Supplementary materials

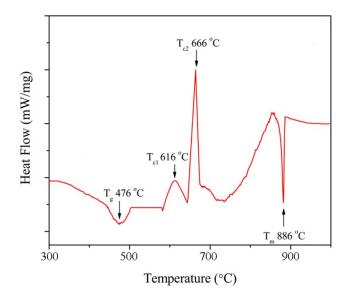


Fig.1 DSC profile of the precursor oxyfluoride glass

Fig. 1 shows the DSC profile of the precursor oxyfluoride glass, in which two exothermic peaks can be observed. The first peak at 616 °C is the crystallization peak of CaF₂, while the peak at 666 °C is attributed to aluminum silicate. From this thermogram, we deduced the glass transition temperature (T_g), the crystallization onset temperature (T_{c1}) and the crystallization peak temperature (T_{c2}) of oxyfluoride glass. According to this result, controllable crystallization can be acquired by adjusting the thermal treatment temperature. In our report, the thermal treatment temperatures were 580 °C, 590 °C, and 600 °C for obtaining proper micro-structured transparent glass ceramics (GCs). Finally, 580 °C is regarded as the optimal devitrification temperature to obtain GCs containing CaF₂ nanocrystals sized at ~10 nm.