

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Room Temperature Doping of $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ in Perovskite Nanoparticles: A Halide Exchange

#### Mediated Cation Exchange Approach

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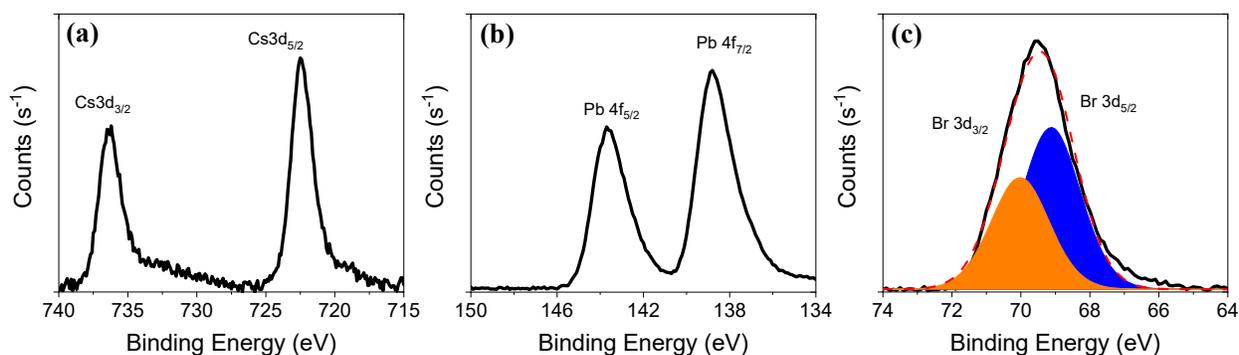
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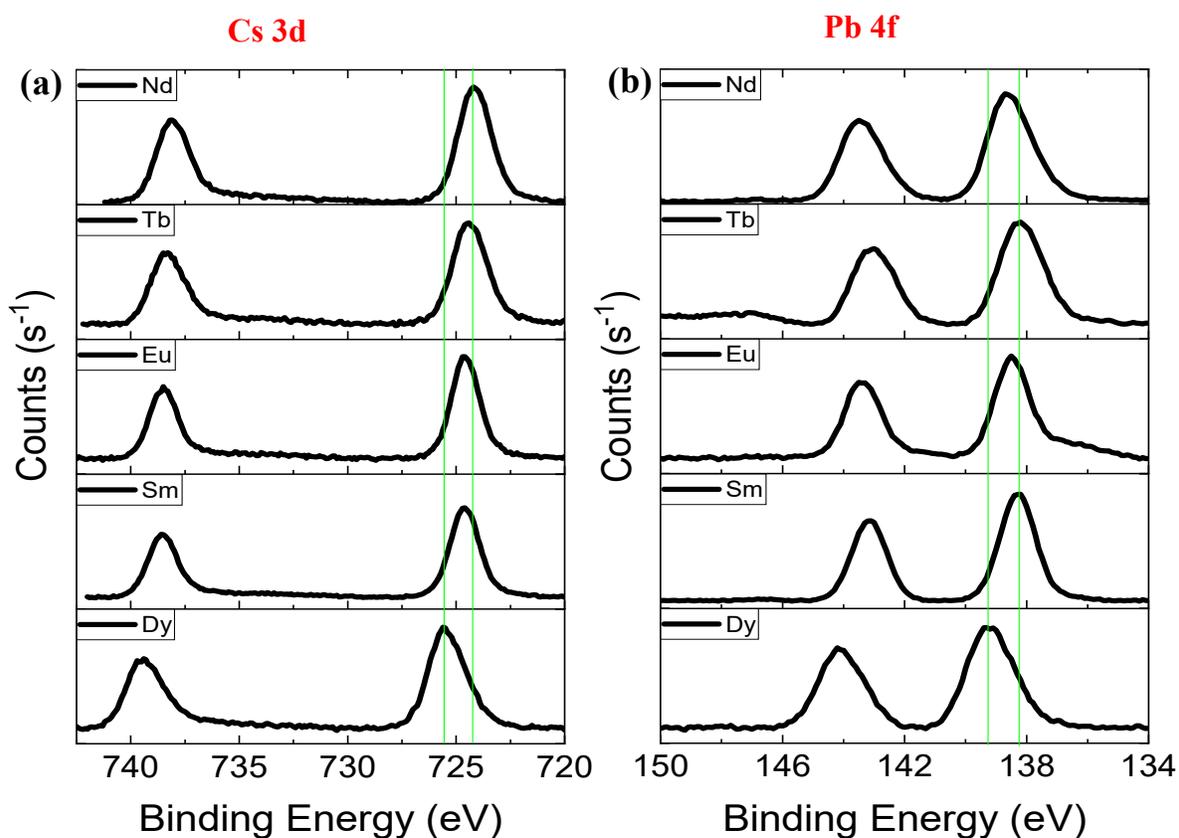
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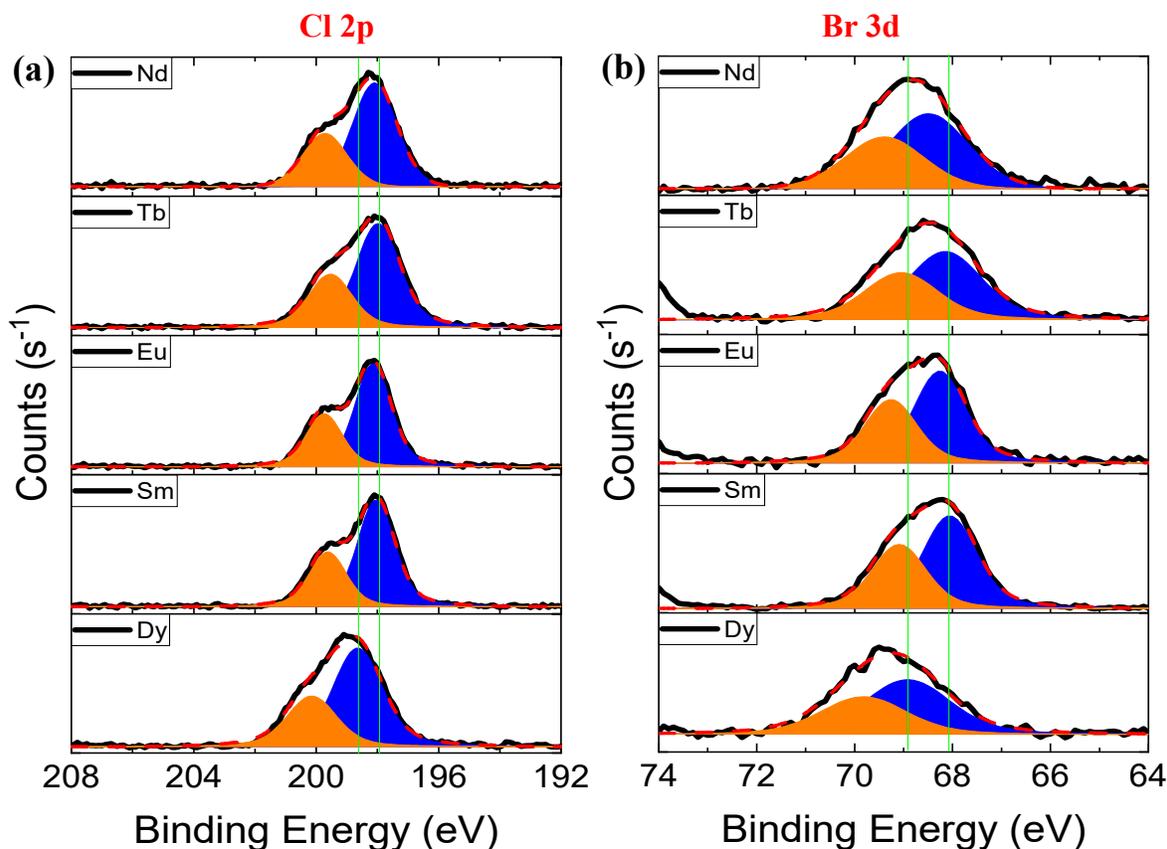
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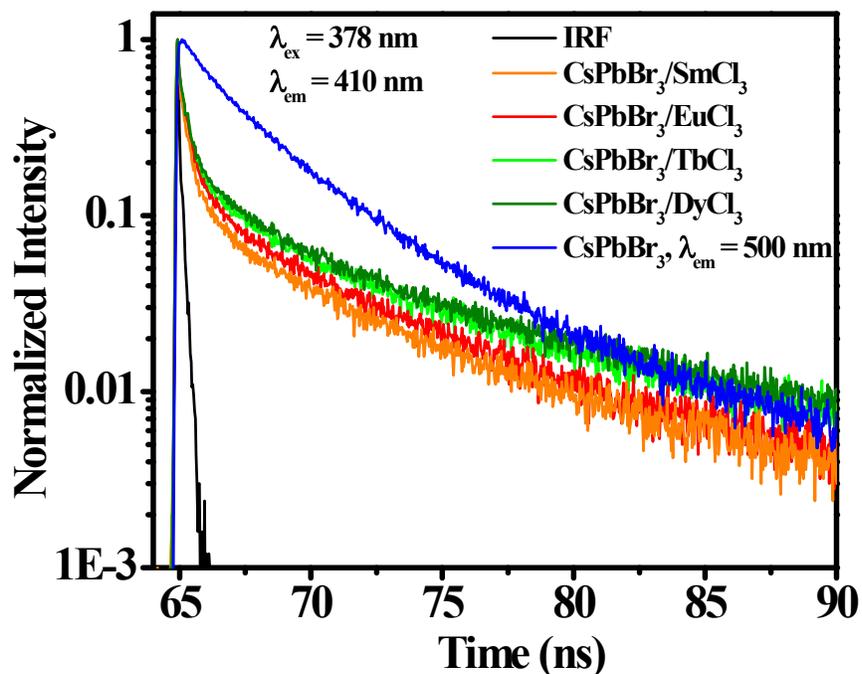


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**Table S1.** Atomic percentages of the different elements present in CsPbBr<sub>3</sub>, and CsPbBr<sub>3</sub>/LnCl<sub>3</sub> NPs are shown.

| System                                 | Cs (%) | Pb (%) | Br (%) | Cl (%) | Ln (%) |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>                    | 18     | 19.6   | 62.4   | 0      | 0      |
| CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> /NdCl <sub>3</sub> | 12.6   | 10.9   | 12.9   | 61.5   | 2.1    |
| CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> /SmCl <sub>3</sub> | 12.7   | 9.6    | 18.4   | 53.8   | 5.5    |
| CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> /EuCl <sub>3</sub> | 11.2   | 6.4    | 10.4   | 67.0   | 5.0    |
| CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> /TbCl <sub>3</sub> | 9.6    | 6.6    | 13.0   | 65.0   | 5.8    |
| CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> /DyCl <sub>3</sub> | 13.8   | 5.0    | 7.7    | 65.2   | 8.3    |

The propensity for enhanced Ln<sup>3+</sup> incorporation in the NPs as a function of increasing Ln<sup>3+</sup> atomic number can be explained in terms of decreasing ionic radius of the Ln<sup>3+</sup> (e.g. ionic radii of Nd<sup>3+</sup> and Dy<sup>3+</sup> are 112.3pm and 105.2pm respectively.)



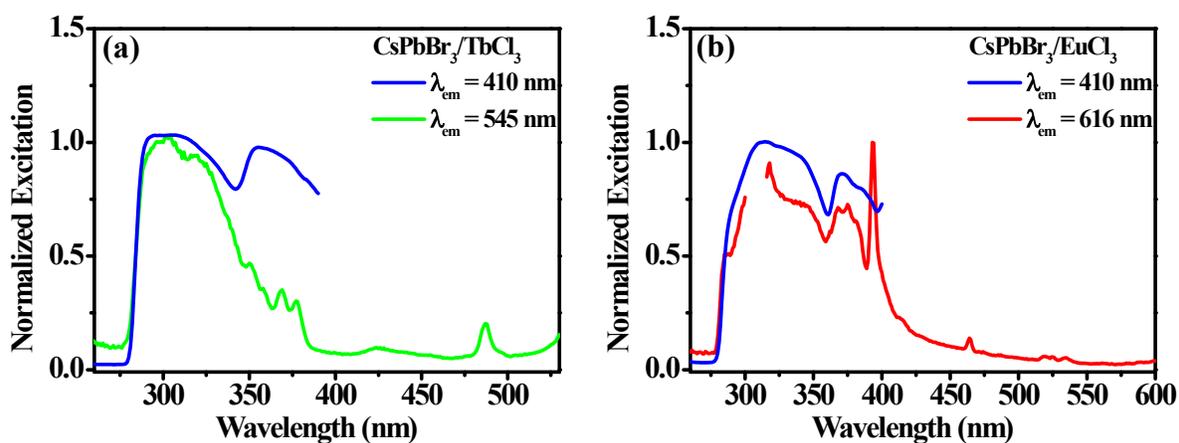
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**Table S2.** Lifetime Parameters of the different NPs studied.<sup>1</sup>

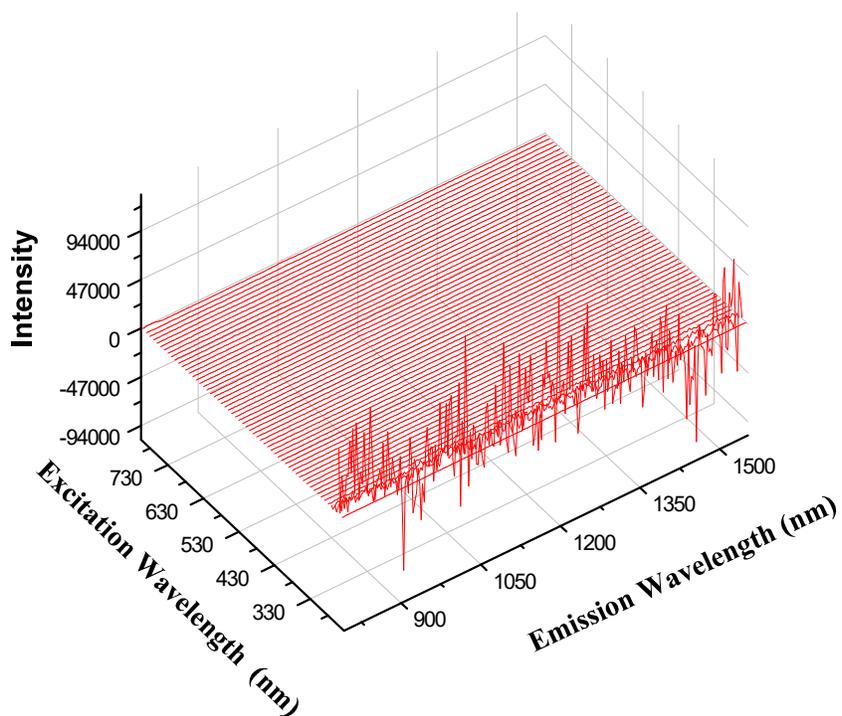
| System<br>(CsPbBr <sub>3</sub> /LnCl <sub>3</sub> ) | a <sub>1</sub>  | τ <sub>1</sub> (ns) | a <sub>2</sub>  | τ <sub>2</sub> (ns) | a <sub>3</sub>  | τ <sub>3</sub> (ns) | <τ><br>(ns)    |
|---|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| CsPbBr <sub>3</sub>                                 | 0.52 ±<br>0.01  | 1.0 ±<br>0.09       | 0.45 ±<br>0.01  | 3.33 ±<br>0.16      | 0.03 ±<br>0.002 | 11.30 ±<br>0.28     | 2.35 ±<br>0.08 |
| Ln = Sm   | 0.95 ±<br>0.02  | 0.30 ±<br>0.01      | 0.04 ±<br>0.01  | 2.85 ±<br>0.07      | 0.01 ±<br>0.002 | 10.32 ±<br>0.32     | 0.49 ±<br>0.03 |
| Ln = Eu   | 0.96 ±<br>0.005 | 0.31 ±<br>0.03      | 0.03 ±<br>0.001 | 2.71 ±<br>0.41      | 0.01 ±<br>0.001 | 10.0 ±<br>0.74      | 0.50 ±<br>0.03 |
| Ln = Tb   | 0.93 ±<br>0.04  | 0.33 ±<br>0.01      | 0.06 ±<br>0.02  | 3.10 ±<br>0.14      | 0.01 ±<br>0.001 | 11.75 ±<br>0.07     | 0.60 ±<br>0.06 |
| Ln = Dy   | 0.94 ±<br>0.03  | 0.35 ±<br>0.02      | 0.05 ±<br>0.01  | 3.08 ±<br>0.04      | 0.01 ±<br>0.001 | 12.2 ±<br>0.4       | 0.60 ±<br>0.04 |

<sup>1</sup>The decays are fitted to a multiexponential model using the equation  $I(t) = \sum a_i \exp(-t/\tau_i)$ , where  $\sum a_i = 1$ .

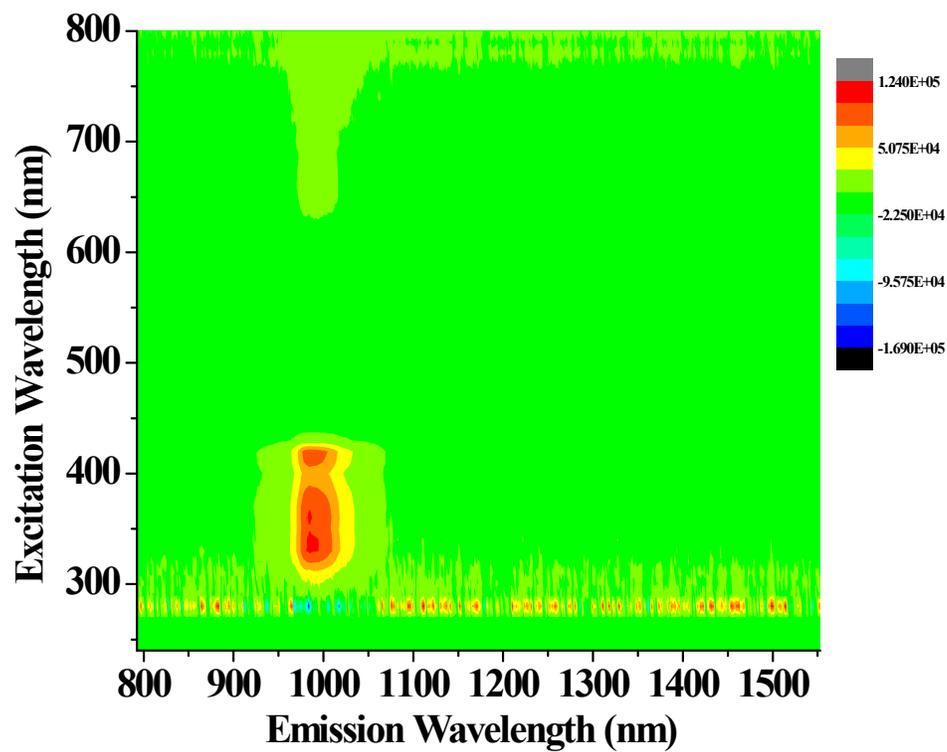
<sup>2</sup> $\langle \tau \rangle = a_1 \tau_1 + a_2 \tau_2 + a_3 \tau_3$  with  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ , and  $\tau_3$  being the three lifetime components having relative amplitudes  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ , and  $a_3$  respectively.  $\chi^2 \leq 1.2$ .



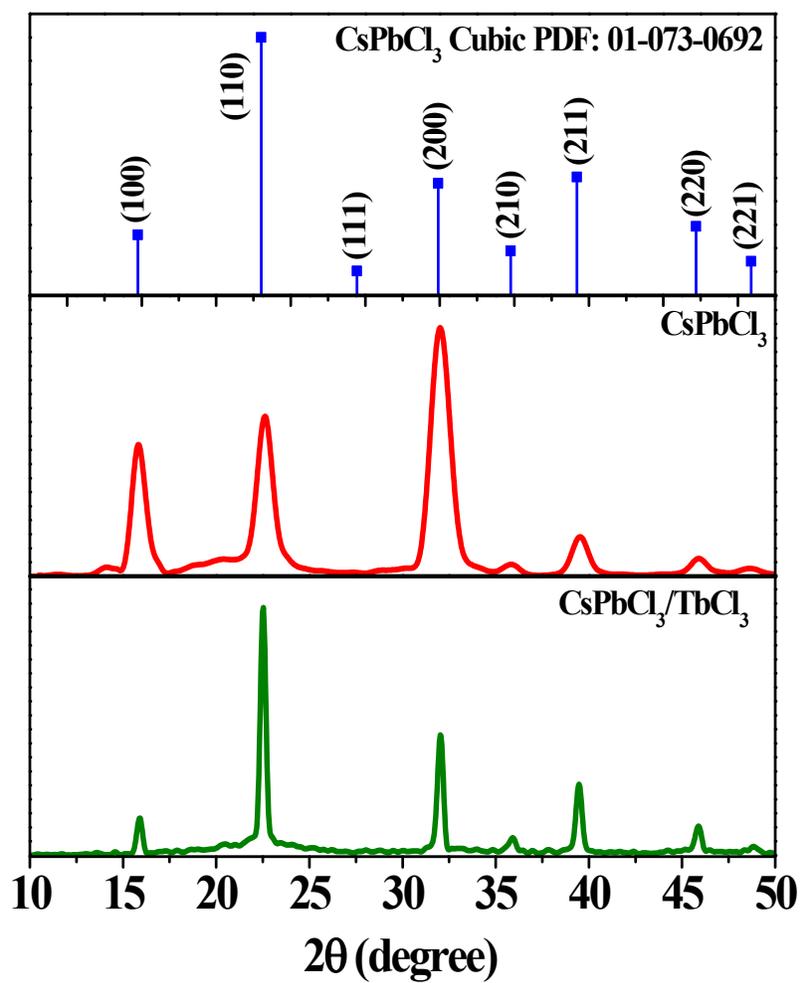
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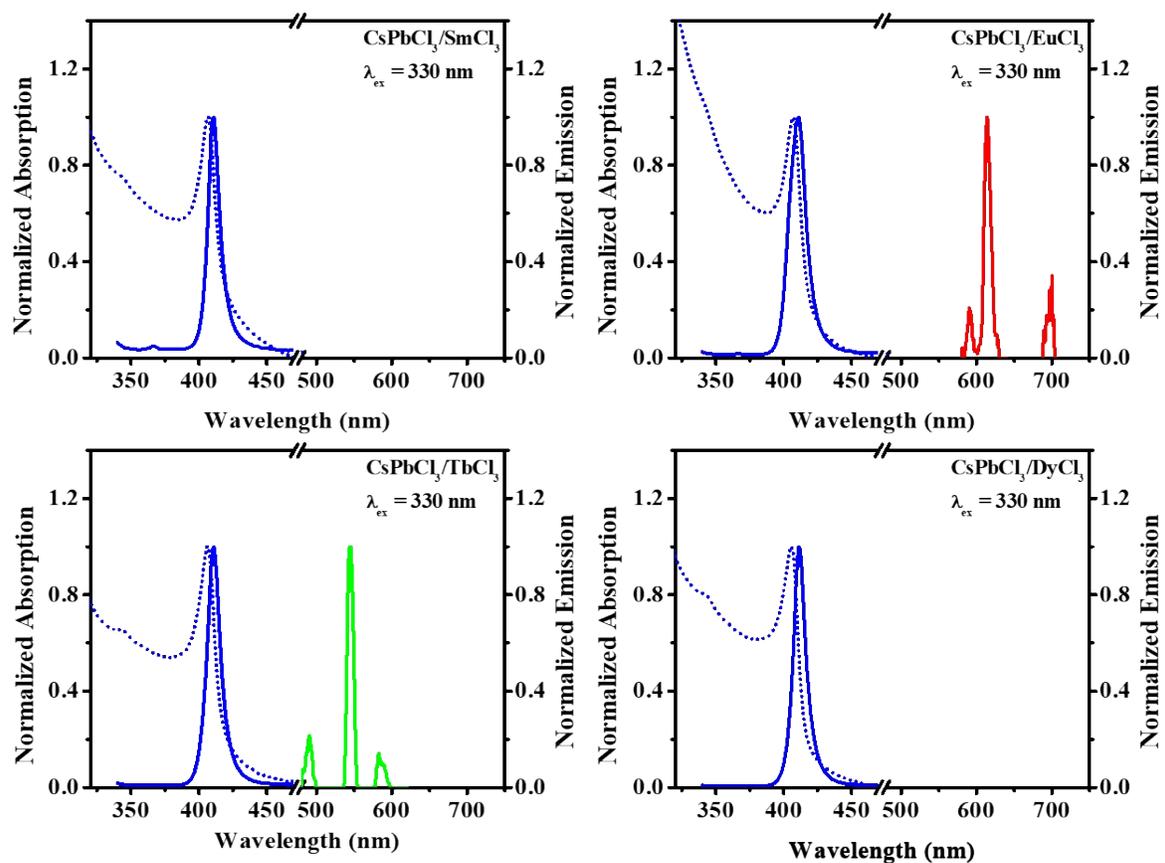
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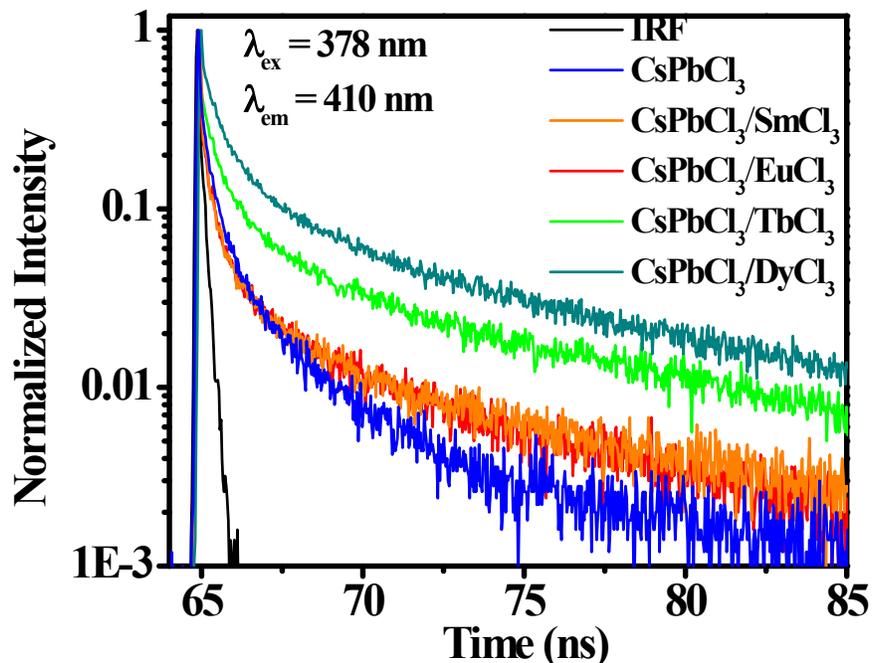
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**Figure S8.** XRD patterns of CsPbCl<sub>3</sub> and CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>/TbCl<sub>3</sub> NPs are shown.



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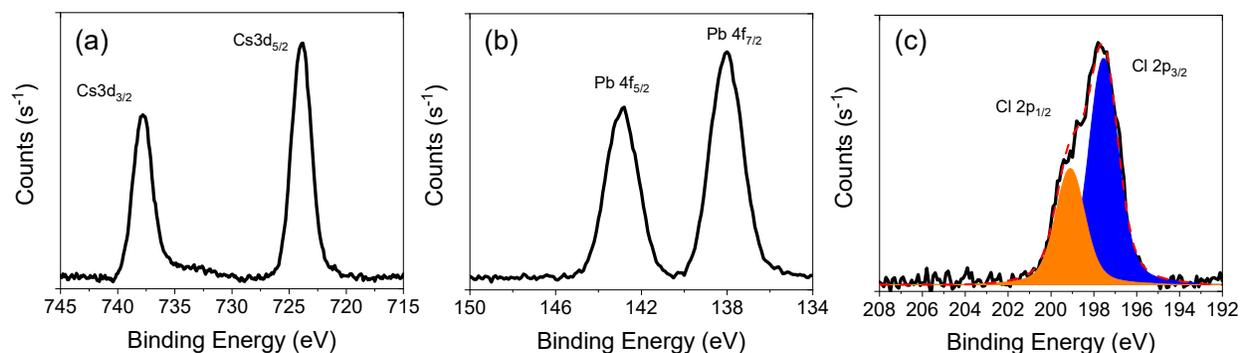
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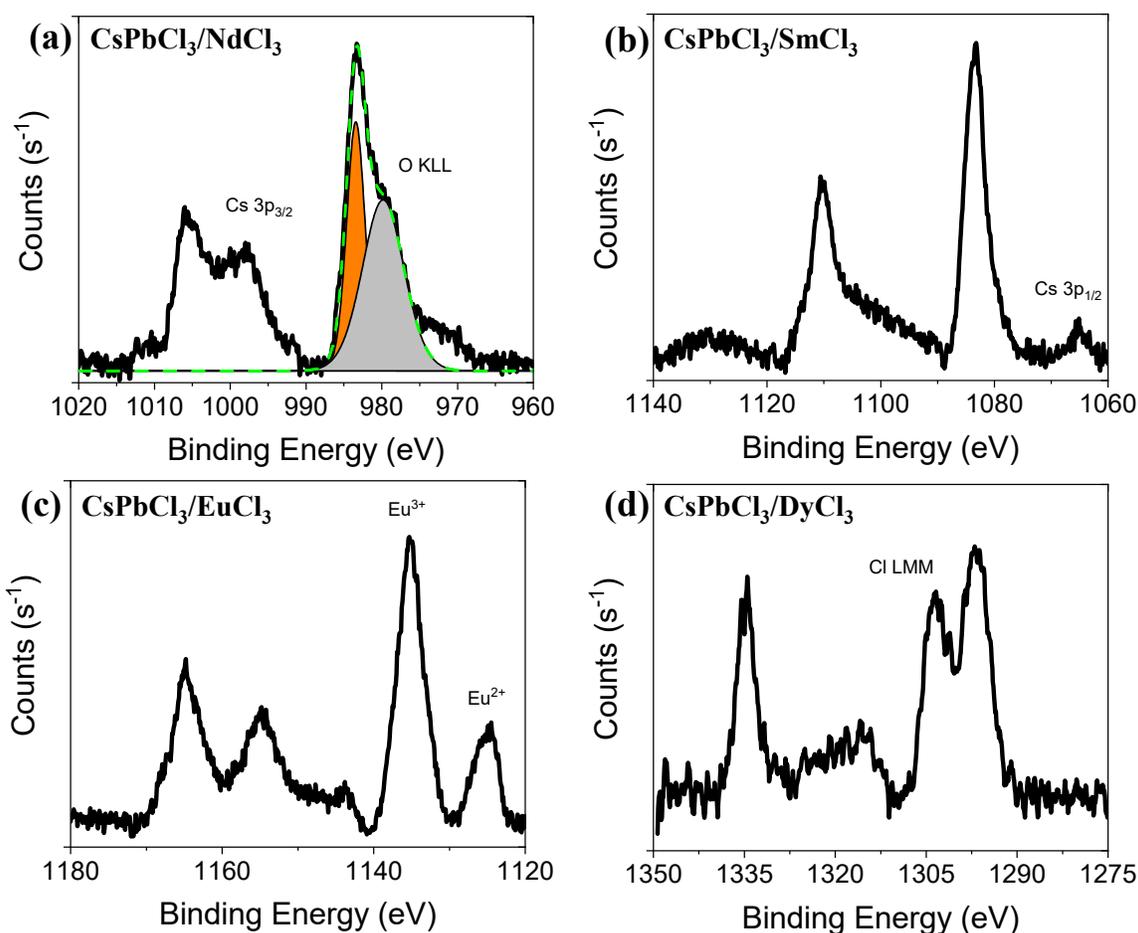
| System<br>(CsPbCl <sub>3</sub> /LnCl <sub>3</sub> ) | a <sub>1</sub> | τ <sub>1</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> | τ <sub>2</sub> | a <sub>3</sub>  | τ <sub>3</sub> | <τ><br>(ns)    |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Ln = Dy</b>                                      | 0.87 ±<br>0.01 | 0.32 ±<br>0.02 | 0.1 ±<br>0.01  | 1.30 ±<br>0.15 | 0.03 ±<br>0.004 | 8.30 ±<br>0.20 | 0.63 ±<br>0.08 |
| <b>Ln = Sm</b>                                      | 0.91 ±<br>0.02 | 0.18 ±<br>0.04 | 0.07 ±<br>0.02 | 1.10 ±<br>0.12 | 0.02 ±<br>0.002 | 7.65 ±<br>0.35 | 0.39 ±<br>0.01 |
| <b>Ln = Tb</b>                                      | 0.87 ±<br>0.02 | 0.32 ±<br>0.02 | 0.1 ±<br>0.01  | 1.55 ±<br>0.21 | 0.03 ±<br>0.007 | 8.95 ±<br>0.35 | 0.74 ±<br>0.14 |
| <b>Ln = Eu</b>                                      | 0.90 ±<br>0.04 | 0.19 ±<br>0.02 | 0.08<br>±0.03  | 1.15 ±<br>0.07 | 0.02 ±<br>0.007 | 7.35 ±<br>0.35 | 0.43 ±<br>0.06 |
| <b>CsPbCl<sub>3</sub></b>                           | 0.86 ±<br>0.03 | 0.19 ±<br>0.04 | 0.12 ±<br>0.03 | 0.98 ±<br>0.08 | 0.02 ±<br>0.003 | 4.38 ±<br>0.02 | 0.37 ±<br>0.02 |

<sup>1</sup>The decays are fitted to a multiexponential model using the equation  $I(t) = \sum a_i \exp(-t/\tau_i)$ , where  $\sum a_i = 1$ .

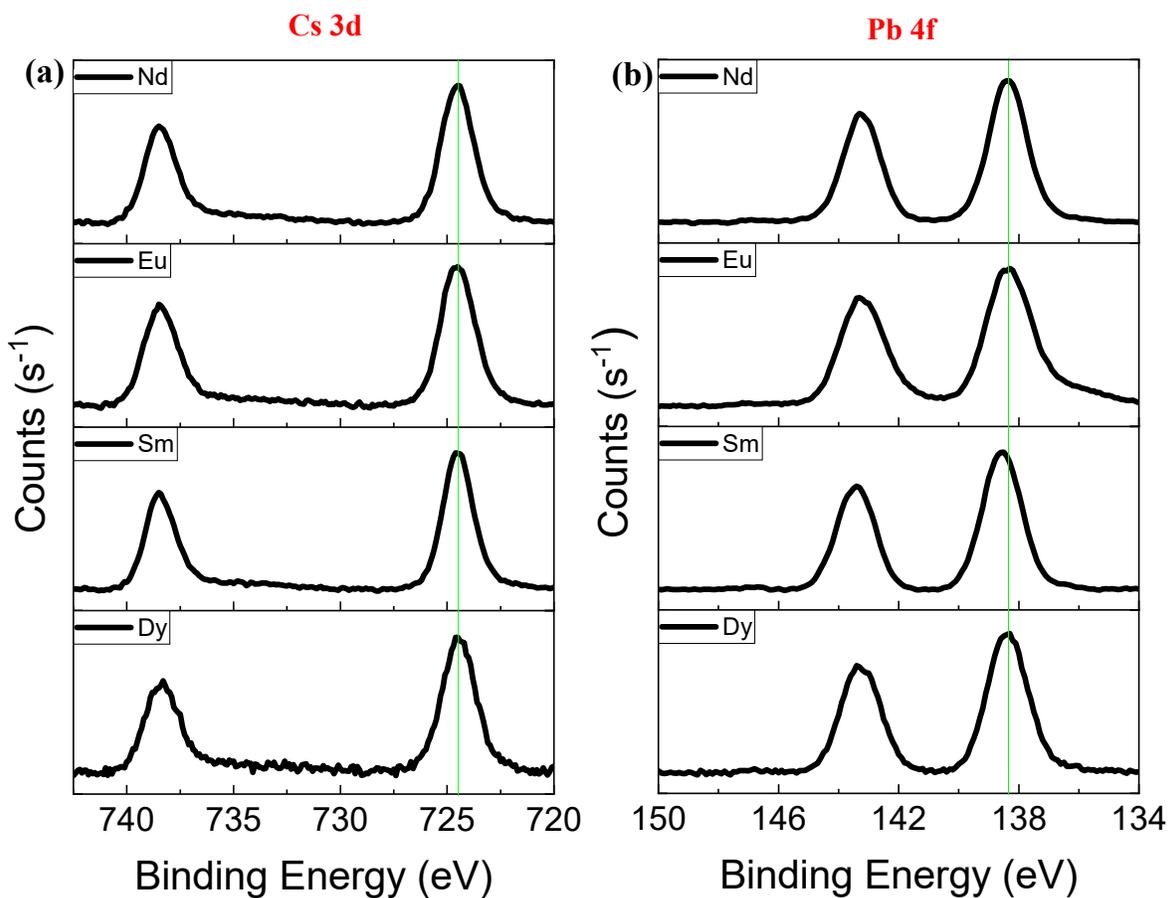
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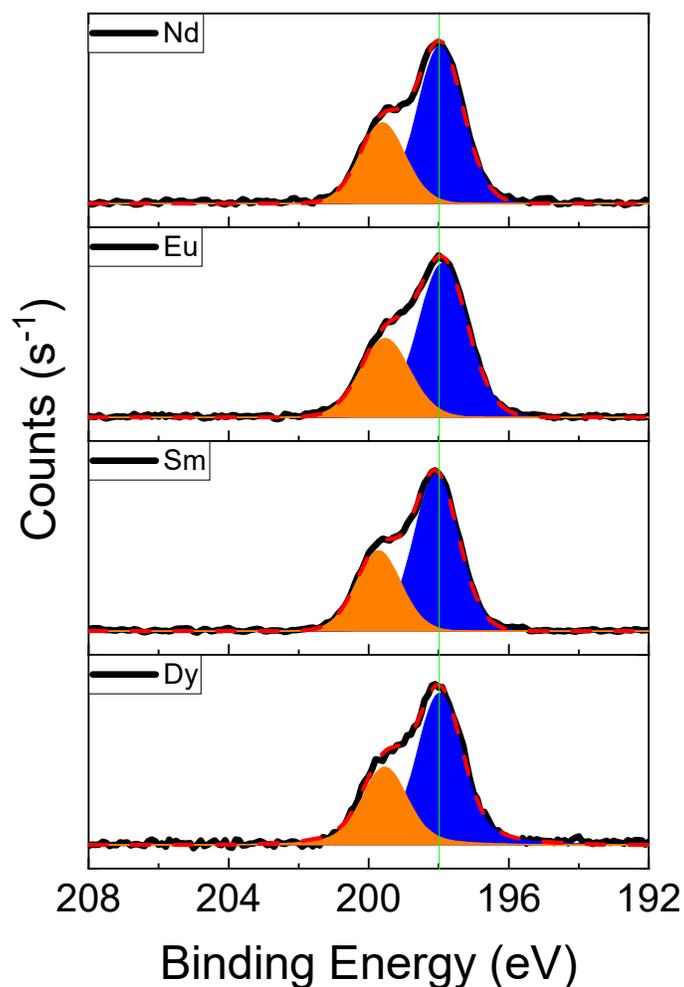
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**Figure S12.** XPS spectra of CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>/LnCl<sub>3</sub> NPs [Ln = Nd, Sm, Eu, and Dy] are shown. Panels (a) through (d) correspond to Nd3d, Sm3d, Eu3d, and Dy3d respectively. Signatures arising from peaks other than lanthanides are marked. For panel (a), the data were fit to a sum of peaks where the peak of interest is highlighted in orange and the green dashed line is an envelope for the multicomponent fitting.



**Figure S13.** (a) Cs3d and (b) Pb4f XPS spectra of the CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>/LnCl<sub>3</sub> NPs [Ln = Nd, Eu, Sm, and Dy] are shown. The green lines show the relative shift, upper and lower limit, in binding energy of the Cs 3d<sub>5/2</sub> and Pb 4f<sub>7/2</sub> orbitals for the different Ln dopants.



**Figure S14.** Cl<sub>2p</sub> XPS spectra of the CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>/LnCl<sub>3</sub> NPs [Ln = Nd, Eu, Sm, and Dy]. The Chlorine 2p spectra are fit to a doublet corresponding to the Cl 2p<sub>3/2</sub> (blue) and Cl 2p<sub>1/2</sub> (orange) orbitals. The red dashed line is an envelope for the multicomponent fitting and the green line is a guide to the eye for the relative binding energy shift for each dopant

**Table S4.** Atomic percentages of the different elements present in CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>, and CsPbCl<sub>3</sub>/LnCl<sub>3</sub> NPs are shown. The error in calculation of the atomic percentage is ~10% of the value reported in the table.

| System                                 | Cs (%) | Pb (%) | Cl (%) | Ln (%) |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| CsPbCl <sub>3</sub>                    | 23.0   | 16     | 61     | 0      |
| CsPbCl <sub>3</sub> /NdCl <sub>3</sub> | 9.7    | 13.7   | 74.7   | 1.9    |
| CsPbCl <sub>3</sub> /SmCl <sub>3</sub> | 10.9   | 10.9   | 72.9   | 5.3    |
| CsPbCl <sub>3</sub> /EuCl <sub>3</sub> | 11.9   | 11.3   | 71.4   | 5.4    |
| CsPbCl <sub>3</sub> /DyCl <sub>3</sub> | 8.5    | 10.6   | 77.8   | 3.1    |

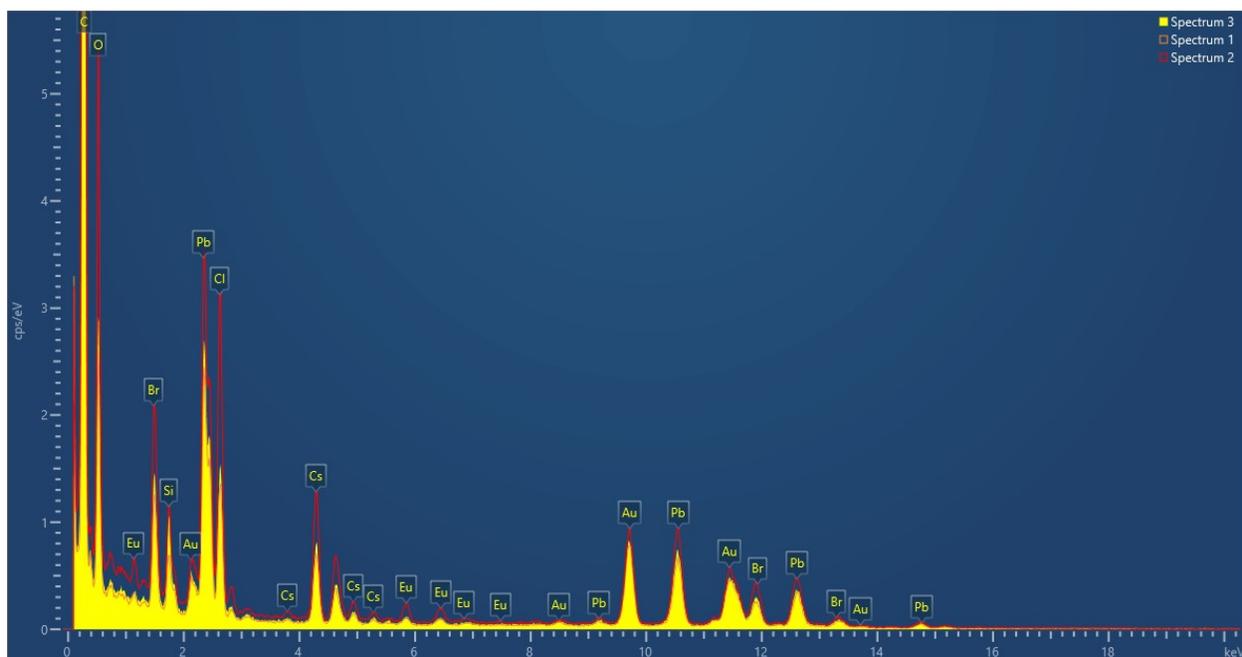


Figure S15. EDX spectra of the CsPbBr<sub>3</sub>/EuCl<sub>3</sub> NPs are shown.

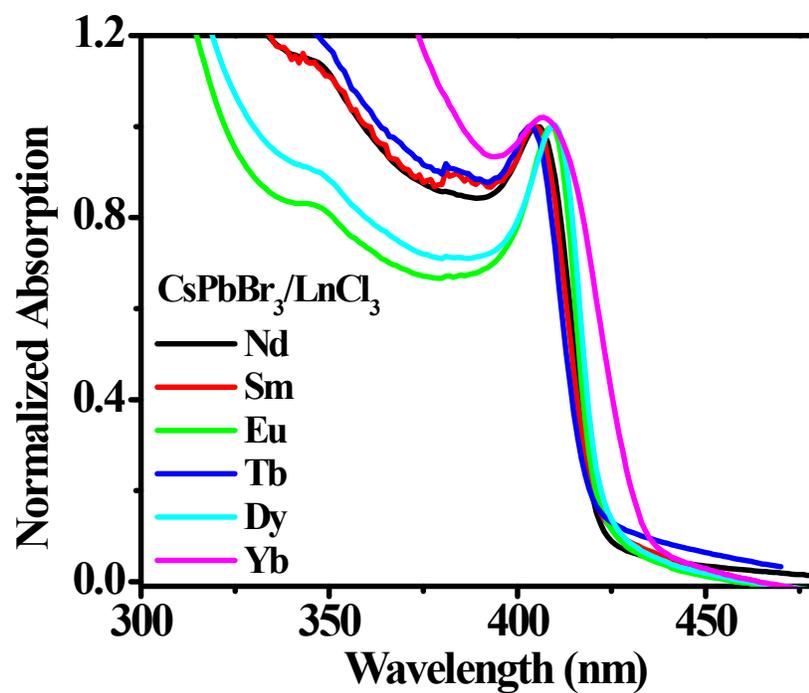


Figure S16. Normalized absorption spectra of the CsPbBr<sub>3</sub>/LnCl<sub>3</sub> NPs in toluene are shown.

## A Förster Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) Mediated Sensitization Mechanism:

The rate constant for non-radiative energy transfer,  $k_{ET}$ , in a Förster energy transfer mechanism is given by

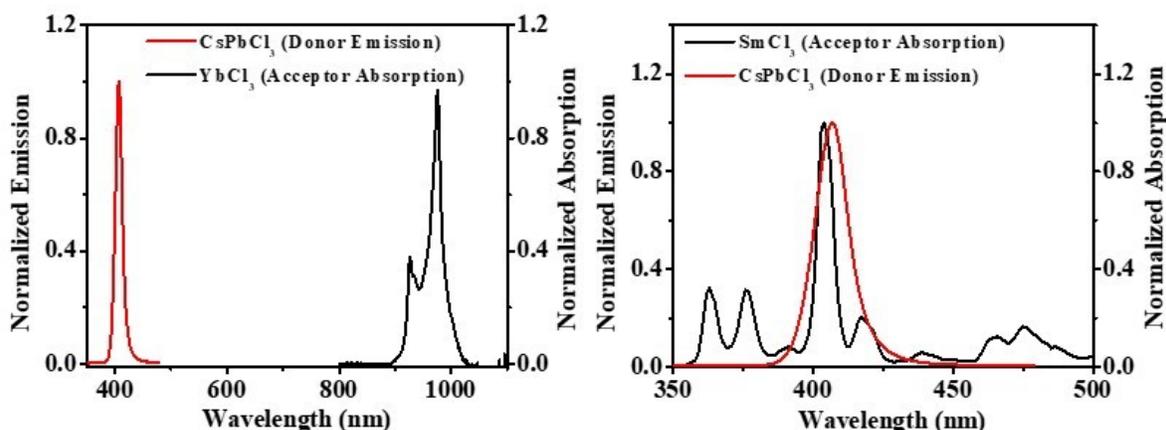
$$k_{ET} = \frac{1}{\tau_F} (R_0/R)^6 \quad (i)$$

where

$$R_0^6 = \frac{9000(\ln 10)\Phi_D 2}{128\pi^5 n^4 N^3} J_F; [J_F = \frac{\int_0^\infty F_D(\bar{\nu})\epsilon_A(\bar{\nu})\bar{\nu}^{-4}d\bar{\nu}}{\int_0^\infty F_D(\bar{\nu})d\bar{\nu}}] \quad (ii)$$

Here  $\tau_F$  is the average lifetime of the donor chromophore;  $R_0$ , the critical distance at which the rate of energy transfer equals the reciprocal of donor emission lifetime; and  $R$  is the distance between donor and acceptor. The critical distance  $R_0$  is given by (ii) in which  $\Phi_D$  is the donor emission quantum yield in absence of acceptor;  $n$  is the refractive index of the medium;  $N$  is Avogadro's number;  $F_D(\bar{\nu})$  is the donor chromophore's emission spectrum (in wavenumbers) in the absence of acceptor  $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ ; and  $\epsilon_A(\bar{\nu})$  is the molar extinction coefficient of  $\text{Ln}^{3+}$  acceptor on a wavenumber scale.

For a FRET based sensitization to be operating, the spectral overlap between the donor emission and the acceptor absorption is a prerequisite. Note the lack of such a possibility in Figure S17, which shows the  $\text{CsPbCl}_3$  NP emission and the  $\text{YbCl}_3$  absorption spectra; thereby proving that FRET is not a good predictor to rationalize  $\text{Yb}^{3+}$  sensitization in  $\text{CsPbCl}_3$  NPs.



**Figure S17.** (Left Panel) Normalized emission spectra of  $\text{CsPbCl}_3$  NPs (in toluene) and absorption spectra of anhydrous  $\text{YbCl}_3$  (in anhydrous DMF) are shown. Note the lack of any significant donor-acceptor spectral overlap, which implies that a Förster resonance energy transfer-based mechanism cannot be used to rationalize  $\text{Yb}^{3+}$  sensitization in  $\text{CsPbCl}_3$  in NPs. (Right Panel) Normalized emission spectra of  $\text{CsPbCl}_3$  NPs (in toluene) and absorption spectra of anhydrous  $\text{SmCl}_3$  (in

anhydrous DMF) are shown. Note that the spectral overlap should indicate significant  $\text{Sm}^{3+}$  sensitization, which is in contrast to the trend observed.