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One-Dimensional Eu(III) and Tb(III)-Doped Gd Oxide Nanorods

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Red europium(III) and green terbium(III) activating phosphors have been doped and co-doped in gadolinium oxide supports by a hydrothermal method. Scanning electron microscope images reveal that they are one-dimensional nanorods of $40\sim50$ wide and $250\sim300$ nm long. The gadolinium oxide supports show Gd(OH)3 of hexagonal phase and Gd2O3 of cubic crystal structure before and after a thermal annealing, respectively based on X-ray diffraction analysis. Their physicochemical characteristics have further been examined by photoluminescence spectroscopy, FT-IR, UV-visible absorption, and optical microscope. The emission colors are characterized by CIE coordinates. In addition, the emissions from Eu(III) and Tb(III) are assigned to 5D0 \rightarrow 7FJ (J=0,1,2,3,4) and 5D4 \rightarrow FJ (J=6,5,4,3), respectively.

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