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

## New emerging rare-earth free yellow emitting 2D BCNO nanophosphor for white light emitting diodes

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Fig. S1: Chemical structure of boric acid, polyethylene glycol and carbamide.



**Fig. S2:** (a-c) XRD patterns of PEG, carbamide and boric acid, which are indexed by JCPDS Card No. 45-0706, 86-2276 and 78-0459, respectively.



**Fig. S3:** PL spectra of various carbon sources for optimization of carbon source having higher PL intensity of 2D BCNO nanophosphor.



Scheme S1: Protocol for the synthesis of 2D BCNO nanophosphor by customized autocombustion method.



**Scheme S2:** Systematic procedure of spary coating of 2D BCNO nanophosphor on CoB based blue LEDs.



**Fig. S4:** (a) AFM micrograph of 2D BCNO nanophosphor and (b) its corresponding line-scan profile, it indicates a thickness of about 2 nm corresponding to the few BCNO layers; the region marked by blue arrow in Fig. S4a exhibits the place, where line-scan profile has been taken to calculate the thickness of layers.



Fig. S5: (a) Raman spectrum of 2D BCNO nanophosphor.



**Fig. S6:** (a-f) Core level XPS spectra of B1s, C1s, N1s, O1s, O2s and OKLL region for the 2D BCNO nanophosphor, respectively.



Fig. S7: EPR spectrum of 2D BCNO nanophosphor.



Fig. S8: UV-Vis absorption spectrum of 2D BCNO nanophosphor.



**Fig. S9:** PL spectra of 2D BCNO nanophophor with different concentration ratio of B/C, where A = 342 nm, B = 420 nm, C = 485 nm, D = 515 nm, E = 580 nm, F = 619 nm, G = 654 nm.



**Fig. S10:** Optical photograph of (a) 2D BCNO nanophosphor with different concentration ratio of B/C in powder form (b) same physophors under 340 nm excitation UV lamp.



Fig. S11: Photo bleaching spectrum of 2D BCNO nanophosphor.



**Fig. S12:** Proposed energy level diagram of 2D BCNO nanophosphor based on earlier reported in literature.<sup>1</sup>



**Fig. S13:** PL emission spectra of 2D BCNO nanophosphor at different temperature under 470 nm excitation wavelength.



**Fig. S14:** Confocal microscope during the process of PL mapping of 2D BCNO nanophosphor coated CoB based blue LEDs.



**Fig. S15:** Electroluminescence measurement instrument along with BCNO phosphor coated CoB based blue LEDs.



**Fig. S16:** Color temperature and CIE color co-ordinates measurement instrument (Colorimeter, C1210, serial no. 1296104) (facility at NPL, New Delhi, India) set-up.

Table	T1: \$	Summary	of color	emission	at	different	ratios	of	B/C i	n	BCNO	layered	materials,
where	B/N r	atio was k	cept const	tant.									

Sample	B/N mol	B/C mmol	Emission	Excitation	Emission	Quantum
Name	ratio	ratio	Wavelength	Wavelength	Wavelength	Efficiency
А	0.025/0.25	25/0	Violet	315 nm	342 nm	38%
В	0.025/0.25	25/0.05	Blue	370 nm	420 nm	45%
С	0.025/0.25	25/0.1	Sky blue	385 nm	485 nm	60%
D	0.025/0.25	25/0.15	Green	415 nm	515 nm	70%
E	0.025/0.25	25/0.2	Yellow	470 nm	580 nm	89%
F	0.025/0.25	25/0.2.5	Red	485 nm	619 nm	63%
G	0.025/0.25	25/0.3	Deep red	510 nm	654 nm	21%

Time duration (hours)	Brightness (Cd/m <sup>2</sup> )
1	834±5
2	831±5
5	833±5
10	832±5

**Table T2:** Brightness of the 2D BCNO yellow nanophosphor coated CoB based blue LEDs device at different time interval

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