

## Electronic supplementary information

# Preparation of Zn<sub>2</sub>GeO<sub>4</sub>:Mn,In persistent luminescence nanoparticle composites for detection of copper ions

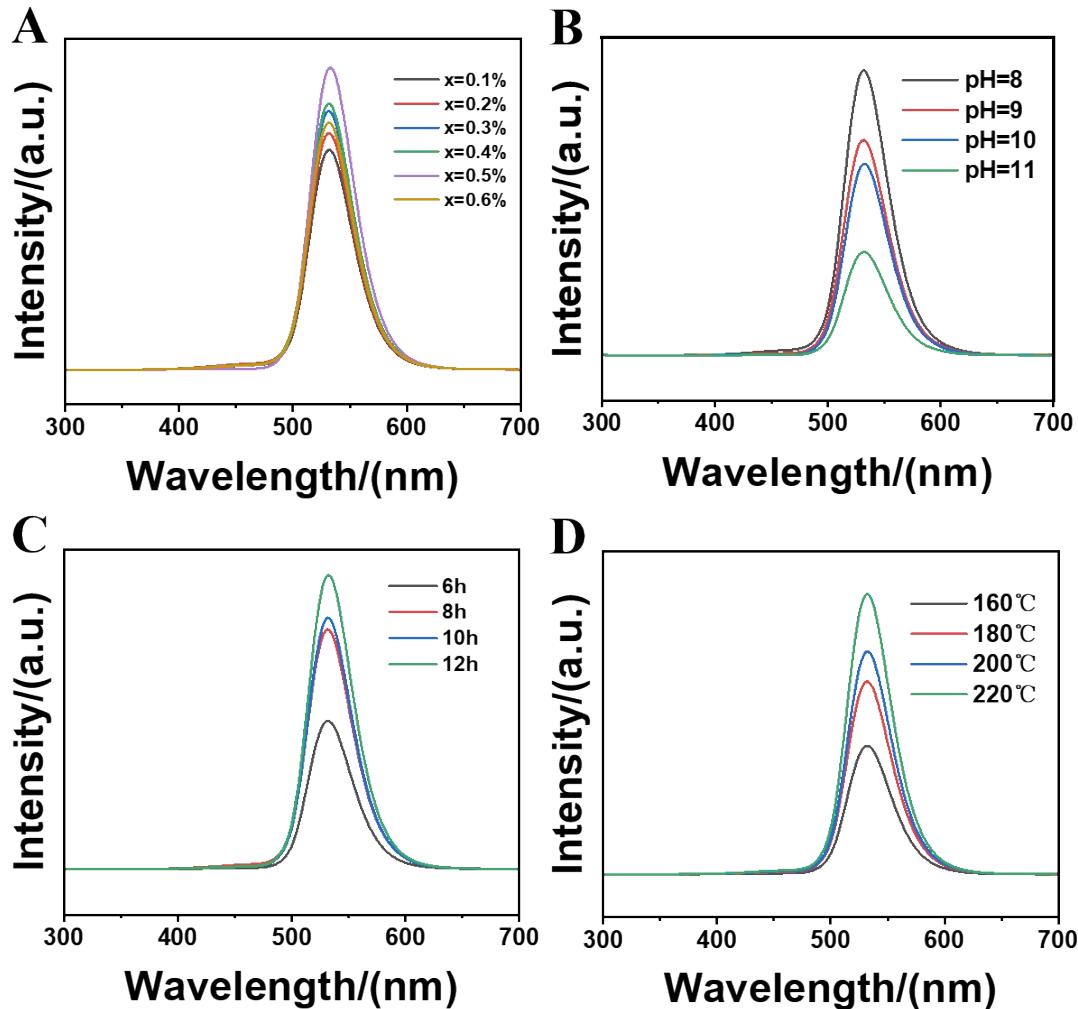
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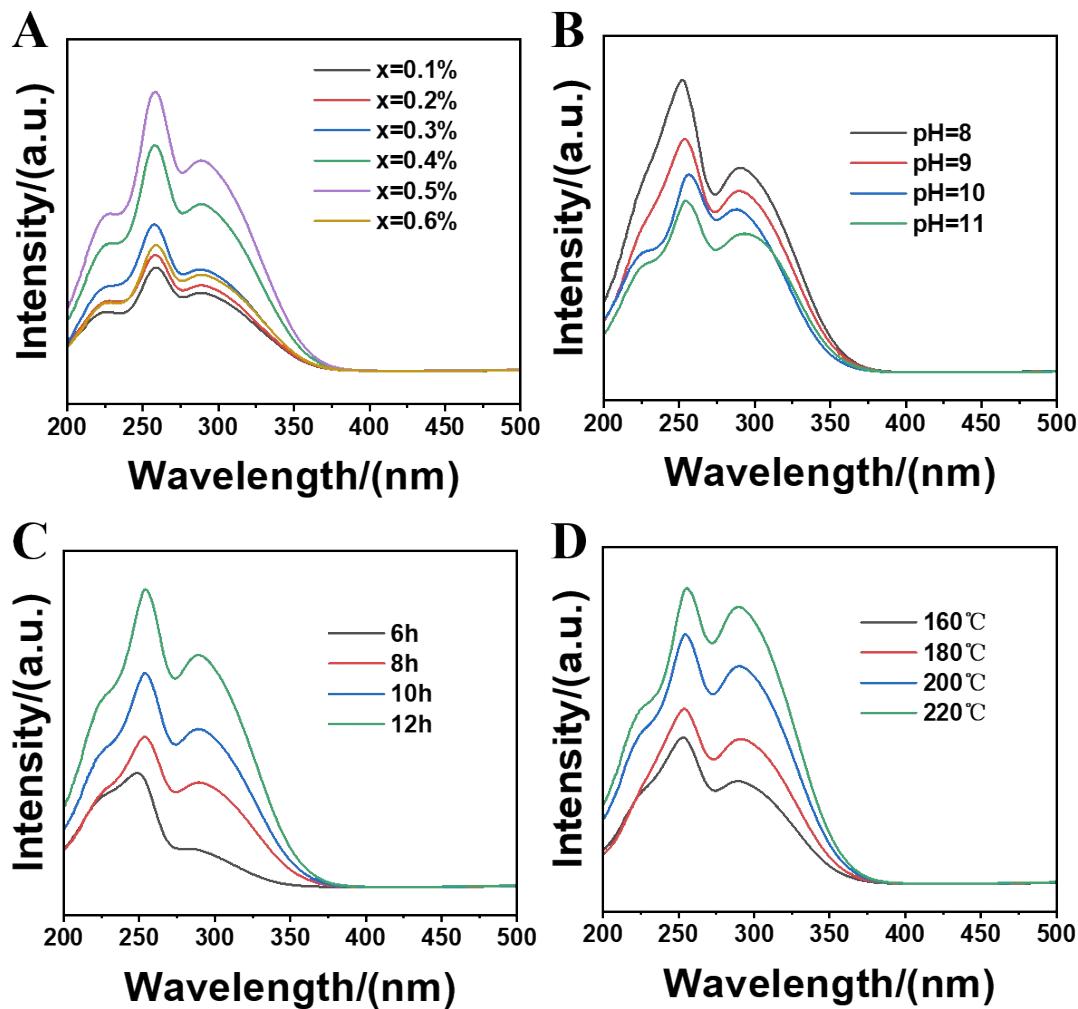
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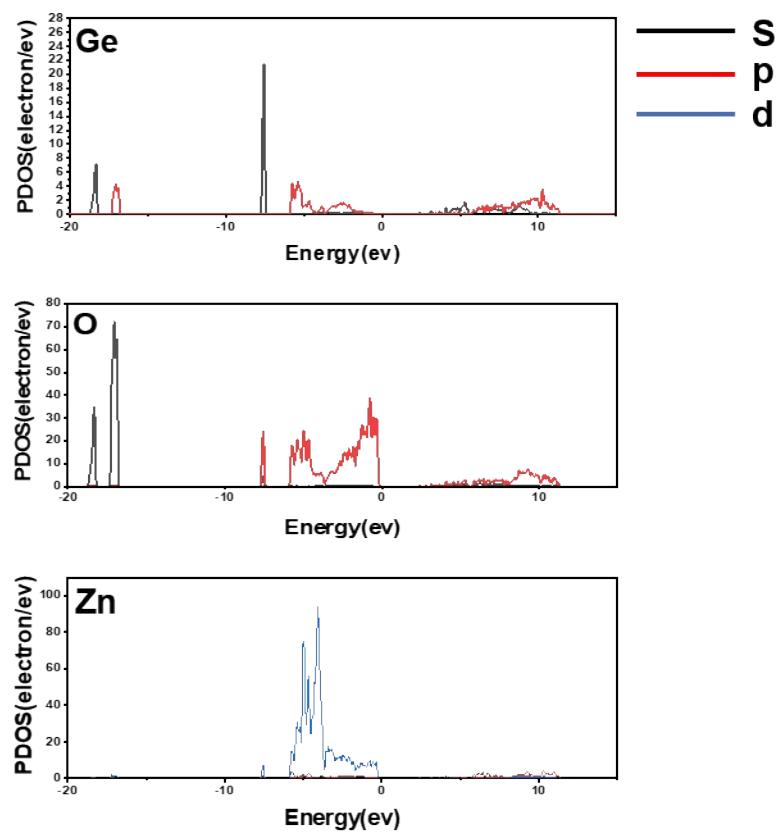
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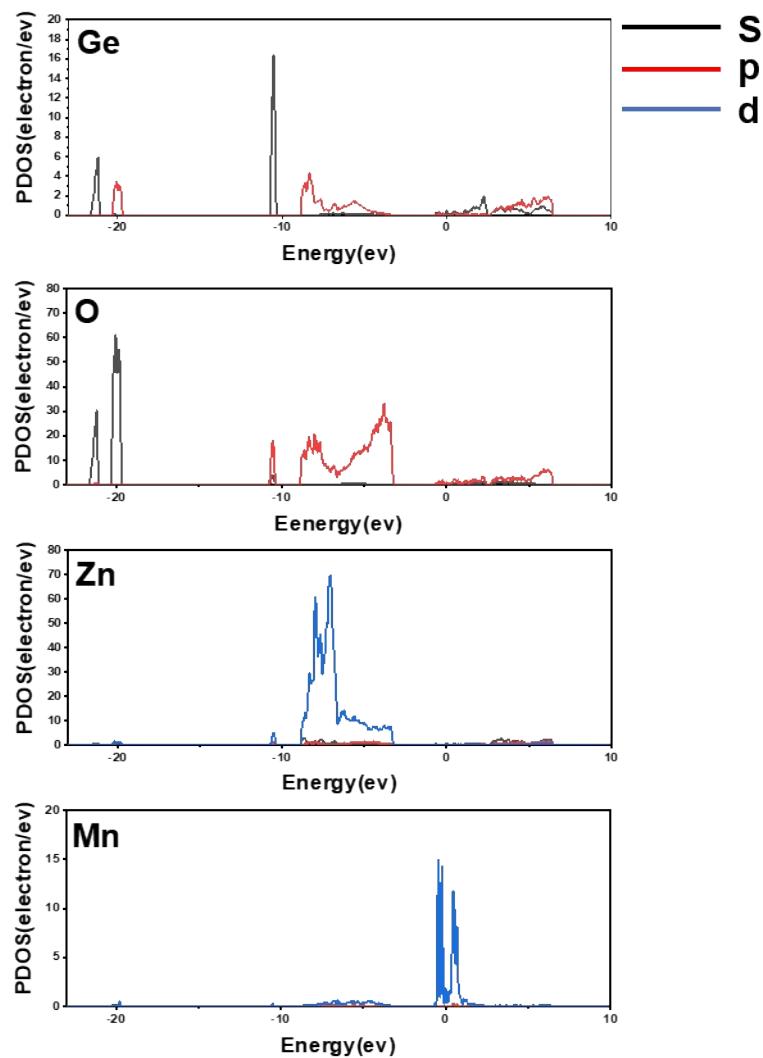
**Fig. S1** (A) Emission spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4:\text{xMn}^{2+}$ . (B) Emission spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4:$  0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、  
 $\text{yIn}^{3+}$  at different pH values. (C) Emission spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4:$  0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、 0.3%  $\text{In}^{3+}$  at different  
reaction times. (D) Emission spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4:$  0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、 0.3%  $\text{In}^{3+}$  at different reaction  
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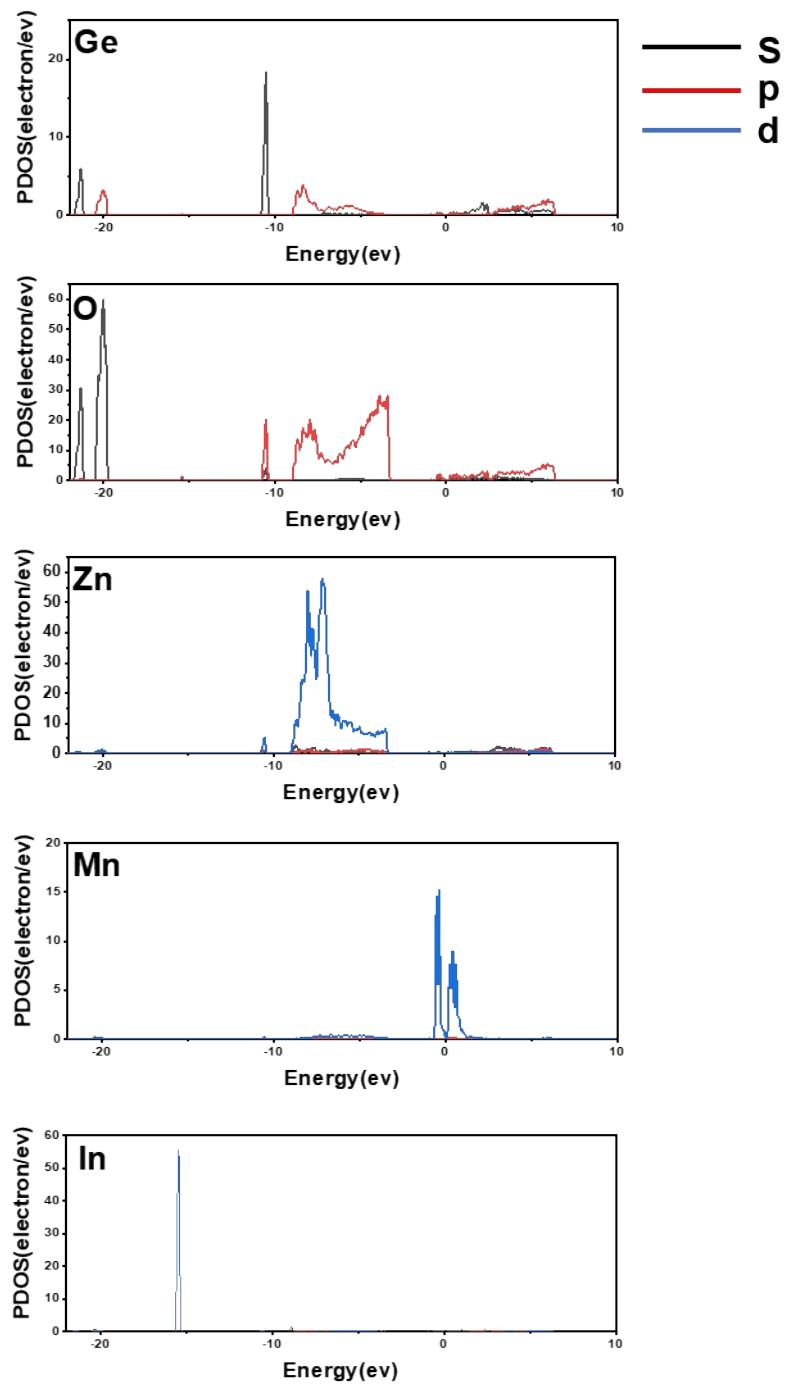
**Fig. S2** (A) Excitation spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4: x\text{Mn}^{2+}$ . (B) Excitation spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4: 0.5\% \text{Mn}^{2+}, 0.3\% \text{In}^{3+}$  at different pH values. (C) Excitation spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4: 0.5\% \text{Mn}^{2+}, 0.3\% \text{In}^{3+}$  at different reaction times. (D) Excitation spectra of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4: 0.5\% \text{Mn}^{2+}, 0.3\% \text{In}^{3+}$  at different reaction temperatures.



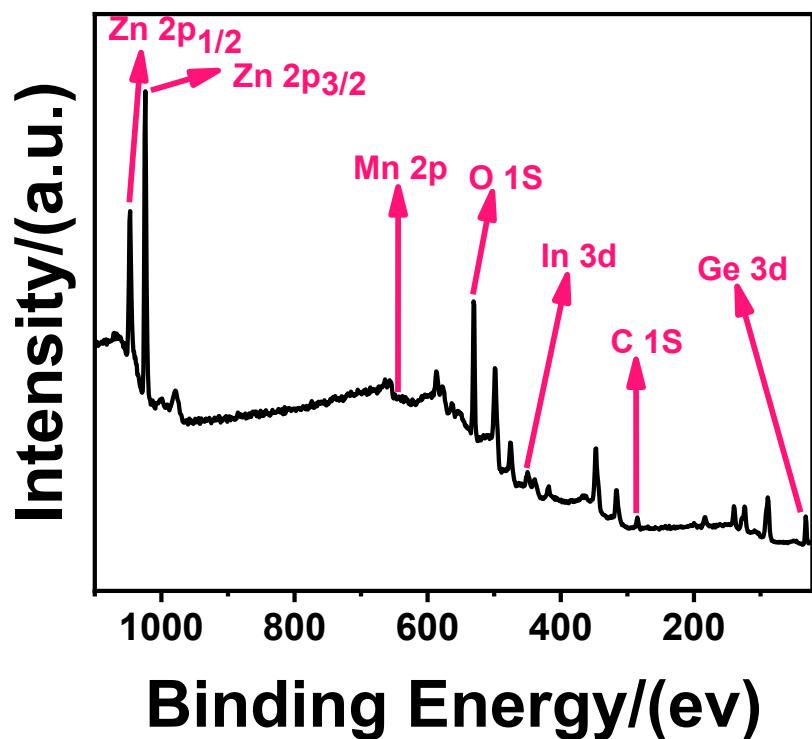
**Fig. S3** PDOS of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ .



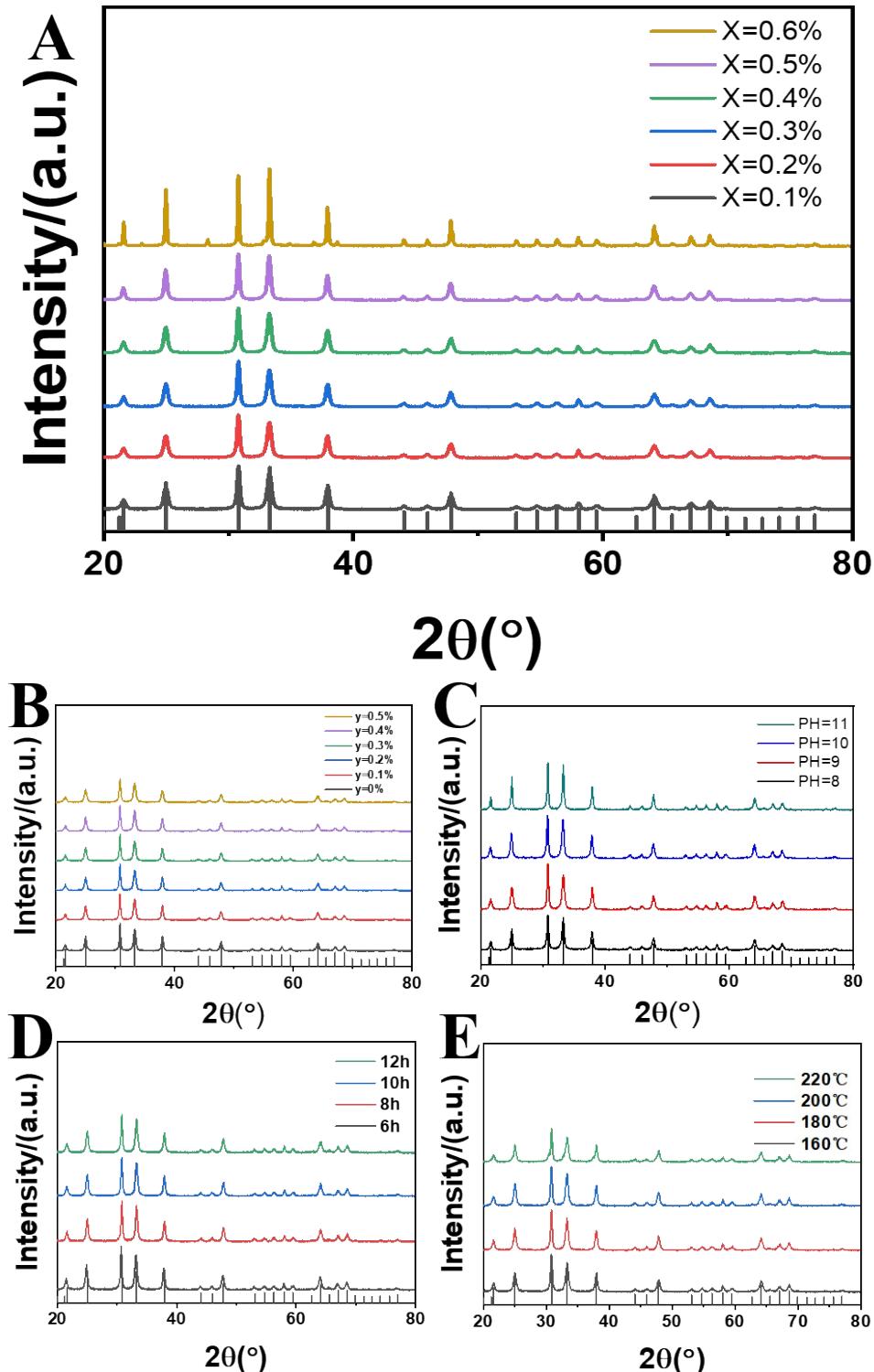
**Fig. S4** PDOS of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ :  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ .



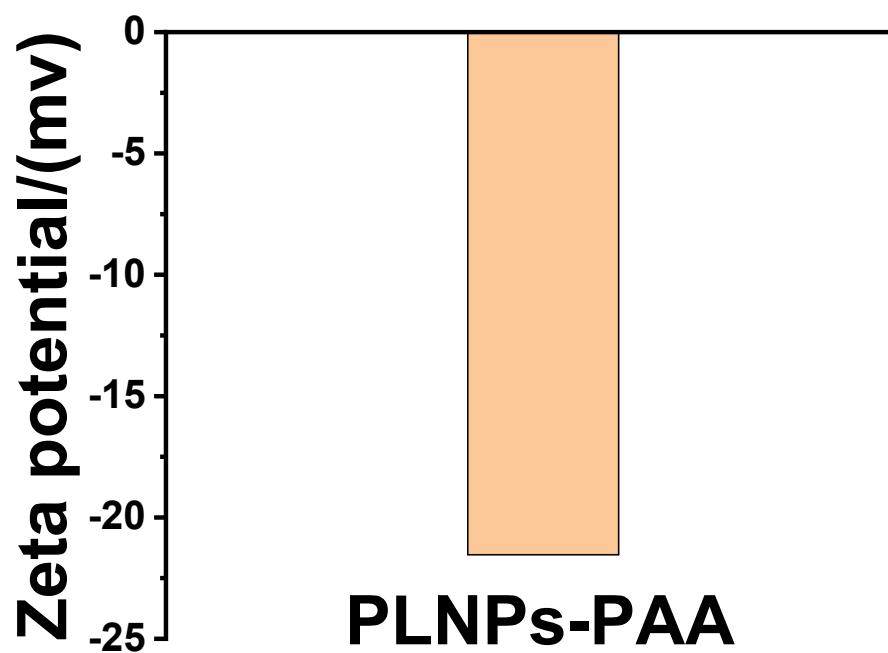
**Fig. S5** PDOS of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ :  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、 $\text{In}^{3+}$ .



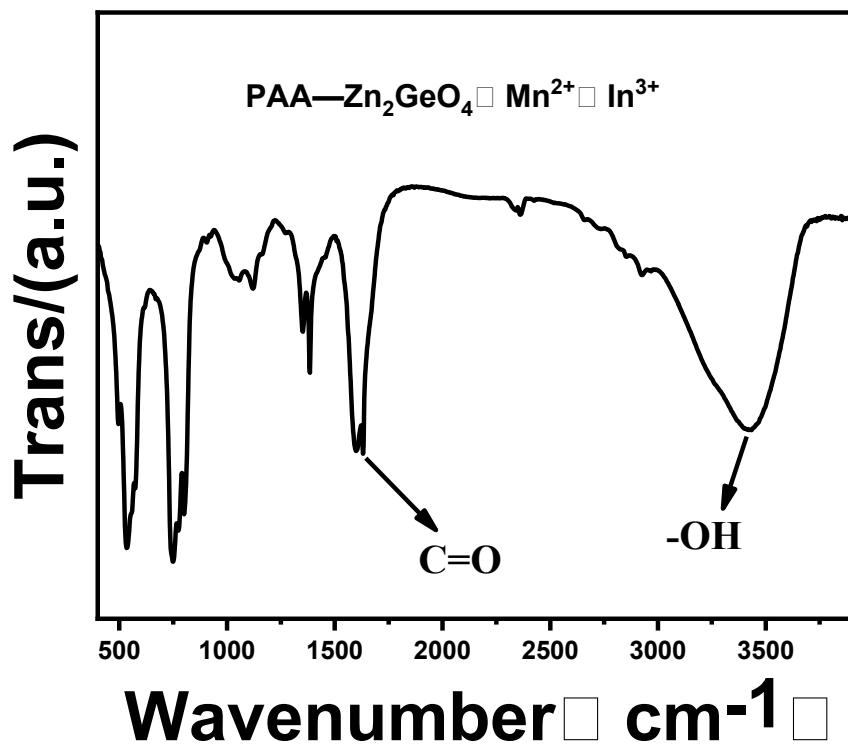
**Fig. S6** XPS full spectrum of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ : 0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、0.3%  $\text{In}^{3+}$ .



**Fig. S7** (A)  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ :  $x\text{Mn}^{2+}$  XRD diagram.(B)  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ : 0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、  $\text{YIn}^{3+}$  XRD diagram. (C)XRD diagram of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ : 0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ , 0.3%  $\text{In}^{3+}$  pH optimized. (D)XRD diagram of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ : 0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、 0.3%  $\text{In}^{3+}$  hydrothermal time optimization. (E)XRD diagram of  $\text{Zn}_2\text{GeO}_4$ : 0.5%  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ 、 0.3%  $\text{In}^{3+}$  optimized for hydrothermal temperature.



**Fig. S8** Zeta potential map of PLNPs-PAA.



**Fig. S9** Infrared map of PLNPs-PAA.