



Orange-red-emitting BaSrGd₄O₈:Sm³⁺ phosphors with high thermal stability for applications in w-LEDs and latent fingerprints

一种具有高热稳定性的橘红色发光BaSrGd₄O₈:Sm³⁺荧光粉用于w-LEDs和潜指纹

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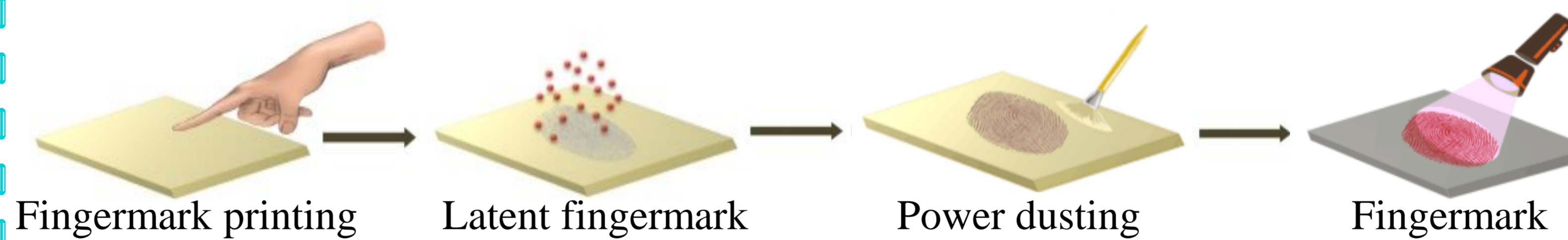


Introduction



- Existing fluorescence imaging techniques such as ninhydrin are not clear, especially for the **third quarter of fingerprint characteristics** such as sweat holes, and traditional developers are **harmful to the environment**.
- Fingerprints can be used for personal identification. Leaving fingerprints invisible at the crime scene is called **latent fingerprints (LFPs)**.
- The inorganic phosphors generally **have higher security and better stability** than organic dyes and metal powder.
- The details of LFPs **can be clearly identified** under UV light with high contrast and low background interference. The exploration and development of phosphors that can detect LFPs with high resolution has become a **hot topic** in recent years.
- Our work shows that BaSrGd₄O₈:Sm³⁺ phosphors **have the potential to be used LFPs to help with personal identification**.

Experimental details



Mixtures of BaCO₃ (A.R.), SrCO₃ (A.R.), Sm₂O₃ (A.R.), and Gd₂O₃ (A.R.) in the fixed stoichiometric ratio were finely grounded. Then calcining them at 600°C in one muffle furnace for 2 h, following another re-grinding step, pressing samples into tablets and sintered for 5 h.

Phase purity

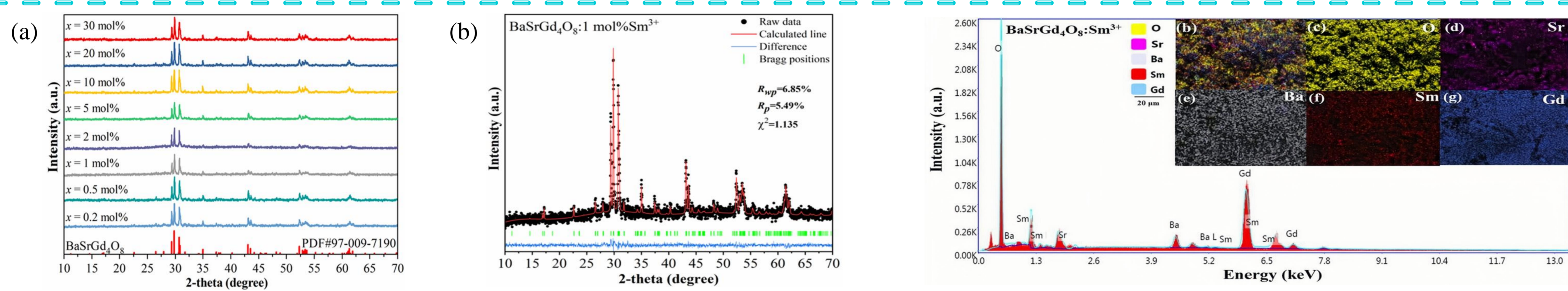


Fig. 1. (a) XRD patterns of BaSrGd₄O₈ and BaSrGd₄O₈ standard PDF card. (b) Rietveld refinement of BaSrGd₄O₈:1 mol% Sm³⁺ sample. Fig. 2. EDS spectrum of BaSrGd₄O₈:1 mol% Sm³⁺ sample. (b-g) Elemental mapping images of BaSrGd₄O₈:1 mol% Sm³⁺ sample.

Optical and structural properties

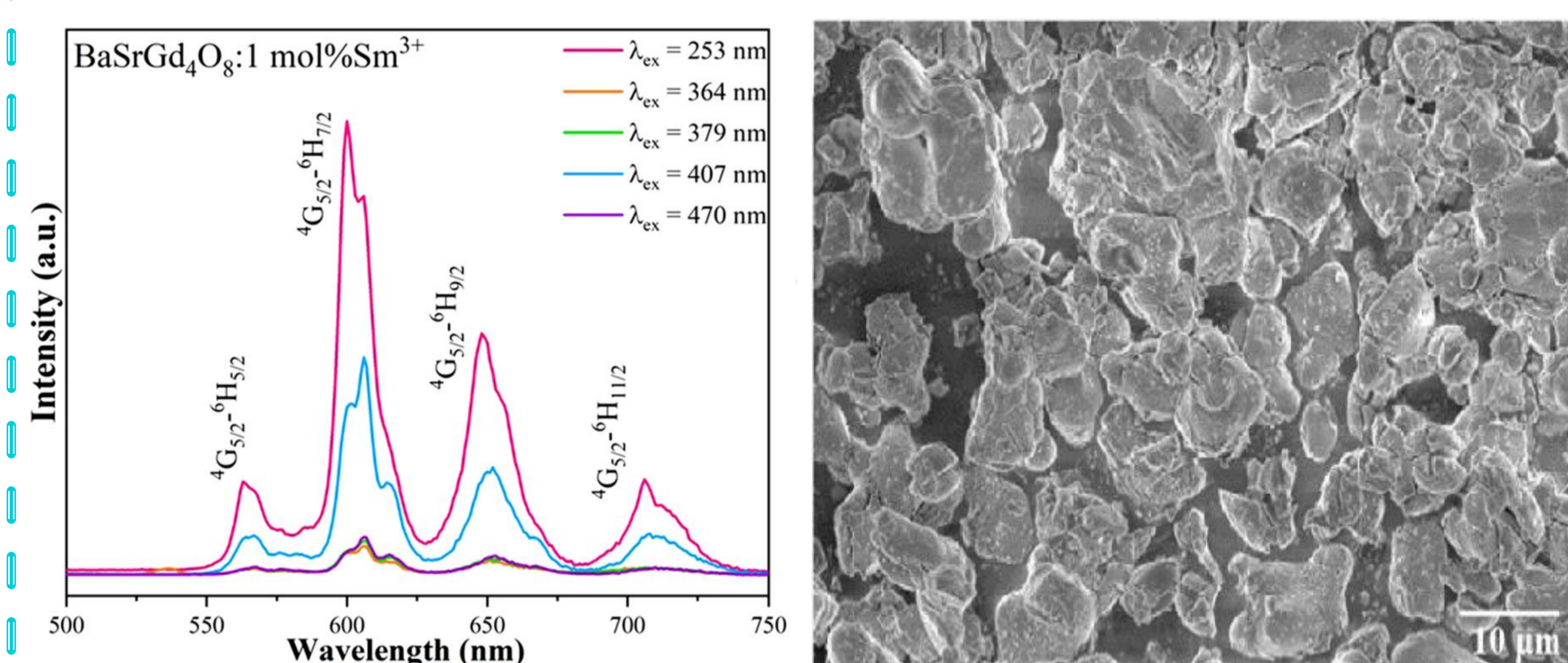


Fig. 3. PL spectra of BaSrGd₄O₈:1 mol% Sm³⁺ at different excitation wavelengths.

Fig. 4. SEM images of BaSrGd₄O₈:1 mol% Sm³⁺.

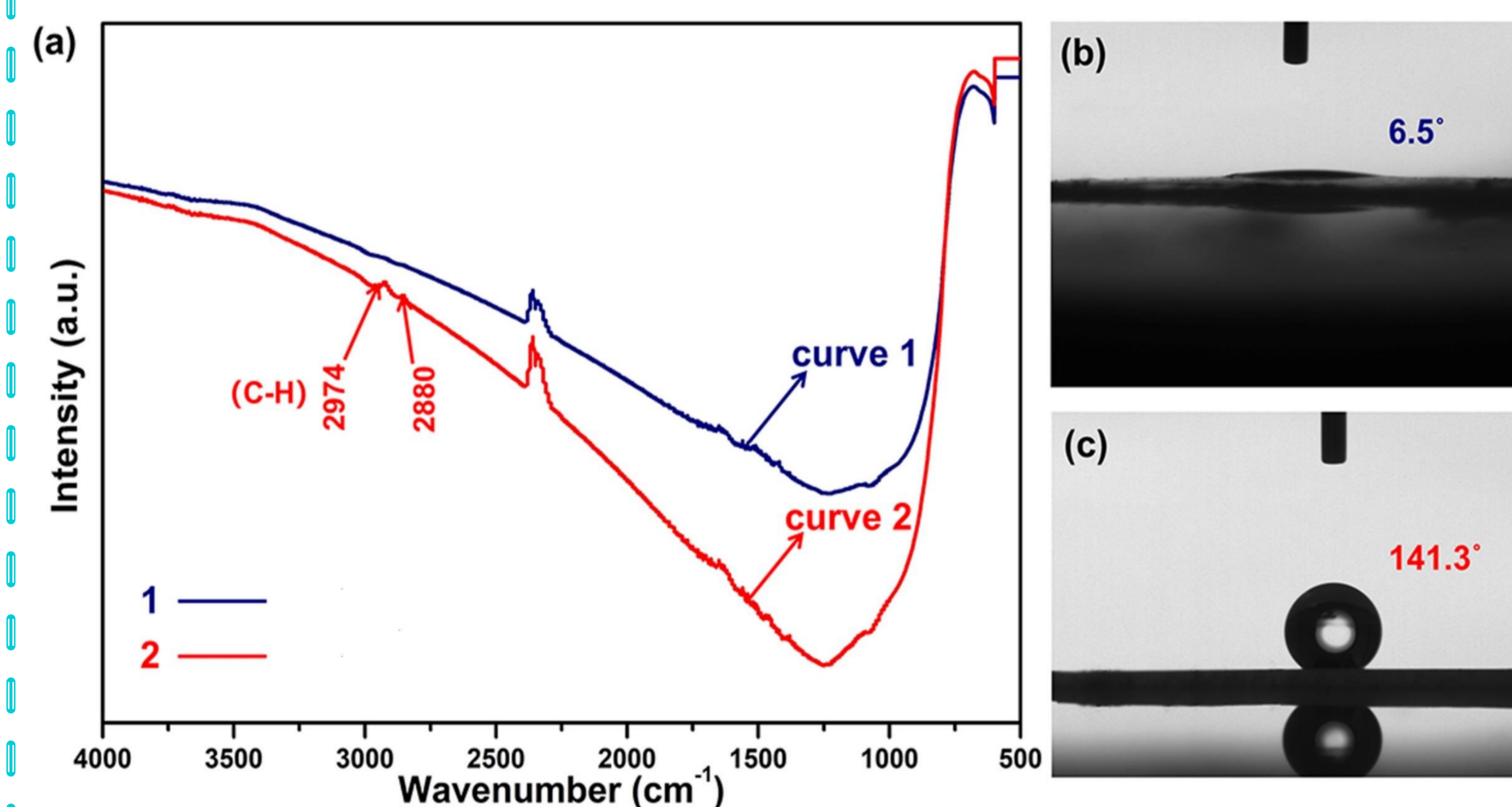


Fig. 5. Comparison of (a) FT-IR spectra and (b-c) Contact angles of water droplets of MISO: 1 mol% Sm³⁺ and MISO: 1 mol% Sm³⁺ @OA.

Personal identification

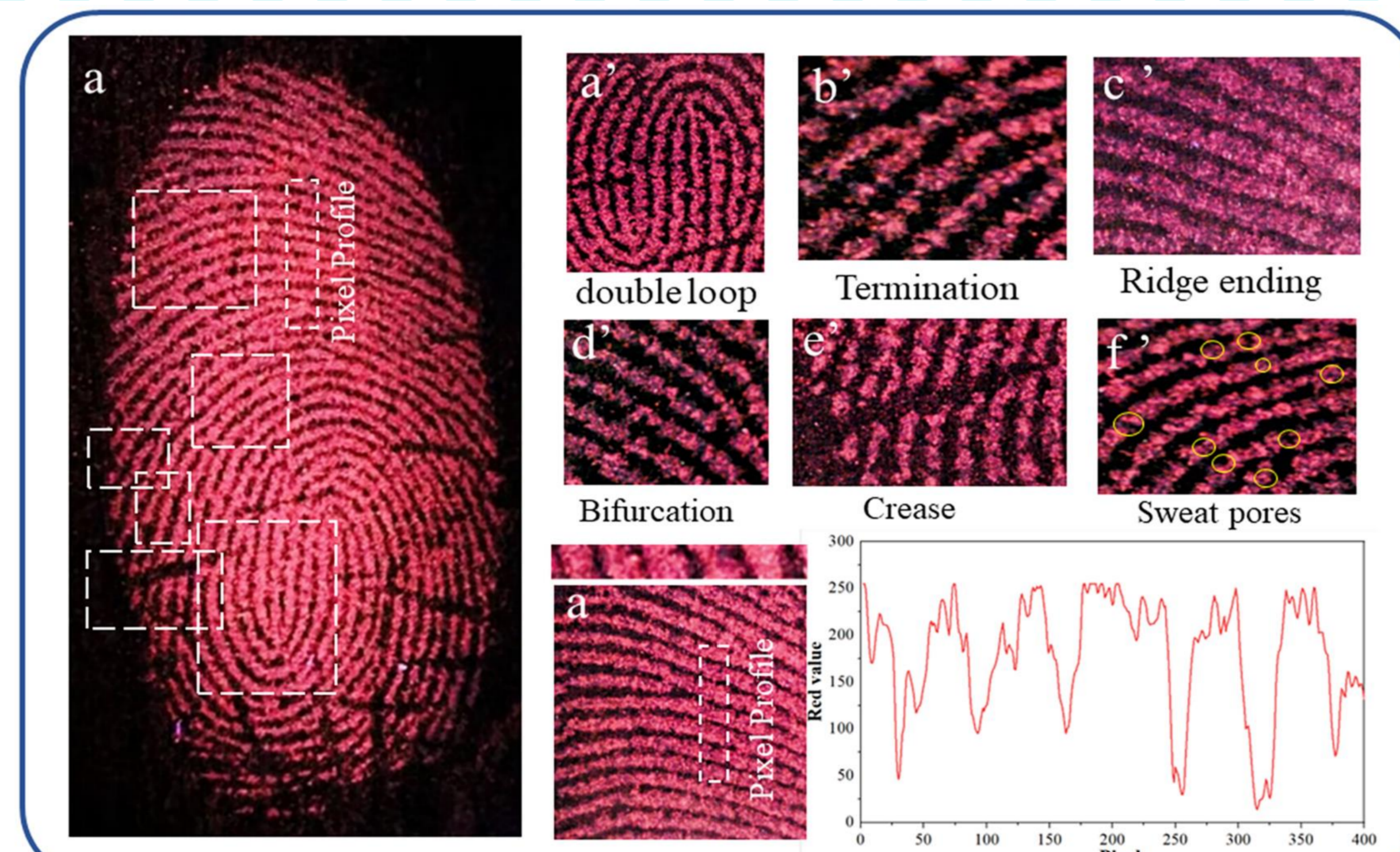


Fig. 6. (a) Fluorescent images of LFPs stained with BaSrGd₄O₈:Sm³⁺. (a')-(f') Enlarged view of each feature of LFPs.

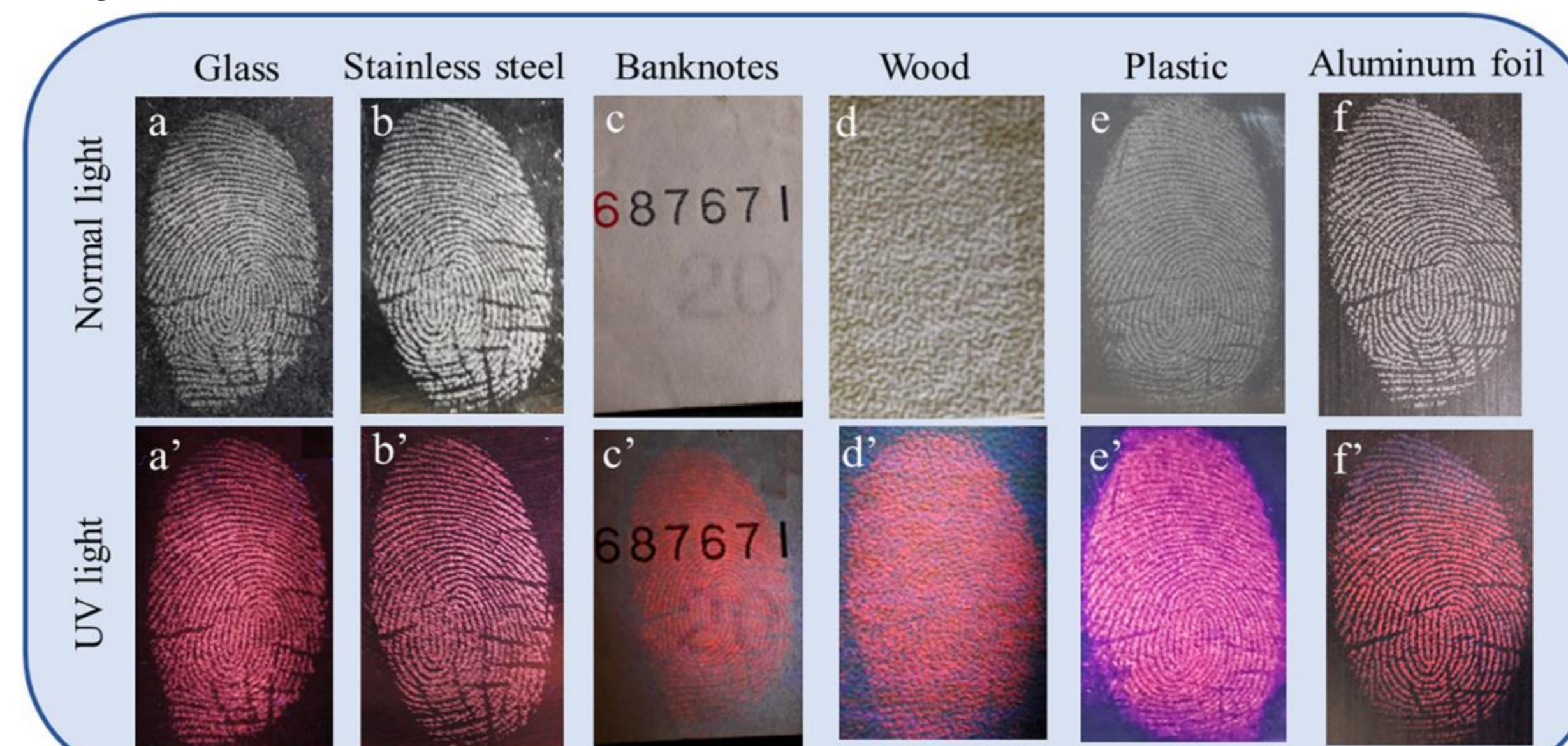


Fig. 8. (a)-(f) and (a')-(f') LFPs on the surfaces of different materials visualized by BaSrGd₄O₈: 1 mol% Sm³⁺ phosphor under daylight and UV light.

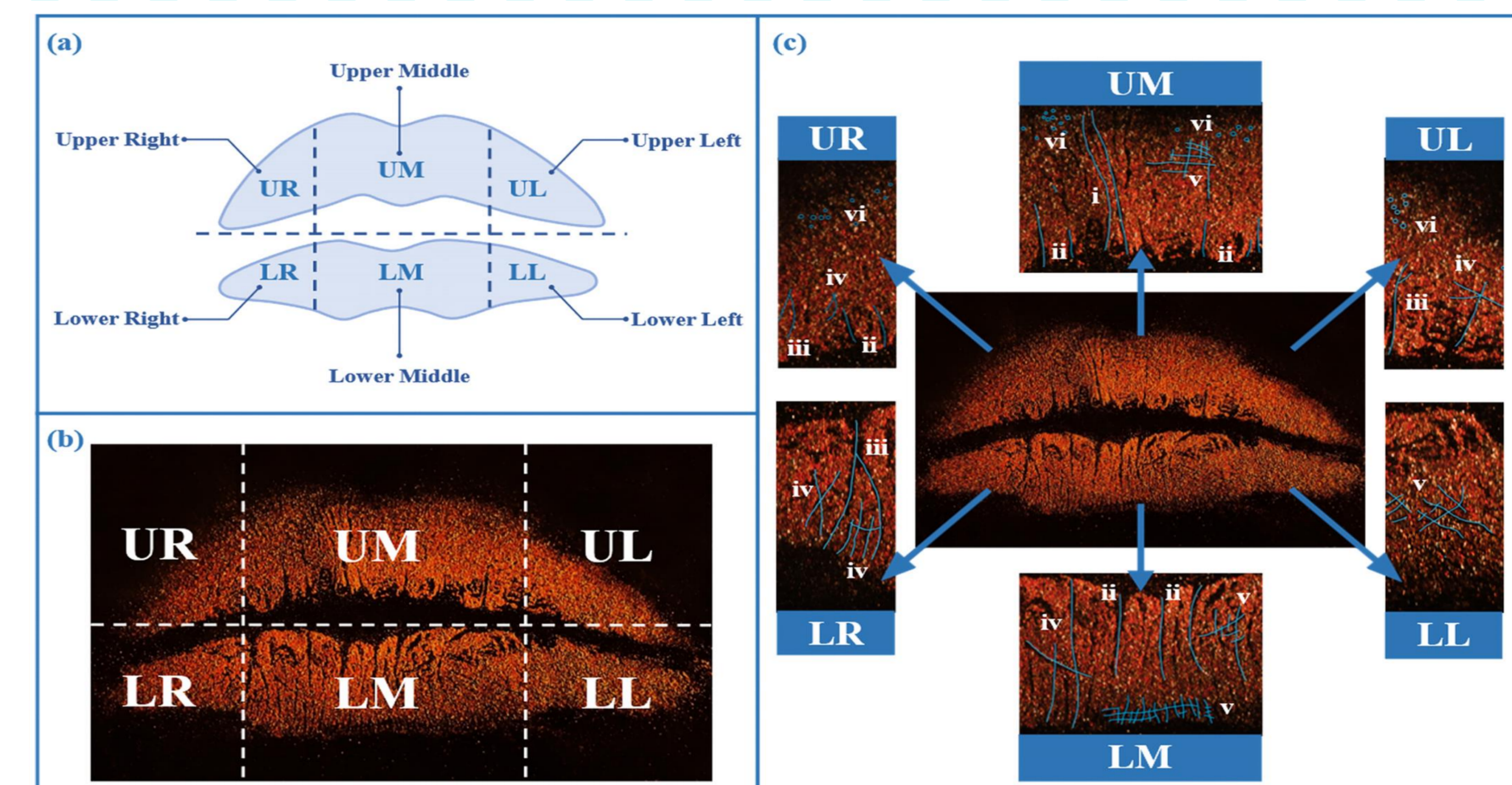


Fig. 7. (a) A lip print identification model. (b) Lip print stained by BGSO:0.02Sm³⁺@OA phosphor under UV light. (c) Development and identification of different lip print features.

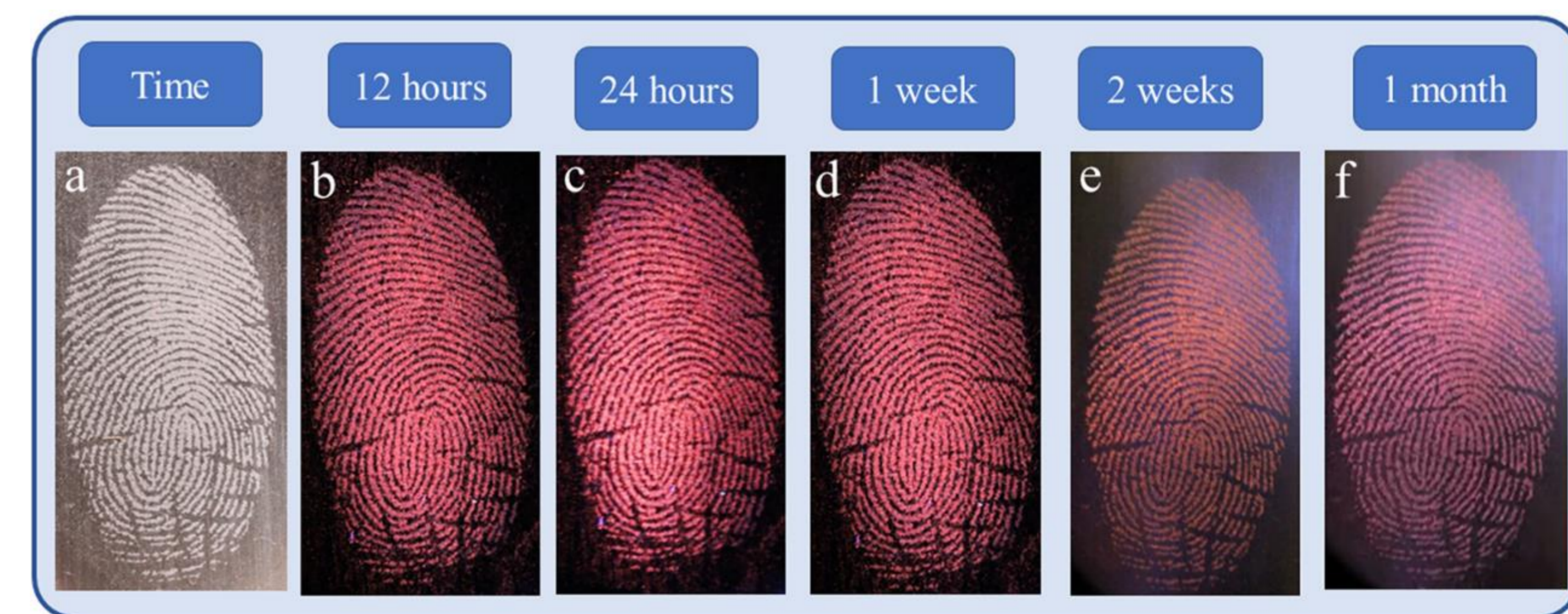
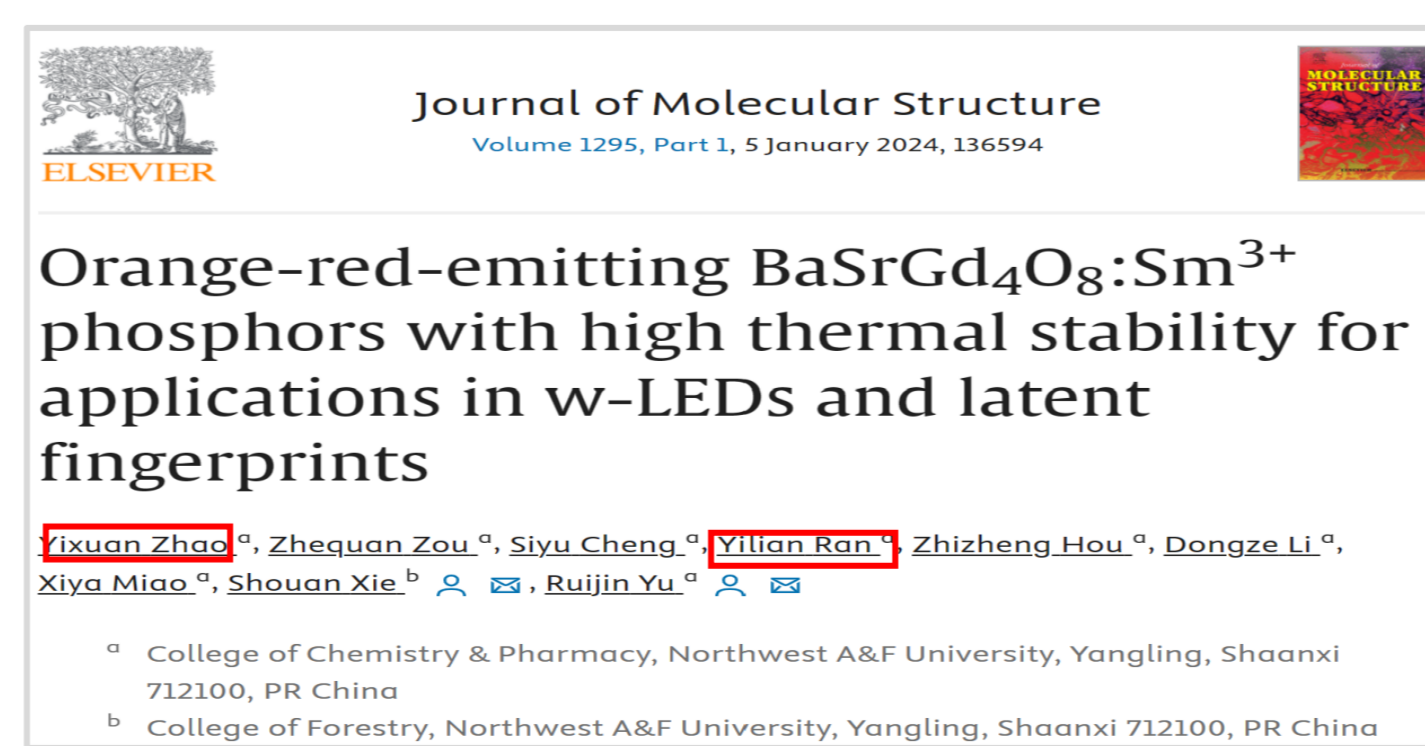


Fig. 9. (a) Image of LFPs under daylight. (b)-(f) images pictures under UV light storing for different time.

Conclusions

- Orange-red BaSrGd₄O₈:Sm³⁺ phosphors were prepared via the solid-state reaction. Obvious orange-red emission peaks were observed by reason of the ⁴G_{5/2}→⁶H_{7/2} (605 nm) transition of Sm³⁺ ions. The optimal Sm³⁺ doped concentration in BaSrGd₄O₈ was 1 mol%.
- LFPs using BaSrGd₄O₈: Sm³⁺ phosphor on various object surfaces are clearly visible.
- All above results illustrate the great potential of orange-red-emitting material BaSrGd₄O₈:Sm³⁺ phosphors for LFPs detection.

Achievements



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