

Supporting Information

Energy Transfer Enhanced Broadband Near-Infrared Phosphors: Cr³⁺/Ni²⁺ Activated ZnGa₂O₄–Zn₂SnO₄ Solid Solutions for the Second NIR Window Imaging

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Table S1 Refined Structural Parameters of ZSGO ($y = 0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 0.9, 1$) Sample.

Sample	Formula	$a/\text{\AA}$	Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	R_{exp}	R_{wp}	R_p	GOF
ZG1	ZnGa_2O_4	8.3436(6)	580.85(7)	5.36	7.30	5.22	1.36
ZSG2	$\text{Zn}_{1.1}\text{Sn}_{0.1}\text{Ga}_{1.8}\text{O}_4$	8.3770(3)	587.86(5)	5.55	6.88	4.72	1.24
ZSG3	$\text{Zn}_{1.3}\text{Sn}_{0.3}\text{Ga}_{1.4}\text{O}_4$	8.4377(2)	600.73(3)	6.02	7.89	5.80	1.31
ZSG4	$\text{Zn}_{1.5}\text{Sn}_{0.5}\text{Ga}_{1.0}\text{O}_4$	8.5066(4)	615.56(5)	6.19	6.67	4.86	1.08
ZSG5	$\text{Zn}_{1.7}\text{Sn}_{0.7}\text{Ga}_{0.6}\text{O}_4$	8.5740(5)	630.31(4)	6.51	7.25	5.20	1.11
ZSG6	$\text{Zn}_{1.9}\text{Sn}_{0.9}\text{Ga}_{0.2}\text{O}_4$	8.6351(8)	643.89(2)	6.79	7.57	5.51	1.11
ZS7	Zn_2SnO_4	8.6694(9)	651.60(2)	4.73	6.80	5.08	1.44

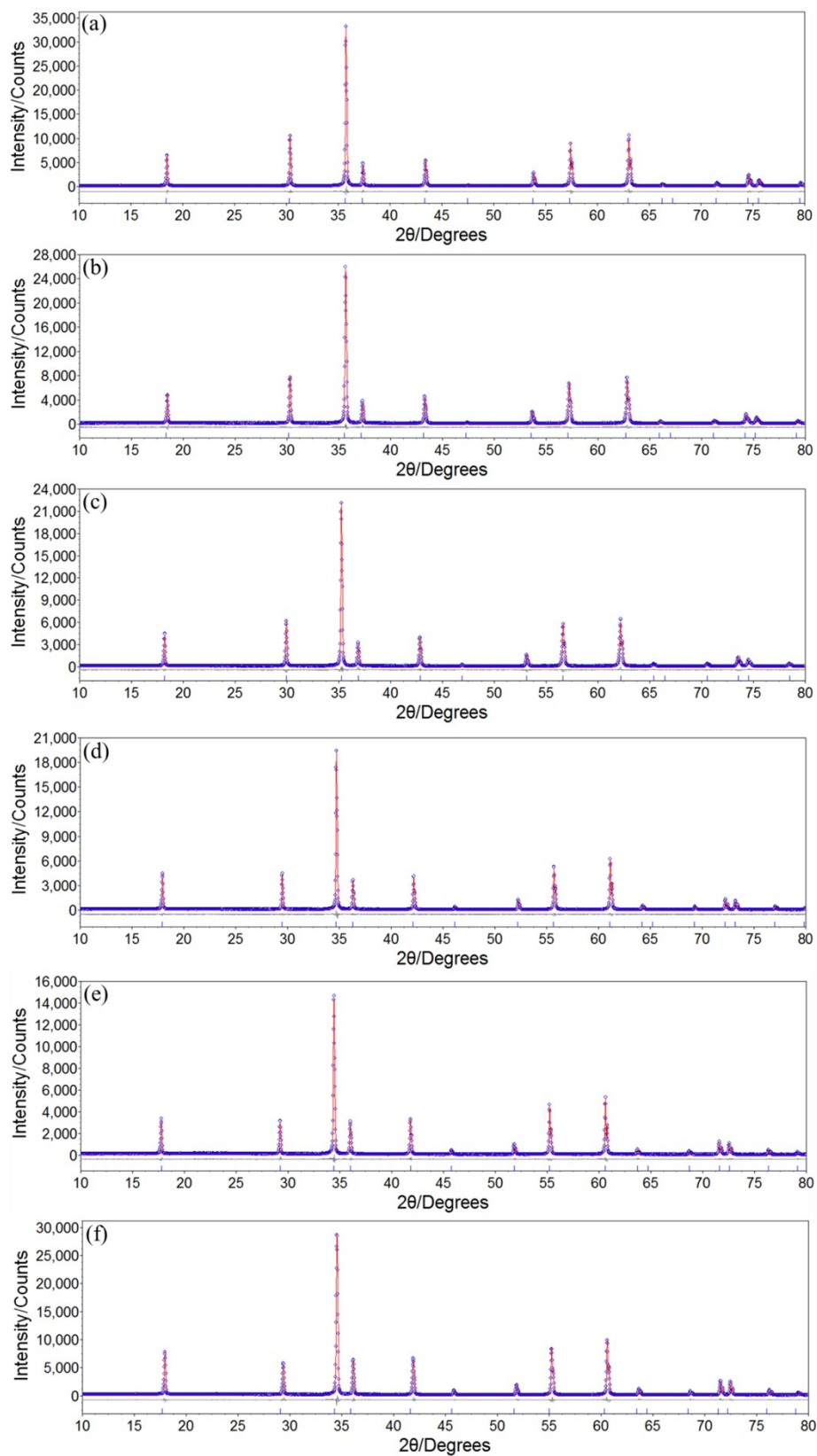


Fig. S1 (a-f) Measured (blue dots) and calculated (red line) powder XRD patterns as well as difference profile (grey line) and the Bragg reflection positions (blue short vertical lines) for Rietveld refinements of $\text{Zn}_{1+x}\text{Sn}_x\text{Ga}_{2-2x}\text{O}_4$ ($x = 0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.7, 0.9, 1$).

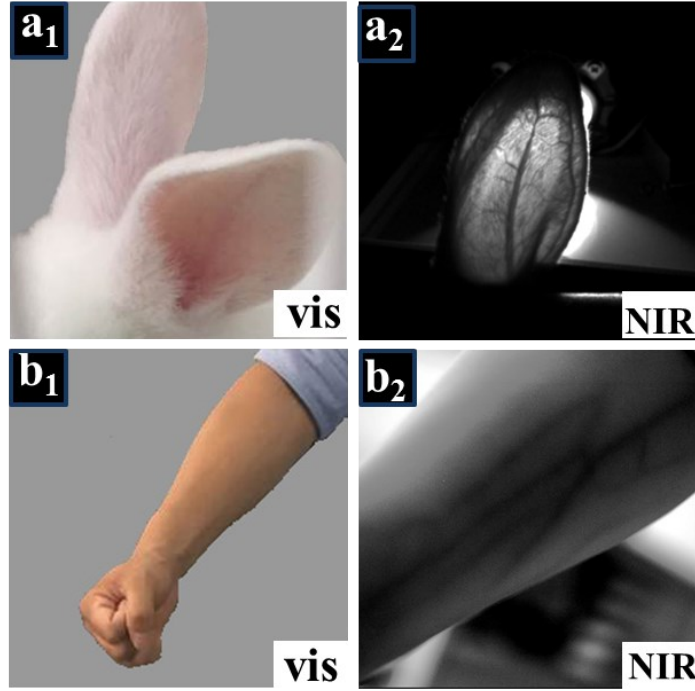


Fig. S2 (a) and (b) The optical images of blood vessels in the rabbit ear and human arm.

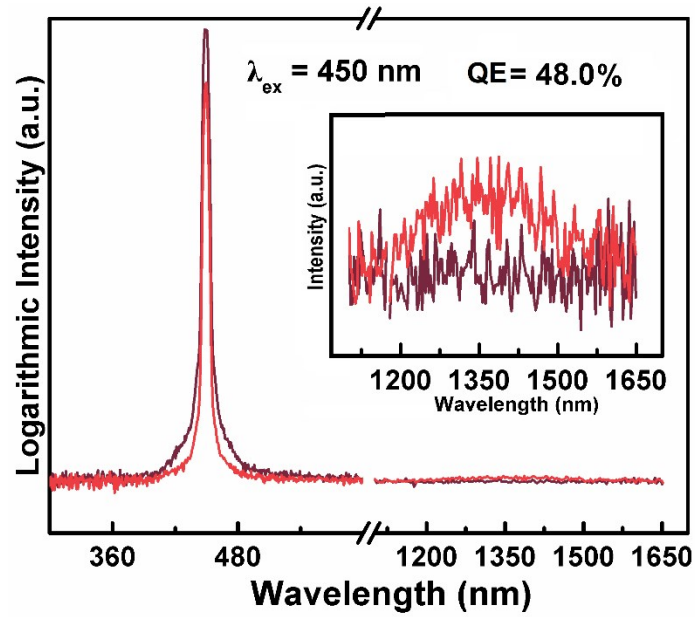


Fig. S3 Absorption and emission spectra of $\text{Zn}_{1.5}\text{Sn}_{0.5}\text{Ga}_{1.0}\text{O}_4: 0.14\text{Cr}^{3+}, 0.008\text{Ni}^{2+}$ for QE measurement by 450 nm excitation.

The internal QE was obtained by the following equation:

$$iQE = \frac{\int \lambda P(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int \lambda \{E(\lambda) - R(\lambda)\} d\lambda}$$

where $E(\lambda)/h\nu$, $R(\lambda)/h\nu$, and $P(\lambda)/h\nu$ are the numbers of photons in the excitation, reflectance, and emission spectra of the phosphor respectively.¹

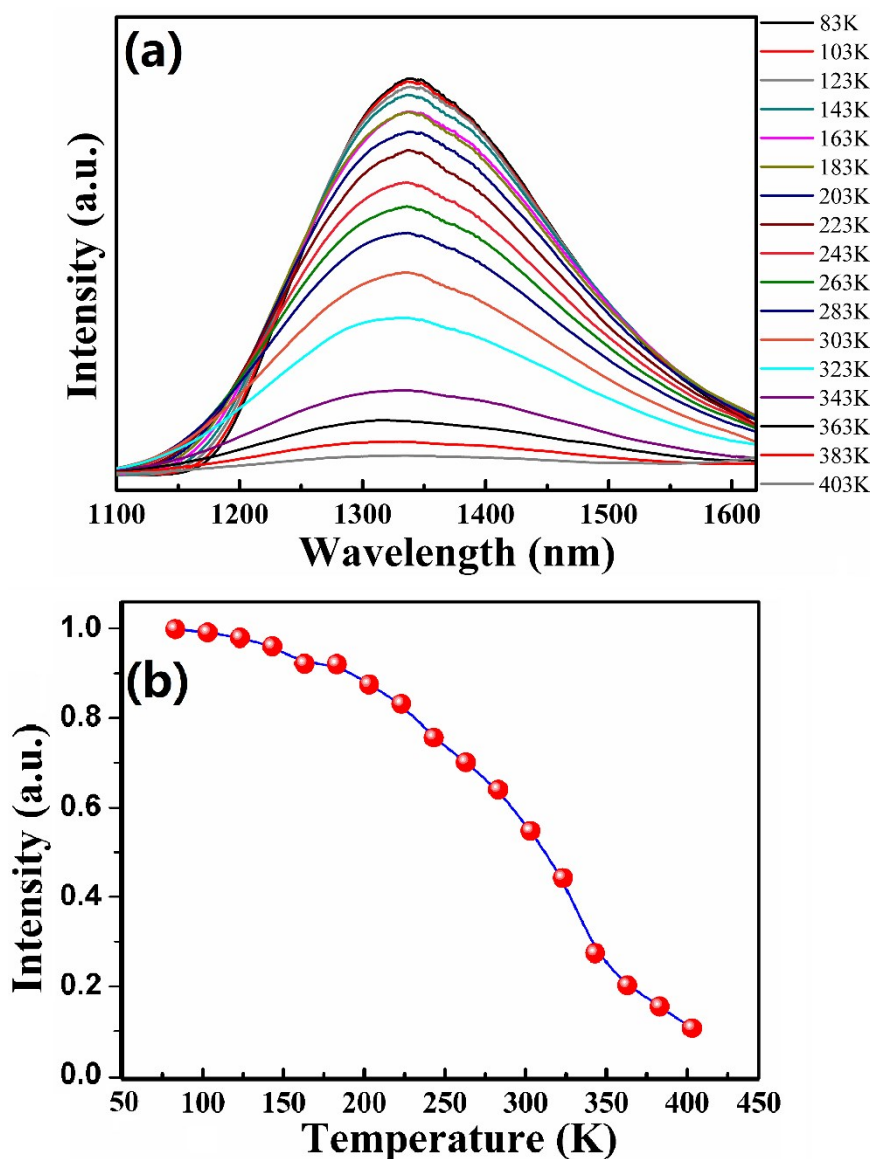


Fig. S4 (a) PL spectra of Ni^{2+} in $\text{Zn}_{1.5}\text{Sn}_{0.5}\text{Ga}_{1.0}\text{O}_4: 0.14\text{Cr}^{3+}, 0.008\text{Ni}^{2+}$ with the temperature increasing from 83 to 403 K. (b) PL intensity values of $\text{Zn}_{1.5}\text{Sn}_{0.5}\text{Ga}_{1.0}\text{O}_4: 0.14\text{Cr}^{3+}, 0.008\text{Ni}^{2+}$ at different temperatures.

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