## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Behaviour of electric and magnetic dipole transitions of $Eu^{3+}$ , ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_0$ and Eu-O charge transfer band in Li<sup>+</sup> co-doped YPO<sub>4</sub>:Eu<sup>3+</sup>

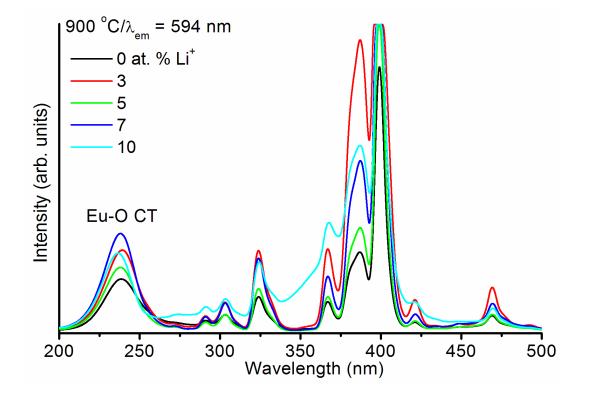
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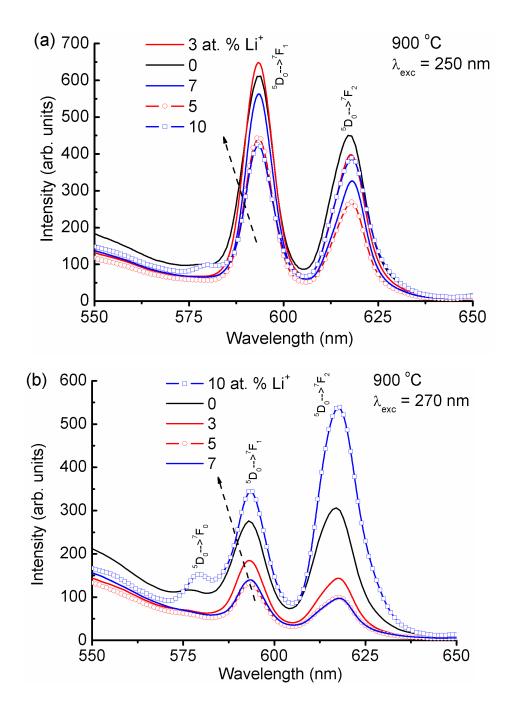
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**Table S1** Parameters obtained after mono-exponential equation fitting to decay data.

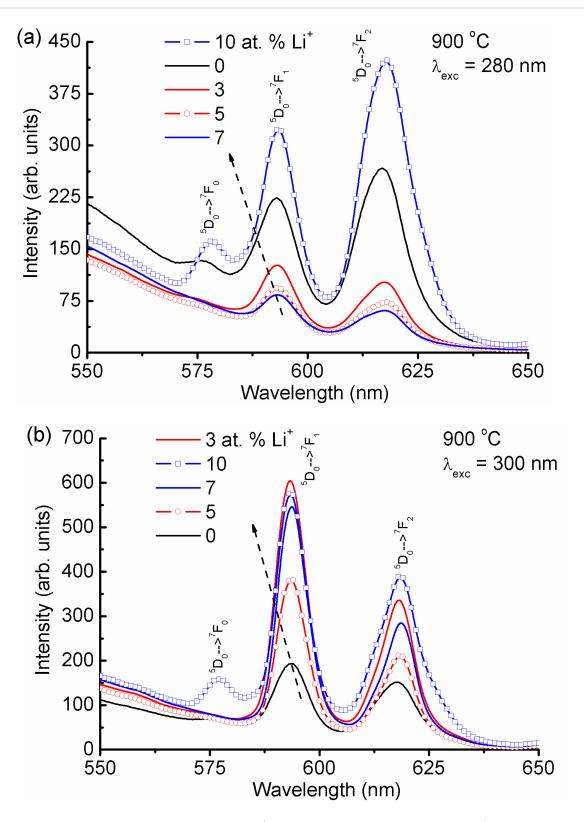
Sample	Li <sup>+</sup> (at.%)	$I_1$	$\tau_l$ (ms)	$\chi^2$
900 °C	0	461	2.723	4.067
	3	453	3.107	3.401
	10	387	2.450	3.072



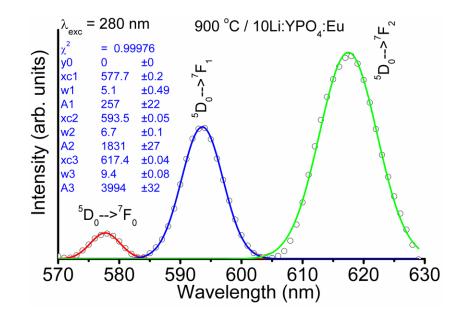
**Figure S1** Excitation spectrum (monitoring emission at 594 nm) of  $Li^+$  co-doped YPO<sub>4</sub>:5Eu ( $Li^+ = 0, 3, 5, 7$  and 10 at. %).



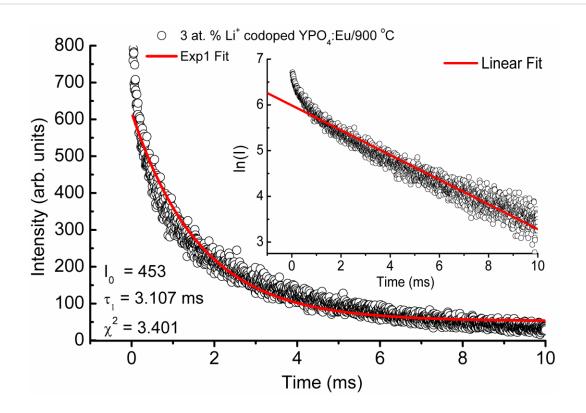
**Figure S2 (a and b)** Emission spectra of  $Li^+$  co-doped YPO<sub>4</sub>:5Eu samples ( $Li^+ = 0, 3, 5, 7$  and 10 at. %) under 250 and 270 nm excitation, respectively.



**Figure S3 (a and b)** Emission spectra of  $Li^+$  co-doped YPO<sub>4</sub>:5Eu samples ( $Li^+ = 0, 3, 5, 7$  and 10 at.%) under 280 and 300 nm excitation, respectively.



**Figure S4** Gaussian distribution fitting to  ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{0}$  (570-583 nm),  ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{1}$  (583–603 nm) and  ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{2}$  (603–630 nm) transitions data of 10 at.% Li<sup>+</sup> co-doped YPO<sub>4</sub>:Eu after baseline correction. Excitation wavelength is at 280 nm. The fitting parameters have given in figure itself.



**Figure S5** Mono-exponential fittings to luminescence decay data of 3 at. %  $Li^+$  co-doped YPO<sub>4</sub>:Eu. Fitting parameters are shown in their figures. Inset shows the ln(I) vs. t plot for same data.