

Supporting Information

Magneto-induced hyperthermia and temperature detection in single iron oxide core - silica/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺(*acac*) shell nano-objects

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Tables

Table S1. Size distribution of IONP@SiO₂ core@shell nanoparticles and related amount of TEOS.

	SiO ₂ shell thickness	Whole nanoparticle's size	IONP core size	Well organisation of SiO ₂ shell around the IONP core
1.5	8.3 ± 0.2	43.1 ± 2.3	26.6 ± 2.0	no
2	10.7 ± 0.4	46.9 ± 2.5	25.4 ± 1.6	yes
4	13.7 ± 0.5	53.1 ± 3.7	25.8 ± 2.6	yes
6	18.4 ± 0.1	62.0 ± 2.6	25.2 ± 2.3	yes
8	20.8 ± 0.1	66.6 ± 2.1	24.9 ± 1.9	yes
10	22.6 ± 0.1	71.2 ± 3.1	26.0 ± 2.9	yes
12	27.9 ± 0.4	80.8 ± 3.0	24.9 ± 2.3	yes

Table S2. Band assignment for IR spectra of IONP/OA/OA, IONP@SiO₂, IONP@SiO₂-acac/Ln³⁺ and acac-silane. [1]

IONP/OA/OA	IONP@SiO ₂	IONP@SiO ₂ -acac/Ln ³⁺	Acac-silane	Assignments
3315	-	-	-	$\nu(\text{N-H})$ from NH_2
3005	2980	2950	2974	$\nu(\text{C-H})$ from CH_3
2920	2901	2916	2927	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{C-H})$ from CH_2
2850	2870	2868	2885	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{C-H})$ from CH_2
1633	-	-	-	$\nu(\text{C=C})$
-	1634	1714; 1634	1716; 1701	$\nu(\text{C=O})$ <i>keto</i>
-	-	-	1585	$\nu(\text{C=O})$ <i>enol</i>
1557	-	-	-	$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO})$
1464	-	-	-	$\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO})$
-	1406	1454	-	$\delta_{\text{s}}(\text{C-H})$ from CH_2
-	1392	1376	-	$\nu(\text{C-C})$
-	957	971	955	$\nu(\text{Si-OH})$
-	1066; 795; 456	1076; 798; 465	1073; 775; 479	$\nu(\text{Si-O-Si})$
720 - 568	568	585	-	$\nu(\text{Fe-O})$
-	-	410	-	$\nu(\text{Ln-O})$

Table S3. IET rates (in s^{-1}) from T_1 (donor) to Eu^{3+} ion acceptor states. δ is the donor-acceptor energy difference (in cm^{-1}). W_{d-d} , W_{d-m} , and W_{ex} are the dipole-dipole, dipole-multipole, and exchange rates (in s^{-1}). W^T and W_b^T are the forward and backward energy transfer rates for each pathway at 25 °C.

Pathway label (n)	Acceptor	δ	W_{d-d}	W_{d-m}	W_{ex}	w^T (forward)	w_b^T (backward)
1	${}^7\text{F}_0 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_0$	9707	3.61×10^{-2}	1.93×10^1	0	3.25×10^{-2}	1.47×10^{-22}
2	${}^7\text{F}_0 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_1$	7973	0	0	1.35×10^5	9.05×10^4	1.77×10^{-12}
3	${}^7\text{F}_0 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_2$	5517	1.57	8.39×10^2	0	5.65×10^2	1.55×10^{-9}
4	${}^7\text{F}_0 \rightarrow {}^5\text{L}_6$	1675	2.52×10^2	4.91	0	1.73×10^2	5.33×10^{-2}
5	${}^7\text{F}_0 \rightarrow {}^5\text{G}_6$	248	7.53×10^1	1.47	0	5.16×10^1	1.56×10^1
6	${}^7\text{F}_0 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_4$	-586	2.19×10^1	3.56×10^1	0	2.28	3.86×10^1
7	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_0$	10079	0	0	1.02×10^4	3.33×10^3	2.51×10^{-18}
8	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_1$	8345	7.98×10^{-2}	4.27×10^1	2.89×10^1	2.35×10^1	7.62×10^{-17}
9	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_2$	5889	0	0	1.66×10^5	5.43×10^4	2.47×10^{-8}
10	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_3$	3017	5.41	7.30×10^2	0	2.41×10^2	1.15×10^{-4}
11	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{L}_6$	2047	4.49×10^1	8.74×10^{-1}	0	1.50×10^1	7.70×10^{-4}
12	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{L}_7$	1015	1.14×10^2	2.22	0	3.81×10^1	2.84×10^{-1}
13	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{G}_2$	980	0	0	2.47×10^6	8.10×10^5	7.16×10^3
14	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{G}_3$	750	9.14	7.11×10^2	0	2.36×10^2	6.33
15	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{G}_6$	620	3.24×10^1	6.31×10^{-1}	0	1.08×10^1	5.44×10^{-1}
16	${}^7\text{F}_1 \rightarrow {}^5\text{G}_5$	609	6.69×10^1	5.55	0	2.38×10^1	1.26
					W^T	9.59×10^5	
					W_b^T		7.22×10^3

Note: The IET involving the transition ${}^7\text{F}_0 \rightarrow {}^5\text{D}_0$ was calculated considering the J-mixing effect.

Table S4. IET rates (in s⁻¹) from T₁ (donor) to Tb³⁺ ion acceptor states. δ is the donor-acceptor energy difference (in cm⁻¹). W_{d-d} , W_{d-m} , and W_{ex} are the dipole-dipole, dipole-multipole, and exchange rates (in s⁻¹). W^T and W_b^T are the forward and backward energy transfer rates for each pathway at 25 °C.

pathway label (<i>n</i>)	acceptor	δ	W_{d-d}	W_{d-m}	W_{ex}	w^T (forward)	w_b^T (backward)
1	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ D ₄	6556	2.06×10 ⁻¹	2.71×10 ¹	0	2.73×10 ¹	4.98×10 ⁻¹³
2	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ D ₃	764	2.88	3.55×10 ⁻¹	0	3.23	8.10×10 ⁻²
3	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ G ₆	577	2.24×10 ²	1.30×10 ³	3.19×10 ⁷	3.19×10 ⁷	1.97×10 ⁶
4	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ L ₁₀	29	1.10×10 ²	1.56	0	1.11×10 ²	9.67×10 ¹
5	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ G ₅	-767	2.89×10 ¹	9.49×10 ²	2.15×10 ⁶	5.31×10 ⁴	2.15×10 ⁶
6	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ D ₂	-1107	1.37	1.31×10 ⁻²	0	6.62×10 ⁻³	1.38
7	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ G ₄	-1287	1.51×10 ¹	7.32×10 ¹	0	1.77×10 ⁻¹	8.82×10 ¹
8	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ L ₉	-1408	7.93×10 ¹	3.85	0	9.31×10 ⁻²	8.31×10 ¹
9	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ G ₃	-1977	4.45	1.69×10 ⁻¹	0	3.32×10 ⁻⁴	4.62
10	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ L ₈	-2190	3.08×10 ¹	4.13×10 ⁻¹	0	8.03×10 ⁻⁴	3.12×10 ¹
11	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ L ₇	-2457	1.50×10 ¹	3.63×10 ²	1.45×10 ¹	2.78×10 ⁻³	3.92×10 ²
12	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ G ₂	-2531	5.74×10 ⁻¹	5.49×10 ⁻³	0	2.88×10 ⁻⁶	5.80×10 ⁻¹
13	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ L ₆	-2610	0	0	3.13×10 ⁵	1.06	3.13×10 ⁵
14	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ H ₇	-4379	0	0	1.35×10 ⁵	8.94×10 ⁻⁵	1.35×10 ⁵
15	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ H ₆	-5891	0	0	3.28×10 ⁵	1.48×10 ⁻⁷	3.28×10 ⁵
16	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ H ₅	-6767	0	0	1.54×10 ⁻³	1.01×10 ⁻¹⁷	1.54×10 ⁻³
17	⁷ F ₆ → ⁵ F ₅	-7934	0	0	7.64×10 ⁴	1.80×10 ⁻¹²	7.64×10 ⁴
18	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ D ₄	8604	1.31×10 ⁻¹	4.62×10 ¹	1.19×10 ⁴	1.20×10 ⁴	1.11×10 ⁻¹⁴
19	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ D ₃	2812	5.92	2.68×10 ²	0	2.74×10 ²	3.50×10 ⁻⁴
20	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ G ₆	2625	2.10×10 ¹	2.30×10 ³	2.99×10 ⁶	2.99×10 ⁶	9.44
21	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ L ₁₀	2077	2.39	2.29×10 ⁻²	0	2.41	1.07×10 ⁻⁴
22	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ G ₅	1281	1.33×10 ¹	8.64×10 ¹	1.49×10 ⁷	1.49×10 ⁷	3.09×10 ⁴
23	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ D ₂	941	6.85	5.17	0	1.20×10 ¹	1.28×10 ⁻¹
24	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ G ₄	761	5.53	4.66×10 ²	2.06×10 ⁶	2.06×10 ⁶	5.22×10 ⁴
25	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ L ₉	640	3.08×10 ¹	1.67	0	3.25×10 ¹	1.48
26	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ L ₈	-142	5.08×10 ¹	4.33	0	2.78×10 ¹	5.51×10 ¹
27	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ L ₇	-409	1.56×10 ¹	1.93×10 ²	0	2.90×10 ¹	2.09×10 ²
28	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ L ₆	-562	0	0	8.31×10 ⁴	5.52×10 ³	8.31×10 ⁴
29	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ H ₆	-3843	0	0	2.33×10 ⁵	2.05×10 ⁻³	2.33×10 ⁵
30	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ H ₅	-4719	0	0	1.63×10 ⁶	2.10×10 ⁻⁴	1.63×10 ⁶
31	⁷ F ₅ → ⁵ F ₅	-5886	0	0	8.33×10 ⁵	3.84×10 ⁻⁷	8.33×10 ⁵
					W^T	5.20×10⁷	
					W_b^T	7.84×10⁶	

Figures

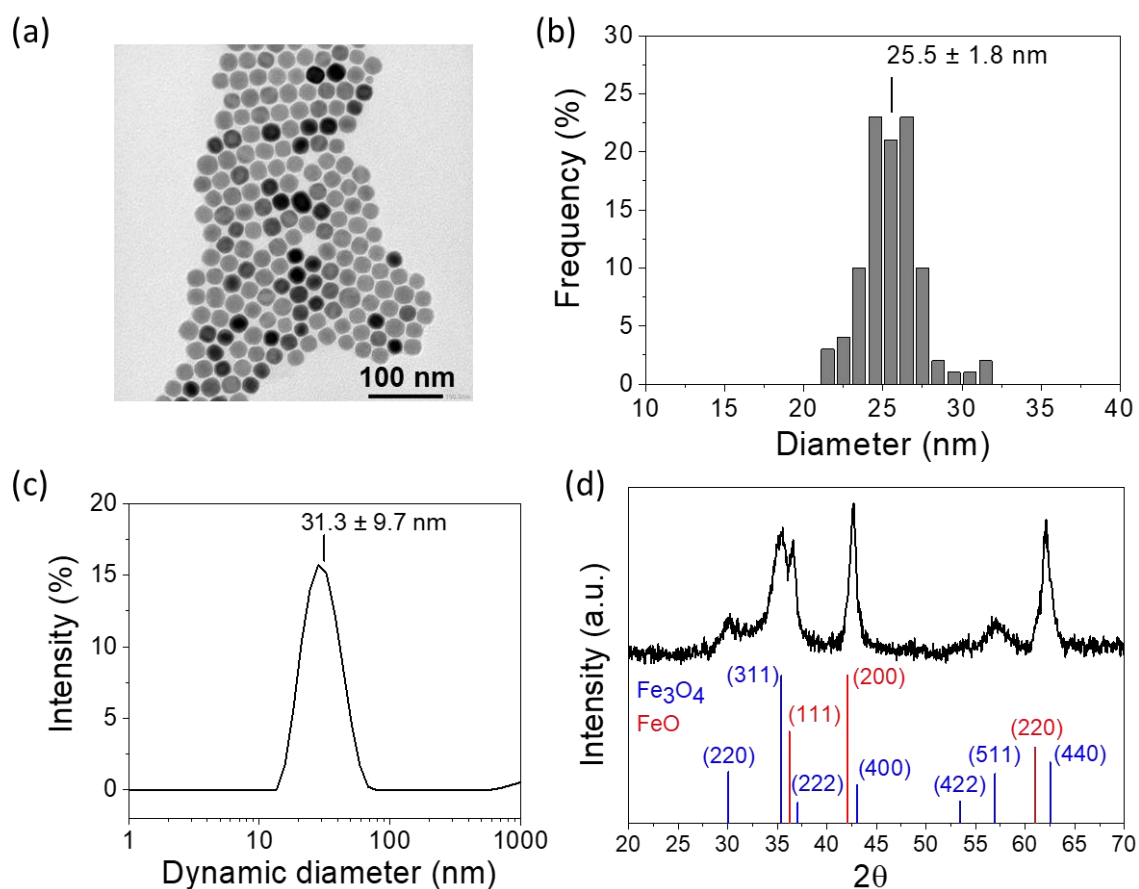


Figure S1. (a) TEM image of IONP/OA/OA and (b) corresponding particle size distribution ($n = 100$); (c) Dynamic size distribution of IONP/OA/OA solution in cyclohexane estimated by DLS; (d) XRD pattern of IONP/OA/OA powder and reference diffraction peaks corresponding to Fe₃O₄ [2] and FeO [3].

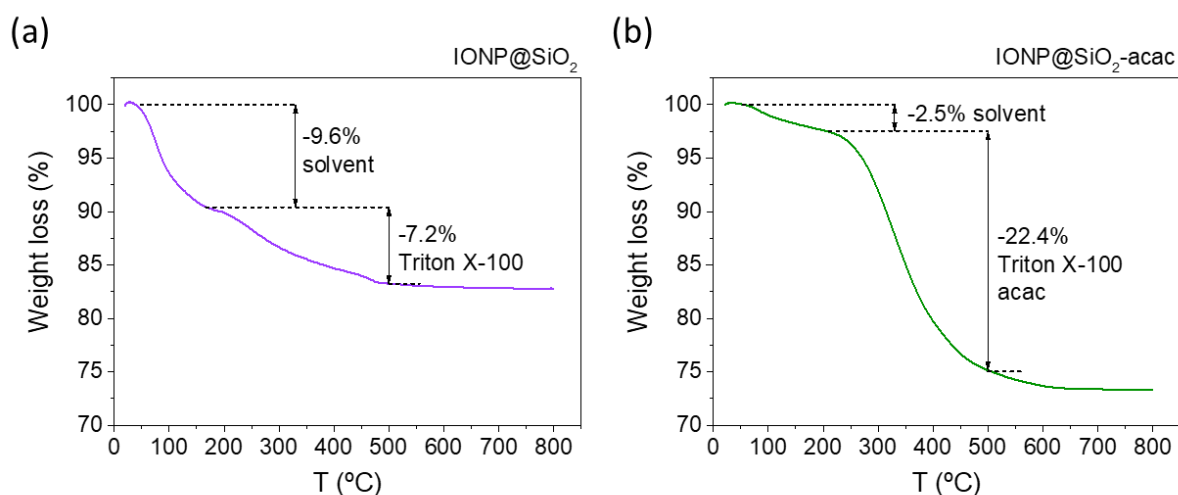


Figure S2. TGA analyses obtained with a $5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ heating rate under air for: (a) IONP@SiO₂ (chosen nanoparticles with *ca.* 11 nm silica shell) and (b) corresponding IONP@SiO₂-acac nanoparticles. *Note:* In the thermogravimetric (TGA) curve for IONP@SiO₂, a weight loss of 9.6 % occurred at 165 °C is attributed to the solvent molecules sorbed in the silica pores. A weight loss of 7.2 % observed in the 200–450 °C temperature range can be attributed to residual Triton X-100 molecules [4] used for the micelle formation during the silica coating step [5]. In the case of IONP@SiO₂-acac, the first weight loss of 2.5% attributed to the loss of sorbed solvent molecules occurred at around 160 °C. It followed by the main loss of 22.4% between 200 and 500 °C. This latter can be associated with the thermal degradation of both, the *acac*-silane ligand grafted to the silica shell and the surfactant. The comparison between TG curves of IONP@SiO₂ and IONP@SiO₂-acac leads to the estimation of the *acac* fraction of 15.2%. This corresponds to the loss of organic moieties of *acac* ($-(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}[\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})_2]_2$ (141.2 g mol^{-1})) in IONP@SiO₂-acac and allows the proposition of the stoichiometric formula **IONP@12.3SiO₂/[(CH₃C(O))₂CH(CH₂)₃SiO_{1.5}**. From SEM-EDX results (Section 2.2.5 of the main article) with the weight ratio between Lanthanides and Si ($\text{Ln}^{3+}/\text{Si} = 25.8/74.2$), the stoichiometric formula after Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ grafting was **IONP@12.3SiO₂/[(CH₃C(O))₂CH(CH₂)₃SiO_{1.5}(Eu_{0.05}Tb_{0.95})_{0.8}**.

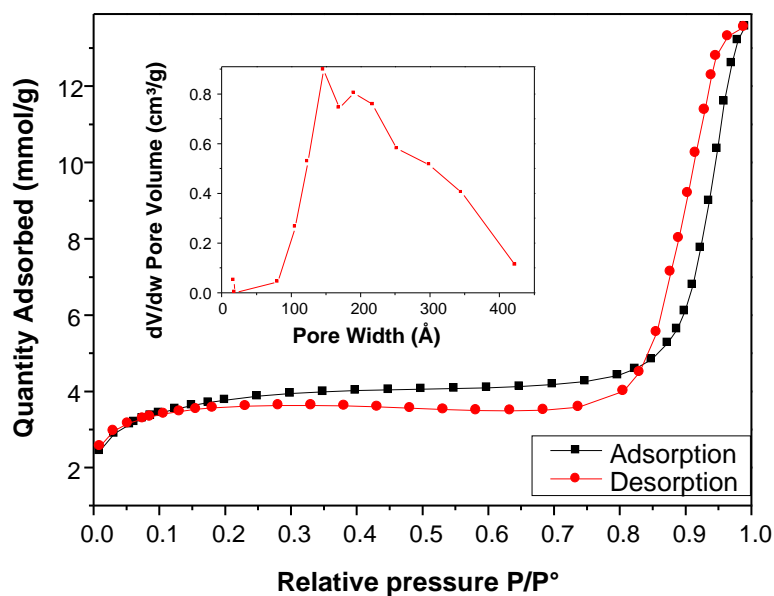


Figure S3. BET adsorption/desorption isotherms for nitrogen adsorption capacity of IONP@SiO₂.

Specific surface of 315 m²g⁻¹ has been estimated by Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) method

Note: similar shape of adsorption-desorption isotherms has already been obtained for other inorganic core@silica shell nanoparticles prepared by using the micelle inverse method. The observed porosity has been attributed to the interparticle voids.[6],[7]

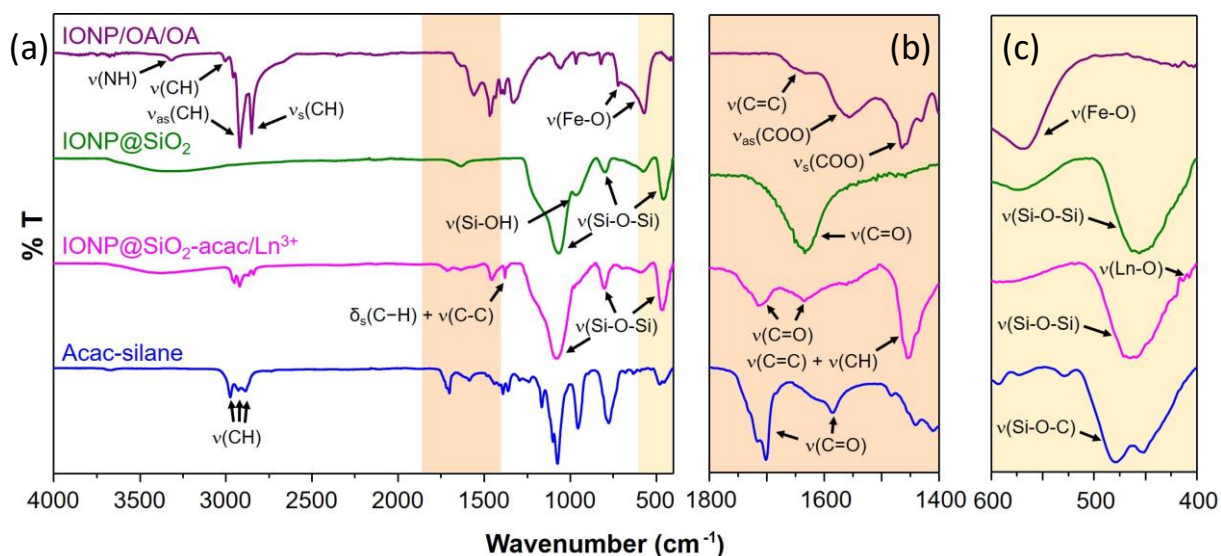


Figure S4. IR spectra of IONP/OA/OA, IONP@SiO₂, IONP@SiO₂-acac/Ln³⁺ and acac-silane in: (a) the full analyzed range 4000–400 cm⁻¹, (b) the magnification in the window 1800–1400 cm⁻¹, (c) the magnification in the window 600–400 cm⁻¹.

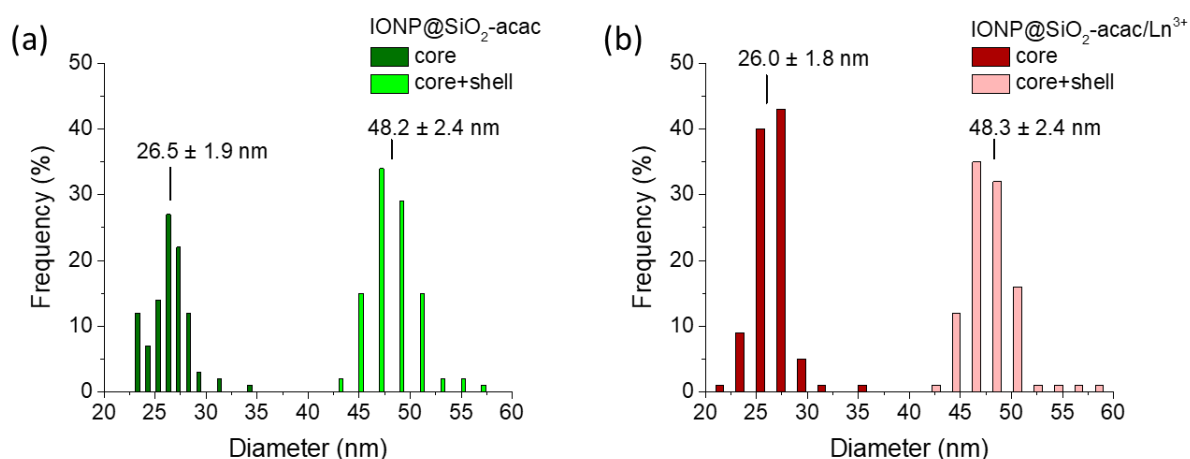


Figure S5. Size distributions of (a) IONP@SiO₂-acac and (b) IONP@SiO₂-acac/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ (number of counted particles = 100).

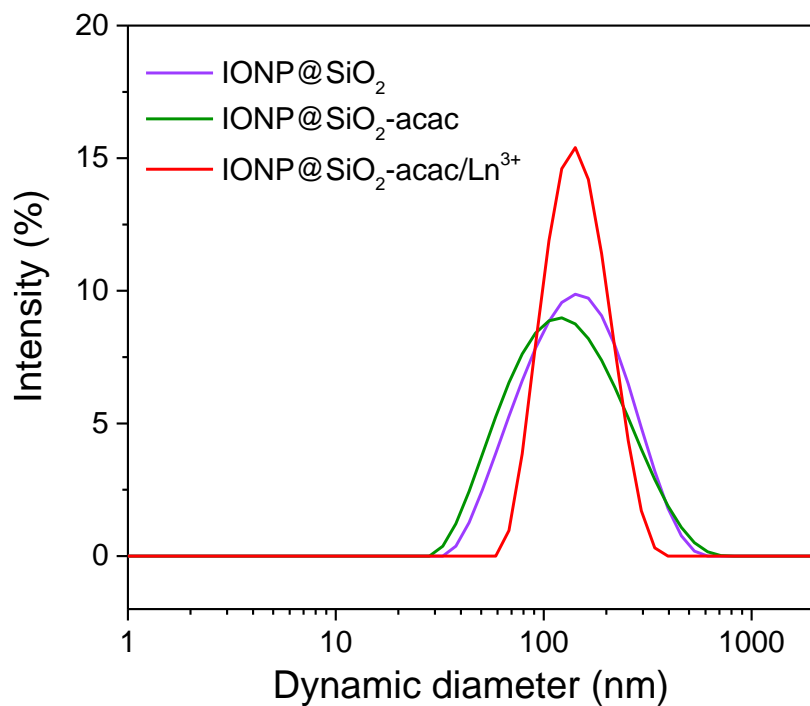


Figure S6. DLS size distribution of IONP@SiO₂ (*ca.*11 nm- silica shell), IONP@SiO₂-acac and IONP@SiO₂-acac/Ln³⁺ dispersed in ethanol with average dynamic diameters of 159, 150 and 151 nm, respectively.

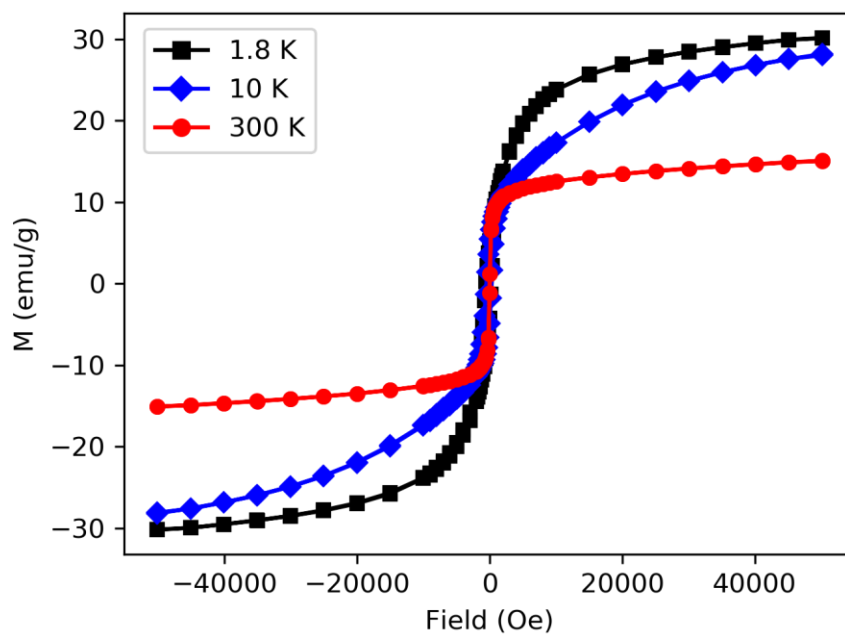


Figure S7. Field dependence of the magnetization for IONP@SiO₂-acac/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ nanoparticles at 1.8 K (black square), 10 K (blue diamond) and 300 K (red circle).

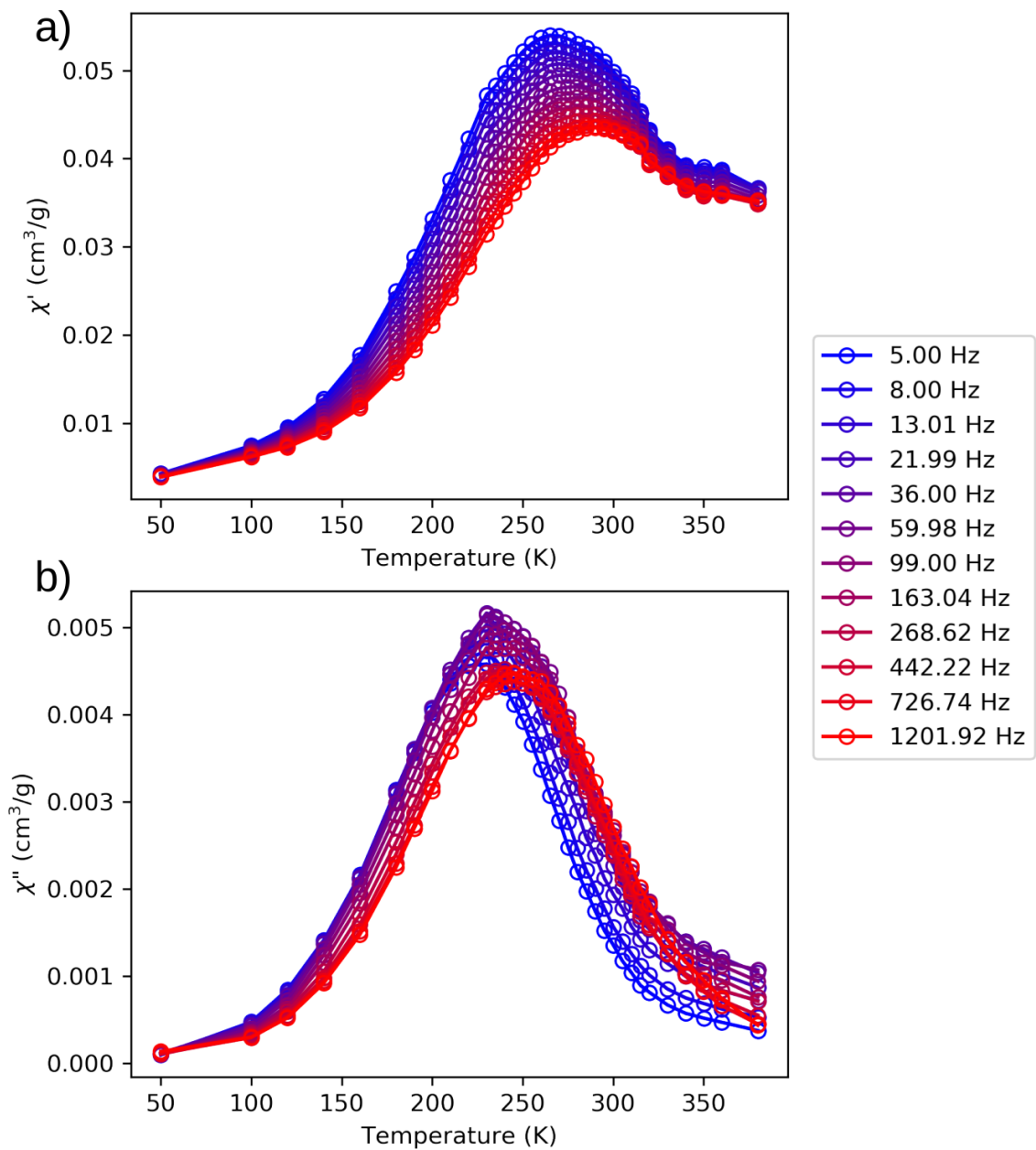


Figure S8. Temperature dependence of: (a) in-phase, χ' , and (b) out-of-phase, χ'' , components of the ac magnetic susceptibility performed at different frequencies for IONP@SiO₂-acac/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ nanoparticles.

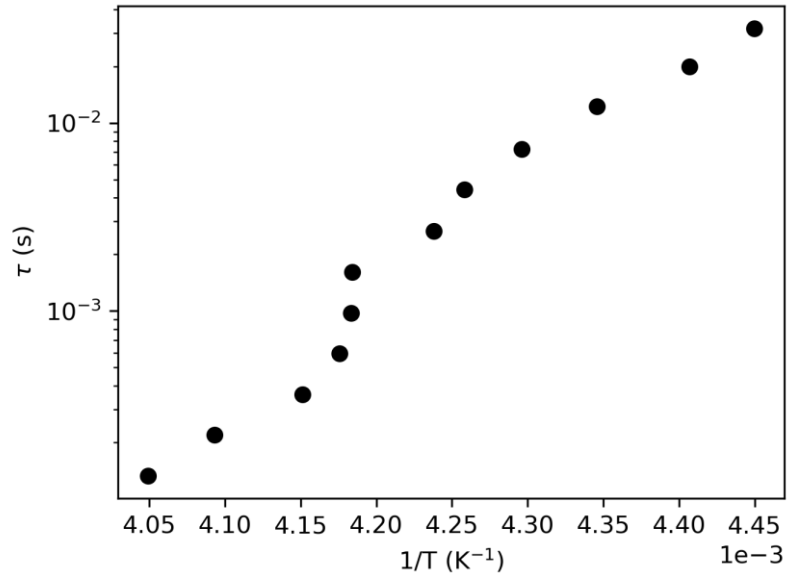


Figure S9. Relaxation time τ vs $1/T$ curve extracted from the frequency dependence of the out-of-phase component of the magnetic susceptibility.

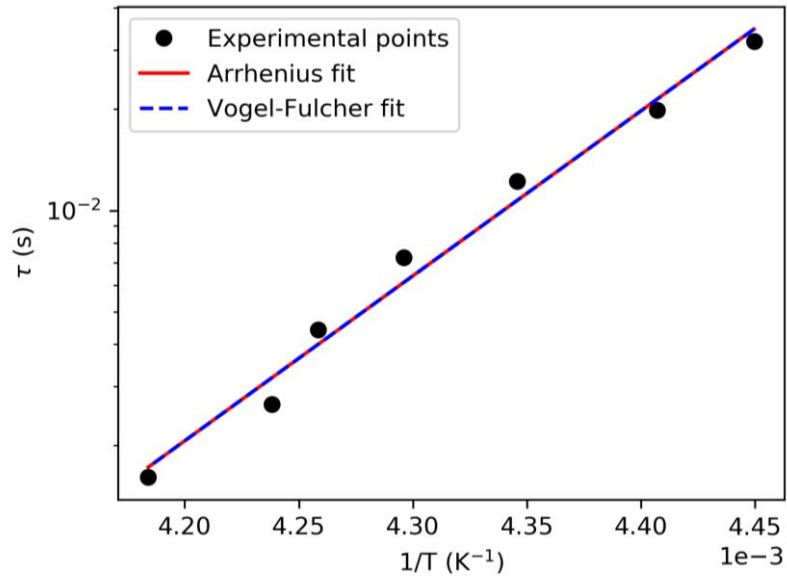


Figure S10. Low temperature region of relaxation time τ vs $1/T$ curve extracted from the frequency dependence of the out-of-phase component of the ac magnetic susceptibility (black circle) and its theoretical fit by using the Arrhenius model (red line) and the Vogel-Fulcher model (blue dashed line) for IONP@SiO₂-acac/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ nanoparticles. *Note:* The fitting of the relaxation time with the Vogel-Fulcher model (equation S2), the values of E_a , τ_0 and T_0 for IONP@SiO₂-acac/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ nanoparticles are equal to $7853 \pm 345 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, $10^{-23.3 \pm 0.9} \text{ s}$ and $5 \cdot 10^{-11} \pm 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ K}$, respectively. The Vogel-Fulcher model, which takes into account the interparticle interactions, leads to conclusion that the dipolar magnetic interactions do not occur for IONP@SiO₂-acac/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ nanoparticles since the values of the energy barrier and the attempt time τ_0 were not

modified in comparison with the Néel law fit. Moreover, the obtained parameter T_0 , which represents the impact of the interactions, is very low.

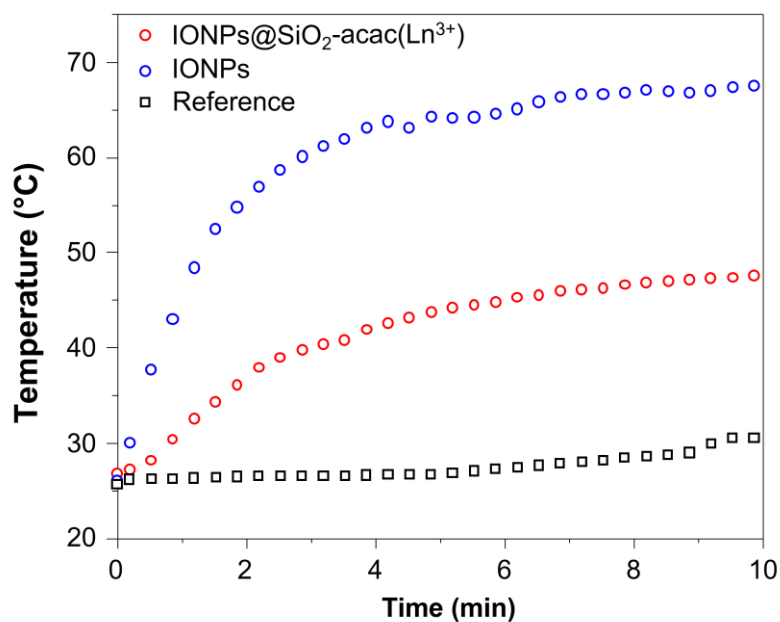


Figure S11. Temperature measurements as a function of time of IONP/OA/OA (red) in cyclohexane and IONP@SiO₂-acac/Ln³⁺ solution in ethanol (blue) and reference (black) subjected to an ac magnetic field (≈ 20 mT at a frequency of 350 kHz).

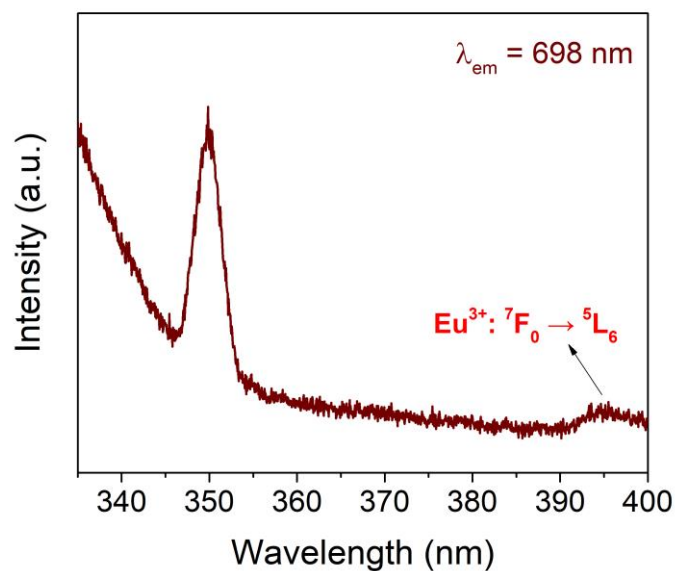


Figure S12. High-resolution spectrum of excitation spectrum monitored at 698 nm. The peak at 348 nm is the half-order of the monitored wavelength.

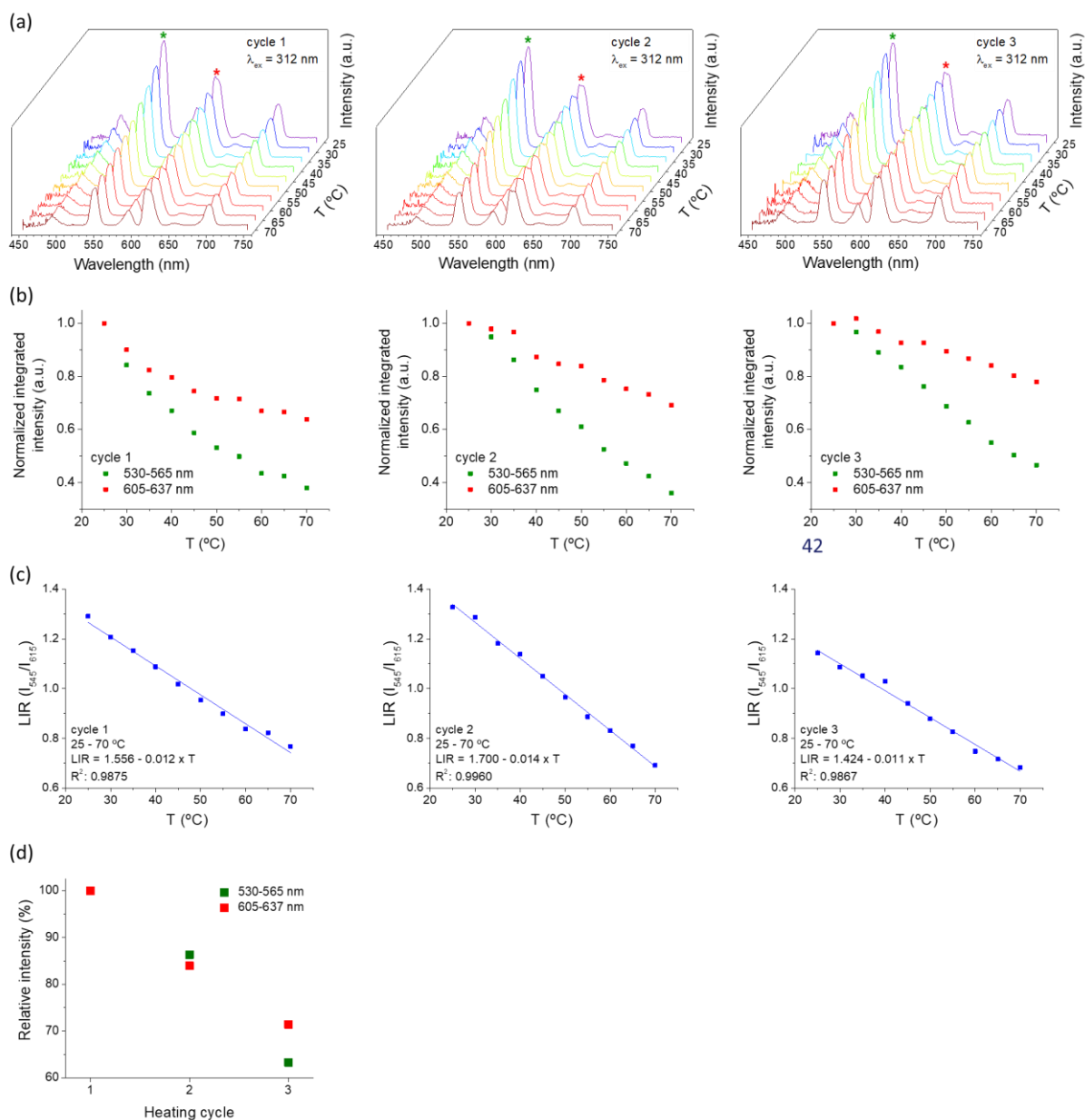


Figure S13. (a) Emission spectra ($\lambda_{ex}=312$ nm) at different temperatures for IONP@SiO₂-acac/Tb³⁺/Eu³⁺ obtained upon three consecutive temperature cycles; (b) their respective normalized integrated intensities; and (c) LIR between 545 nm and 615 nm. Wavelength ranges for integrating area: 530–565 nm (Tb³⁺: ⁵D₄ → ⁷F₅) and 603–637 nm (Eu³⁺: ⁵D₀ → ⁷F₂). (d) Relative intensity of green and red emissions at 25 °C along the heating cycles.

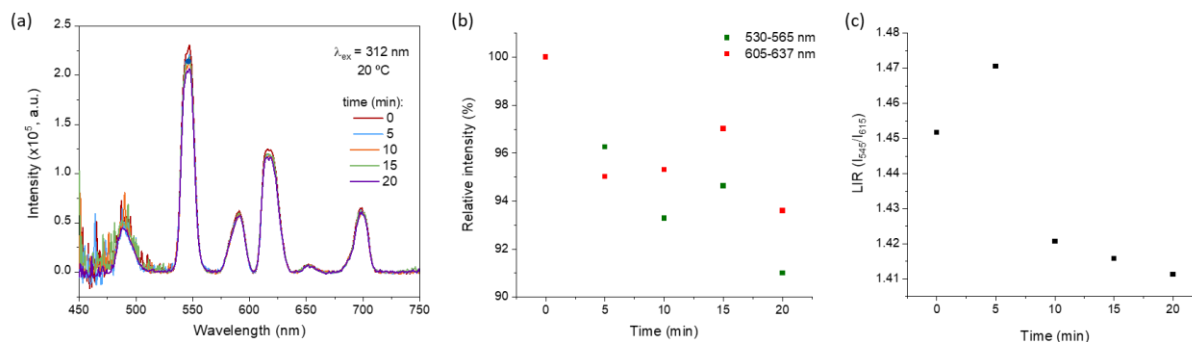


Figure S14. (a) Emission spectra of IONP@SiO₂-acac/Ln³⁺ measured after different periods of exposure to excitation light ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 312$ nm). (b) Relative intensities at 545 nm and 615 nm normalized to the spectrum measured at time $t = 0$. Wavelength ranges for integrating areas: 530–565 nm (Tb³⁺: ⁵D₄ → ⁷F₅) and 603–637 nm (Eu³⁺: ⁵D₀ → ⁷F₂). (c) LIR between 545 nm and 615 nm emissions showing the low variation in the thermometric parameter ($\text{LIR} = 1.43 \pm 0.3$, relative standard deviation is 1.8 %) along with the time.

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