

## Supplementary Information

### **Single Step Aqueous Synthesis of Pure Rare Earth Nanoparticles in Biocompatible Polymer Matrices**

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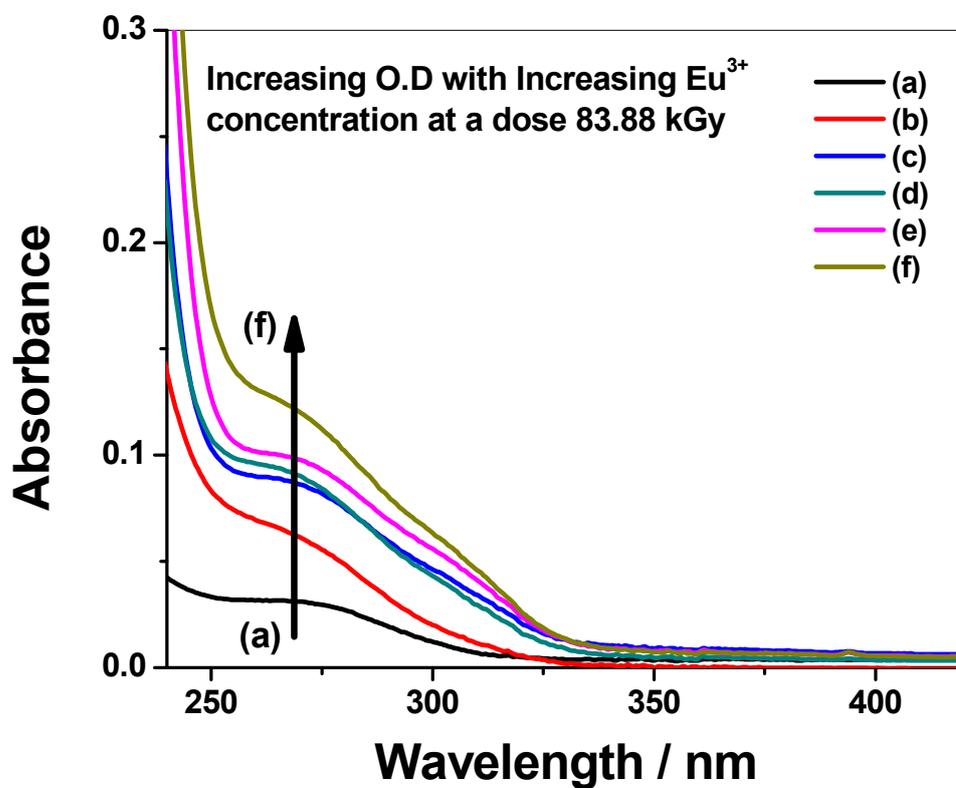
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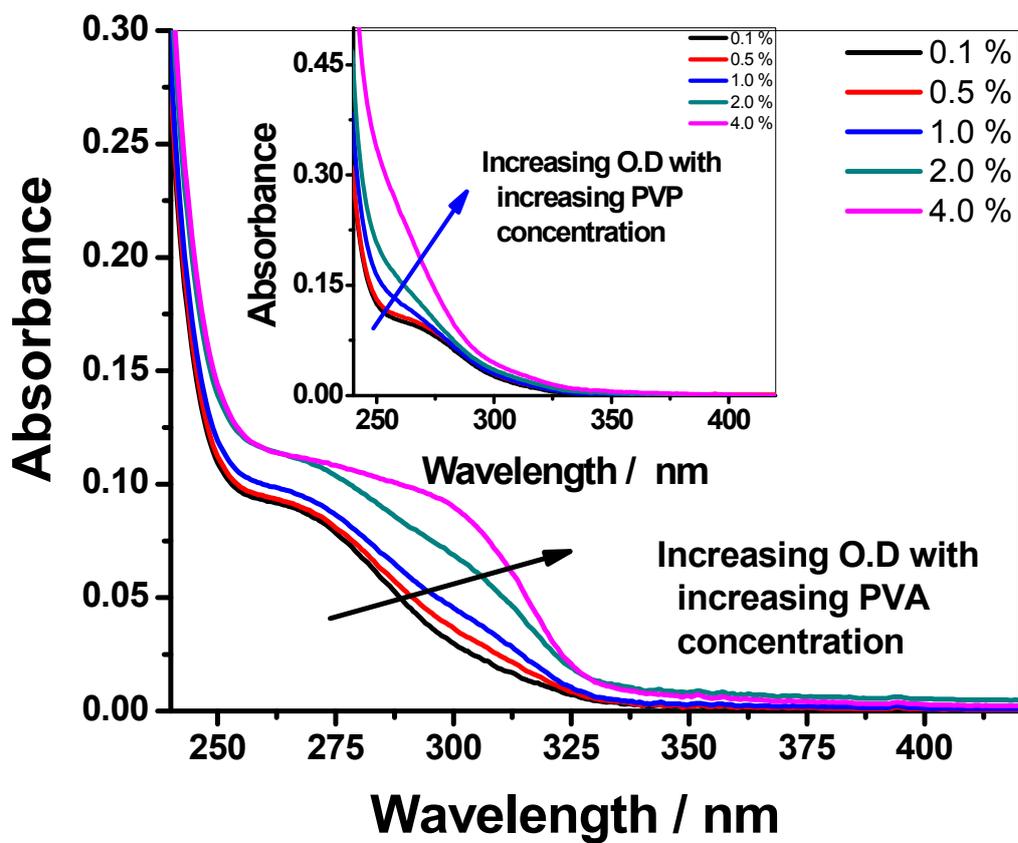
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**Figure S1.** Variation of the absorbance of Eu<sup>0</sup> MNPs synthesized at different concentration of precursor Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions; [Eu<sup>3+</sup>] = (a)  $0.1 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, (b)  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, (c)  $4.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, (d)  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, (e)  $8.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>, (f)  $10.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>;  $\gamma$ -dose rate is 4.66 kGy h<sup>-1</sup>; [PVA]= 1.0%, [2-propanol]= 0.6 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.



**Figure S2.** Variation of the absorbance of Eu<sup>0</sup> MNPs synthesized at different concentration of stabilising polymers, PVA and PVP (inset figure); [PVA] or [PVP]= 0.1%, 0.5%, 1.0%, 2.0%, 4.0%; [Eu<sup>3+</sup>]= $5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup>;  $\gamma$ -dose rate is 4.66 kGy h<sup>-1</sup>; [2-propanol]= 0.6 mol dm<sup>-3</sup>.