## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

Fine Structural and Morphological Control of Rare Earth Fluorides REF<sub>3</sub> (RE = La-Lu, Y) Nano/Microcrystals: Microwave-Assisted Ionic Liquid Synthesis, Magnetic and Luminescent Properties

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Fig. S1 XRD pattern of as-obtained EuF<sub>3</sub> and its strand card (JCPDS 33-0542).



Fig. S2 Nitrogen adsorption/desorption isotherm and corresponding pore size distribution of  $LaF_3$  sample.



**Fig. S3** XRD patterns of the as-prepared products using NaBF<sub>4</sub> (a) and NH<sub>4</sub>F (b) as F source (\* denoted as impurity). The standard data of NH<sub>4</sub>Y<sub>2</sub>F<sub>7</sub> (JCPDS 43-0847) and YF<sub>3</sub> (JCPDS 32-1431) were given as references.



Fig. S4 SEM images of the as-prepared products using  $NaBF_4$  (A) and  $NH_4F$  (B) as F source.



Fig. S5 SEM images of  $EuF_3$  obtained under microwave irradiation for different time intervals of (A) 1 min, (B) 10 min, (C) 20 min.



**Fig. S6** Schematic energy level diagram showing luminescence mechanism in the  $GdF_3$ :Ce<sup>3+</sup>/Ln<sup>3+</sup>. A represents the activator ion (Tb, Eu, or Dy).



Fig. S7 Relative emission intensity of  $Gd^{3+}$  versus  $Gd^{3+}$  concentration (x) in  $Y_{1-x}Gd_xCe_{0.01}Dy_{0.01}F_3$ .