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## **Supplemental information**

## Luminescence, energy transfer and tunable color of Ce<sup>3+</sup>, Dy<sup>3+</sup>/Tb<sup>3+</sup> doped BaZn<sub>2</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> phosphors

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Fig. S1 Emission spectra of (a) BZPO:  $0.04Ce^{3+}$ ,  $0.0025Dy^{3+}$ ; (c) BZPO:  $0.04Ce^{3+}$ ,  $0.02Tb^{3+}$  phosphor obtained at different calcination temperature; Emission spectra of (b) BZPO:  $0.04Ce^{3+}$ ,

0.0025Dy<sup>3+</sup>; (d) BZPO: 0.04Ce<sup>3+</sup>, 0.02Tb<sup>3+</sup> phosphor obtained at different holding time when the calcination temperature fixed at 950°C.





Fig. S2.Excitation and emission spectra of BZPO: 0.04Ce<sup>3+</sup> phosphor, Inset: photoluminescence intensities of BZPO:  $xCe^{3+}$  (x=0.01~0.12) as a function of  $Ce^{3+}$  contents.

Table S1 Ionic radii (r) for a given coordination number (CN) of Ba <sup>2+</sup> , Zn <sup>2+</sup> , P <sup>5+</sup> , Ce <sup>3+</sup> , Dy <sup>3+</sup> , and
$Tb^{3+}$ ions.

Ions	Sites	Symmetry	Coordination numbers (CN)	Ionic radius(Å)
Ba <sup>2+</sup>	4e	$P2_1/c$	7	1.38
$Zn^{2+}$	4e	$P2_1/c$	4	0.60
$P^{5+}$	4e	$P2_1/c$	4	0.17
$Ce^{3+}$	4e	$P2_1/c$	7	1.07
$Dy^{3+}$	4e	$P2_1/c$	7	0.97
Tb <sup>3+</sup>	4e	$P2_1/c$	7	0.98