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**Formation mechanism and optical properties of CdMoO<sub>4</sub> and  
CdMoO<sub>4</sub>: Ln<sup>3+</sup> (Ln = Pr, Sm, Eu, Dy, Ho and Er) microspheres  
synthesized via a facile sonochemical route**

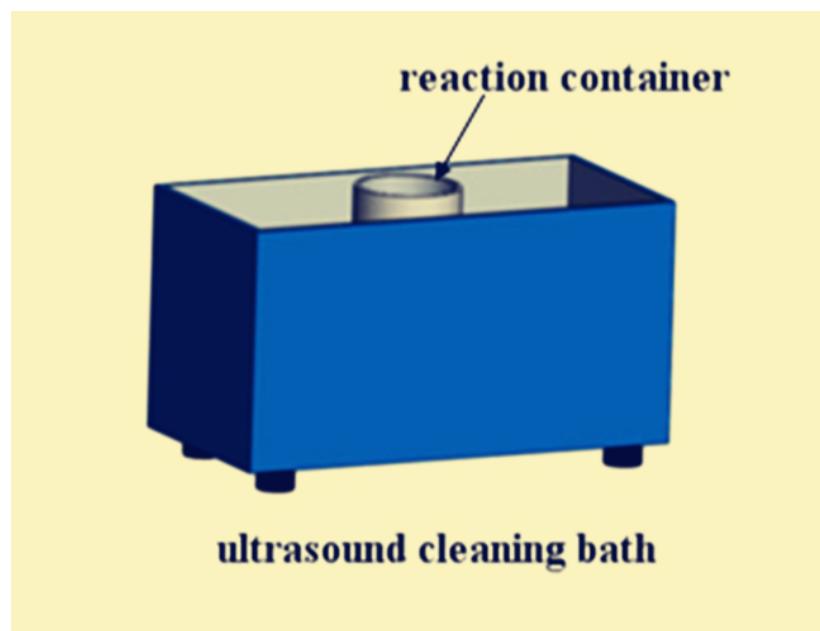
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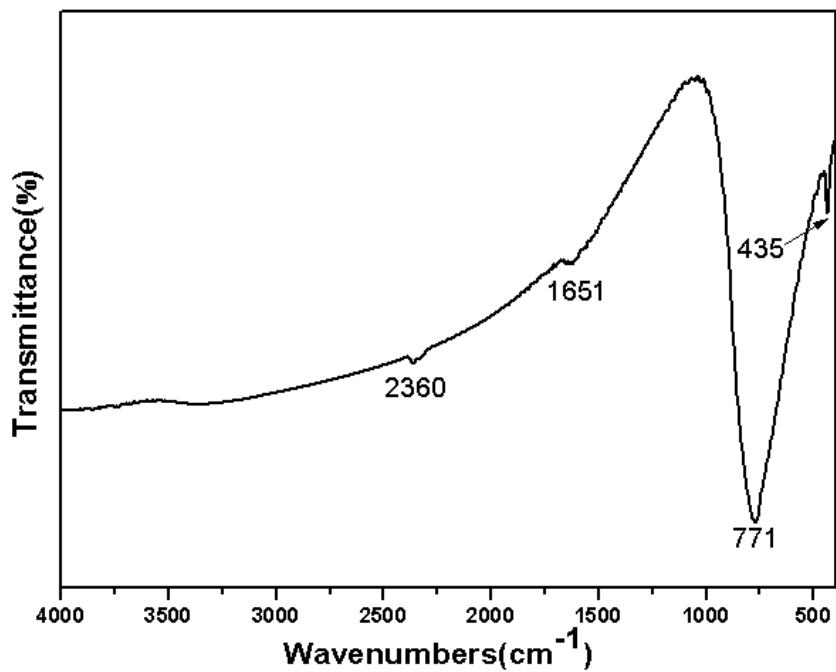
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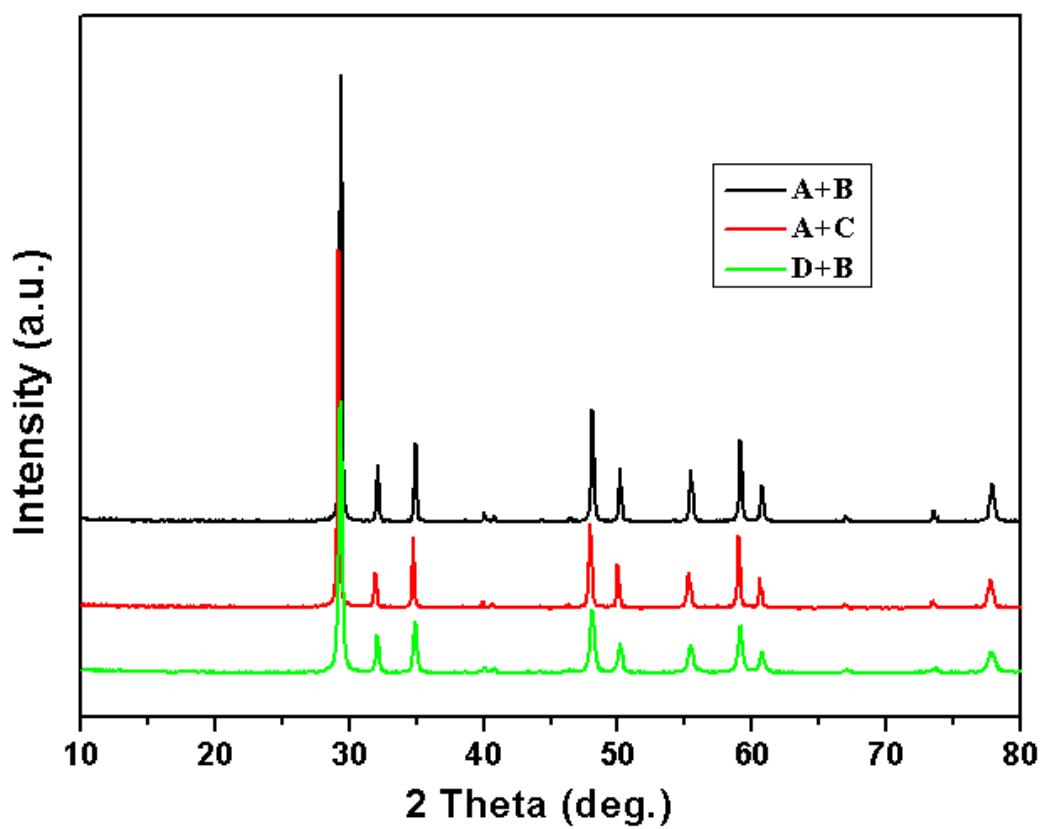
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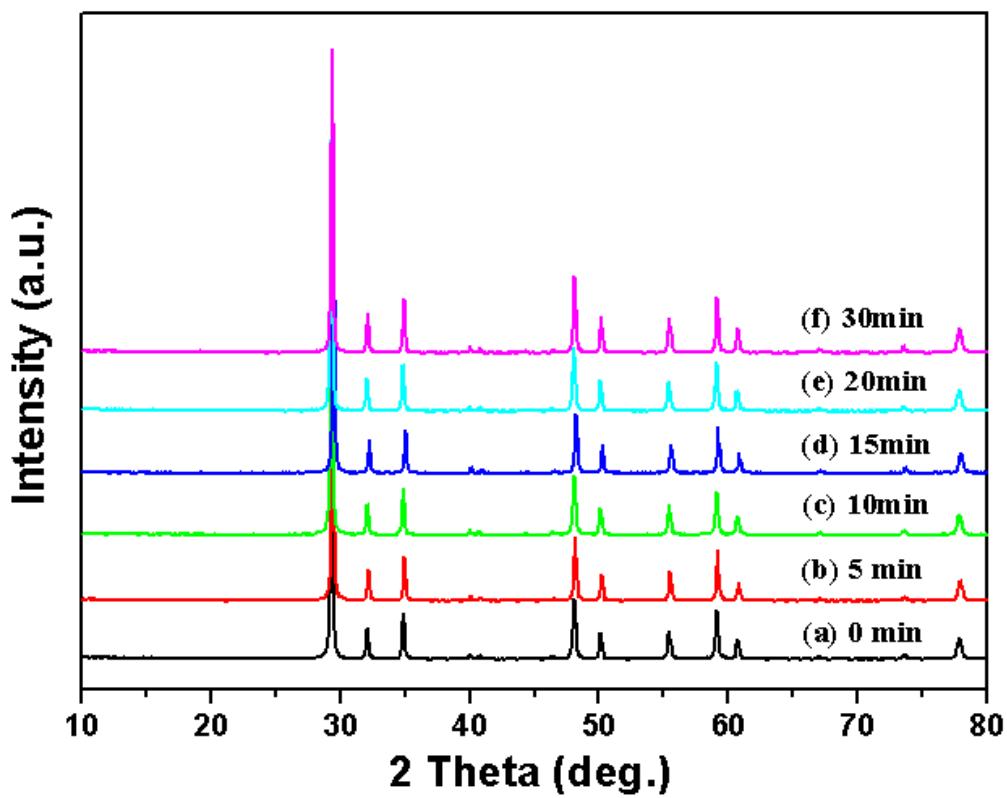
**Fig. S1.** Schematic illustration for reaction system and equipment.



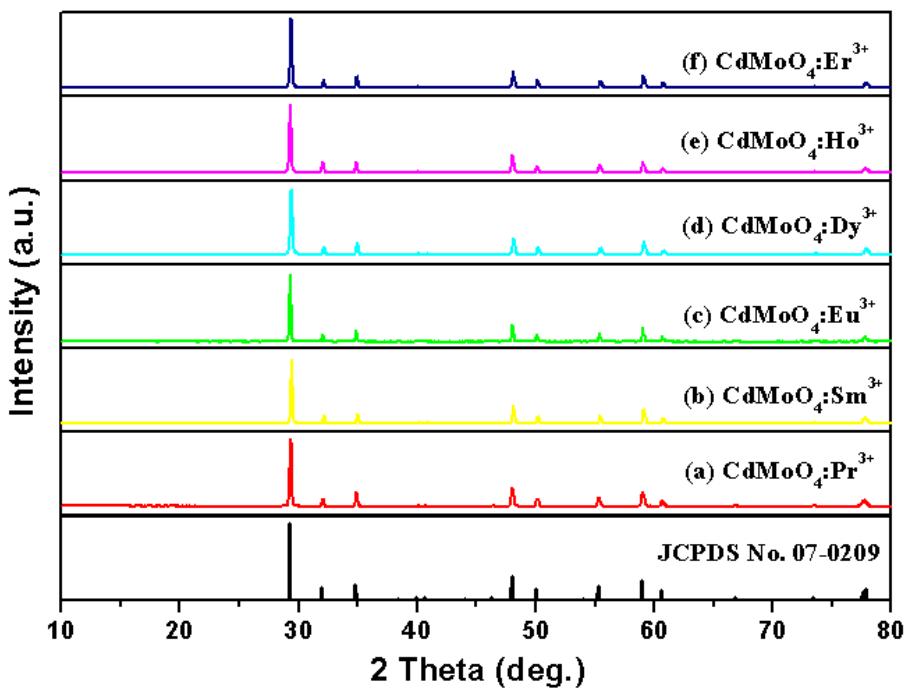
**Fig. S2.** FT-IR spectrum of CdMoO<sub>4</sub> samples.



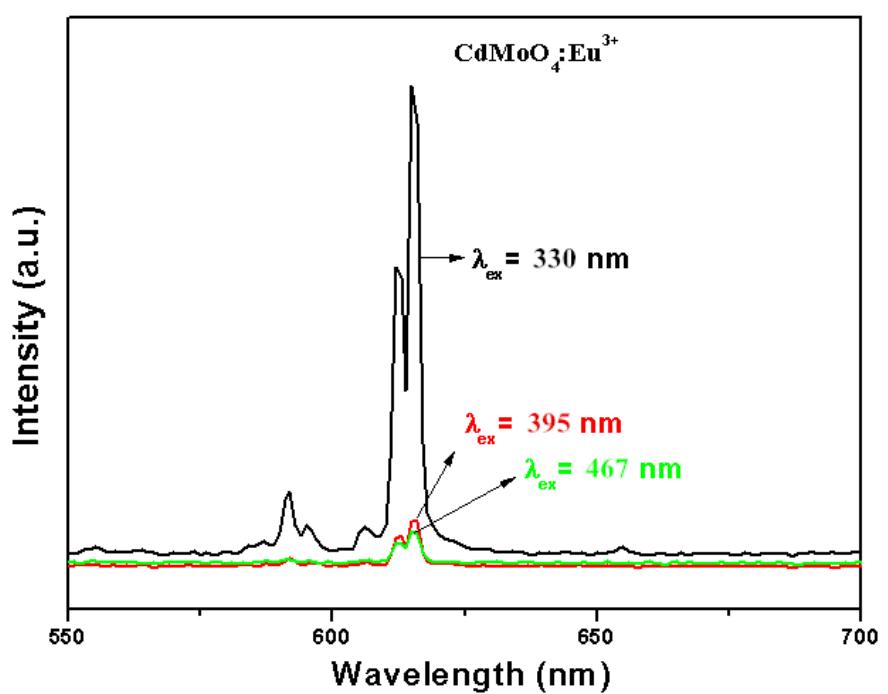
**Fig. S3.** XRD patterns of  $\text{CdMoO}_4$  obtained by using different reactants.  
(A =  $\text{CdCl}_2 \cdot 2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; B =  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; C =  $(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ; D =  $\text{Cd}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )



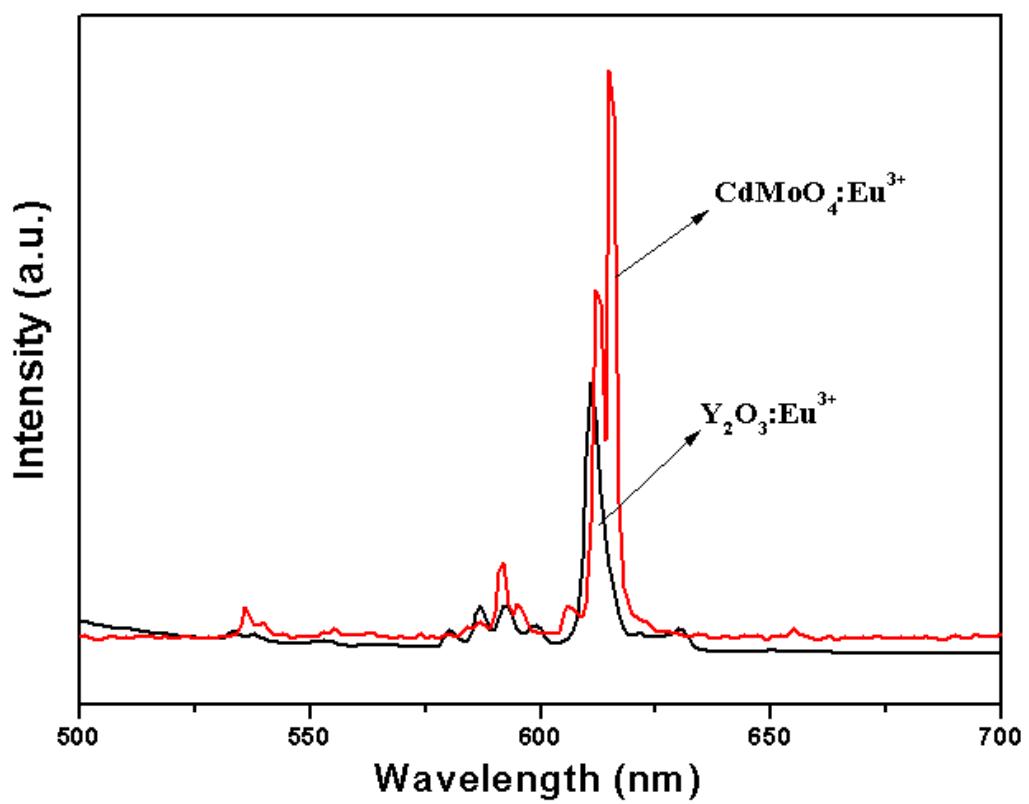
**Fig. S4.** XRD patterns of samples at different reaction time (a) 0, (b) 5, (c) 10, (d) 15 , (e) 20 min and (f) 30min, respectively.



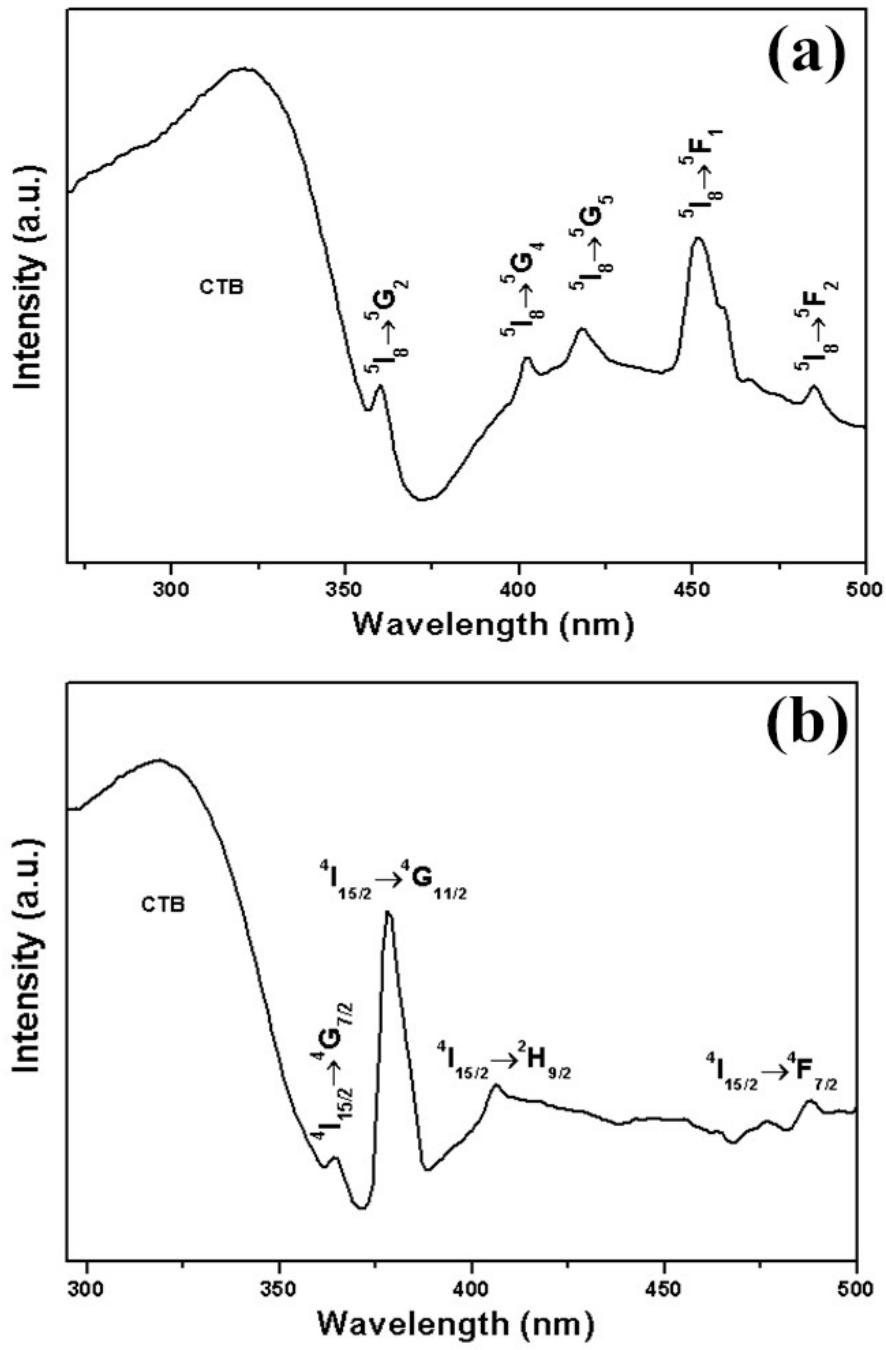
**Fig. S5.** XRD patterns of  $\text{CdMoO}_4$ : (a) $\text{Pr}^{3+}$ , (b) $\text{Sm}^{3+}$ , (c) $\text{Eu}^{3+}$ , (d) $\text{Dy}^{3+}$ , (e) $\text{Ho}^{3+}$  and (f) $\text{Er}^{3+}$  phosphors.



**Fig.S6.** Emission spectra of  $\text{CdMoO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$  sample under 330, 395 and 467 nm wavelength excitation.



**Fig.S7.** Emission spectra of  $\text{CdMoO}_4:\text{Eu}^{3+}$  compared with commercial red phosphor  $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_3:\text{Eu}^{3+}$



**Fig. S8.** Excitation spectra of CdMoO<sub>4</sub>:Ho<sup>3+</sup> (a) CdMoO<sub>4</sub>:Er<sup>3+</sup> (b) samples.