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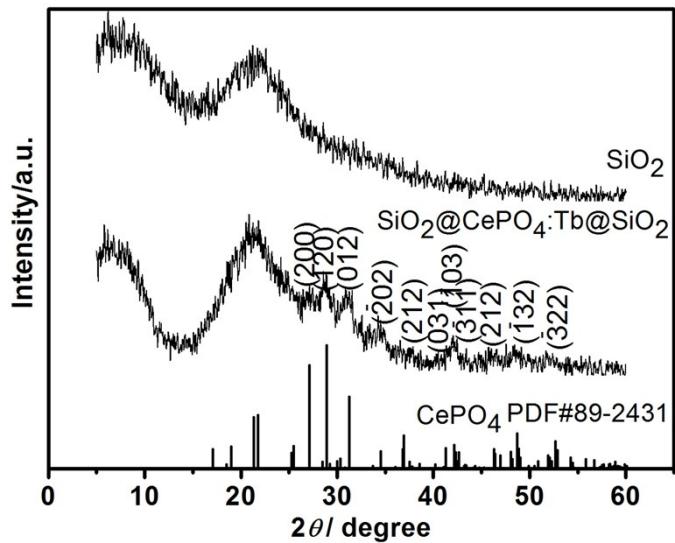
### Synthesis and photoluminescence properties of the novel core-shell-shell $\text{SiO}_2@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb}@\text{SiO}_2$ submicro-spheres

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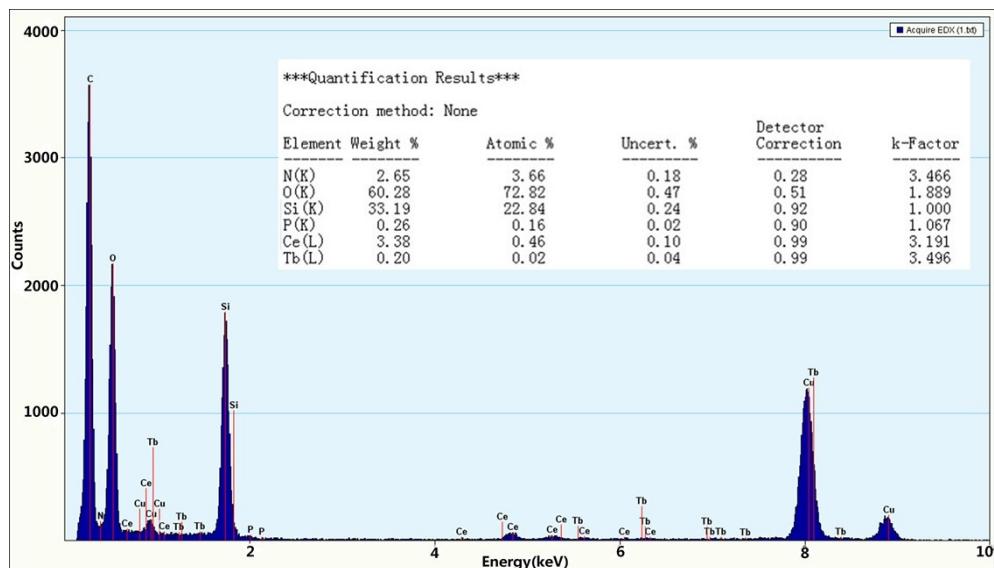
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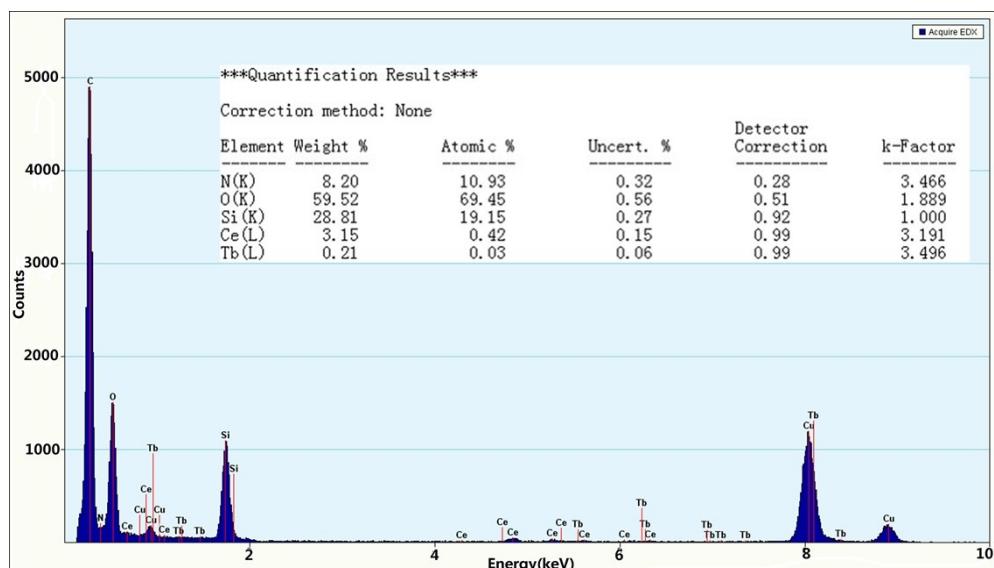
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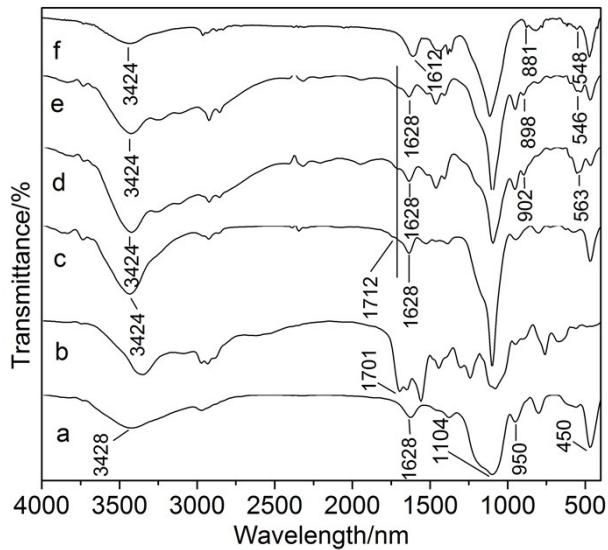
**Fig. S1** XRD pattern of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb}@\text{SiO}_2$



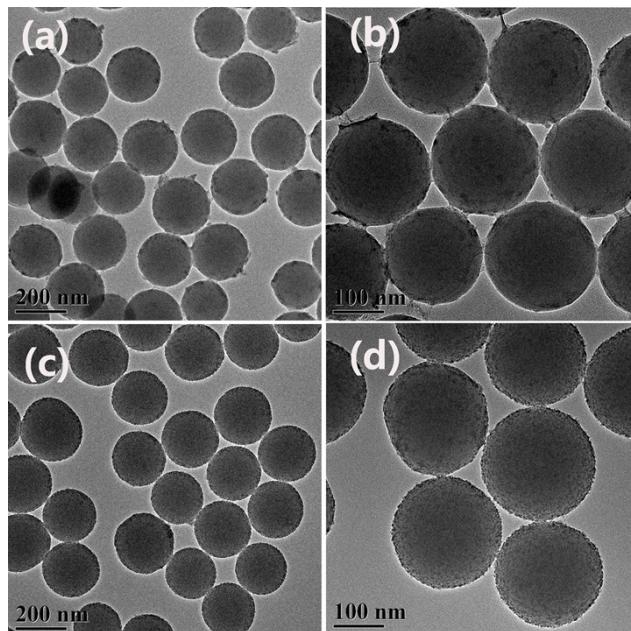
**Fig. S2** EDX spectrum of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{MABA-Si-CePO}_4:\text{Tb}$ .



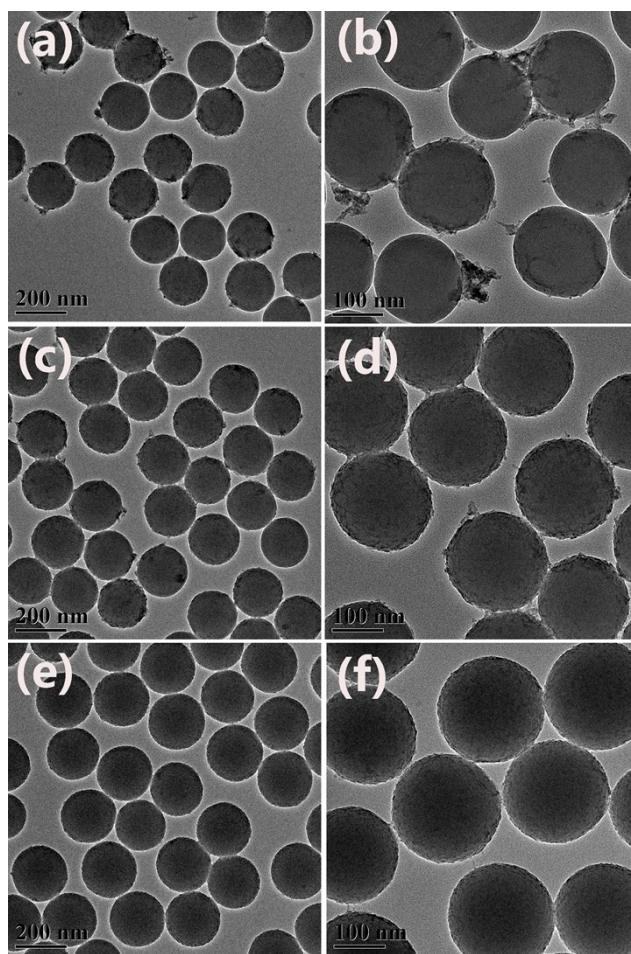
**Fig. S3** EDX spectrum of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{MABA-Si-Ce:Tb}$ .



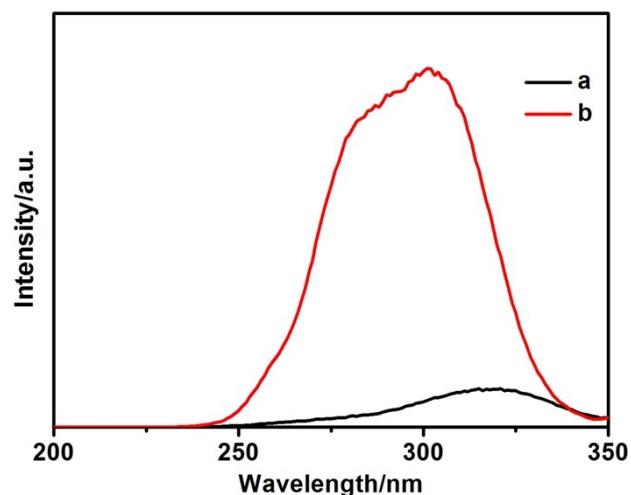
**Fig. S4** IR spectra of (a)  $\text{SiO}_2$ , (b) MABA-Si, (c)  $\text{SiO}_2@$ MABA-Si-Ce:Tb, (d)  $\text{SiO}_2@$ MABA-Si-CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb, (e)  $\text{SiO}_2@$ MABA-Si-CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb@ $\text{SiO}_2$ , (f)  $\text{SiO}_2@$ CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb@ $\text{SiO}_2$ .



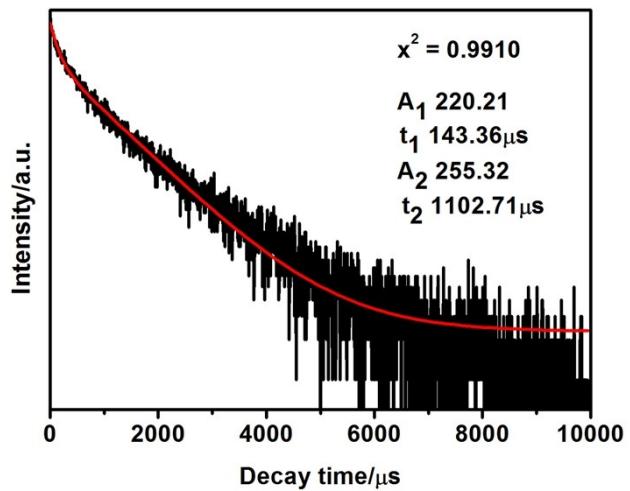
**Fig. S5** TEM images of  $\text{SiO}_2@$ MABA-Si-CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb prepared with different amount of MABA-Si:  
(a,b) 2.0mmol, (c,d) 1.0mmol.



**Fig. S6** TEM images of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{MABA-Si-CePO}_4:\text{Tb}$  prepared with different amount of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{HPO}_4$ , (a,b) 0.25 mmol, (c,d),0.20 mmol, (e,f) 0.15 mmol.



**Fig. S7** Excitation spectra of (a)  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{MABA-Si-CePO}_4:\text{Tb}$ , (b)  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb}@\text{SiO}_2$ .



**Fig. S8** The photoluminescence decaycurve of  $\text{SiO}_2@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb}@\text{SiO}_2$ .