**Supplementary Information:** 

## Sc<sub>1-x</sub>Er<sub>x</sub>AlO<sub>3</sub> perovskites: High-pressure synthesis, photoluminescence properties, and in-vitro bioimaging

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**Fig. S1.** The Rietveld refinement of  $Sc_{1-x}Er_xAIO_3$  (x = 0.01, 0.03, and 0.04) perovskite compounds.



**Fig. S2.** Variation of cell parameters and unit cell volume with increasing the  $Er^{3+}$  substitution (x) in ScAlO<sub>3</sub>.



Fig. S3. The temperature-dependent specific heat capacity of  $Sc_{0.98}Er_{0.02}AIO_3$  fitted with Debye equation.



Fig. S4. The CIE chromaticity diagram for  $Sc_{0.98}Er_{0.02}AIO_3$  compound.



**Fig. S5.** The PLE spectra of  $Sc_{1-x}Er_xAlO_3$  (0.01  $\le x \le 0.04$ ) compound.



Fig. S6. Raman spectrum of  $Sc_{0.98}Er_{0.02}AIO_3$  compound under excitation of 532 nm.



**Fig. S7.** Two photon microscopy images of  $Sc_{0.98}Er_{0.02}AIO_3$  dispersed in water. Scale 100  $\mu$ m. (a)DIC and (b)  $Sc_{0.98}Er_{0.02}AIO_3$  photoluminescent compound.

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**Fig. S8.** Two photon Z-scan image of  $Sc_{0.98}Er_{0.02}AIO_3$  incubated with HEK293 cells. (A) HEK293 treated cells and (B) HEK293 control cells. Scale 50  $\mu$ m.

**Table S1.** The atomic percentage obtained from EDX measurement.

	0	Al	Sc	Er
Sc <sub>0.98</sub> Er <sub>0.02</sub> AlO <sub>3</sub>	60.26	20.28	19.07	0.39