## Europium-based infinite coordination polymer nanospheres as an

## effective fluorescence probe for phosphate sensing

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Fig. S1 XPS spectra of Eu-ICP nanospheres: (a) survey; (b) Eu 3d.



Fig. S2  $^{1}$ H NMR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>BDC (Curve I) and Eu-ICP nanospheres (Curve II).



**Fig. S3** SEM images of the as-synthesized Eu-ICP products with different volume ratio of ethanol to DMF: (a) 0; (b) 1/7; (c) 5/3.



Fig. S4 SEM image (a) and XRD pattern (b) of Eu-ICP prepared in the absence of PVP.



Fig. S5 SEM image of Eu-ICP nanospheres after dispersed in aqueous solution for 24 h.



Fig. S6 Effect of pH (a) and ionic strength (b) on the fluorescence intensity (615nm) of Eu-ICP nanospheres.



Fig. S7 The dependent relationship between fluorescence intensity versus concentration of Eu-ICP suspension.