## **Supporting Information**

## Triplet-triplet energy transfer from Bi<sup>3+</sup> to Sb<sup>3+</sup> in zero-dimensional indium hybrids via B-site co-doping strategy toward white-light emission

Qiqiong Ren,<sup>a</sup> Jian Zhang,<sup>a</sup> Maxim S. Molokeev,<sup>b,c,d</sup> Guojun Zhou<sup>\*a</sup> and Xian-Ming Zhang<sup>\*a,e</sup>

a Key Laboratory of Magnetic Molecules and Magnetic Information Materials (Ministry of Education), School of Chemistry and Material Science, Shanxi Normal University, Taiyuan 030031, China.

b Laboratory of Crystal Physics, Kirensky Institute of Physics, Federal Research Center KSC SB RAS, Krasnoyarsk 660036, Russia.

c Research and Development Department, Kemerovo State University, Kemerovo, 650000, Russia.

d Department of Physics, Far Eastern State Transport University, Khabarovsk 680021, Russia.

e College of Chemistry & Chemical Engineering, Key Laboratory of Interface Science and Engineering in Advanced Material, Ministry of Education, Taiyuan University of Technology, Taiyuan, Shanxi 030024, P. R. China.

\*Corresponding author. Key Laboratory of Magnetic Molecules and Magnetic Information Materials (Ministry of Education), School of Chemistry and Material Science, Shanxi Normal University, Taiyuan 030031, China E-mail addresses: <u>zhougj@sxnu.edu.cn</u> (G. J. Zhou), <u>zhangxm@dns.sxnu.edu.cn</u> (X.M. Zhang).



**Fig. S1** PL spectra of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x}Bi_xCl_5$  (x = 0.05, 0.10, 0.15) excited at 365 nm. Insets show corresponding optical photographs of above compounds excited by 365 nm UV lamp.



Fig. S2 (a) PXRD patterns of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x}Bi_xCl_5$  (x = 0, 0.05, 0.10, 0.15) and standard diffraction pattern of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2InCl_5$ . (b) Selected diffraction peaks in the range of  $11^{\circ}-12.5^{\circ}$  of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x}Bi_xCl_5$  (x = 0, 0.05, 0.10).



Fig. S3 PLE and PL spectra of single crystal (top) and powder (bottom) samples of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0, y = 0.10). Insets show the pictures of single crystal (top) and powder (bottom) under daylight and UV excitation.



**Fig. S4** PXRD patterns of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0, y = 0) (x = 0.10, y = 0-0.10) and standard diffraction pattern of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2InCl_5$ .



**Fig. S5** Variation of unit cell volume with x and y of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$ .



Fig. S6 XPS spectra corresponding to In 3d, Cl 2p, Bi 4f and Sb 3d, respectively, of (a)  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2InCl_5$ , (b)  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0) and (c)  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0.10).



**Fig. S7** SEM images and EDS elemental mapping images showing the homogeneous distribution of P, Cl, In, Bi and Sb in different compounds of (a)  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2InCl_5$  and (b)  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0.10).



**Fig. S8** Absorption spectra of compounds  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0, y = 0) (x = 0.10, y = 0) (x = 0.10, y = 0.10).



**Fig. S9** (a) Normalized temperature-dependent emission spectra of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0). (b) Temperature dependence of PL intensity and FWHM.



Fig. S10 Emission spectra of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0) monitored at different excitation wavelengths.



**Fig. S11** Excitation-dependent PL spectra of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0, y = 0.10) with the excitation wavelength ranging from 298 to 380 nm.



**Fig. S12** (a) Photographs of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0.02-0.10) under daylight (top) and UV lamp (bottom). (b) The corresponding CIE chromaticity diagrams.



**Fig. S13** Normalized PLE and PL spectra of compound  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0.04). The blue shading represents the intersection.



**Fig. S14** Temperature-dependent PL spectra of (a)  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0) and (b)  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0.10, y = 0.06) under 365 nm excitation ranging from 298 K to 423K.

Compound	x=0, y=0	x = 0.1, y = 0	x = 0.1, y = 0.1
Sp.Gr.	I2/a	I2/a	I2/a
<i>a</i> , Å	17.6594 (5)	17.6602 (9)	17.6770 (8)
b, Å	14.7450 (4)	14.7590 (7)	14.7568 (6)
<i>c</i> , Å	16.7561 (5)	16.777 (1)	16.7904 (8)
$\beta$ , °	112.414 (2)	112.405 (3)	112.370 (2)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	4033.6 (2)	4042.8 (4)	4050.3 (3)
2θ-interval, °	5-120	5-120	5-120
$R_{wp}$ , %	8.07	9.72	8.17
$R_{p}, \%$	5.99	7.20	5.73
$R_{exp}$ , %	3.56	3.51	3.60
$\chi^2$	2.26	2.77	2.27
$R_B, \%$	3.35	3.67	2.31

**Table S1.** Main parameters of processing and refinement of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0, y = 0) (x = 0.10, y = 0) (x = 0.10, y = 0.10).

**Table S2.** ICP-AES results of  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{1-x-y}Bi_xSb_yCl_5$  (x = 0, y = 0) (x = 0.10, y = 0) (x = 0.10, y = 0.10).

Compound  $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2InCl_5$   $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{0.9}Bi_{0.1}Cl_5$   $(C_{20}H_{20}P)_2In_{0.8}Bi_{0.1}Sb_{0.1}Cl_5$ 

	Mass%	Atom%	Mass%	Atom%	Mass%	Atom%
In	12.28	0.1070	11.12	0.0968	9.20	0.0801
Bi			1.19	0.0057	1.24	0.0059
Sb					1.01	0.0083

[SbCl <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup>	excitation energies	oscillator strengths	[BiCl <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>2-</sup>	excitation energies	oscillator strengths
$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	4.2170 eV	0.1259	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	4.5432 eV	0.0737
$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	4.9471 eV	0.3132	$S_0 \rightarrow S_2$	4.5472 eV	0.0739
$S_0 \rightarrow S_3$	5.4933 eV	0.3826			
$S_0 \rightarrow T_1$	0.6639 eV	0.0003			
$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$	2.0150 eV	0.1525	$S_0 \rightarrow T_3$	1.1200 eV	0.0006
$S_0 \rightarrow T_4$	2.2446 eV	0.0063			
$S_0 \rightarrow T_5$	2.3158 eV	0.0047			

Table S3. Calculated excitation energies and oscillator strengths of  $[SbCl_5]^{2-}$  and  $[BiCl_5]^{2-}$ .