal NaYF₄:Yb/Er nanocrystals with ultrasmall size and enhanced upconversion luminescence

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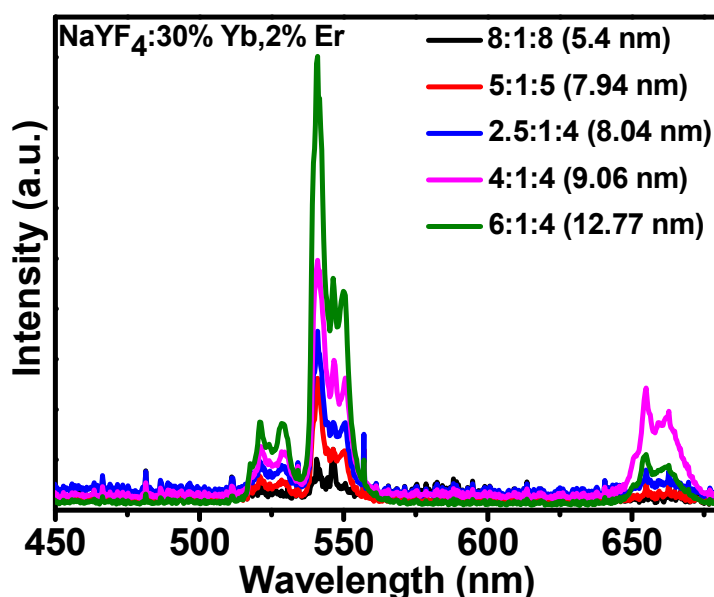


Figure S1. The upconversion luminescence (UCL) spectra of NaYF₄: 30% Yb,2% Er nanocrystals with different sizes synthesized by using Na⁺, Ln³⁺ and F⁻ with a molar ratio of 8:1:8, 5:1:5, 2.5:1:4, 4:1:4, 6:1:4, respectively. (Reaction temperature, 300°C)

Table S1. Nanocrystals composition of Na⁺, Y³⁺, Yb³⁺, Er³⁺ as measured by inductive coupled plasma atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) after dissolving the nanoparticles in diluted HNO₃ solution.

Designed NCs	Concentration of cation ions of NCs measured by ICP-AES				Calculated molar ratio		
	Na ⁺ (m mol/L)	Y ³⁺ (m mol/L)	Yb ³⁺ (m mol/L)	Er ³⁺ (m mol/L)	Er ³⁺ /(Yb ³⁺ +Y ³⁺ +Er ³⁺)	Yb ³⁺ /(Yb ³⁺ +Y ³⁺ +Er ³⁺)	Yb ³⁺ /Er ³⁺
NaYF ₄ :30% Yb,2%Er	0.3568	0.1257	0.0477	0.0037	2%	27%	12.8
NaYF ₄ :30% Yb,5%Er	0.1638	0.0532	0.0196	0.0038	5%	26%	5.1
NaYF ₄ :30% Yb,10%Er	0.2422	0.0952	0.0406	0.0094	6.5%	28%	4.3
NaYF ₄ :30% Yb,12%Er	0.1415	0.0348	0.0156	0.0069	12%	27%	2.3
NaYF ₄ :30% Yb,15%Er	0.2132	0.1077	0.0441	0.0238	14%	25%	1.9