## Highly sensitive optical temperature sensing based on pump-power-dependent upconversion luminescence in LiZnPO<sub>4</sub>: Yb<sup>3+</sup>–Er<sup>3+</sup>/Ho<sup>3+</sup> phosphors.

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Fig. S1 (a) SEM microscopic morphology image, (b) EDS spectrum, and (c) elemental mapping graphs of  $LiZnPO_4$  co doped  $0.5\% Er^{3+}/5\% Yb^{3+}$ .



Fig. S2 (a) SEM microscopic morphology image, (b) EDS spectrum, and (c) elemental mapping graphs of LiZnPO<sub>4</sub> co doped 0.5%Ho<sup>3+</sup>/3%Yb<sup>3+</sup>.



Fig. S3: Diffuse reflectance spectra (DRS) of LiZnPO4 Er<sup>3+</sup>, Ho<sup>3+</sup>/Yb<sup>3+</sup>.



Fig. S4. Decay curves of 521 nm emissions of LiZnPO<sub>4</sub>:0.5%  $Er^{3+}/x^{0}$  Yb<sup>3+</sup> (x = 1, 3, 5 and 7) samples ( $\lambda_{ex} = 980$  nm).



Fig. S5. Decay curves of 670 nm emissions of LiZnPO<sub>4</sub>: 0.5% Ho<sup>3+/</sup> y%Yb<sup>3+</sup> (y = 1, 3, 5 and 7) samples ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 980 nm).



**Fig. S6** (a) Uc emission spectra of LiZnPO<sub>4</sub>: 5% Yb<sup>3+</sup>, 0.5%  $Er^{3+}$  excited under various temperatures, (b-e) dependence of R on absolute temperature. (c-f) dependence of Ln(R)

as a function of 1/T.