

## Supporting Information

### A lanthanide based magnetic nanosensor as erasable and visible platform for multi-color point-of-care detection of multiple targets and the potential application by smartphone

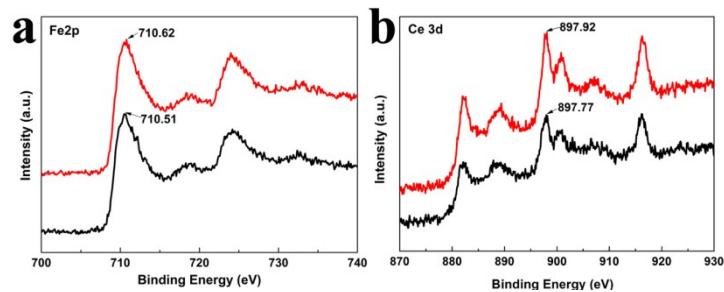
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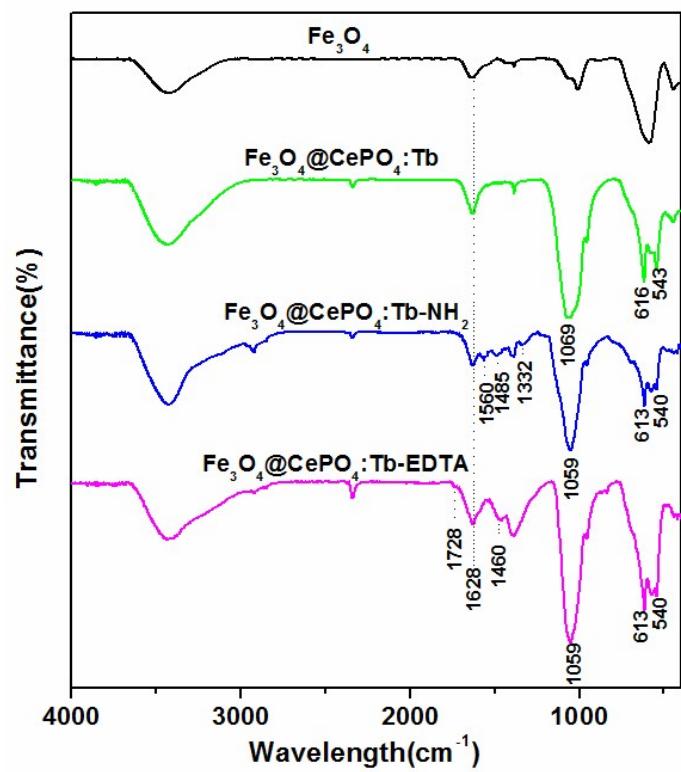
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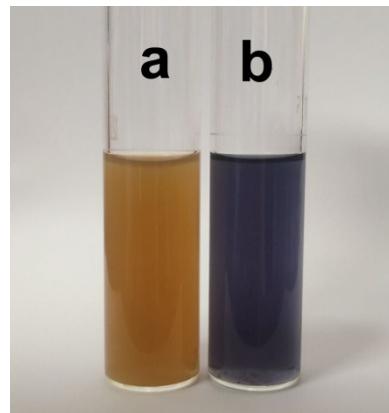
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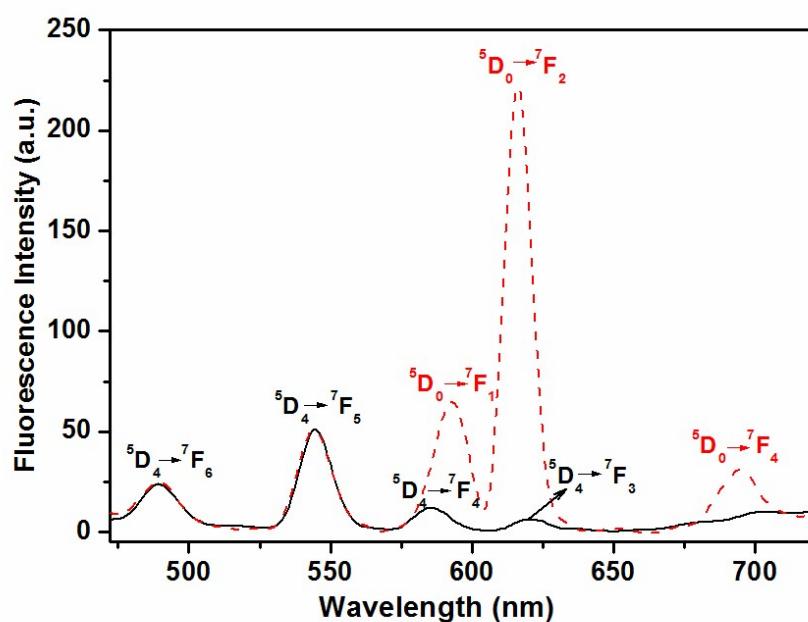
**Fig. S1** XPS survey of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb (black) and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb-EDTA-Eu (red) samples: (a) Fe 2p and (b) Ce 3d.



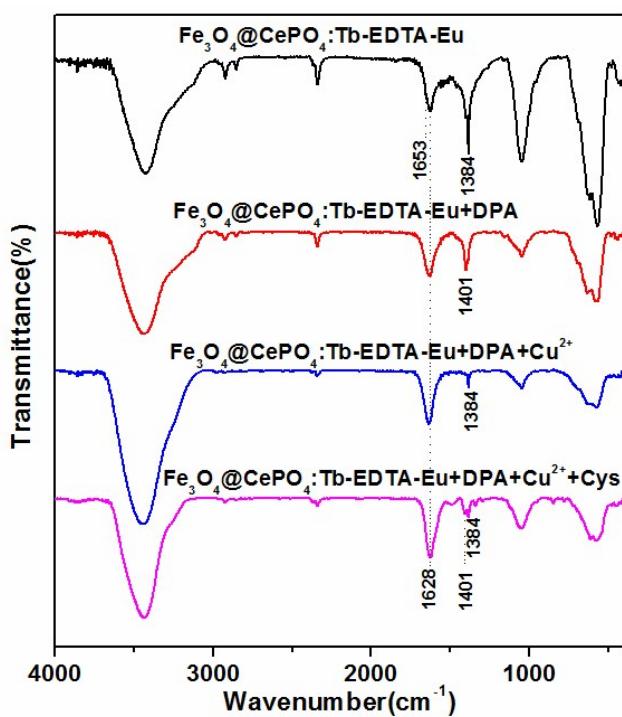
**Fig. S2** The infrared spectra of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb, Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb-NH<sub>2</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@CePO<sub>4</sub>:Tb-EDTA.



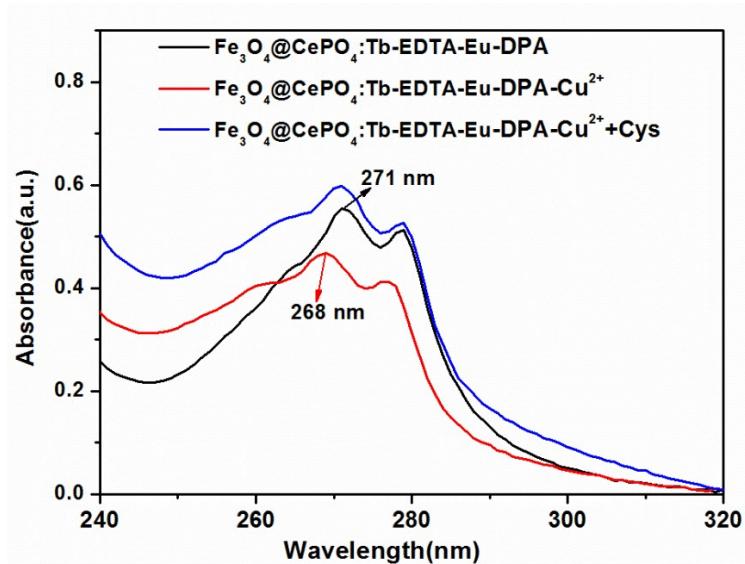
**Fig. S3** The images of (a)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-NH}_2$  nanocomposite in ethanol, (b) with the presence of Kaiser test reagents in a.



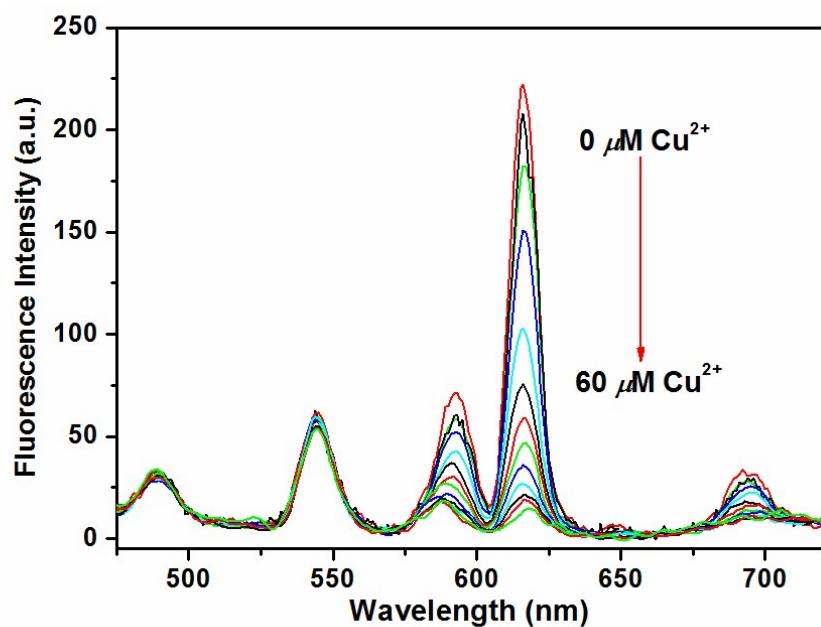
**Fig. S4** Fluorescence spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu}$  and that in the presence of  $30\mu\text{M}$  DPA.



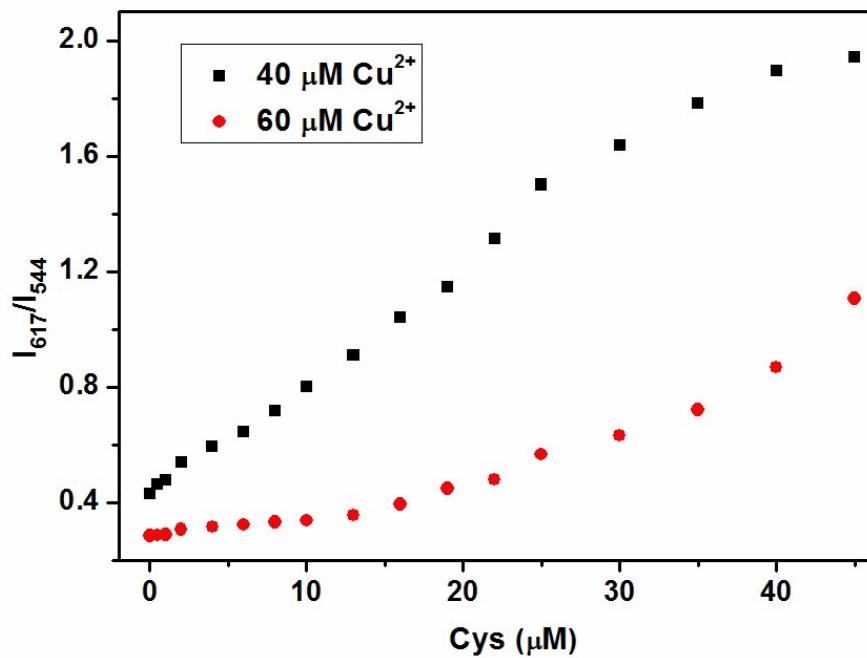
**Fig. S5** The infrared spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu+DPA}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu+DPA+Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu+DPA+Cu}^{2+}+\text{Cys}$ .



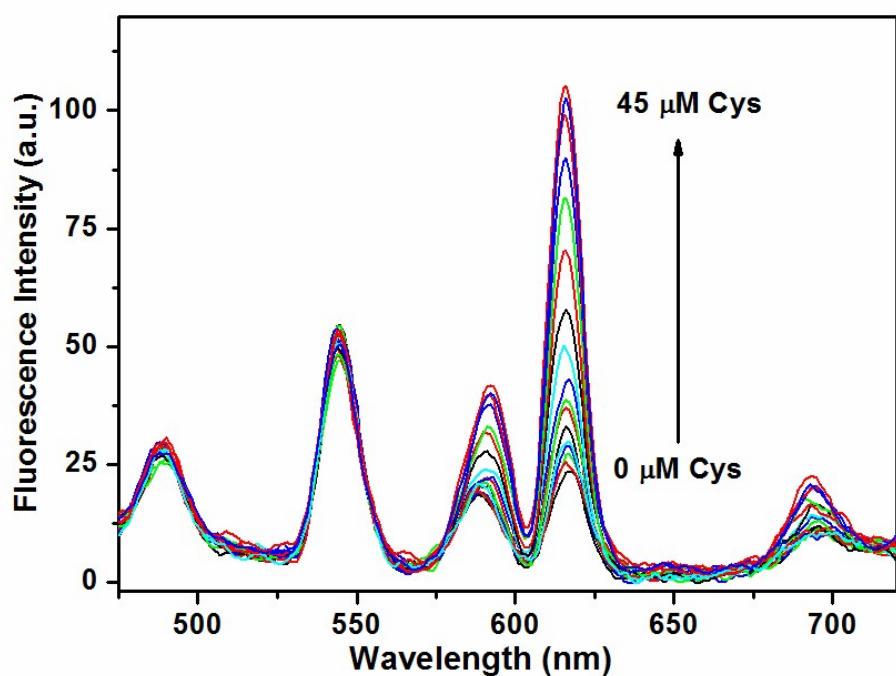
**Fig. S6** UV-vis absorption spectrum of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu-DPA}$  (black),  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu-DPA-Cu}^{2+}$  (red), and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu-DPA-Cu}^{2+}+\text{Cys}$  upon addition of Cys (blue).



**Fig. S7** Fluorescence spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb}$ -EDTA-Eu-DPA upon addition with increasing concentrations of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ .



**Fig. S8** The relative ratios of fluorescence intensity ( $I_{617}/I_{544}$ ) of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb}$ -EDTA-Eu-DPA containing 40 μM (black) or 60 μM (red)  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  with increasing concentrations of Cys.



**Fig. S9** Fluorescence spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4:\text{Tb-EDTA-Eu-DPA}$  containing  $40\mu\text{M}$   $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  upon addition of different concentrations of cysteine from  $0.0$  to  $45.0\ \mu\text{M}$ .

**Table S1** The color coordinates of CIE chromaticity diagram of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CePO}_4\cdot\text{Tb}$ -EDTA-Eunanoprobe for various concentrations of DPA (from 0 to 30.0  $\mu\text{M}$ ).

DPA	0	0.05	0.1	0.5	1.0	1.5
concentrations( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ )						
x	0.258	0.256	0.256	0.263	0.268	0.289
y	0.377	0.377	0.362	0.367	0.356	0.358
DPA						
concentrations( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ )						
x	2.0	3.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	11.0
y	0.299	0.321	0.342	0.356	0.375	0.408
x	0.354	0.353	0.357	0.347	0.348	0.352
DPA						
concentrations( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ )						
x	14.0	18.0	22.0	26.0	30.0	
y	0.418	0.447	0.460	0.473	0.485	
x	0.350	0.352	0.350	0.351	0.344	

**Table S2** Comparison of different methods for the determination of Cys.

Methods	Systems	Linear range ( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ )	Detection limit( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ )	References
HPLC	N-ethylmaleimide	100–2000	50	1
fluorescence	QDs-Hg <sup>2+</sup>	2.0–20	0.6	2
fluorescence	CdTe/CdSe quantum dots	0.2–100	0.131	3
fluorescence	Schiff-base-Cu <sup>2+</sup>	50–200	0.05	4
fluorescence	Multi-color fluorescent probe	0.5–25	0.09	This work

**Table S3** Analysis of Cys in urine samples ( $n = 3$ )

Spiked ( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ )	Found ( $10^{-6}\text{M}$ )	Recovery (%)	RSD ( $n=3$ ) (%)
1	$0.98 \pm 0.04$	98.03	1.34
5	$4.97 \pm 0.06$	99.41	2.16
10	$9.82 \pm 0.06$	98.63	2.55
25	$24.45 \pm 0.16$	97.80	2.63

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