

Supporting information

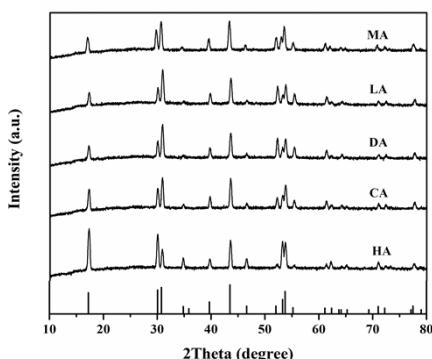


Figure S1. The XRD patterns of the as-prepared samples with different ligands at 7 h.  
(F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H<sub>2</sub>O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C)

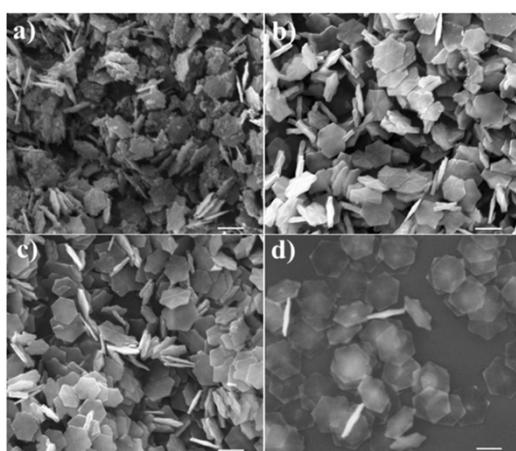


Figure S2. SEM images of  $\beta$ -NaYF<sub>4</sub> prepared with LA at different reaction time: (a) 2 h, (b) 3 h, (c) 5 h, (d) 7 h (F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H<sub>2</sub>O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C; the scale bars are all set as 1  $\mu$ m)

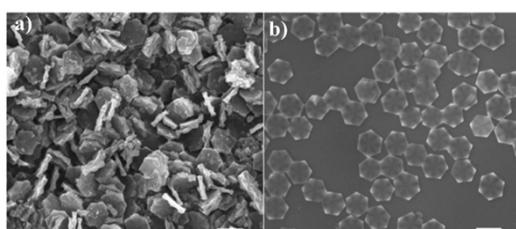


Figure S3. SEM images of  $\beta$ -NaYF<sub>4</sub> prepared with MA at different reaction time: (a) 5 h, (d) 7 h (F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H<sub>2</sub>O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C; the scale bars are all set as 1  $\mu$ m)

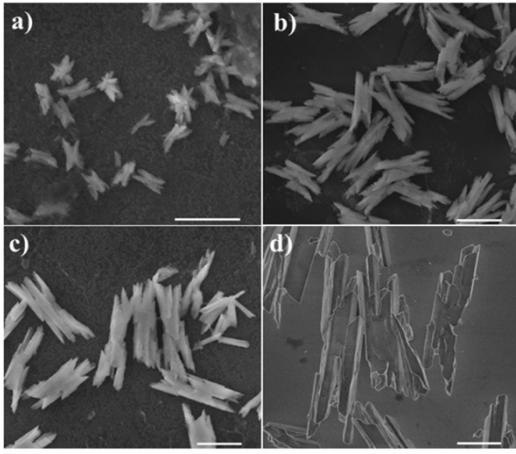


Figure S4. SEM images of  $\beta$ -NaYF<sub>4</sub> prepared with BA at different reaction time: (a) 2 h, (b) 5 h, (c) 7 h, (d) 24 h (F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H<sub>2</sub>O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C; the scale bars are all set as 5  $\mu$ m)

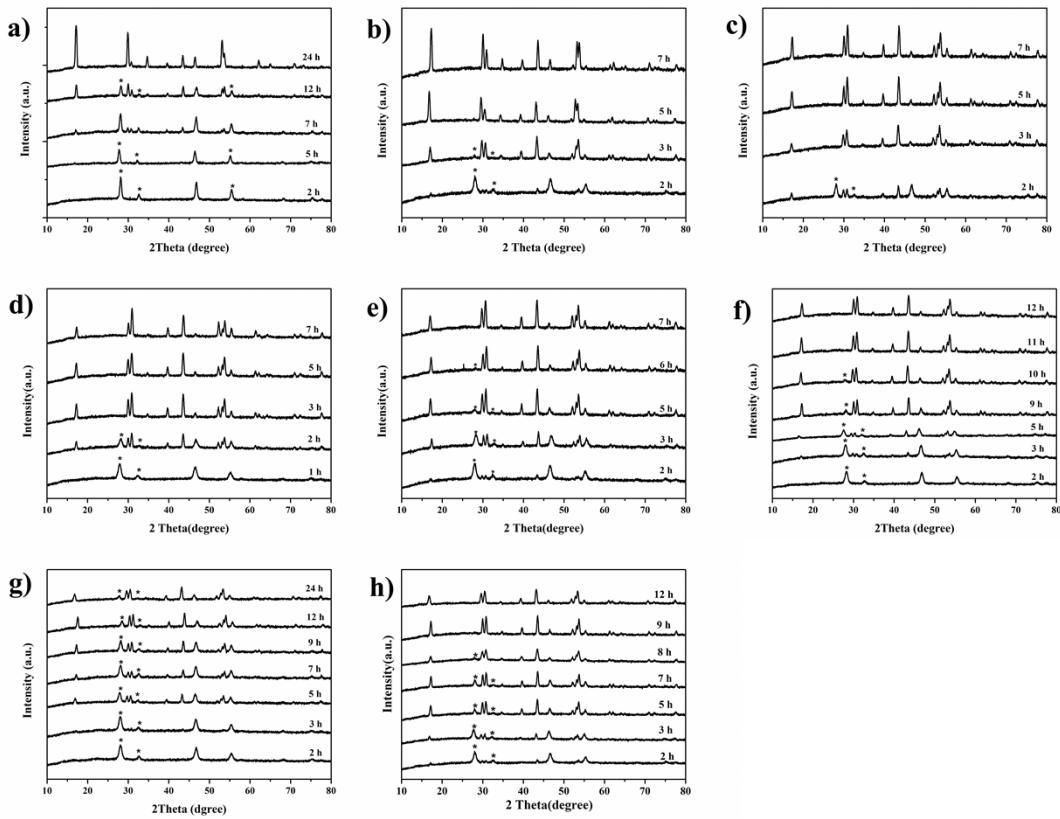


Figure S5 XRD patterns of NaYF<sub>4</sub> prepared with different ligands at different reaction time: (a) BA; (b) HA; (c) CA; (d) LA; (e) MA; (f) PA; (g) SA; (h) OA. (F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H<sub>2</sub>O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C)