## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for**

In Vitro Photodynamic Therapy Based on Magnetic-luminescent Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb,Er Nanoparticles with Bright Three-Photon Upconversion Fluorescence Under Near-Infrared Light

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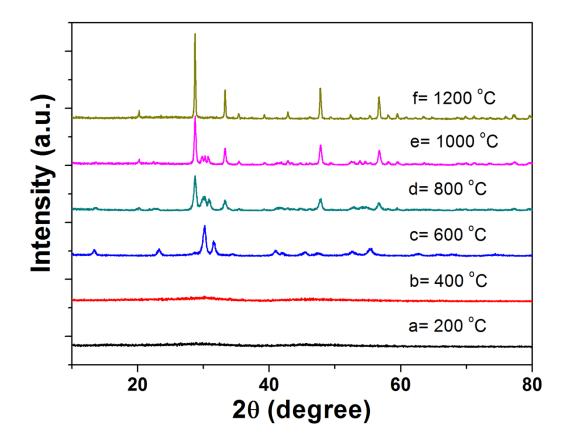


Figure S1. XRD patterns of Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb,Er nanoparticles with varied temperatures.

Figure S2. (a) Column of size distribution, (b) the corresponding SEM image and (c) DLS measurement of the particle size distribution of  $Gd_2O_3$ :Yb,Er nanoparticles with calcination temperature of 900 °C.

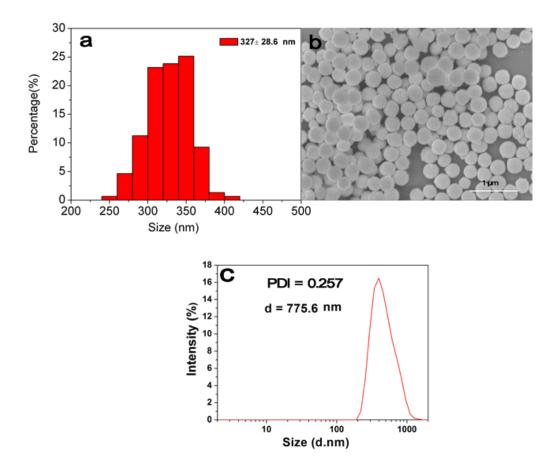


Figure S3. Digital photoes of (a) PEGylated- $Gd_2O_3$ :Yb,Er nanoparticles (10 mg/mL) and (b)  $Gd_2O_3$ :Yb,Er nanoparticles (10 mg/mL) without PEGylation dispersed in ultrapure water for 4 h.

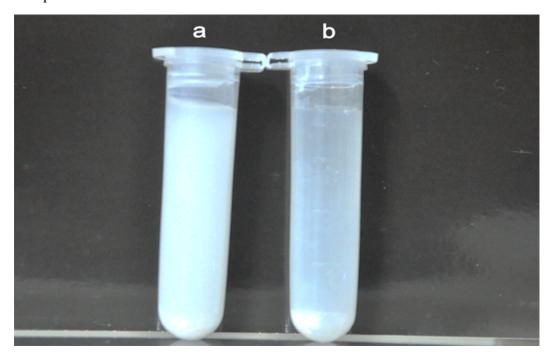
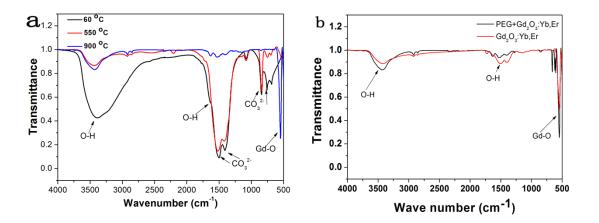
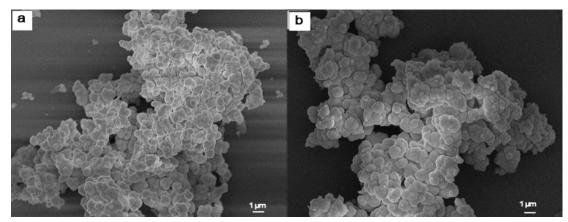


Figure S4. FTIR spectra of the (a) PEGylated Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb,Er samples with varied sintering temperature, (b) Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb,Er and PEGylated Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb,Er samples with



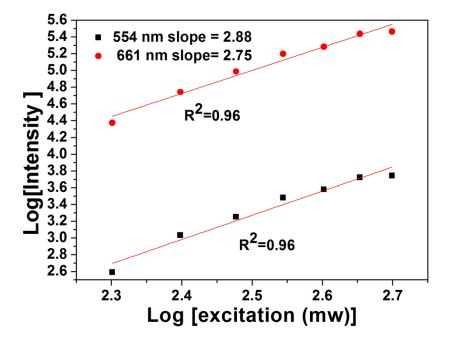
sintering at 900 °C.

Figure S5. SEM images of Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb,Er nanoparticles with calcination temperature of



(a) 1000 °C and (b) 1200 °C.

Figure S6 Double-logarithmic plots of the excitation power dependent up-conversion emission intensity of the  $Gd_2O_3$ :Yb,Er (Gd:Yb:Er = 0.890:0.092:0.018) samples



excited by a 980 nm laser.

Figure S7 Linear calibration plots between (a) the absorbance at 665 nm and concentration of MB, (b) the absorbance at 265 nm and concentration of 5ALA.

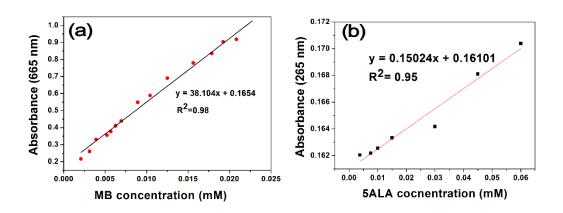


Figure S8. Cell viabilities of HeLa cells incubated with Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb,Er nanoparticles at different concentrations for 24 h, with and without NIR light irradiation.

