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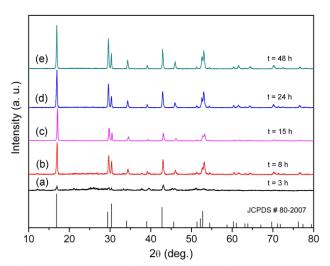


Figure S1 XRD patterns of Y(OH)_{1.63}F_{1.37} prepared by using CTAB as additive.

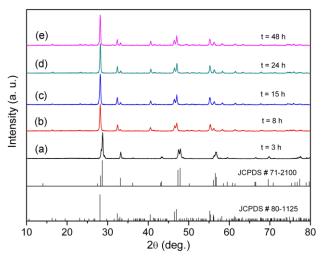


Figure S2 XRD patterns of Y₆O₅F₈ prepared by using CTAB as additive.

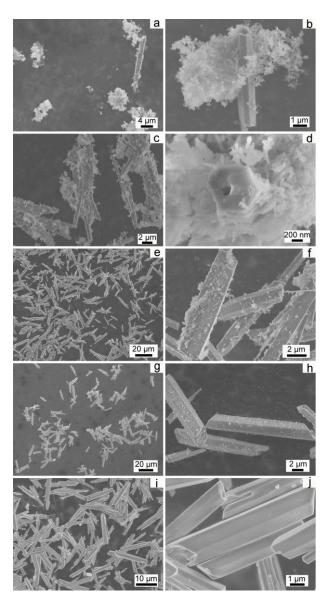


Figure S3 SEM images of evolution for Y(OH) $_{1.63}$ F $_{1.37}$ at different hydrothermal times: (a, b) 3 h, (c, d) 8 h, (e, f) 15 h, (g, h) 24 h, and (i, j) 48 h.

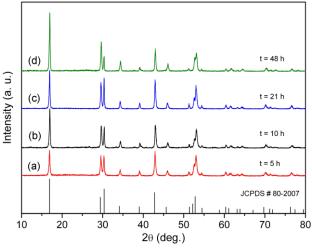


Figure S4 XRD patterns of $Y(OH)_{1.63}F_{1.37}$ prepared by using PVP as additive.

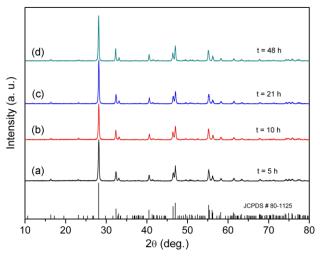


Figure S5 XRD patterns of Y₆O₅F₈ prepared by using PVP as additive.

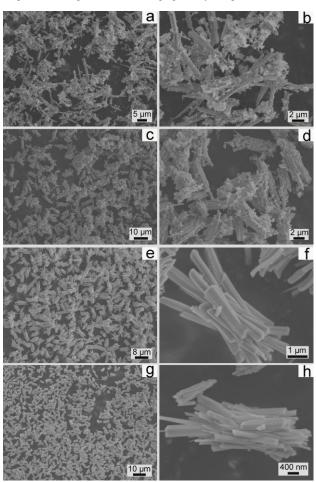


Figure S6 SEM images of evolution for Y(OH)_{1.63}F_{1.37} at different 5 hydrothermal times (using PVP as additive): (a, b) 5 h, (c, d) 10 h, (e, f) 21 h, and (g, h) 48 h.

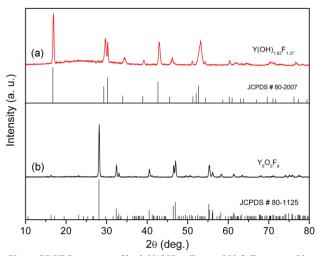


Figure S7 XRD patterns of both $Y(OH)_{1.63}F_{1.37}$ and $Y_6O_5F_8$ prepared by using EDTA as additive.

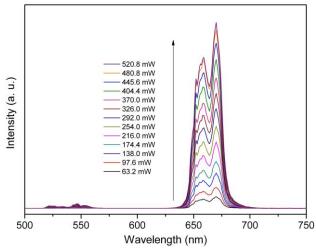


Figure S8 UC emission spectra of $Y_{5.34}O_5F_8$: $0.6Yb^{3+}$, $0.06Er^{3+}$ using PVP as additive under DL excitation of 980 nm.

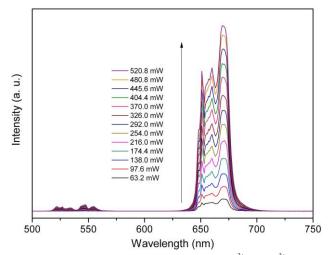


Figure S9 UC emission spectra of $Y_{5,34}O_5F_8$: $0.6Yb^{3+}$, $0.06Er^{3+}$ using EDTA as additive under DL excitation of 980 nm.

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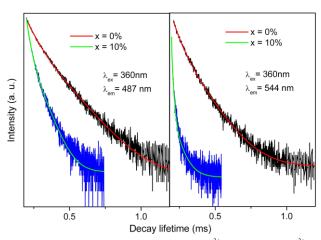


Figure S10 Decay curves of both YOF: $1\% Ho^{3+}$ and YOF: $10\% Yb^{3+}$, $1\% Ho^{3+}$.