

**Supporting information - Finely-tuned NIR-to-visible up-conversion in  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Yb}^{3+},\text{Er}^{3+}$  microcrystals with high quantum yield**

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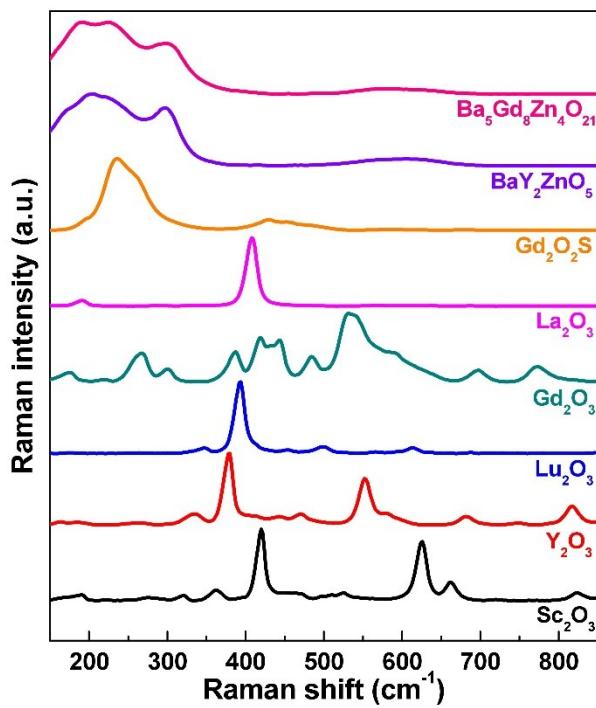


Figure S1. Raman spectra of  $\text{RE}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{RE} = \text{La}, \text{Gd}, \text{Lu}, \text{Y}$  and  $\text{Sc}$ ) and reference materials of  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{BaY}_2\text{ZnO}_5$  and  $\text{Ba}_5\text{Gd}_8\text{Zn}_4\text{O}_{21}$  under excitation of 785 nm laser.

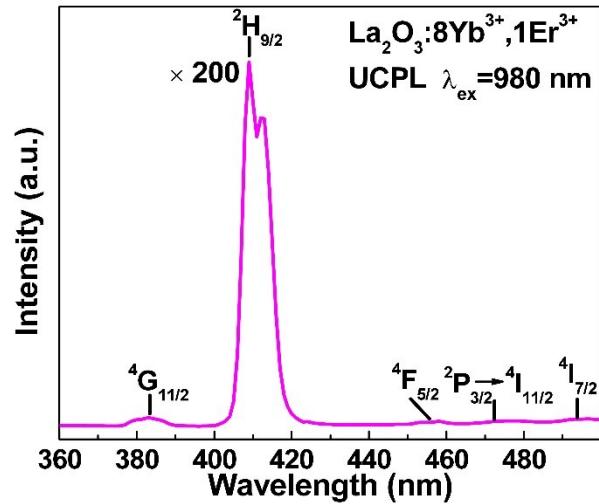


Figure S2. Zoomed (by a factor of  $\times 200$ ) UC emission spectrum in the spectral region of 360 – 500 nm for LYE-8 with an excitation power density of 0.5 W/cm<sup>2</sup>.

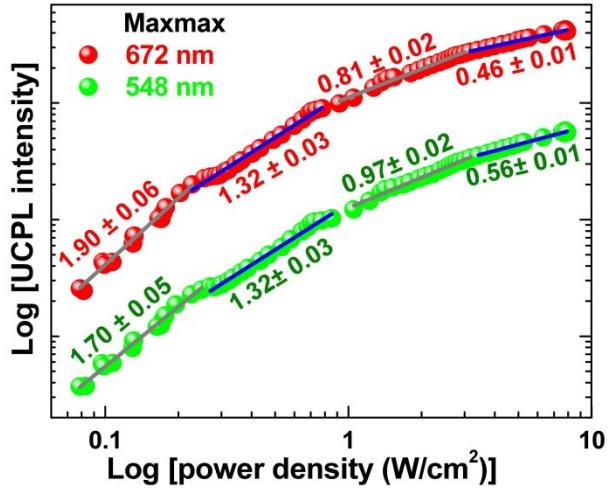


Figure S3. Double logarithmic plot of the variation of UC emission intensity in red and green with excitation power density for  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}:\text{Yb}^{3+},\text{Er}^{3+}$  (Maxmax).

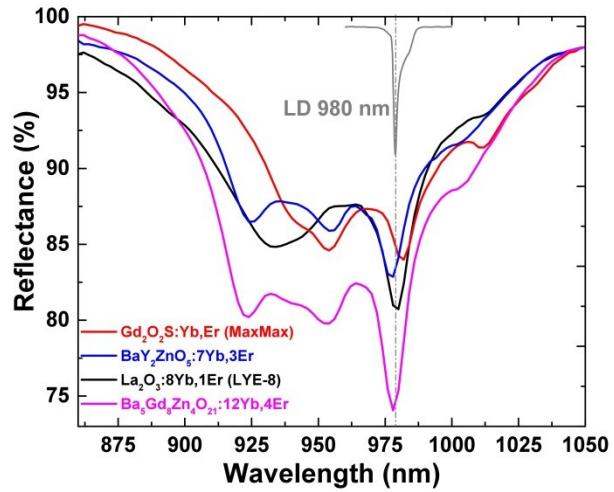


Figure S4. Diffuse reflectance spectra of LYE-8, BYYE, BGYE and Maxmax in spectral region of 860 – 1050 nm.

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