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## Controllable preparation of Eu<sup>3+</sup> doped octacalcium phosphate and fluorescence study of its hydrolysis into hydroxyapatite

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Scheme S1. Crystal structures of Eu-OCP(a) and Eu-HAP(b)



Figure S1. XRD patterns of OCP prepared at different pH



Figure S2. XRD patterns of OCP prepared at different temperatures



Figure S3. TEM images of OCP (a), Eu-OCP: 1% Eu (b), Eu-OCP: 2% Eu (c), Eu-OCP: 3% Eu (d), Eu-OCP: 4%Eu (e), Eu-OCP: 5%Eu (f)



Figure S4. Topography (a), Ca elemental distribution (b), P elemental distribution (c) and Eu elemental distribution (d) of Eu-OCP



**Figure S5.** SEM images of OCP (a), Eu-OCP: 1% Eu (b), Eu-OCP: 3% Eu (c), Eu-OCP: 5%Eu (d)









Figure S6. Eu-OCP SEM-EDX spectra with different Eu<sup>3+</sup> doping ratios



Figure S7. SEM images of HAP (a), Eu- HAP: 1% Eu (b), Eu- HAP: 3% Eu (c), Eu- HAP: 5%Eu (d)









Figure S8. Eu-HAP SEM-EDX spectra with different Eu<sup>3+</sup> doping ratios



Figure S9. XRD spectra (a) and crystallinity variation (b) of Eu-HAP with different doping ratio



Figure S10. The variation of Eu/(Eu+Ca) molar ratio with the initial molar ratio of Eu/(Eu+Ca)



Figure S11. FT-IR spectra of Eu-OCP with different doping ratio



Figure S12. FT-IR spectra of Eu-OCP(a) and Eu-HAP(b)



Figure S13. XPS full scan spectra of Eu-OCP surface (a), XPS spectra of Eu3d (b), XPS spectra of different doped ratios of Ca2p in Eu-OCP (c)



Figure S14. Fluorescence intensity changes of Eu-HAP



Figure S15. XRD spectra of Eu-OCP synthesized with 3% doping ratio at different titration times (a), fluorescence intensity spectra (b), crystallinity variation (c)



Figure S16. Quantum yields of Eu-OCP and Eu-HAP



Figure S17. Changes in fluorescence lifetime of Eu-HAP with different doping ratios



**Figure S18.** Variation of different doping ratios  $A_1/(A_1+A_2)$  (a) and  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$  fluorescence lifetimes (b)



**Figure S19.** XRD spectra (a), fluorescence spectra (b) of different ratios of Eu-OCP blended with Eu-HAP. I  $_{(1 1 2)}/I_{(0 1 0)}$  and I  $_{(0 1 0)}/I_{(1 1 2)}$  (c) and I $_{614}/I_{591}$  (d) with the ratio of Eu-HAP in the blending compound



**Figure S20.** Fitting curves of I  $_{(1 1 2)}/I_{(0 1 0)}$  (a) and I $_{614}/I_{591}$  (b) to the Eu-HAP content in the blending system



Figure S21. Resultant Eu/(Eu+Ca) molar ratio of mixtures at different hydrolysis time points