## **Supplementary Information**

## Luminescence and luminescence quenching of highly efficient Y2M04O15:Eu<sup>3+</sup> phosphors and ceramics

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**Figure s1.** Unit cell of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$  along the b-axis.



Figure s2. (a) XRD reference pattern of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ . Powder XRD diffraction patterns of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ : Eu<sup>3+</sup> samples doped with (b) 0% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, (c) 25% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, (d) 50% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, (e) 75% Eu<sup>3+</sup>.



Figure s3. Rietveld refinement of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ :75% Eu<sup>3+</sup> powder XRD pattern.



Figure s4. FTIR spectra of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ : Eu<sup>3+</sup> doped with (a) 0% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, (b) 10% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, (c) 25% Eu<sup>3+</sup>, (d) 50% Eu<sup>3+</sup> and (e) 75% Eu<sup>3+</sup>.



**Figure s5.** Absorption spectra of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ :Eu<sup>3+</sup> as a function of Eu<sup>3+</sup> concentration.



Figure s6. (a) Emission spectra of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ :50% Eu<sup>3+</sup> sample excited at different wavelengths; (b) and (c) magnified high energy regions of emission spectra ( $\lambda_{ex} = 393.5$  nm).

$Eu^{3+}$ (%)	a (Å)	<b>b</b> (Å)	<b>c</b> (Å)	V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	β (°)
0	6.8189	9.5787	10.5185	661.92	105.54
5	6.8213	9.5846	10.5232	662.82	105.55
10	6.8256	9.5908	10.5292	663.99	105.57
25	6.8371	9.6088	10.5452	667.22	105.61
50	6.8561	9.6404	10.5719	672.74	105.69
75	6.8786	9.6751	10.6033	679.15	105.75

**Table s1.** Unit cell parameters of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ : Eu<sup>3+</sup> derived from the Rietveld refinement of the powder XRD patterns.

**Table s2.** Photoluminescence decay values of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ :  $Eu^{3+}$  phosphors as a function of  $Eu^{3+}$  concentration and excitation wavelength ( $\lambda_{em} = 613$  nm).

Eu <sup>3+</sup>	λ <sub>ex</sub>	= 290 nm	λ <sub>ex</sub>	= 393.5 nm	$\lambda_{\rm ex} = 465 \ \rm nm$		
(%)	τ (μs) Std. dev. (μs)		$\tau$ (µs)   Std. dev. (µs)   $\tau$ (µs)   Std. dev. (µs)		τ (μs)	Std. dev. (µs)	
1	837	0.5	816	0.4	807	0.4	
5	836	0.5	813	0.4	812	0.4	
10	836	0.5	808	0.4	806	0.4	
25	804	0.5	784	0.4	785	0.4	
50	734	0.4	727	0.4	727	0.4	
75	592	0.4	601	0.4	600	0.4	

**Table s3.** Temperature dependent photoluminescence decay ( $\lambda_{ex} = 393.5 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{em} = 613 \text{ nm}$ ) values of  $Y_2Mo_4O_{15}$ : Eu<sup>3+</sup> phosphors doped with 1%, 10% and 75% Eu<sup>3+</sup>.

Т	Y <sub>2</sub> Mo	4O15:1%Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Y <sub>2</sub> Mo	4O15:10%Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Y2M04O15:75%Eu <sup>3+</sup>		
(K)	τ (μs) Std. dev. (μs)		τ (μs) Std. dev. (μs)		τ (μs)	Std. dev. (µs)	
77	837	0.6	828	0.6	697	0.5	
100	835	0.6	825	0.6	657	0.5	
150	830	0.5	820	0.6	605	0.4	
200	824	0.5	815	0.5	584	0.4	
250	819	0.5	809	0.5	583	0.4	
300	812	0.6	801	0.5	597	0.4	
350	802	0.7	796	0.6	618	0.4	
400	796	0.8	787	0.6	615	0.4	
450	783	0.9	769	0.7	524	0.4	
500	758	1.0	734	0.9	486	0.5	

<b>E</b> 3+			$\lambda_{\rm ex} = 290$ I	nm			λ	ex = 393.5	nm			$\lambda_{\rm ex} = 465 \ {\rm nm}$			
$Eu^{-1}$	CIE 1931		CIE 1976		LE	CIE 1931		CIE 1976		LE	CIE 1931		CIE 1976		LE
(70)	Х	у	u'	v'	(lm/W <sub>opt</sub> )	X	у	u'	<b>v</b> '	(lm/W <sub>opt</sub> )	X	у	u'	v'	(lm/W <sub>opt</sub> )
1	0.6615	0.3379	0.4617	0.5306	237	0.6656	0.3341	0.4689	0.5296	241	0.6650	0.3347	0.4678	0.5297	241
5	0.6654	0.3342	0.4686	0.5296	243	0.6656	0.3341	0.4689	0.5295	243	0.6636	0.3356	0.4656	0.5299	243
10	0.6663	0.3334	0.4702	0.5294	242	0.6661	0.3336	0.4699	0.5294	242	0.6654	0.3341	0.4687	0.5296	242
25	0.6670	0.3327	0.4715	0.5292	240	0.6665	0.3332	0.4705	0.5293	241	0.6664	0.3332	0.4705	0.5293	242
50	0.6672	0.3325	0.4719	0.5291	239	0.6669	0.3328	0.4713	0.5292	241	0.6671	0.3327	0.4716	0.5292	241
75	0.6672	0.3326	0.4718	0.5292	239	0.6668	0.3329	0.4711	0.5293	241	0.6669	0.3328	0.4713	0.5292	241

**Table s4.** Colour coordinates (CIE 1931 and CIE 1976 colour space) and luminous efficacies (LE) of synthesized phosphors as a function of  $Eu^{3+}$  concentration and excitation wavelength.

**Table s5.** Colour coordinates (CIE 1931 and CIE 1976 colour space) and luminous efficacies (LE) of synthesized phosphors as a function of Eu<sup>3+</sup> concentration and temperature ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 393.5 nm).

т		Y <sub>2</sub> N	/I04O15:1%	6Eu <sup>3+</sup>			Y <sub>2</sub> M	[04O15:109	‰Eu <sup>3+</sup>		Y2M04O15:75%Eu <sup>3+</sup>				
	CIE 1931		CIE 1976		LE	CIE 1931		CIE 1976		LE	CIE 1931		CIE 1976		LE
(K)	X	у	u'	v'	(lm/W <sub>opt</sub> )	Х	у	u'	v'	(lm/W <sub>opt</sub> )	X	у	u'	v'	(lm/W <sub>opt</sub> )
77	0.6642	0.3351	0.4667	0.5298	231	0.6665	0.3331	0.4707	0.5293	231	0.6677	0.3320	0.4729	0.5290	229
100	0.6651	0.3343	0.4682	0.5296	231	0.6674	0.3322	0.4724	0.5290	231	0.6684	0.3313	0.4741	0.5288	229
150	0.6646	0.3348	0.4674	0.5297	231	0.6669	0.3328	0.4713	0.5292	231	0.6678	0.3320	0.4729	0.5290	229
200	0.6642	0.3353	0.4666	0.5299	232	0.6667	0.3330	0.4710	0.5292	231	0.6676	0.3321	0.4727	0.5290	231
250	0.6641	0.3354	0.4664	0.5299	234	0.6667	0.3330	0.4709	0.5293	231	0.6675	0.3323	0.4724	0.5291	231
300	0.6639	0.3356	0.4659	0.5300	234	0.6666	0.3331	0.4708	0.5293	232	0.6672	0.3325	0.4719	0.5291	232
350	0.6632	0.3363	0.4647	0.5302	237	0.6663	0.3334	0.4701	0.5294	233	0.6667	0.3331	0.4709	0.5293	233
400	0.6613	0.3382	0.4612	0.5307	237	0.6651	0.3346	0.4680	0.5297	235	0.6654	0.3343	0.4685	0.5296	234
450	0.6578	0.3415	0.4550	0.5315	243	0.6628	0.3368	0.4639	0.5303	238	0.6636	0.3361	0.4652	0.5301	237
500	0.6527	0.3464	0.4462	0.5328	247	0.6603	0.3392	0.4594	0.5309	240	0.6611	0.3385	0.4607	0.5308	241

Table s6. Colour coordinates (CIE 1931 and CIE 1976 colour space) and luminous efficacies (LE) of different
thickness Y <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub> O <sub>15</sub> :75%Eu <sup>3+</sup> ceramics mounted on 375, 400, and 455 nm LEDs.

Thickness	LED	CIE	1931	CIE	LE	
(mm) (nm)		X	у	u'	<b>v</b> '	(lm/W <sub>opt</sub> )
	375	0.6526	0.3357	0.4561	0.5279	200
0.71	400	0.6226	0.3181	0.4470	0.5138	187
	455	0.2007	0.0791	0.2264	0.2006	94
	375	0.6582	0.3352	0.4614	0.5287	189
0.98	400	0.6396	0.3248	0.4554	0.5203	184
	455	0.2641	0.1217	0.2686	0.2785	121