

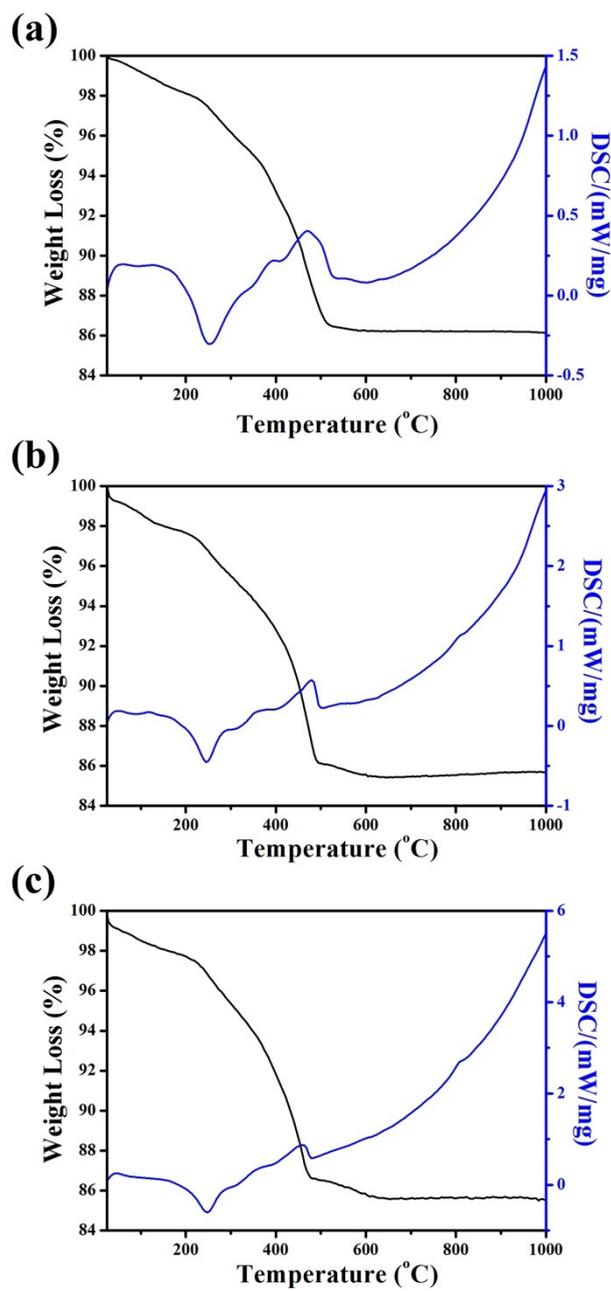
## Supporting Information

### **Lanthanide doped Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> upconversion luminescence nanospheres for temperature sensing and optical imaging**

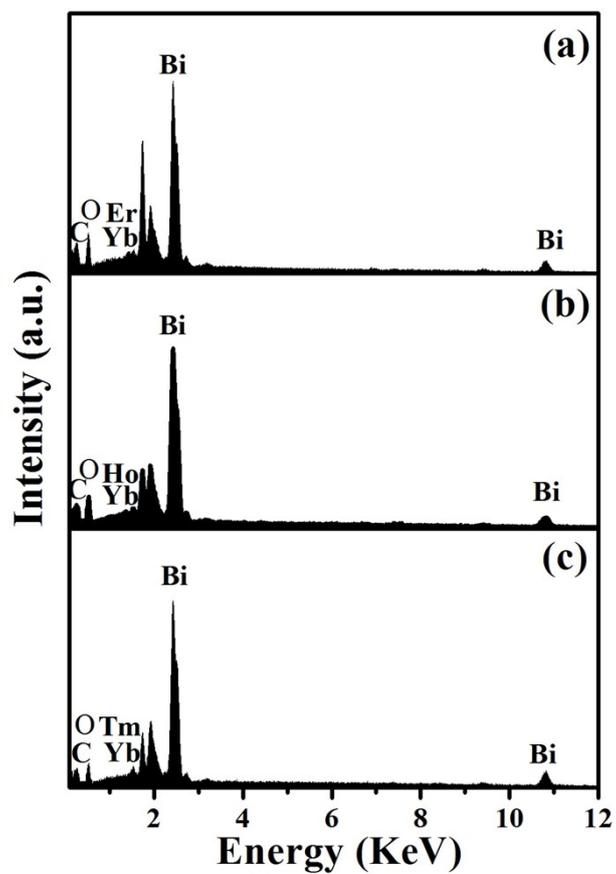
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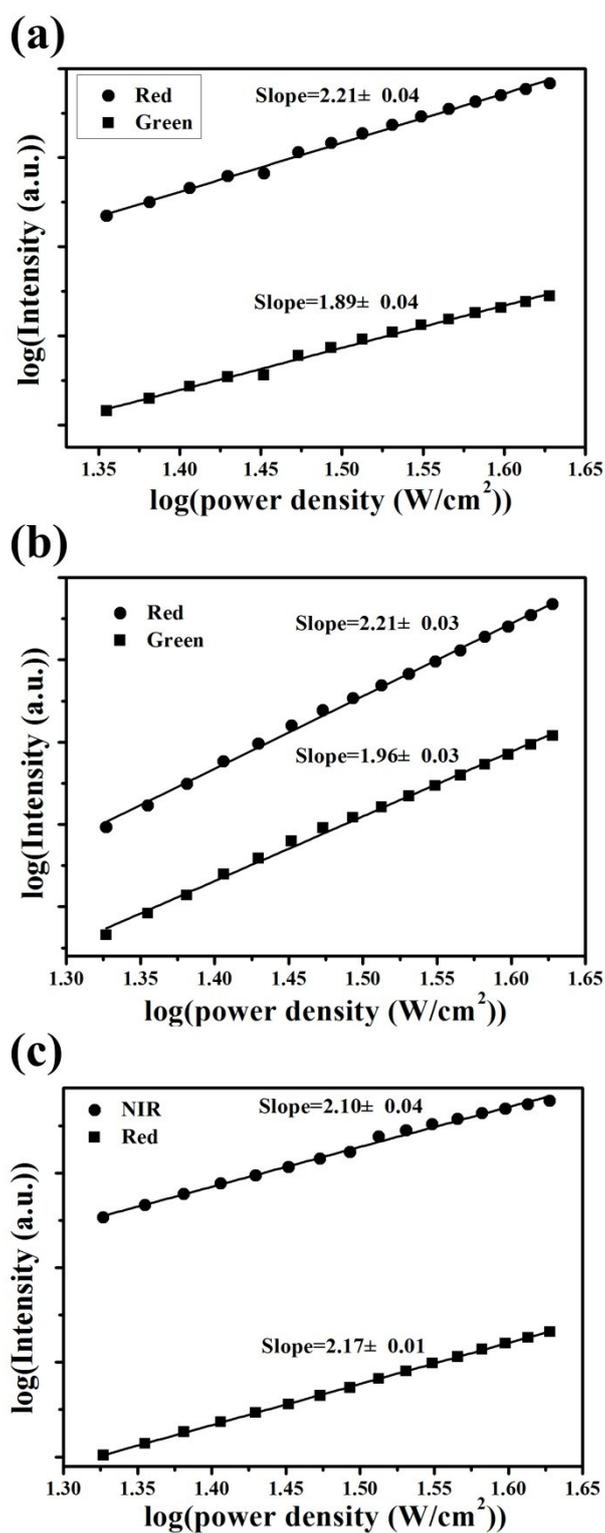
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**Fig. S1** TG-DSC curves of the precursor samples. (a)  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3:\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Er}^{3+}$ , (b)  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3:\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Ho}^{3+}$ , (c)  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3:\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Tm}^{3+}$ .



**Fig. S2** X-ray Energy-dispersive (EDX) spectroscopy of the precursor samples. (a)  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3:\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Er}^{3+}$ , (b)  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3:\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Ho}^{3+}$ , (c)  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_2\text{CO}_3:\text{Yb}^{3+}/\text{Tm}^{3+}$ .



**Fig. S3** Pump power dependence of the (a) red and green UCL intensities of Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb<sup>3+</sup>/Er<sup>3+</sup> nanospheres obtained at 700 °C, (b) red and green UCL intensities of Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb<sup>3+</sup>/Ho<sup>3+</sup> nanospheres obtained at 700 °C, (c) NIR and red UCL intensities of Bi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>:Yb<sup>3+</sup>/Tm<sup>3+</sup> nanospheres obtained at 700 °C excited by 980 nm laser.