Supporting Information

Multimodal bioimaging using rare earth doped Gd₂O₂S: Yb/Er phosphor with upconversion luminescence and magnetic resonance properties

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Figure S1. Particle size distribution obtained from SEM image analysis. Images were analyzed from different locations and the distributions obtained from over 200 particles.
**Figure S2.** EDAX spectrum of the Gd₂O₂S: Yb/Er phosphor showing the elemental compositions. The C and Cu peaks originate from the carbon coated copper TEM grid. The inset shows the SEM image with square corresponding to the imaging location.

**Figure S3.** Upconversion emission spectra in Gd₂O₂S:YbEr under different pH conditions of the medium.
**Figure S4.** Color tuning behavior in Gd$_2$O$_2$S: Yb/Er under 980 nm laser excitation.
**Figure S5.** Energy level structure and excitation and deexcitation mechanisms in the Gd$_2$O$_2$S: Yb/Er phosphor under 980 nm excitation. MPA - multiphoton absorption, ET - Energy transfer. All emission bands observed under 980 nm excitation are indicated.
Figure S6. Pump power dependence of the green and red emission bands on 980 nm excitation power in Gd$_2$O$_2$S: Yb/Er phosphor.

Figure S7. Variation of the red and green emission intensity with Yb and Er in Gd$_2$O$_2$S: Yb/Er phosphor. Top circles curves for Er =1 mol% and bottom circles curves for Yb+Er =10 mol%.
**Figure S8.** Schematic of the integrating sphere setup for measuring the quantum efficiency of the phosphor.

**Figure S9** (left). Photograph of the experimental setup illustrated in Figure S8. Right-Closeup view of the sphere and the diode laser inside the sample chamber.
**Figure S10.** Comparison of the 980 nm excited upconversion emission spectra of NaYF₄: Yb (20%) Er (2%) and Gd₂O₂S: Yb (9) Er (1) phosphors collected with integrating sphere under identical conditions. The inset shows the 980 nm laser excitation profile.

**Figure S11.** Fluorescence decay curves of the green and red emission in Gd₂O₂S: Yb (8) Er (1) phosphor.
**Figure S12** Zero field cooling (ZFC) and field cooling (FC) curves.

**Figure S13.** Comparison of the 980 nm excited upconversion emission spectral properties of Gd$_2$O$_2$S doped with various concentration of Yb/Er, YbHo and YbTm.
**Figure S14.** Absorption spectrum of pork muscle tissue and the calculated penetration depth spectrum. Penetration depth was calculated without considering the scattering components of the tissue.