

Electronic Supplementary Information

**The size effect on the energy transfer in Bi<sup>3+</sup>-Eu<sup>3+</sup> co-doped GdVO<sub>4</sub> nanocrystals**

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**Table S1** The dependence of the <sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub> level of Eu<sup>3+</sup> luminescence lifetime ( $\tau$ ) and quantum yield ( $\eta$ ) upon different excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ ) on concentration of Bi<sup>3+</sup> in GdVO<sub>4</sub>: 5 mol% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, x mol% Bi<sup>3+</sup> annealed at 800°C

$x$ (mol%)	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 266$ nm (O <sup>2-</sup> - V <sup>5+</sup> ) CT		$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 330$ nm (Bi <sup>3+</sup> - V <sup>5+</sup> ) CT		$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 396$ nm Eu <sup>3+</sup> <i>f-f</i>	
	$\tau$ (ms)	$\eta$ (%)	$\tau$ (ms)	$\eta$ (%)	$\tau$ (ms)	$\eta$ (%)
0	0.80	3.4	-	-	0.75	0.3
1	1.07	3.4	0.84	7.0	0.52	1.4
10	0.68	2.9	0.59	10.7	0.63	1.1

**Table S2** The dependence of the <sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub> level of Eu<sup>3+</sup> luminescence lifetime ( $\tau$ ) and quantum yield ( $\eta$ ) upon different excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$ ) on annealing temperature ( $t_{\text{anneal}}$ ) in GdVO<sub>4</sub>: 5 mol% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, 1 mol% Bi<sup>3+</sup>

$t_{\text{anneal}}$ (°C)	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 266$ nm (O <sup>2-</sup> - V <sup>5+</sup> ) CT		$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 330$ nm (Bi <sup>3+</sup> - V <sup>5+</sup> ) CT		$\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 396$ nm Eu <sup>3+</sup> <i>f-f</i>	
	$\tau$ (ms)	$\eta$ (%)	$\tau$ (ms)	$\eta$ (%)	$\tau$ (ms)	$\eta$ (%)
750	1.16	2.6	0.92	5.2	0.59	1.2
800	1.07	3.4	0.84	7.0	0.52	1.4
900	0.35	4.2	0.59	10.7	0.64	3.4