

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Facile synthesis of monodisperse $\text{SrAl}_2\text{O}_4:\text{Eu}^{2+}$ cage-like microspheres with excellent luminescence quantum yield

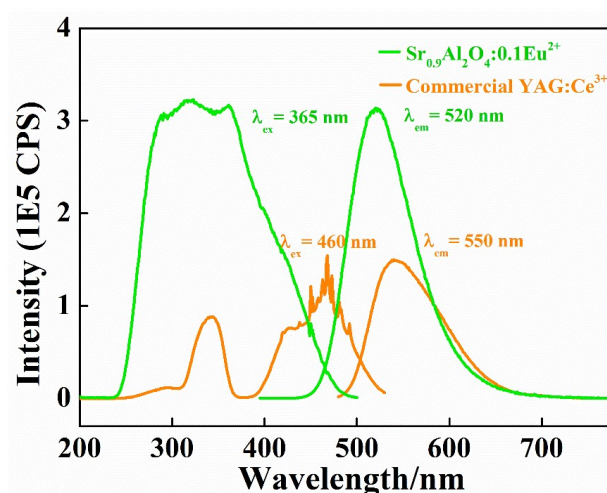
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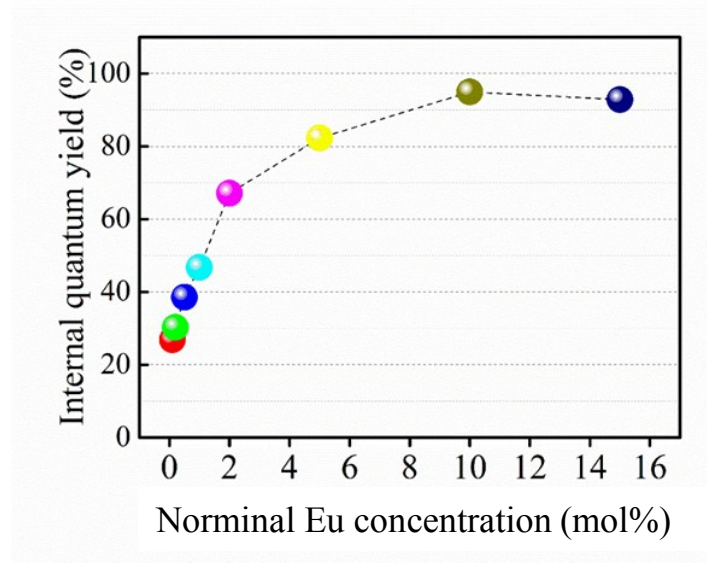
**Characterization:** The contents of real doped  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  in the final product are characterized by Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometry (ICP-OES, PerkinElmer, Optima 7000 DV, America).

**Table S1** Nominal and measured concentration of  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  in  $\text{SrAl}_2\text{O}_4$  microspheres.

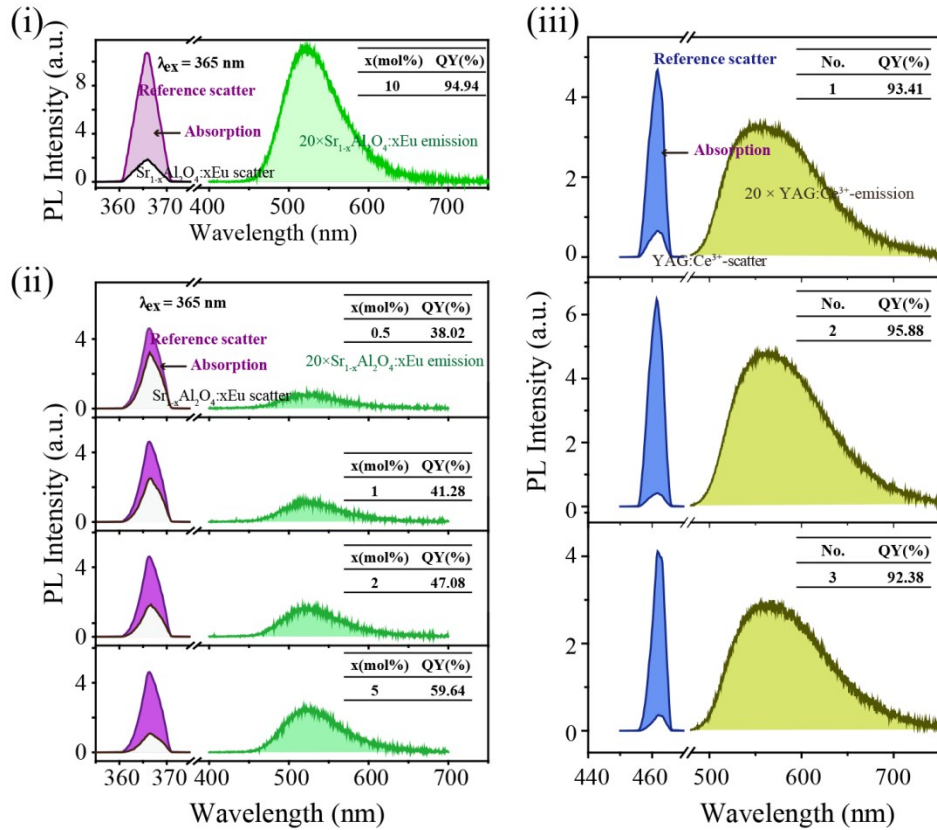
Nominal $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ concentration (in mol %)	Measured $\text{Eu}^{2+}$ concentration (in mol %)
0.5	0.14
1	0.31
5	1.67
10	3.17
15	5.03



**Fig.S1** Excitation and emission spectra of  $\text{Sr}_{0.9}\text{Al}_2\text{O}_4:0.1\text{Eu}^{2+}$  cage-like microspheres and commercial  $\text{YAG}:\text{Ce}^{3+}$  phosphors.



**Fig.S2** Quantum yields (QY) of  $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Al}_2\text{O}_4:\text{xEu}^{2+}$  cage-like microspheres with different nominal  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  concentration.



**Fig.S3** Quantum yields of  $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Al}_2\text{O}_4:\text{xEu}^{2+}$  cage-like microspheres with different  $\text{Eu}^{2+}$  doped concentration and commercial YAG:Ce<sup>3+</sup> phosphors.