## **Supporting information**

## Site occupancy preference of Bi<sup>3+</sup> and Bi<sup>3+</sup>-Eu<sup>3+</sup> codoped Yttrium Galliate phosphors for

## white LEDs

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Fig. S1 Unit cell parameters of the YGO:xBi<sup>3+</sup> phosphors (a) and YGO:0.01Bi<sup>3+</sup>,yEu<sup>3+</sup> phosphors (b).



Fig. S2 SEM images and EDX spectra of the obtained (a)  $YGO:0.07Bi^{3+}$ , and (b)  $YGO:0.01Bi^{3+}, 0.15Eu^{3+}$  samples.



Fig. S3 HRTEM images of YGO:0.07Bi<sup>3+</sup> (a), and YGO:0.01Bi<sup>3+</sup>, 0.15Eu<sup>3+</sup>(b)



Fig. S4 XPS spectra of the YGO:0.07Bi<sup>3+</sup>.



Fig. S5 PL spectra of the different contents of Bi<sup>3+</sup> in YGO:xBi<sup>3+</sup>,0.15Eu<sup>3+</sup>.



Fig. S6 Activation energy (Ea) of YGO:0.07Bi<sup>3+</sup>, and YGO:0.01Bi<sup>3+</sup>,0.15Eu<sup>3+</sup>.

	Bond Lengths		Bond Lengths		Bond Lengths
	(Å)		(Å)		(Å)
Y1-01	2.33583	Y2-O1	2.42643	Ga-O1	1.85276
Y1-01	2.30989	Y2-O1	2.42643	Ga-O1	1.85276
Y1-O2	2.14904	Y2-O2	2.28862	Ga-O3	1.72470
Y1-O2	2.27022	Y2-O2	2.28862	Ga-O4	1.88565
Y1-O3	2.56187	Y2-O2	2.28941		
Y1-O3	2.60099	Y2-O2	2.28941		
Y1-O4	2.30935	Y2-O4	2.41053		
Average	2.362	Average	2.346	Average	1.829

Table S1 Selected bond lengths of YGO: $0.07Bi^{3+}$ 

Table S2 Selected bond lengths of YGO:0.01Bi<sup>3+</sup>,0.15Eu<sup>3+</sup>

	Bond Lengths		Bond Lengths		Bond Lengths
	(Å)		(Å)		(Å)
Y1-01	2.23812	Y2-O1	2.21960	Ga-O1	1.99075
Y1-01	2.46452	Y2-O1	2.21960	Ga-O1	1.99075
Y1-O2	2.12341	Y2-O2	2.15273	Ga-O3	1.76190
Y1-O2	2.30830	Y2-O2	2.15273	Ga-O4	1.65066
Y1-O3	2.57085	Y2-O2	2.58090		
Y1-O3	2.57085	Y2-O2	2.58090		
Y1-O4	2.23595	Y2-O4	2.79705		
Average	2.359	Average	2.386	Average	1.848