Supporting Information

Dual-modal Fluorescent/Magnetic Bioprobes Based on Small Sized Upconversion Nanoparticles of Amine-functionalized BaGdF₅:Yb/Er

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Figure S1. FTIR spectra of the amine-functionalized $BaGdF_5$: Yb/Er NPs .



Figure S2. EDS spectra of the amine-functionalized BaGdF₅:Yb/Er NPs (UCNPs-PEI).



Figure S3. The simplified energy-level diagrams of Yb^{3+}/Er^{3+} and the corresponding mechanism of upconversion emissions.