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Supporting Information

Highly uniform $Y_3Al_2Ga_3O_{12}$-based nanophosphors for persistent luminescence bioimaging in the visible and NIR regions

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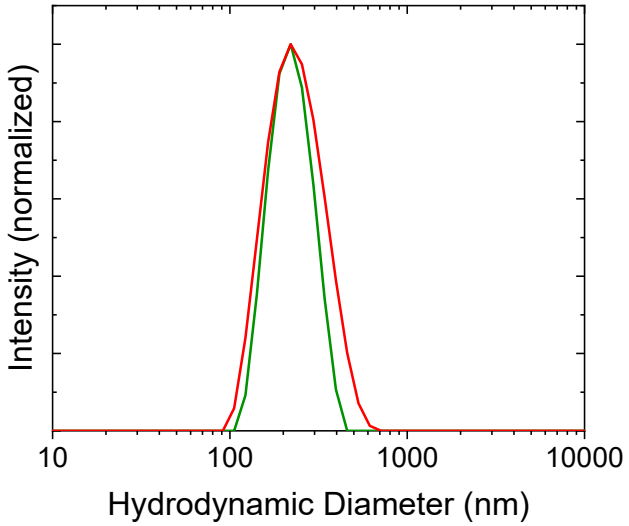

Figure S1. The hydrodynamic diameter of the AP-NPs (green curve) and C-NPs (red curve) in water at pH=10.5. D_h value is 228 nm for both curves.

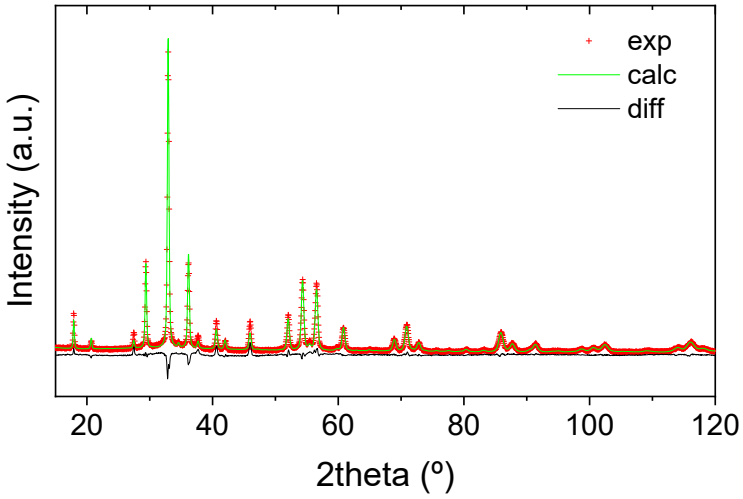

Figure S2. Experimental (red crosses) and theoretical (green line) XRD patterns of the AP-NPs. The difference curve is shown in black.

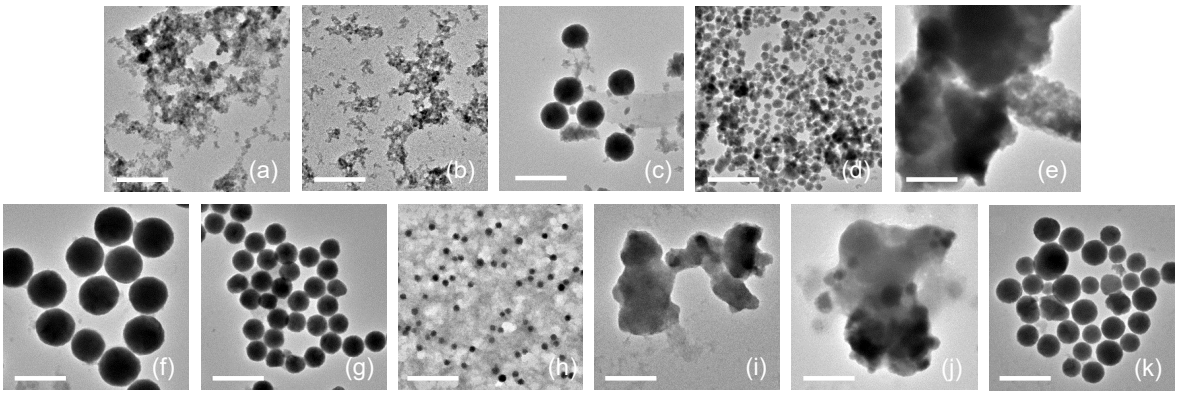

Figure S3. TEM micrographs showing the results of the synthesis of $Y_3Al_2Ga_3O_{12}:Ce^{3+}$, Nd^{3+}, Cr^{3+} after varying different conditions regarding the suitable synthesis: (a) using gallium isopropoxide; (b) using gallium nitrate; (c) using aluminum acetylacetonate, (d) using BG/EG; (e) using BG/Gly; (f) using pure BG; (g) using BG/DEG volumetric ratio = 80/20; (h) synthesized for 3 days; (i) synthesized at 170ºC; (j) using double and a half (k) of concentrations than the used for the synthesis of nanoparticles showed in Fig. 1. Inset, the scale bar corresponding to 500 nm.