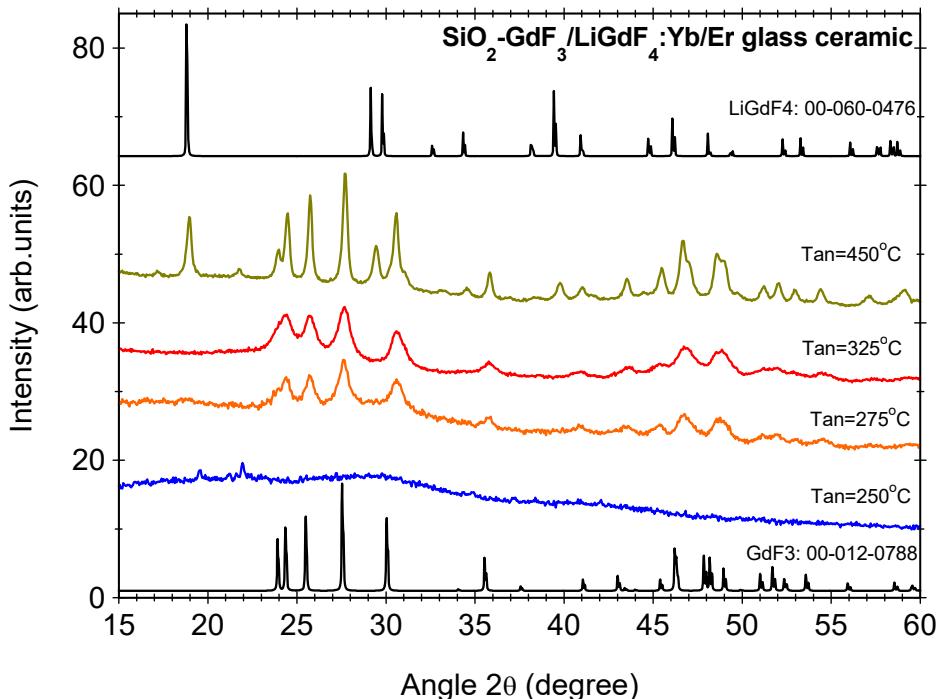
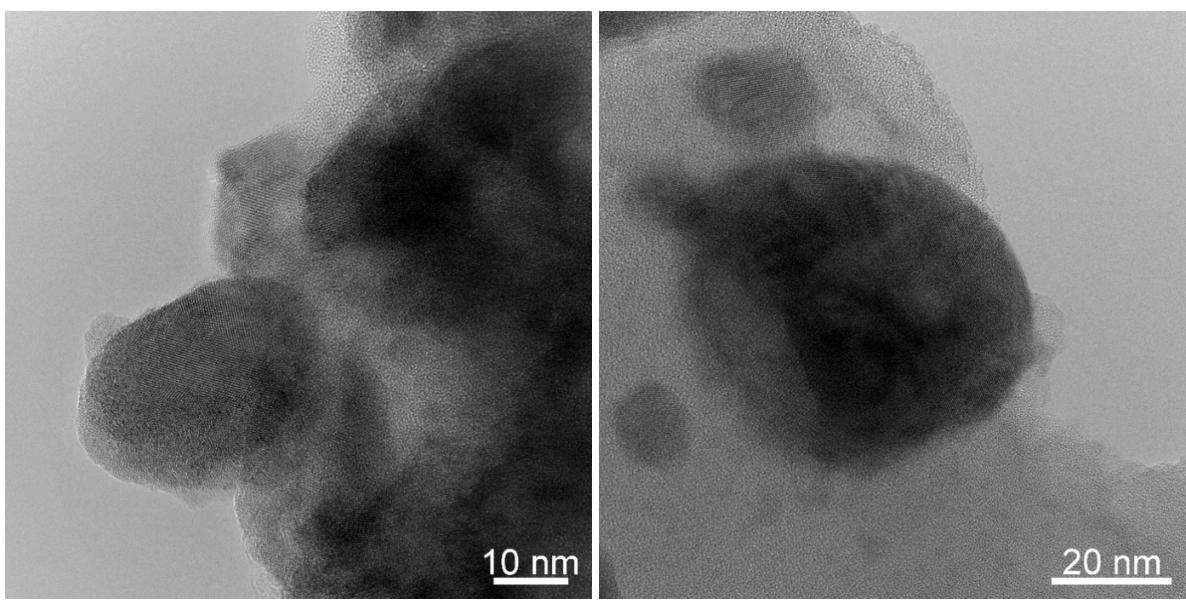


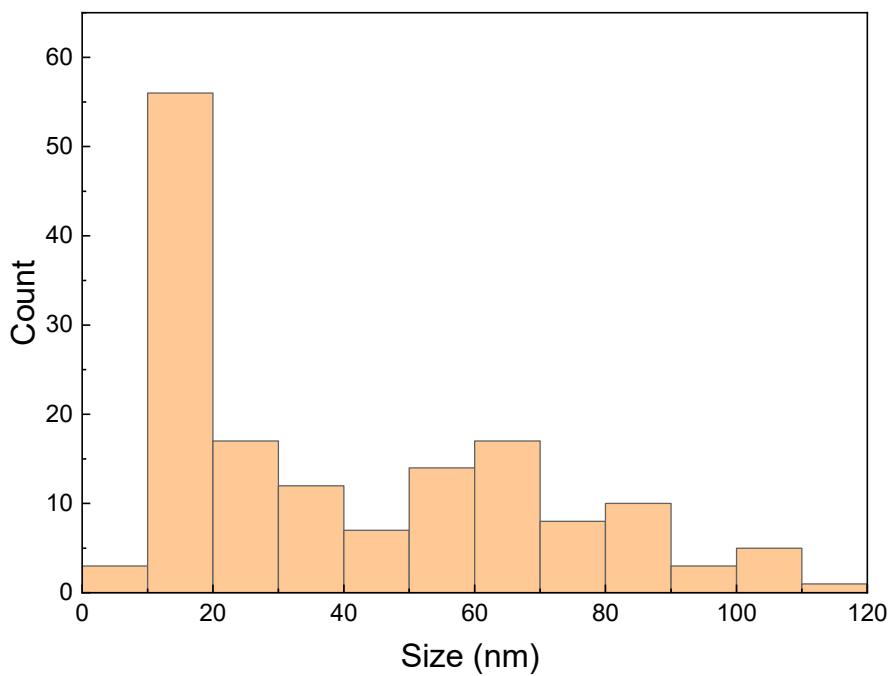
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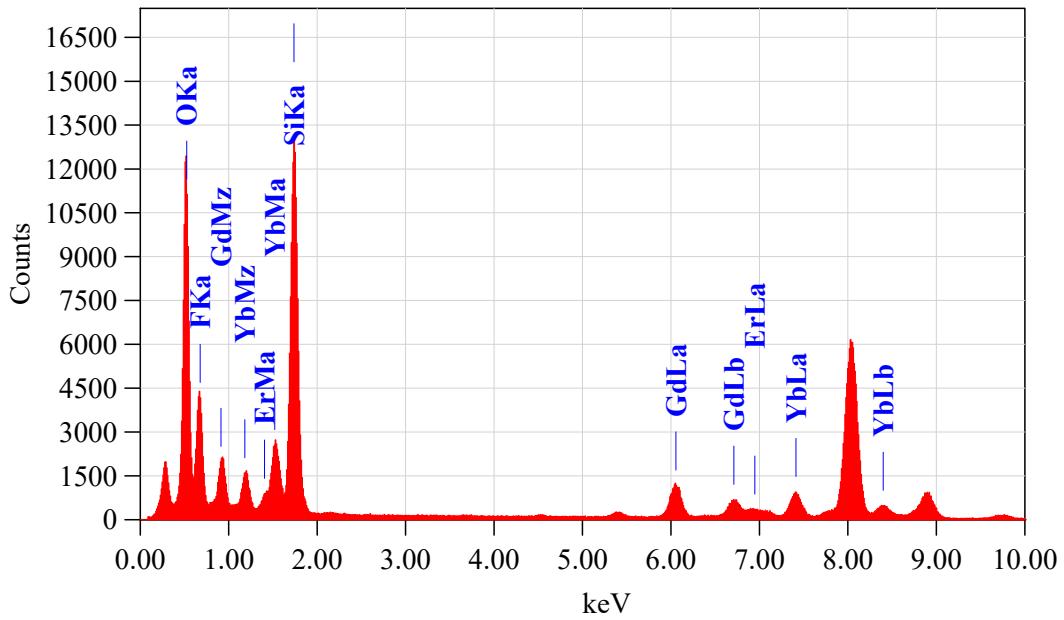
**Figure S1.** Normalized XRD patterns of the  $\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Er}^{3+}$ -doped  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-GdF}_3$ (x2Li mol.%) nano-glass ceramic annealed at different temperatures; the PDF files of  $\text{GdF}_3$  and  $\text{LiGdF}_4$  are also shown



**Figure S2.** High-magnification TEM images of the nanoparticles within the  $\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Er}^{3+}$ -doped  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-GdF}_3$ (x2Li mol.%) nano-glass ceramic.



**Figure S3.** Nanocrystals size distribution of the nanoparticles within the  $\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Er}^{3+}$ -doped  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-GdF}_3(\text{x2Li mol.}\%)\text{ Li2GC}$  nano-glass ceramic



**Figure S4.** EDX spectra of the the  $\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Er}^{3+}$ -doped  $\text{SiO}_2\text{-GdF}_3(\text{x2Li mol.}\%)\text{ Li2GC}$  nano-glass ceramic.