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## **Supplementary Information**

Double Bond Terminated Ln<sup>3+</sup> doped LiYF<sub>4</sub> Nanocrystals with Strong Single Band NIR Emission: Simple Click Chemistry Route to Make Water Dispersible Nanocrystals with Various Functional Groups

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Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of pure UDA in CDCl<sub>3.</sub>



Figure S2: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of UDA capped  $Yb^{3+}/Tm^{3+}$  doped  $LiYF_4$  nanocrystals in  $CDCl_{3.}$ 



**Figure S3**. DLS analysis of  $Yb^{3+}/Tm^{3+}$ -doped LiYF<sub>4</sub> nanocrystals in water after thiol-ene click reaction with a) cysteine b) cysteamine c) MPA and d) DMP.



**Figure S4**. Time dependent upconversion emission spectra of  $Yb^{3+}/Tm^{3+}$ -doped LiYF<sub>4</sub> nanocrystals in water after thiol-ene click reaction with a) cysteine b) cysteamine c) MPA and d) DMP.



**Figure S5**. Upconversion emission spectra of UDA capped  $Yb^{3+}/Tm^{3+}$  doped  $LiYF_4$  nanocrystals in D<sub>2</sub>O (0.5 wt%) after thiol-ene modification with cysteine, cysteamine, MPA and DMP.



**Figure S6**. Upconversion emission spectra of  $Yb^{3+}/Tm^{3+}$ -doped LiYF<sub>4</sub> nanocrystals in different solvents after thiol-ene click reaction with a) cysteine b) cysteamine c) MPA d) DMP.

	Cysteine	Cysteamine	MPA	DMP
Water	0.014	0.0083	0.010	0.011
Ethanol	0.038	0.019	0.024	0.023
DMF	0.015	0.013	0.023	0.029
DMSO	0.015	0.032	0.027	0.053

**Table S1:** Blue (480 nm) to NIR (800 nm) emission ratio for the cysteine, cysteamine, MPAand DMP functionalized nanocrystals four different samples in different solvents.