## **Supporting Information**

Controlled synthesis of lanthanide-doped Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S nanocrystals with a

novel excitation -dependent multicolor emissions

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Table S1 and Figure S1-S14

Table S1 the detailed conditions for synthesizing  $Gd_2O_2S$  NCs with different morphologies

	A : B : C	OA:OM:ODE	7[°C]	<i>t</i> [min]	Phase	Morphology	Mean-size [nm]
Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S	0:0:10	1:3:4	315	60	hexagonal	plate	~7 (D)
	0:0:10	1:3:4	315	60	hexagonal	plate	~11 (D)
	5:1:10	1:3:4	315	60	hexagonal	plate	$\sim$ 40 (D)
	5:1:100	1:3:4	315	60	hexagonal	flower	
	A : Na(acac), B : Y(acac) <sub>3</sub> , C : S, (D) : diameter						



Figure S1 TEM (a) and HRTEM (b) images of  $Gd_2O_2S$  nanoplate with  $\sim$ 7nm in diameter. TEM specimens were dispersed in cyclohexane and ethanol mixture (cyclohexane : ethanol = 3:1) solution. Inset of (a) is the corrsponding EDS spectra.



Figure S2 TEM and HRTEM images of  $Gd_2O_2S$  nanoplate prepared through taking the  $Gd_2O_2S$  nanoplate with  $\sim$ 7nm in diameter as seed. TEM specimens were dispersed in cyclohexane and ethanol mixture (cyclohexane : ethanol = 3:1) solution.



Figure S3 (a) XRD patterns of the products prepared under OM/ODE (a) and OA/ODE (b) solvent; (c) and (d) are the TEM images of (a) and (b).



Figure S4 (a) XRD patterns of  $Gd_2O_2S$  NCs prepared with different Na<sup>+</sup> concentration (0.5, 2 mmol), bars represent standard hexagonal  $Gd_2O_2S$  crystal (JCPSD 26-1422) data; TEM images of  $Gd_2O_2S$  NCs prepared with different Na<sup>+</sup> concentration: (b) 0, (c) 0.5mmol, (d) 2mmol.



Figure S5 (a) XRD pattern of  $Gd_2O_2S$  NCs prepared with only doping  $Y^{3+}$  ions (20 mmol%), (b) TEM image of the corresponding  $Gd_2O_2S$  NCs.



Figure S6 TEM images of the  $Gd_2O_2S$  NCs prepared under different reaction conditions: (a)  $0min/315^{\circ}C$ , (b)  $2min/315^{\circ}C$ , (c)  $5min/315^{\circ}C$ , (d)  $10min/315^{\circ}C$ , (e)  $60min/315^{\circ}C$ , (f)  $60min/270^{\circ}C$ .



Figure S7 XRD patterns of  $Gd_2O_2S$  NCs prepared under different conditions: without  $Y^{3+}/Na^+$  and 1mmol S (a), 5 mmol S (b), 10 mmol S (c), with  $Y^{3+}/Na^+$  and 5mmol S (d); (e)-(h) are the corresponding TEM images of (a)-(d), respectively.



Figure S8 Decay curves of Tb<sup>3+</sup>: <sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub> level in F-NYG: 2%Tb/x%Eu (x=0, 1, 2, 4) samples.



Figure S9 XRD pattern and TEM image of Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 2%Tb NCs.



Figure S10 (a) and (b) are the PLE spectra of F-NYG: 2%Tb ( $Y_2O_2S$ : 2%Tb) and F-NYG: 2%Dy ( $Y_2O_2S$ : 2%Dy), respectively; (c) and (d) are the corresponding PL spectra.



Figure S11 Schematic illustration of the energy transfer mechanism.



Figure S12 Dependence of the integral PL intensity on  $RE^{3+}$  (RE = Eu, Tb, Dy, Sm) concentration in F-NYG NCs.



Figure S13 Life time of Tb<sup>3+</sup>:  ${}^{5}D_{4}$  level as a function of the excitation wavelength for F-NYG: 2%Tb and F-NYG: 2%Tb/2%Eu samples.



Figure S14 PL spectra of F-NYG: 1%Sm/2%Dy NCs under various excitation wavelengths.