

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Multicolor tuning and white light emission from lanthanide doped YPVO<sub>4</sub> nanorods:

#### Energy transfer studies

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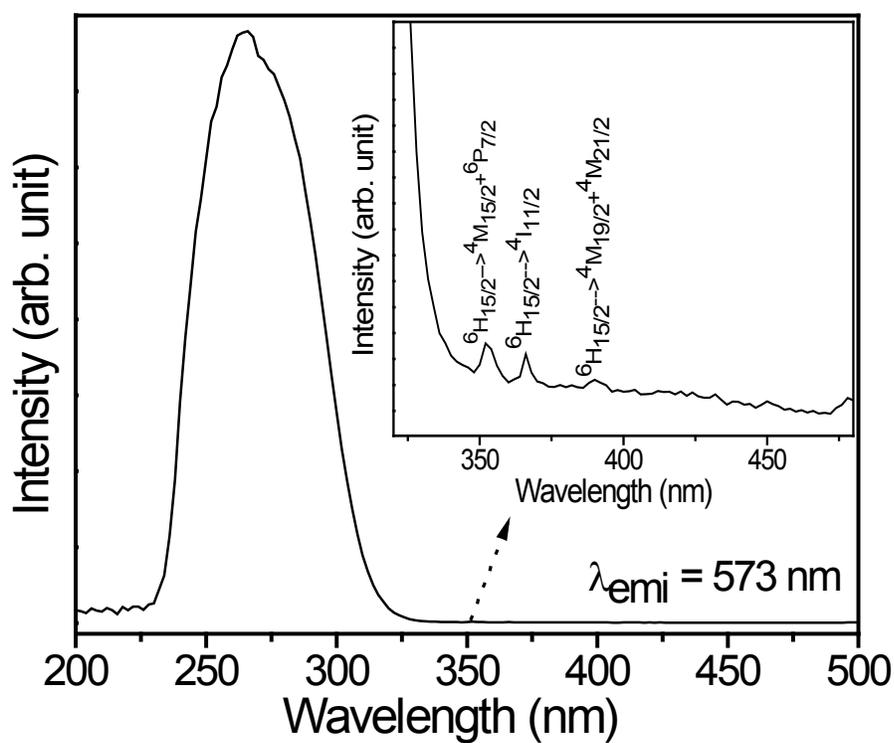


Fig. S1 The excitation spectrum ( $\lambda_{\text{emission}} = 573 \text{ nm}$ ) of YP<sub>0.85</sub>V<sub>0.15</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:Dy<sup>3+</sup> (1 at.%). Inset shows the expanded portion (325-475 nm) showing *f-f* transition absorption.

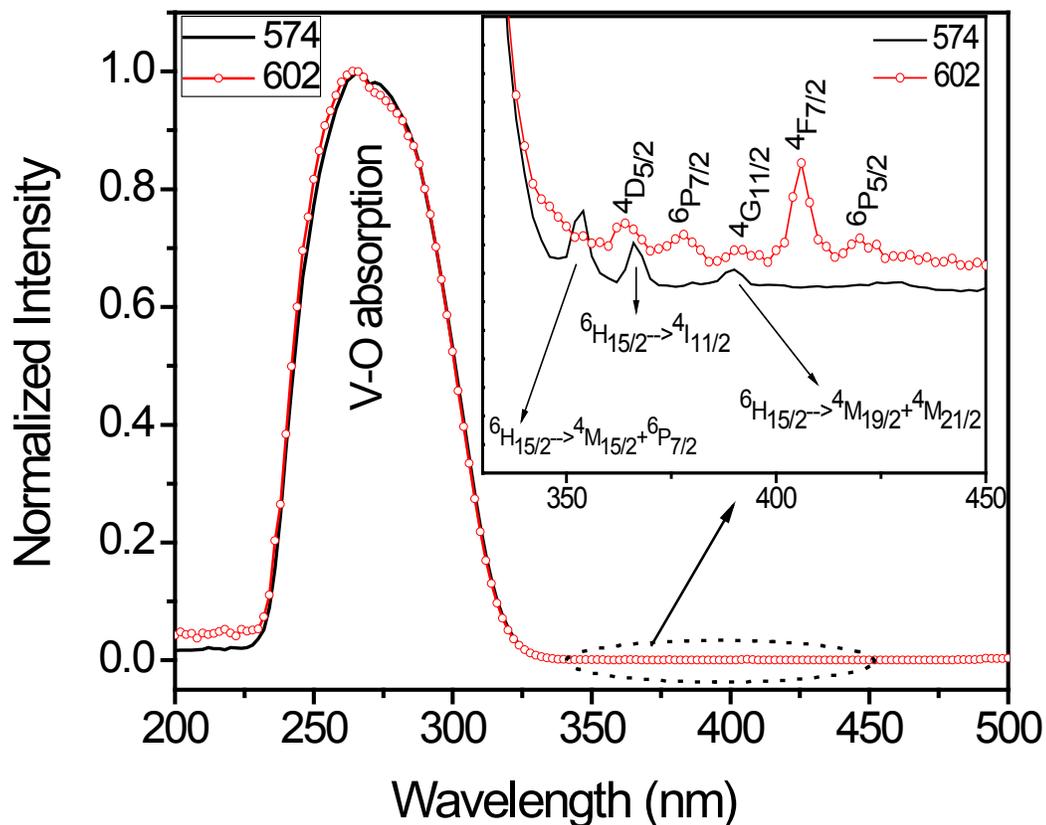
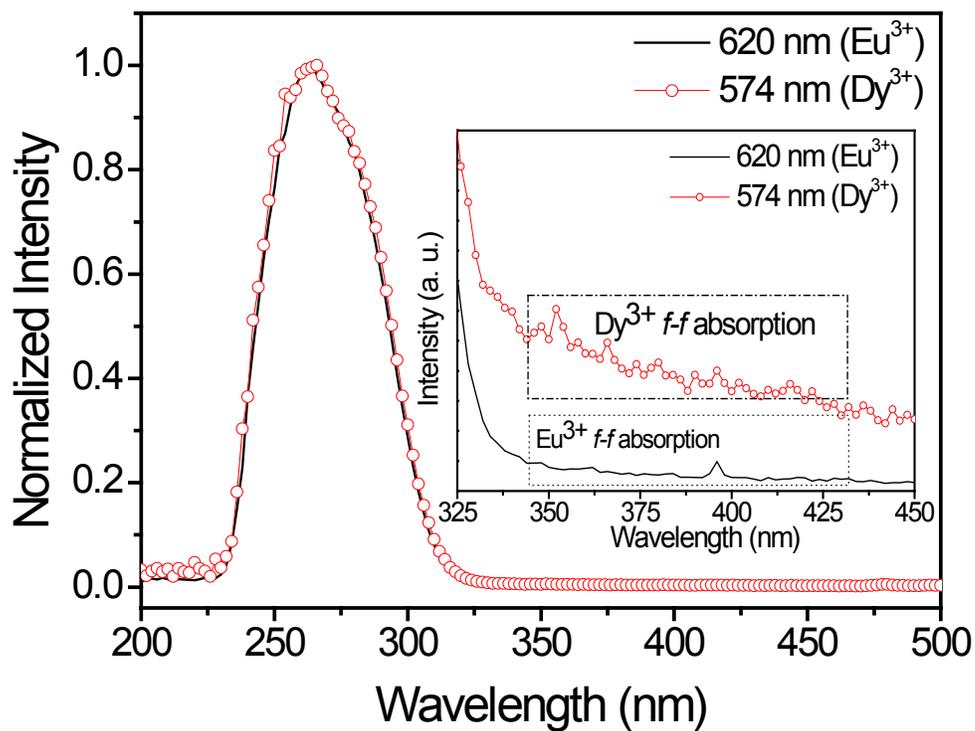


Fig. S2 Excitation spectra of Sm<sup>3+</sup> (0.75 at.%) co-activated with Dy<sup>3+</sup> (1 at.%) in YP<sub>0.8</sub>V<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanorods at different emission wavelengths (602 nm, Sm<sup>3+</sup> and 574 nm, Dy<sup>3+</sup>). Inset shows the respective *f-f* transition absorptions.



**Fig. S3** Excitation spectra of Eu<sup>3+</sup> (1 at.%) co-activated with Dy<sup>3+</sup> (0.5 at.%) in YP<sub>0.8</sub>V<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanorods monitoring at different emission wavelengths (620 nm, Eu<sup>3+</sup> and 574 nm, Dy<sup>3+</sup>). Inset shows the respective *f-f* transition absorptions.

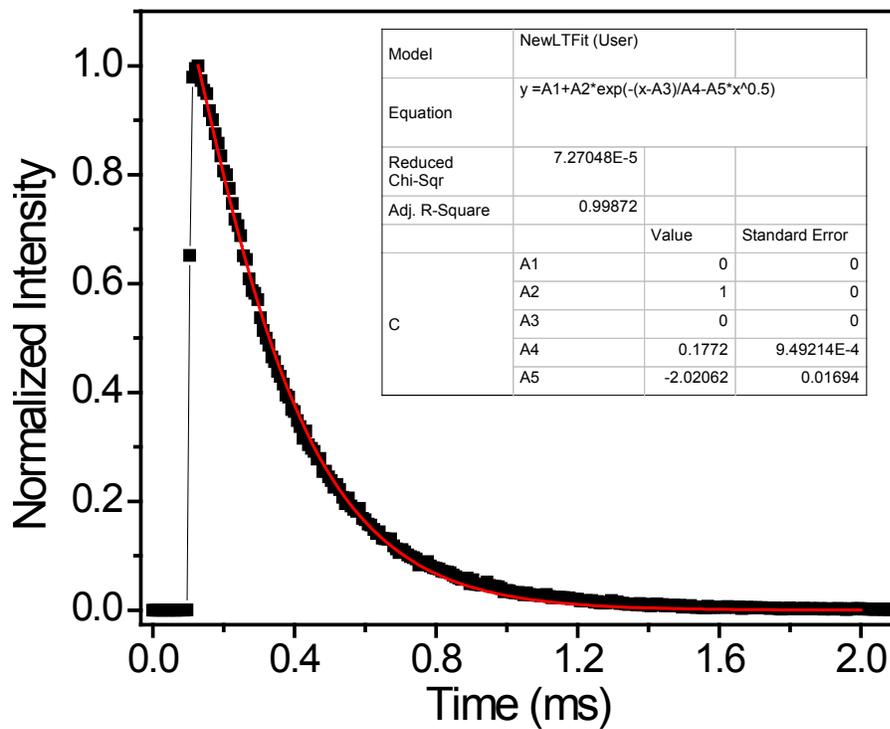


Fig. S4 Typical fitting of  $\text{YP}_{0.8}\text{V}_{0.2}\text{O}_4:\text{Dy}^{3+}$  (1.5 at.%) using equation 2 in the main text.

**Table S1** Luminescence decay lifetimes of Dy<sup>3+</sup> (different concentrations) and VO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> in YP<sub>0.8</sub>V<sub>0.2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

Dy <sup>3+</sup> (at.%) in YP <sub>0.8</sub> V <sub>0.2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	τ <sub>V-O</sub> (μs)	R <sup>2</sup>	τ <sub>Dy</sub> (μs)	R <sup>2</sup>
0.1	60±3	0.99	163±2	0.99
0.25	48±2	0.98	265±2	0.99
0.5	53±2	0.99	236±2	0.99
0.75	35±2	0.99	216±2	0.99
1.0	15±1	0.99	204±2	0.99
1.5	10±1	0.98	184±2	0.99
2.0	6±0.3	0.99	177±3	0.99
3.0	4±0.3	0.98	170±4	0.99