**Supplemental Information** 

## Facile Synthesis of Flower-Shaped Au/GdVO<sub>4</sub>:Eu Core/Shell Nanoparticles by Using Citrate as Stabilizer and Complexing Agent

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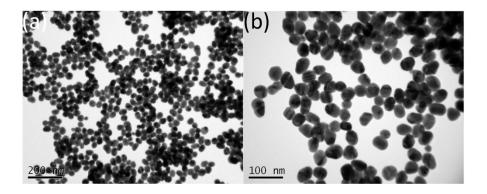
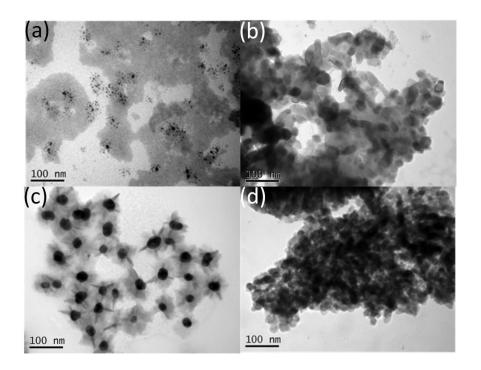
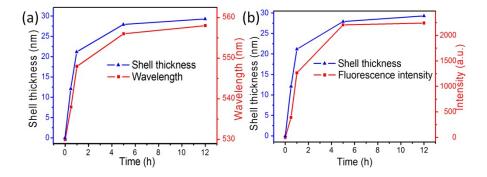


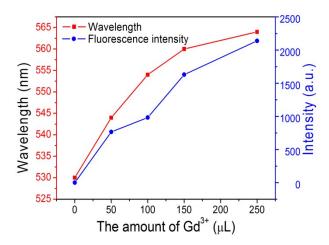
Figure S1. TEM images of Au NPs.



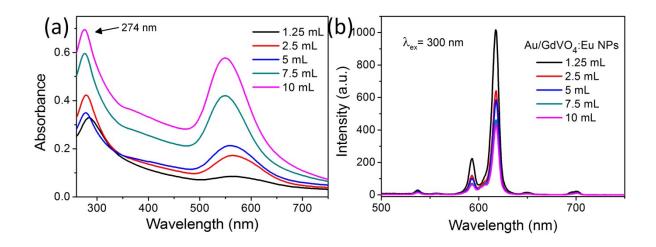
**Figure S2.** TEM images of Au/GdVO<sub>4</sub>:Eu NPs synthesized a) using CTAB-stabilized Au NPs, b) without/with a small amount of sodium citrate, c) with moderate sodium citrate, d) with excess sodium citrate.



**Figure S3.** The increasing trend of different reaction times: the thickness of vanadate shells versus a) SPR peak wavelength and b) the fluorescence intensity.



**Figure S4.** The increasing trend with different amount of 0.1 M Gd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution: SPR peak wavelength versus the fluorescence intensity.



**Figure S5.** (a) Absorption and (b) fluorescence spectra of Au/GdVO<sub>4</sub>:Eu NPs with different amount of as-synthesized AuNPs. The volume of 0.1 M Gd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution is 200  $\mu$ L.