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Supporting information



Figure S1. The XRD patterns of the as-prepared samples with different ligands at 7 h. $(F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H_2O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C)$



Figure S2. SEM images of β -NaYF₄ prepared with LA at different reaction time: (a) 2 h, (b) 3 h, (c) 5 h, (d) 7 h (F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H₂O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C; the scale bars are all set as 1 μ m)



Figure S3. SEM images of β -NaYF₄ prepared with MA at different reaction time: (a) 5 h, (d) 7 h (F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H₂O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C; the scale bars are all set as 1 μ m)



Figure S4. SEM images of β -NaYF₄ prepared with BA at different reaction time: (a) 2 h, (b) 5 h, (c) 7 h, (d) 24 h (F/Y=4, n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61,

 $V(H_2O)/V(EtOH)=1.07$, 200 °C; the scale bars are all set as 5 µm)



Figure S5 XRD patterns of $NaYF_4$ prepared with different ligands at different reaction time: (a) BA; (b) HA; (c) CA; (d) LA; (e) MA; (f) PA; (g) SA; (h) OA. (F/Y=4,

n(NaOH)/n(Acid)=0.61, V(H₂O)/V(EtOH)=1.07, 200 °C)