

## Supporting Information

### Multimodal bioimaging using rare earth doped Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: Yb/Er phosphor with upconversion luminescence and magnetic resonance properties

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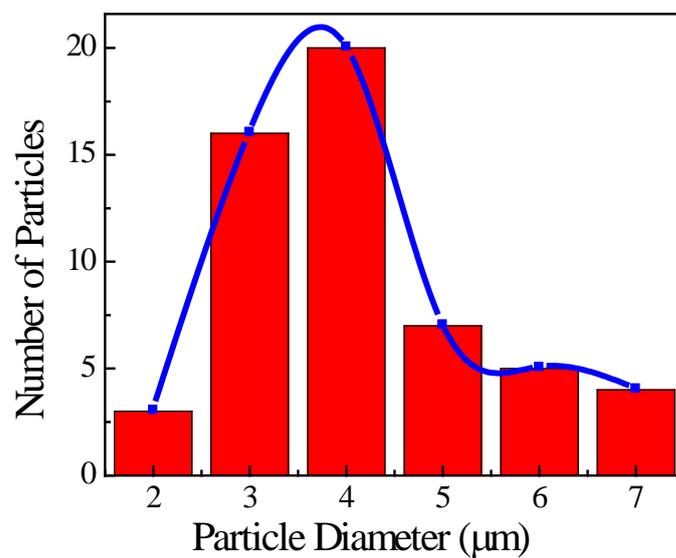
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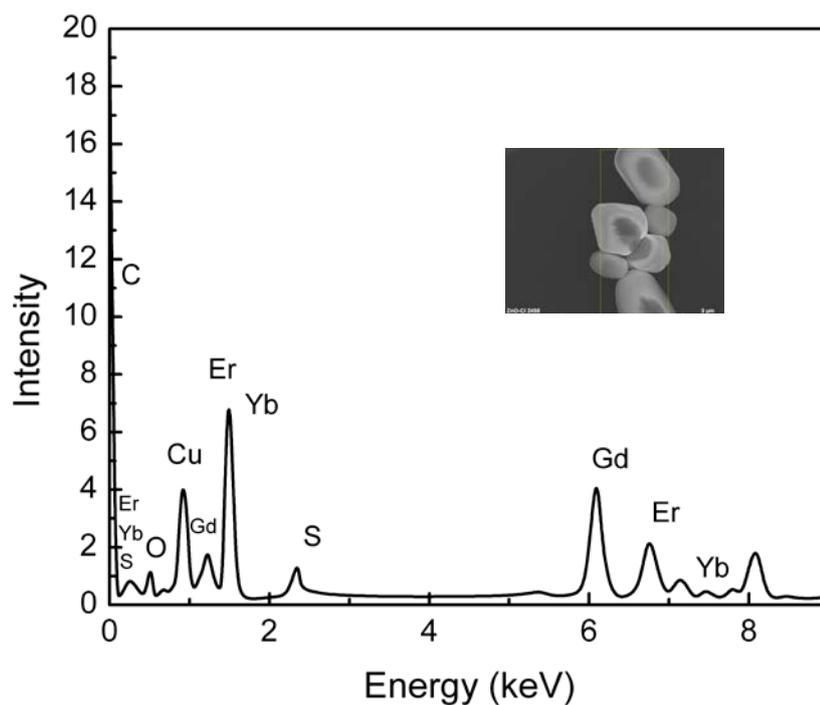
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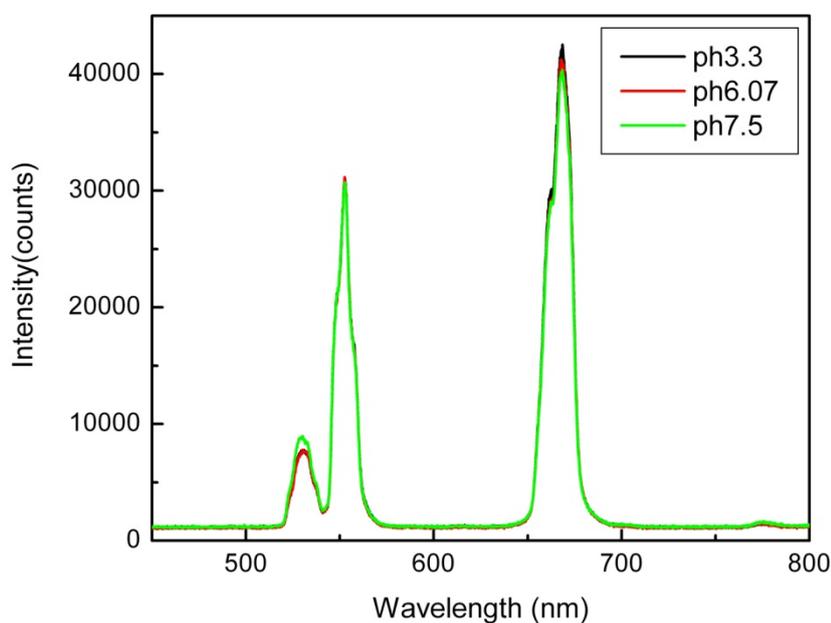
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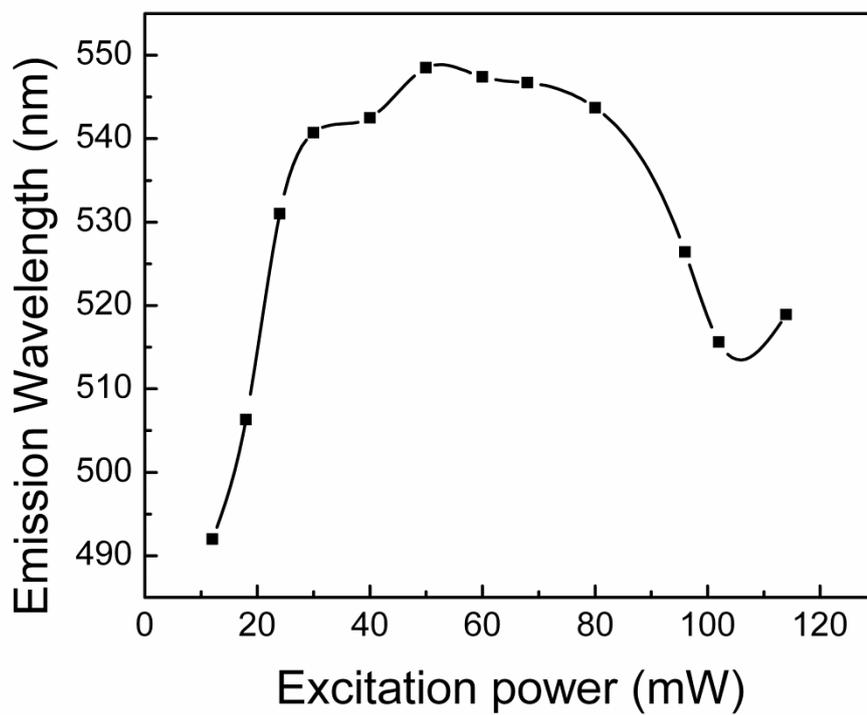
**Figure S1.** Particle size distribution obtained from SEM image analysis. Images were analyzed from different locations and the distributions obtained from over 200 particles.



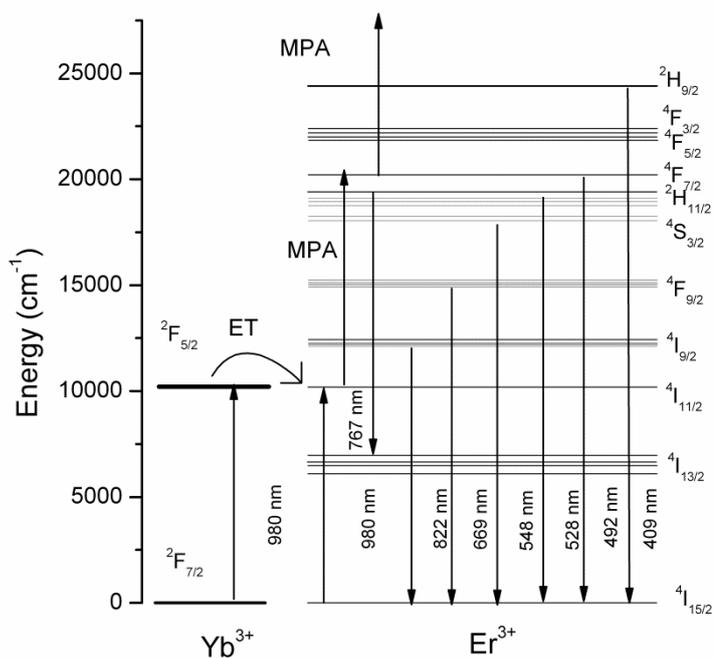
**Figure S2.**EDAX spectrum of the  $Gd_2O_2S: Yb/Er$  phosphor showing the elemental compositions. The C and Cu peaks originate from the carbon coated copper TEM grid. The inset shows the SEM image with square corresponding to the imaging location.



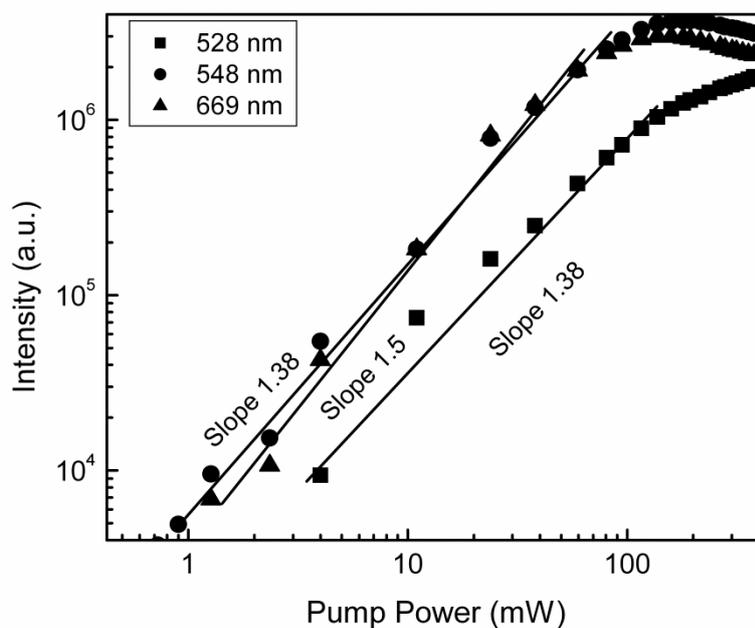
**Figure S3.**Upconversion emission spectra in  $Gd_2O_2S:YbEr$  under different pH conditions of the medium.



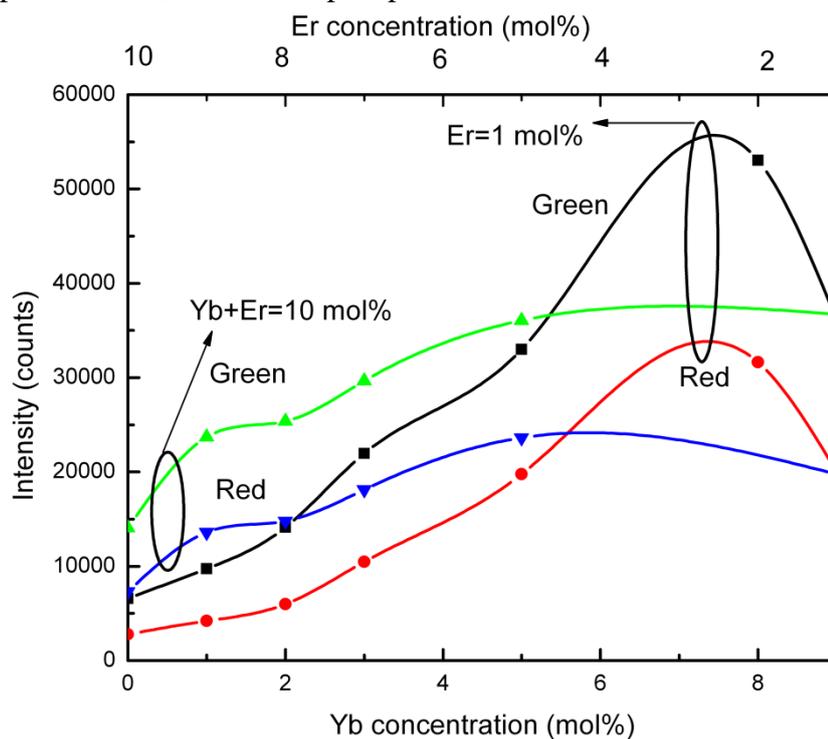
**Figure S4.** Color tuning behavior in  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_2\text{S: Yb/Er}$  under 980 nm laser excitation.



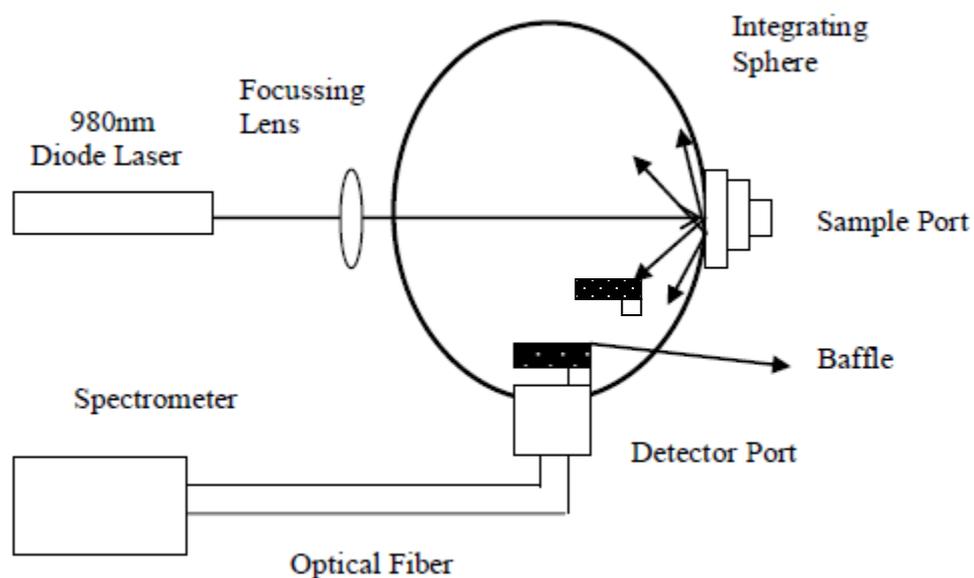
**Figure S5.** Energy level structure and excitation and de excitation mechanisms in the Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>S: Yb/Er phosphor under 980 nm excitation. MPA- multiphoton absorption, ET-Energy transfer. All emission bands observed under 980 nm excitation are indicated.



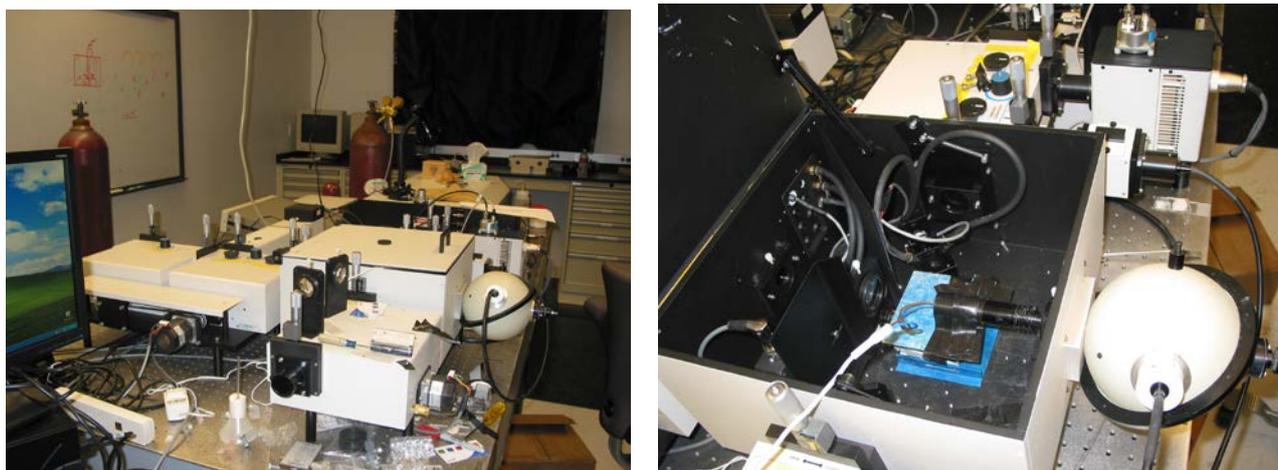
**Figure S6.** Pump power dependence of the green and red emission bands on 980 nm excitation power in  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}:\text{Yb/Er}$  phosphor.



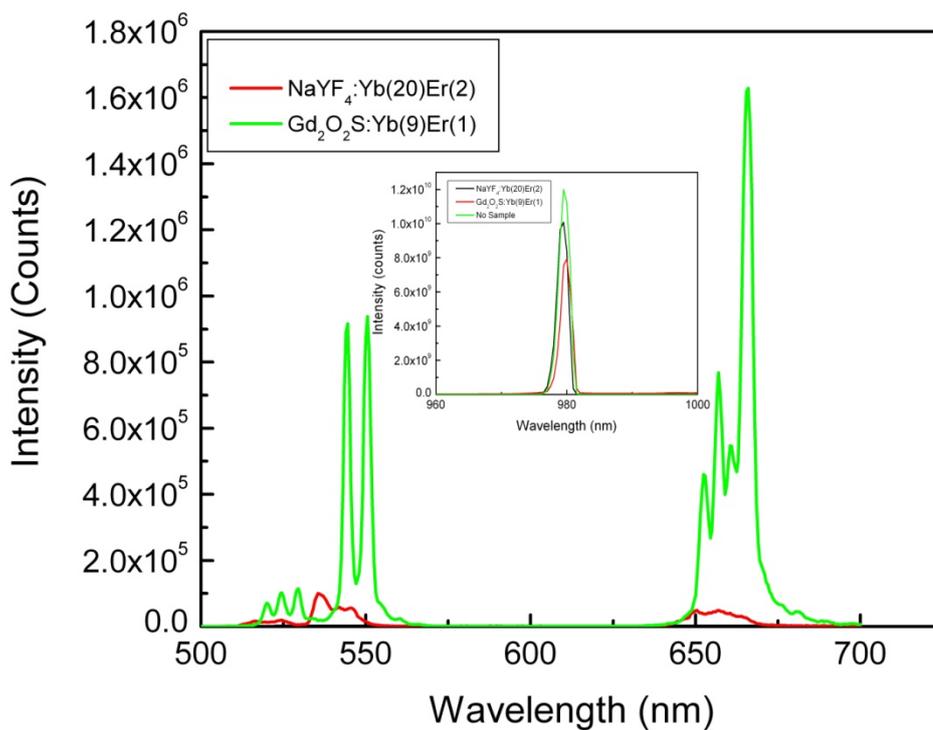
**Figure S7.** Variation of the red and green emission intensity with Yb and Er in  $\text{Gd}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}:\text{Yb/Er}$  phosphor. Top circles curves for Er =1mol% and bottom circles curves for Yb+Er =10 mol%.



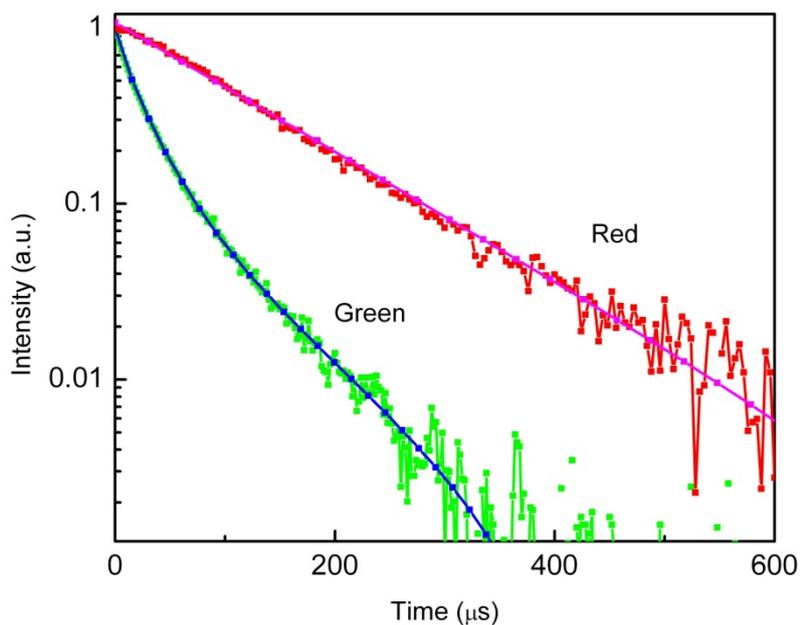
**Figure S8.** Schematic of the integrating sphere setup for measuring the quantum efficiency of the phosphor.



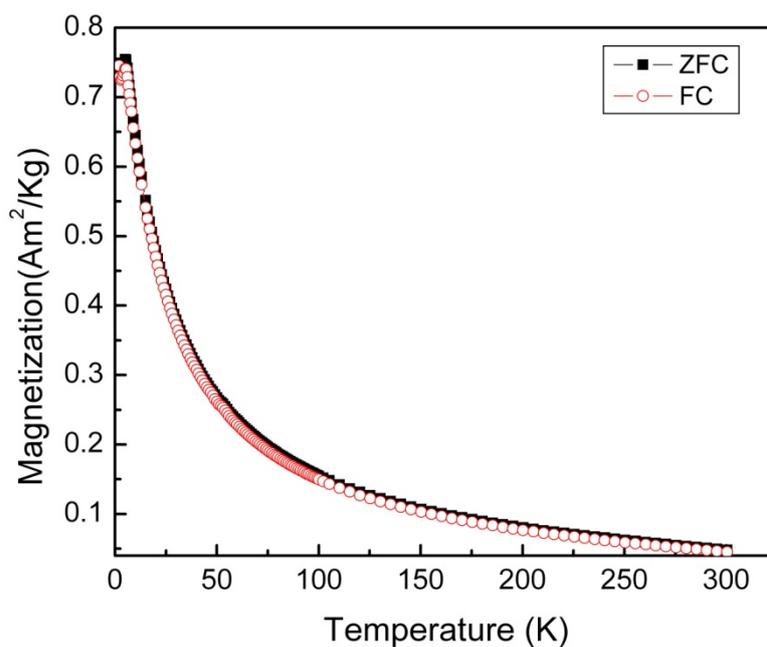
**Figure S9**(left). Photograph of the experimental setup illustrated in Figure S8. Right-Closeup view of the sphere and the diode laser inside the sample chamber.



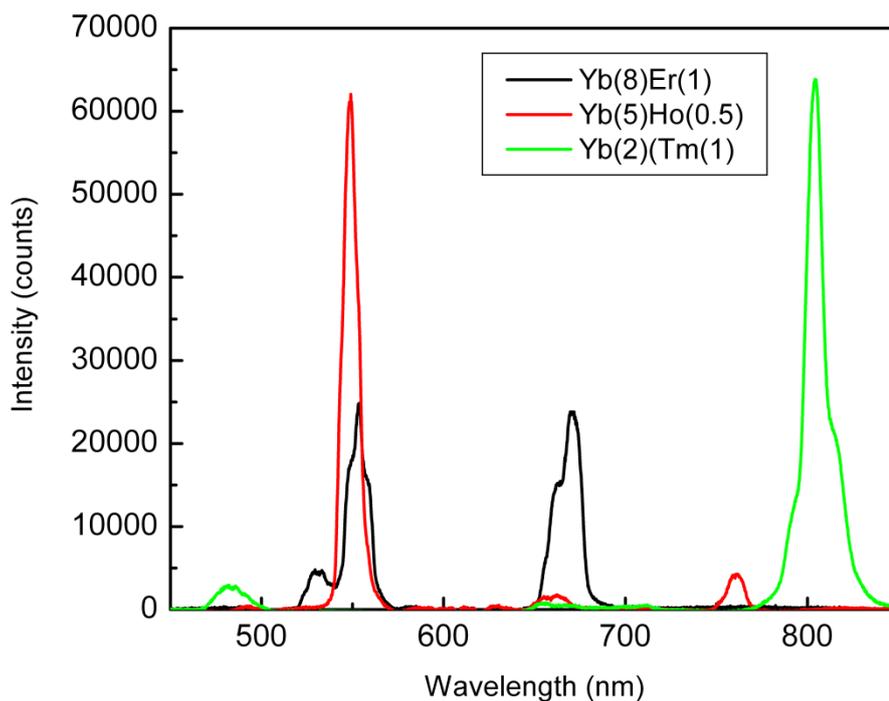
**Figure S10.** Comparison of the 980 nm excited upconversion emission spectra of NaYF<sub>4</sub>: Yb (20%) Er (2%) and Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: Yb (9) Er (1) phosphors collected with integrating sphere under identical conditions. The inset shows the 980 nm laser excitation profile.



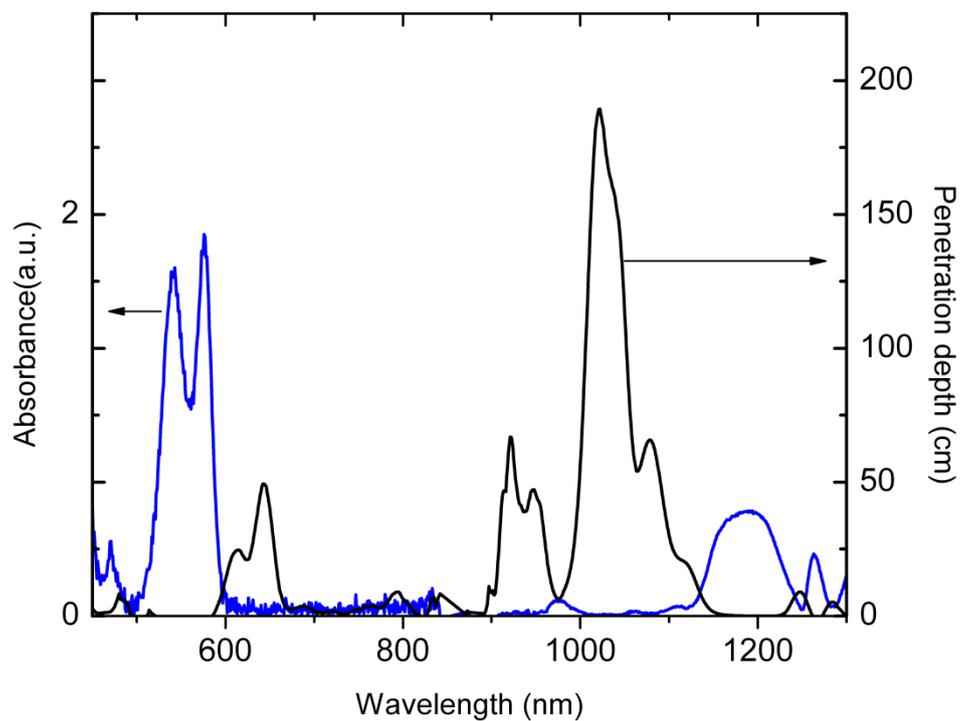
**Figure S11.** Fluorescence decay curves of the green and red emission in Gd<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: Yb (8) Er (1) phosphor.



**Figure S12** Zero field cooling(ZFC) and field cooling (FC) curves.



**Figure S13.** Comparison of the 980 nm excited upconversion emission spectral properties of  $Gd_2O_3$  doped with various concentration of Yb/Er, YbHo and YbTm.



**Figure S14.** Absorption spectrum of pork muscle tissue and the calculated penetration depth spectrum. Penetration depth was calculated without considering the scattering components of the tissue.