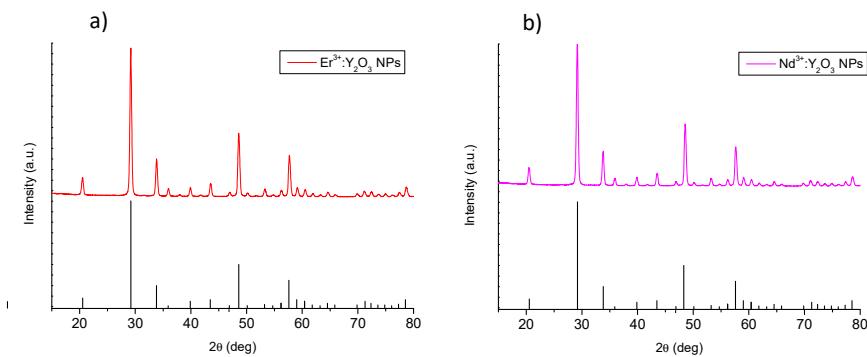
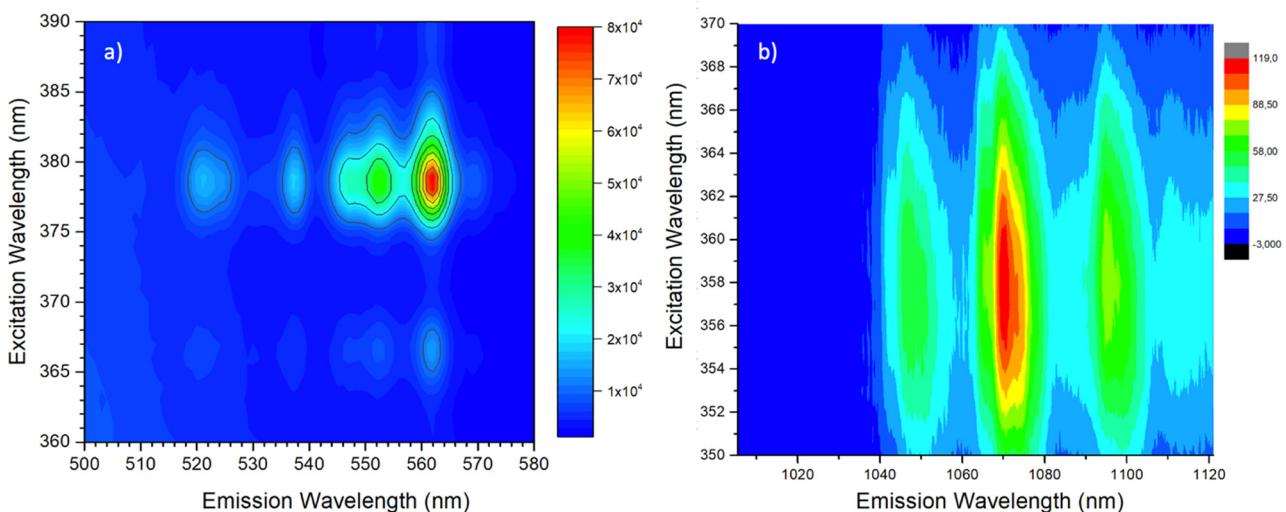


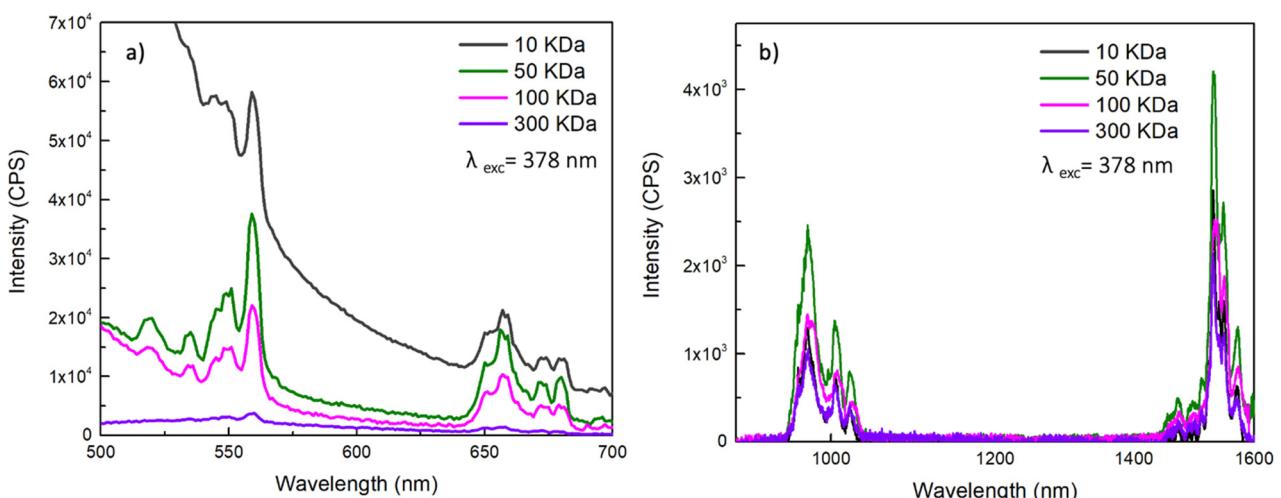
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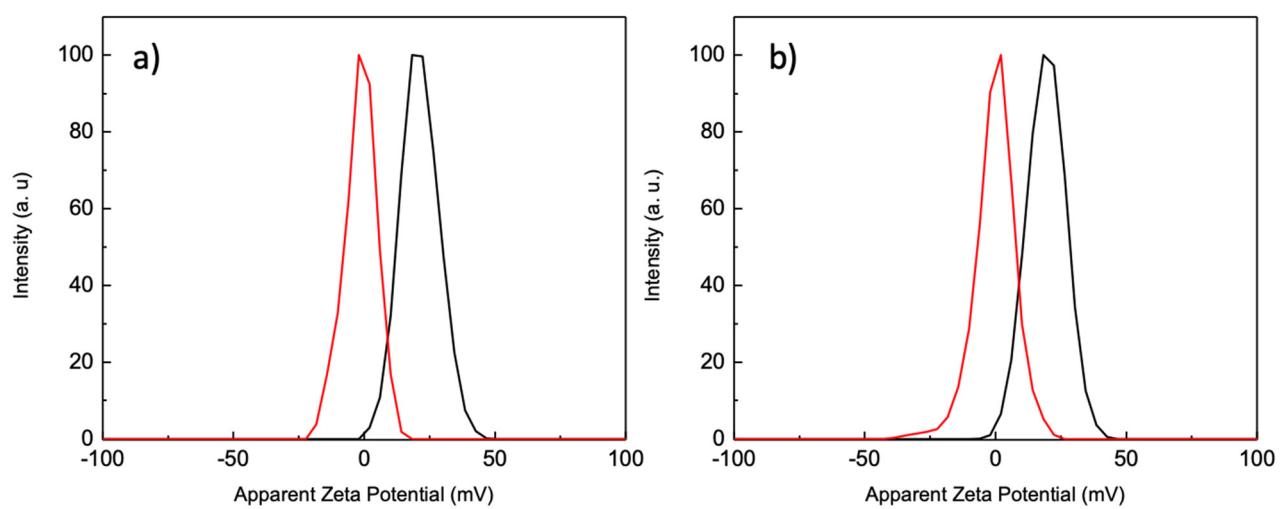
**Figure S1.** XRD patterns for a)  $\text{Er:Y}_2\text{O}_3$  and b)  $\text{Nd:Y}_2\text{O}_3$  NPs compared with the powder diffraction file ICDD 25-1011.



**Figure S2.** Photoexcitation 2D maps of a)  $\text{Er:Y}_2\text{O}_3$  NPs and b)  $\text{Nd:Y}_2\text{O}_3$  NPs.



**Figure S3.** PL emission spectra comparison in a) visible and b) IR range of pegylated  $\text{Er:Y}_2\text{O}_3$  NPs, sample E3 after ultrafiltration using Amicon with a different pore size ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}=378$  nm).



**Figure S4.** Zeta potential charts of core (in black) and pegylated (in red) for a) Er:Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs and b) Nd:Y<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> NPs.