

Supporting Information for:

Structural and Photophysical Properties of Visible–  
and Near–Infrared–Emitting Tris Lanthanide(III)  
Complexes Formed with the Enantiomers of  
*N,N'*–bis(1–phenylethyl)  
–2,6–pyridinedicarboxamide

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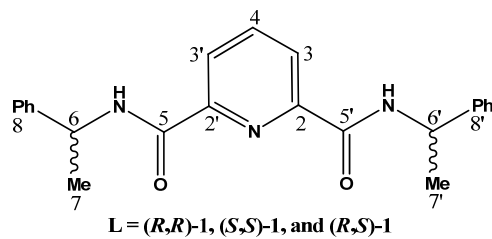
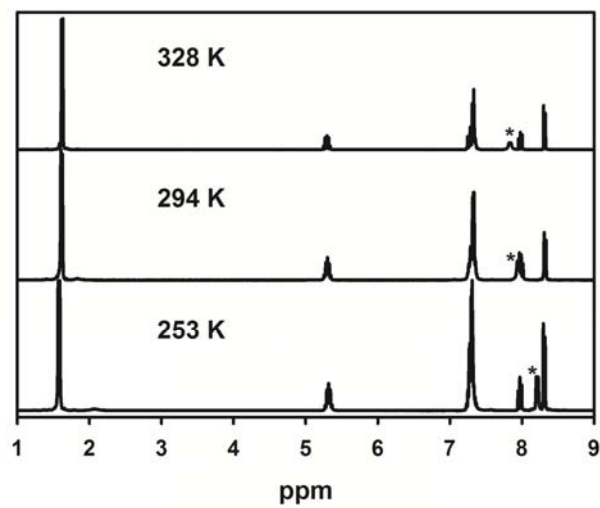
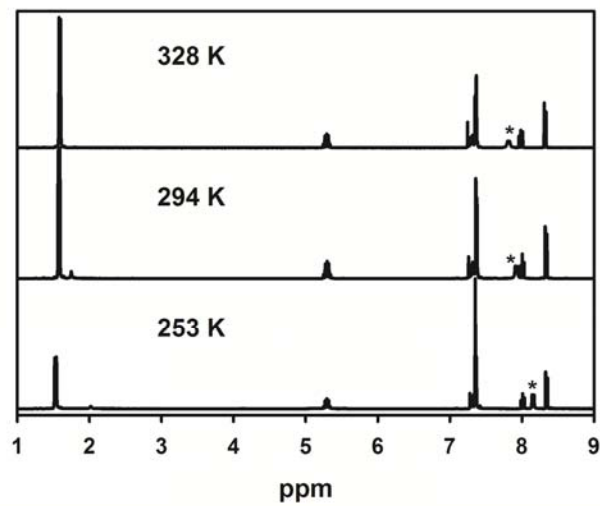
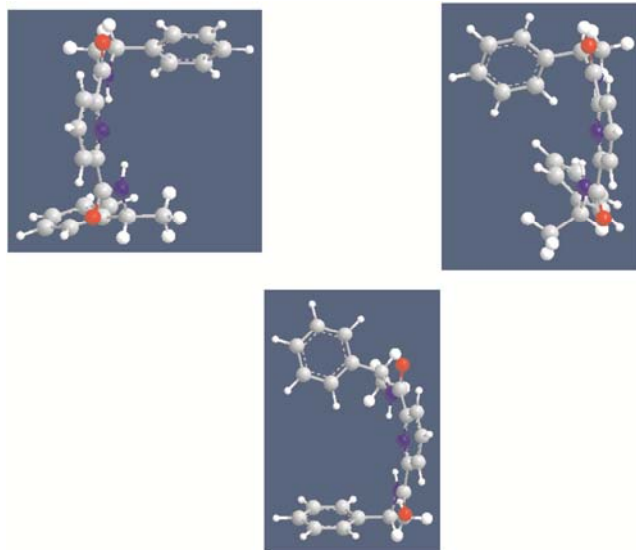


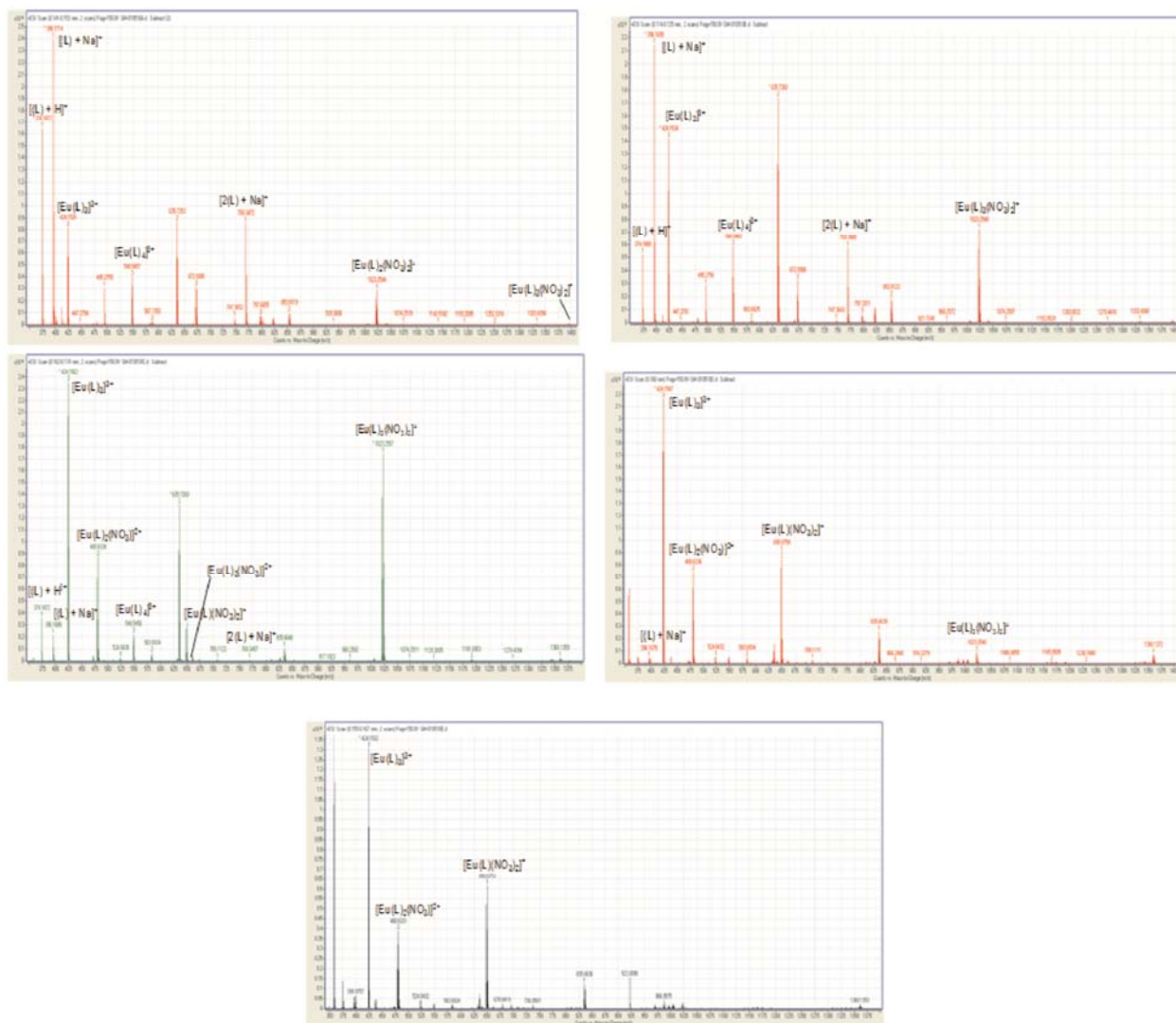
Figure S1. Variable Temperature  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra of (*R,R*)-1 (top) and (*R,S*)-1 (bottom) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ . The symbol \* denotes signal arising from the proton of the NH group.

**Table S1.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) in (*R,S*)-**1** (Standard Deviation in Parentheses).

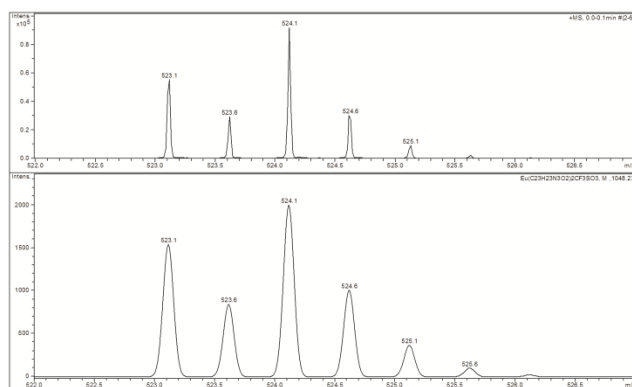
O(1)-C(9)	1.228(3)	C(11)-C(12)	1.377(3)	C(9)-N(1)-C(7)	123.7(2)	N(2)-C(14)-C(15)	117.0(2)
O(2)-C(15)	1.237(3)	C(12)-C(13)	1.375(3)	C(10)-N(2)-C(14)	117.30(19)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	119.9(2)
O(3)-C(32)	1.236(3)	C(13)-C(14)	1.386(3)	C(15)-N(3)-C(16)	122.7(2)	O(2)-C(15)-N(3)	124.3(2)
O(4)-C(38)	1.236(3)	C(14)-C(15)	1.506(3)	C(32)-N(4)-C(30)	122.31(19)	O(2)-C(15)-C(14)	120.4(2)
N(1)-C(9)	1.327(3)	C(16)-C(17)	1.502(4)	C(33)-N(5)-C(37)	116.84(19)	N(3)-C(15)-C(14)	115.3(2)
N(1)-C(7)	1.467(3)	C(24)-C(25)	1.378(3)	C(38)-N(6)-C(39)	120.68(19)	N(3)-C(16)-C(18A)	115.9(8)
N(2)-C(10)	1.337(3)	C(24)-C(29)	1.380(3)	C(6)-C(1)-C(2)	121.9(3)	N(3)-C(16)-C(17)	110.0(2)
N(2)-C(14)	1.342(3)	C(25)-C(26)	1.373(4)	C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.0(3)	C(18A)-C(16)-C(17)	116.2(8)
N(3)-C(15)	1.333(3)	C(26)-C(27)	1.363(4)	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119.4(3)	N(3)-C(16)-C(18B)	105.2(8)
N(3)-C(16)	1.460(3)	C(27)-C(28)	1.372(3)	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.6(3)	N(4)-C(30)-C(29)	112.32(19)
N(4)-C(32)	1.331(3)	C(28)-C(29)	1.383(3)	C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	121.6(3)	N(4)-C(30)-C(31)	111.09(19)
N(4)-C(30)	1.454(3)	C(29)-C(30)	1.515(3)	C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	116.6(2)	C(29)-C(30)-C(31)	110.60(19)
N(5)-C(33)	1.345(3)	C(30)-C(31)	1.521(3)	C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	122.2(2)	O(3)-C(32)-N(4)	123.9(2)
N(5)-C(37)	1.345(3)	C(32)-C(33)	1.497(3)	C(1)-C(6)-C(7)	121.2(2)	O(3)-C(32)-C(33)	119.3(2)
N(6)-C(38)	1.330(3)	C(33)-C(34)	1.382(3)	N(1)-C(7)-C(8)	110.65(19)	N(4)-C(32)-C(33)	116.8(2)
N(6)-C(39)	1.462(3)	C(34)-C(35)	1.366(3)	N(1)-C(7)-C(6)	110.3(2)	N(5)-C(33)-C(34)	122.6(2)
C(1)-C(6)	1.375(4)	C(36)-C(37)	1.373(3)	C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	114.8(2)	N(5)-C(33)-C(32)	117.3(2)
C(1)-C(2)	1.386(4)	C(37)-C(38)	1.505(3)	O(1)-C(9)-N(1)	124.4(2)	C(34)-C(33)-C(32)	120.1(2)
C(2)-C(3)	1.350(4)	C(39)-C(41)	1.515(3)	O(1)-C(9)-C(10)	119.6(2)	C(35)-C(34)-C(33)	119.9(2)
C(3)-C(4)	1.351(4)	C(39)-C(40)	1.516(3)	N(1)-C(9)-C(10)	116.1(2)	C(34)-C(35)-C(36)	118.2(2)
C(4)-C(5)	1.385(4)	C(41)-C(46)	1.372(3)	N(2)-C(10)-C(11)	122.8(2)	C(37)-C(36)-C(35)	119.0(2)
C(5)-C(6)	1.367(3)	C(41)-C(42)	1.374(3)	N(2)-C(10)-C(9)	118.0(2)	N(5)-C(37)-C(36)	123.5(2)
C(6)-C(7)	1.511(3)	C(42)-C(43)	1.389(4)	C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	119.1(2)	N(5)-C(37)-C(38)	116.81(19)
C(7)-C(8)	1.508(3)	C(43)-C(44)	1.372(4)	C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	119.5(2)	C(36)-C(37)-C(38)	119.7(2)
C(9)-C(10)	1.509(3)	C(44)-C(45)	1.347(5)	C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	118.6(2)	O(4)-C(38)-N(6)	123.5(2)
C(10)-C(11)	1.376(3)	C(45)-C(46)	1.374(4)	C(12)-C(13)-C(14)	118.7(2)	O(4)-C(38)-C(37)	119.8(2)



**Figure S2.** Geometric optimization of the three optical isomers of **1**, (*R,R*)-**1** (top left), (*S,S*)-**1** (top right), and (*R,S*)-**1** (bottom), as obtained by DFT B3LYP 6–31G(d) calculations.



**Figure S3.** ES-MS spectra of Eu(III) and **L** in anhydrous MeCN at 298 K (**L** = (*R,R*)-**1**).

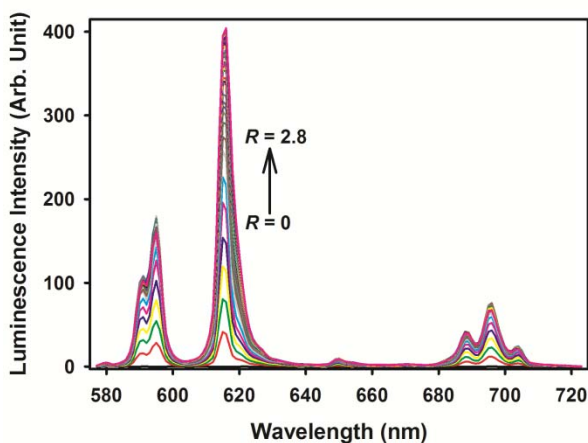


**Figure S4.** Detail of the ES-MS signal arising from the  $[EuL_3]^{3+}$  species observed in the ES-MS Spectra of Solutions ( $[L]_t = 2 \times 10^{-3}$  M in Anhydrous MeCN) with Ratios  $R = [Eu]_t/[L]_t = 0-4$  at 298 K (**L** = (*R,R*)-**1**).

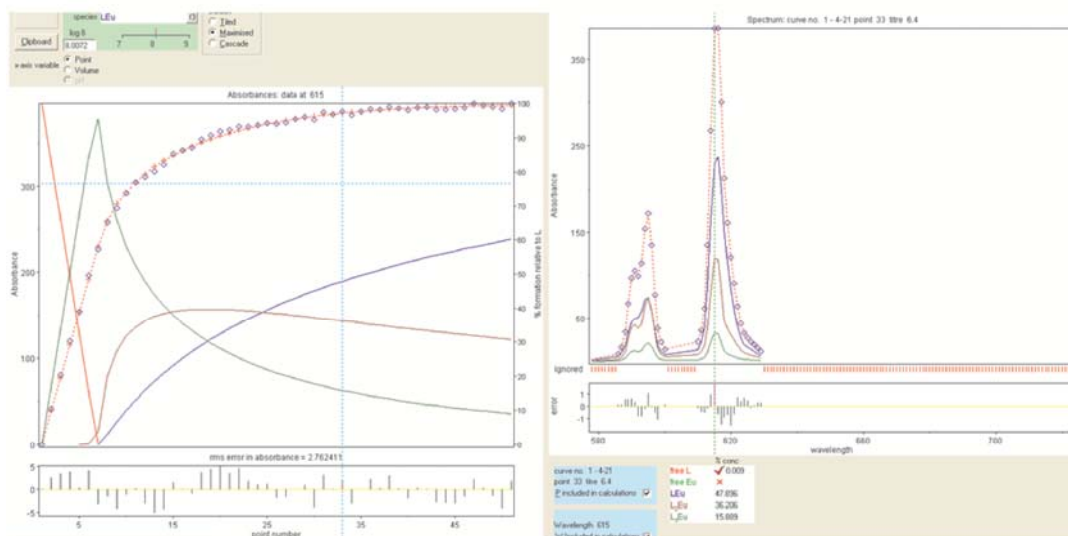
**Table S2.** Species Observed in the ES–MS Spectra of Solutions ( $[L]_t = 2 \times 10^{-3}$  M in Anhydrous MeCN) with Ratios  $R = [Eu]_t/[L]_t = 0.25, 0.33, 0.5,$  and  $1.0$  at 298 K ( $L = (R,R)\text{-1}$ ).

Species	$m/z^a$	Species	$m/z^a$
$[L + Na]^+$	396.2	$[Eu(L)(Otf)(CH_3CN)_{12}]^{2+}$	583.7
$[Eu(L)_3]^{3+}$	424.2	$[Eu(L)_3(Otf)]^{2+}$	710.7
$[Eu(L)_2(Otf)]^{2+}$	524.1	$[Eu(L)_2(Otf)_2]^+$	667.2
$[Eu(L)_4]^{3+}$	548.6	$[Eu(L)_3(Otf)_2]^+$	1197.2

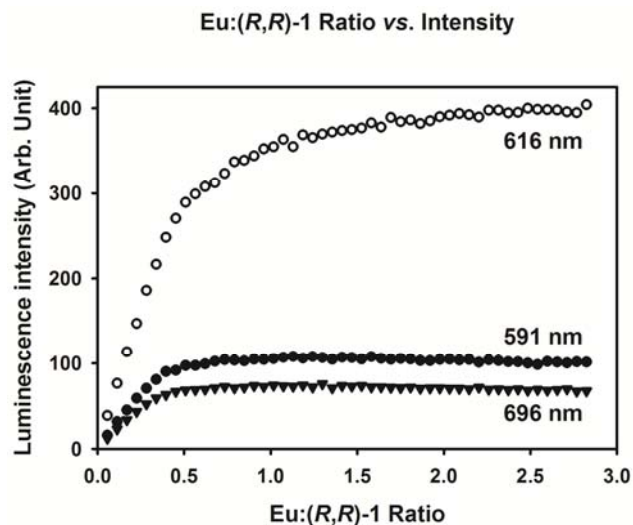
<sup>a</sup>  $m/z$  values given for the maximum of the peak at unit mass resolution where  $Otf^-$  denotes  $CF_3SO_3^-$ .



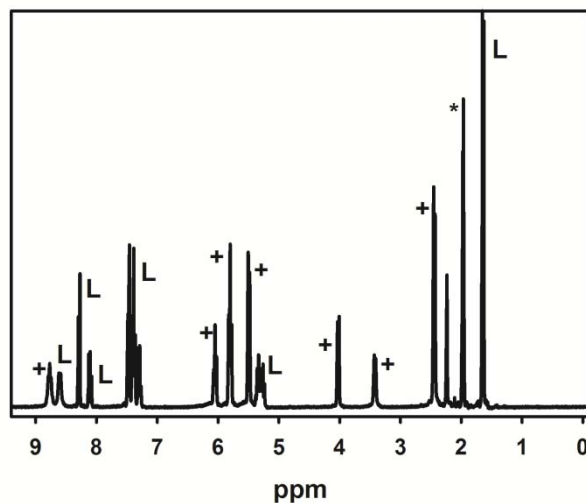
**Figure S5.** Time-resolved luminescence spectra obtained while titrating  $5.15 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $(R,R)\text{-1}$  with  $1.09 \times 10^{-3}$  M  $Eu(NO_3)_3$  at 298 K in anhydrous MeCN, in the presence of 0.05 M  $Et_4NClO_4$ , and under  $N_2$  atmosphere.  $R = [Eu]_t/[L]_t$ .



**Figure S6.** Example of Hyperquad2006 refinement data fits from a time-resolved luminescence titration of  $5.15 \times 10^{-5}$  M  $(R,R)\text{-1}$  with  $1.09 \times 10^{-3}$  M  $Eu(NO_3)_3$  in anhydrous MeCN ( $\mu = 0.05$  M  $Et_4NClO_4$ ) at 298 K and under  $N_2$  atmosphere.



**Figure S7.** Luminescence intensity *vs.*  $R$  plots at various wavelengths during the time-resolved luminescence titration of  $5.15 \times 10^{-5}$  M (R,R)-1 with  $1.09 \times 10^{-3}$  M  $\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  in anhydrous MeCN ( $\mu = 0.05$  M  $\text{Et}_4\text{NClO}_4$ ) at 298 K and under  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere.  $R = [\text{Eu}]_t/[(\text{R,R})-1]_t$ .



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum of a solution containing a ratio,  $R = [\text{Eu}]_t/[\text{L}]_t$  of 0.2 in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (\* symbol) at 298 K. The symbols L and + denote signals arising from the L and 1:3 species, respectively (L = (R,R)-1).

**Table S3.** Details of the Crystallographic Data Collection, Structural Determination, and Refinement for  $[\text{LnL}_3]^{3+}$  (Ln(III) = Eu, Gd, Tb, Yb and L = (R,R)-1 and/or (S,S)-1).

	$[\text{EuL}_3]^{3+}$ (L = (S,S)-1))	$[\text{GdL}_3]^{3+}$ (L = (R,R)-1))	$[\text{GdL}_3]^{3+}$ (L = (S,S)-1))
empirical formula	$\text{C}_{70.88}\text{H}_{76.50}\text{Cl}_3\text{EuN}_9\text{O}_{7.88}$	$\text{C}_{70.88}\text{H}_{76.50}\text{Cl}_3\text{GdN}_9\text{O}_{7.88}$	$\text{C}_{70.88}\text{H}_{76.50}\text{Cl}_3\text{GdN}_9\text{O}_{7.88}$
fw	1438.72	1444.01	1444.01
T (K)	147(2)	151(2)	143(2)
cryst syst	cubic	cubic	cubic
space group	I23	I23	I23
$a/\text{\AA}$	25.965(2)	25.967(2)	25.955
$b/\text{\AA}$	25.965(2)	25.967(2)	25.955
$c/\text{\AA}$	25.965(2)	25.967(2)	25.955
$\alpha/\text{deg}$	90	90	90
$\beta/\text{deg}$	90	90	90
$\gamma/\text{deg}$	90	90	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	17505.1	17509.2	17484.9
Z	8	8	8
abs coeff ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	0.856	0.897	0.898
$D/\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$	1.092	1.096	1.097
reflns collected	40303	56168	82880
unique reflns	5358	5364	7003
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0316	0.0436	0.0420
params	278	341	275
final R [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0297	0.0271	0.0310
wR2	0.0816	0.0734	0.0787

**Table S4.** Details of the Crystallographic Data Collection, Structural Determination, and Refinement for  $[\text{LnL}_3]^{3+}$  (Ln(III) = Tb, Yb and L = (R,R)-1 and/or (S,S)-1).

	$[\text{TbL}_3]^{3+}$ (L = (R,R)-1))	$[\text{TbL}_3]^{3+}$ (L = (S,S)-1))	$[\text{YbL}_3]^{3+}$ (L = (S,S)-1))
empirical formula	$\text{C}_{70.50}\text{H}_{76.25}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_9\text{O}_{7.50}\text{Tb}$	$\text{C}_{71.50}\text{H}_{79}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_9\text{O}_{8.50}\text{Tb}$	$\text{C}_{71.50}\text{H}_{79}\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_9\text{O}_{8.50}\text{Yb}$
fw	1434.93	1465.71	1479.83
T (K)	151(2)	151(2)	131(2)
cryst syst	cubic	cubic	cubic
space group	I23	I23	I23
$a/\text{\AA}$	25.938(2)	25.942(2)	25.849
$b/\text{\AA}$	25.938(2)	25.942(2)	25.949
$c/\text{\AA}$	25.938(2)	25.942(2)	25.949
$\alpha/\text{deg}$	90	90	90
$\beta/\text{deg}$	90	90	90
$\gamma/\text{deg}$	90	90	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	17450.6	17458.6	17271.5
Z	8	8	8
abs coeff ( $\text{mm}^{-1}$ )	0.950	0.951	1.226
$D/\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$	1.092	1.115	1.138
reflns collected	103517	35964	56820
unique reflns	5337	5329	5277
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0406	0.0308	0.0307
params	274	279	278
final R [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0219	0.0227	0.0193
wR2	0.0597	0.0637	0.0515

**Table S5.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) in  $\Delta$ -[Eu((S,S)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (Standard Deviation in Parentheses).

N(2)-Eu(1)	2.555(3)
Eu(1)-O(1)#1	2.388(2)
Eu(1)-O(1)#2	2.388(2)
Eu(1)-O(1)	2.388(2)
Eu(1)-O(2)	2.404(2)
Eu(1)-O(2)#1	2.404(2)
Eu(1)-O(2)#2	2.404(2)
Eu(1)-N(2)#1	2.555(3)
Eu(1)-N(2)#2	2.555(3)
C(10)-N(2)-Eu(1)	119.6(2)
C(14)-N(2)-Eu(1)	120.1(2)
C(15)-N(3)-C(16)	122.7(3)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-O(1)#2	81.05(9)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-O(1)	81.05(9)
O(1)#2-Eu(1)-O(1)	81.05(9)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-O(2)	144.99(8)
O(1)#2-Eu(1)-O(2)	82.72(8)
O(1)-Eu(1)-O(2)	126.53(8)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-O(2)#1	126.53(8)
O(1)#2-Eu(1)-O(2)#1	144.99(8)
O(1)-Eu(1)-O(2)#1	82.72(8)
O(2)-Eu(1)-O(2)#1	82.41(9)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-O(2)#2	82.72(8)
O(1)#2-Eu(1)-O(2)#2	126.53(8)
O(1)-Eu(1)-O(2)#2	144.99(8)
O(2)-Eu(1)-O(2)#2	82.41(9)
O(2)#1-Eu(1)-O(2)#2	82.41(9)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)#1	63.30(8)
O(1)#2-Eu(1)-N(2)#1	139.19(9)
O(1)-Eu(1)-N(2)#1	74.66(8)
O(2)-Eu(1)-N(2)#1	138.04(9)
O(2)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)#1	63.30(8)
O(2)#2-Eu(1)-N(2)#1	70.33(8)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)	139.19(9)
O(1)#2-Eu(1)-N(2)	74.66(8)
O(1)-Eu(1)-N(2)	63.30(8)
O(2)-Eu(1)-N(2)	63.30(8)
O(2)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)	70.33(8)
O(2)#2-Eu(1)-N(2)	138.04(9)
N(2)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)	119.953(5)
O(1)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	74.66(8)
O(1)#2-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	63.30(8)
O(1)-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	139.19(9)
O(2)-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	70.33(8)
O(2)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	138.04(9)
O(2)#2-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	63.30(8)
N(2)#1-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	119.953(5)
N(2)-Eu(1)-N(2)#2	119.953(5)
C(9)-O(1)-Eu(1)	125.7(2)
C(15)-O(2)-Eu(1)	125.8(2)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -z+1,x+1,y #2 -y+1,z,-x+1 #3 -x+1,-y,z



**Table S6.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) in  $\Lambda$ -[Gd((R,R)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (Standard Deviation in Parentheses).

N(2)-Gd(1)	2.543(2)
O(1)-Gd(1)	2.393(2)
O(2)-Gd(1)	2.3811(18)
Gd(1)-O(2)#1	2.3811(18)
Gd(1)-O(2)#2	2.3811(18)
Gd(1)-O(1)#1	2.393(2)
Gd(1)-O(1)#2	2.393(2)
Gd(1)-N(2)#1	2.543(2)
Gd(1)-N(2)#2	2.543(2)
C(10)-N(2)-Gd(1)	119.74(19)
C(14)-N(2)-Gd(1)	120.54(18)
C(15)-O(1)-Gd(1)	125.93(18)
C(9)-O(2)-Gd(1)	125.33(19)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-O(2)#2	80.86(8)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-O(2)	80.86(8)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-O(2)	80.86(8)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-O(1)#1	127.02(7)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-O(1)#1	144.74(7)
O(2)-Gd(1)-O(1)#1	83.03(7)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-O(1)	144.74(7)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-O(1)	83.03(7)
O(2)-Gd(1)-O(1)	127.02(7)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-O(1)	82.04(8)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-O(1)#2	83.03(7)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-O(1)#2	127.02(7)
O(2)-Gd(1)-O(1)#2	144.74(7)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-O(1)#2	82.04(8)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(1)#2	82.04(8)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)	139.18(8)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)	74.54(7)
O(2)-Gd(1)-N(2)	63.61(7)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)	70.20(7)
O(1)-Gd(1)-N(2)	63.49(7)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)	137.74(8)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	63.61(7)
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O(2)-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	74.54(7)
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O(1)-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	137.74(8)
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O(1)-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	70.20(7)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	63.49(7)
N(2)-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	119.947(4)
N(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	119.948(4)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 y,z,x #2 z,x,y #3 -x+1,-y+2,z

**Table S7.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) in  $\Delta$ -[Gd((S,S)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (Standard Deviation in Parentheses).

N(2)-Gd(1)	2.541(2)
O(1)-Gd(1)	2.3751(16)
O(2)-Gd(1)	2.3962(18)
Gd(1)-O(1)#1	2.3751(16)
Gd(1)-O(1)#2	2.3751(16)
Gd(1)-O(2)#1	2.3962(18)
Gd(1)-O(2)#2	2.3962(18)
Gd(1)-N(2)#1	2.541(2)
Gd(1)-N(2)#2	2.541(2)
C(14)-N(2)-Gd(1)	120.61(16)
C(10)-N(2)-Gd(1)	119.57(16)
C(9)-O(1)-Gd(1)	125.70(16)
C(15)-O(2)-Gd(1)	125.74(16)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-O(1)	80.68(7)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-O(1)#2	80.68(7)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(1)#2	80.68(7)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-O(2)#1	127.16(6)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(2)#1	83.14(7)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-O(2)#1	144.68(6)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-O(2)#2	83.14(7)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(2)#2	144.68(6)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-O(2)#2	127.16(6)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-O(2)#2	82.02(8)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-O(2)	144.68(6)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(2)	127.16(6)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-O(2)	83.14(7)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-O(2)	82.02(8)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-O(2)	82.02(8)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	63.74(7)
O(1)-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	74.44(6)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	139.06(7)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	63.50(6)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	70.25(7)
O(2)-Gd(1)-N(2)#1	137.76(7)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)	139.06(7)
O(1)-Gd(1)-N(2)	63.74(7)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)	74.44(6)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)	70.25(7)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)	137.76(7)
O(2)-Gd(1)-N(2)	63.50(6)
N(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)	119.950(4)
O(1)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	74.44(6)
O(1)-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	139.06(7)
O(1)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	63.74(7)
O(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	137.76(7)
O(2)#2-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	63.50(6)
O(2)-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	70.25(7)
N(2)#1-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	119.950(4)
N(2)-Gd(1)-N(2)#2	119.950(4)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 y,z,x #2 z,x,y #3 -x,y,-z+1

Table S8. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) in  $\Lambda$ -[Tb((R,R)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (Standard Deviation in Parentheses).

N(2)-Tb(1)	2.5278(19)
O(1)-Tb(1)	2.3813(17)
O(2)-Tb(1)	2.3723(16)
Tb(1)-O(2)#1	2.3723(16)
Tb(1)-O(2)#2	2.3723(16)
Tb(1)-O(1)#2	2.3813(17)
Tb(1)-O(1)#1	2.3813(17)
Tb(1)-N(2)#2	2.5278(19)
Tb(1)-N(2)#1	2.5278(19)
C(14)-N(2)-Tb(1)	120.68(15)
C(10)-N(2)-Tb(1)	119.55(15)
C(15)-O(1)-Tb(1)	126.07(16)
C(9)-O(2)-Tb(1)	125.37(16)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	80.88(7)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)	80.88(7)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-O(2)	80.88(7)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	82.87(6)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	127.54(6)
O(2)-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	144.14(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(1)	144.14(6)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-O(1)	82.87(6)
O(2)-Tb(1)-O(1)	127.54(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-O(1)	82.12(7)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(1)#1	127.54(6)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-O(1)#1	144.14(6)
O(2)-Tb(1)-O(1)#1	82.87(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-O(1)#1	82.12(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(1)#1	82.12(7)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	74.16(6)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	64.04(6)
O(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	139.35(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	63.56(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	69.99(6)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	137.74(7)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	64.04(6)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	139.35(6)
O(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	74.16(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	69.99(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	137.74(7)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	63.56(6)
N(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	119.942(4)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)	139.35(6)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)	74.16(6)
O(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)	64.04(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)	137.74(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-N(2)	63.56(6)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)	69.99(6)
N(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)	119.942(4)
N(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)	119.942(4)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 y,z,x #2 z,x,y #3 -x+2,y,-z+1

**Table S9.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) in  $\Delta$ -[Tb((S,S)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (Standard Deviation in Parentheses).

N(2)-Tb(1)	2.528(2)
O(1)-Tb(1)	2.3657(16)
O(2)-Tb(1)	2.3817(17)
Tb(1)-O(1)#1	2.3657(16)
Tb(1)-O(1)#2	2.3657(16)
Tb(1)-O(2)#1	2.3817(17)
Tb(1)-O(2)#2	2.3817(17)
Tb(1)-N(2)#1	2.528(2)
Tb(1)-N(2)#2	2.528(2)
C(14)-N(2)-Tb(1)	120.39(16)
C(10)-N(2)-Tb(1)	119.57(16)
C(9)-O(1)-Tb(1)	125.44(16)
C(15)-O(2)-Tb(1)	125.96(16)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(1)#1	80.81(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	80.81(7)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	80.81(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(2)#1	144.21(6)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)#1	127.50(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-O(2)#1	82.91(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(2)	127.50(6)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)	82.91(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-O(2)	144.21(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)	82.13(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	82.91(6)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	144.21(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	127.50(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	82.13(7)
O(2)-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	82.13(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-N(2)	63.95(6)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)	74.11(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)	139.17(7)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)	137.87(7)
O(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)	63.62(6)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)	70.11(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	139.17(7)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	63.95(6)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	74.11(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	63.62(6)
O(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	70.11(7)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	137.87(7)
N(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)#1	119.952(4)
O(1)-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	74.11(6)
O(1)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	139.17(7)
O(1)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	63.95(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	70.11(7)
O(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	137.87(7)
O(2)#2-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	63.62(6)
N(2)-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	119.952(4)
N(2)#1-Tb(1)-N(2)#2	119.952(4)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -y+1,z,-x+1 #2 -z+1,-x+1,y #3 -x+1,-y,z

**Table S10.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) in  $\Delta$ -[Yb((S,S)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (Standard Deviation in Parentheses).

N(2)-Yb(1)	2.469(2)
O(1)-Yb(1)	2.3205(15)
O(2)-Yb(1)	2.3310(17)
Yb(1)-O(1)#1	2.3205(15)
Yb(1)-O(1)#2	2.3205(15)
Yb(1)-O(2)#1	2.3310(17)
Yb(1)-O(2)#2	2.3310(17)
Yb(1)-N(2)#1	2.469(2)
Yb(1)-N(2)#2	2.469(2)
C(10)-N(2)-Yb(1)	120.08(16)
C(14)-N(2)-Yb(1)	120.52(15)
C(9)-O(1)-Yb(1)	124.93(15)
C(15)-O(2)-Yb(1)	125.51(16)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-O(1)	79.98(6)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-O(1)#2	79.98(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-O(1)#2	79.98(6)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-O(2)	84.05(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-O(2)	129.98(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-O(2)	142.66(5)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-O(2)#1	129.98(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-O(2)#1	142.66(5)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-O(2)#1	84.05(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-O(2)#1	80.80(7)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-O(2)#2	142.66(5)
O(1)-Yb(1)-O(2)#2	84.05(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-O(2)#2	129.98(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-O(2)#2	80.80(7)
O(2)#1-Yb(1)-O(2)#2	80.80(7)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)#1	65.16(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-N(2)#1	138.53(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-N(2)#1	72.71(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-N(2)#1	69.95(6)
O(2)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)#1	64.85(6)
O(2)#2-Yb(1)-N(2)#1	137.41(7)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)	72.71(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-N(2)	65.16(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-N(2)	138.53(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-N(2)	64.85(6)
O(2)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)	137.41(7)
O(2)#2-Yb(1)-N(2)	69.95(6)
N(2)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)	119.975(3)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	138.53(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	72.71(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	65.16(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	137.41(7)
O(2)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	69.95(6)
O(2)#2-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	64.85(6)
N(2)#1-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	119.975(3)
N(2)-Yb(1)-N(2)#2	119.975(3)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	18.62(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	97.83(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	77.91(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	76.34(6)

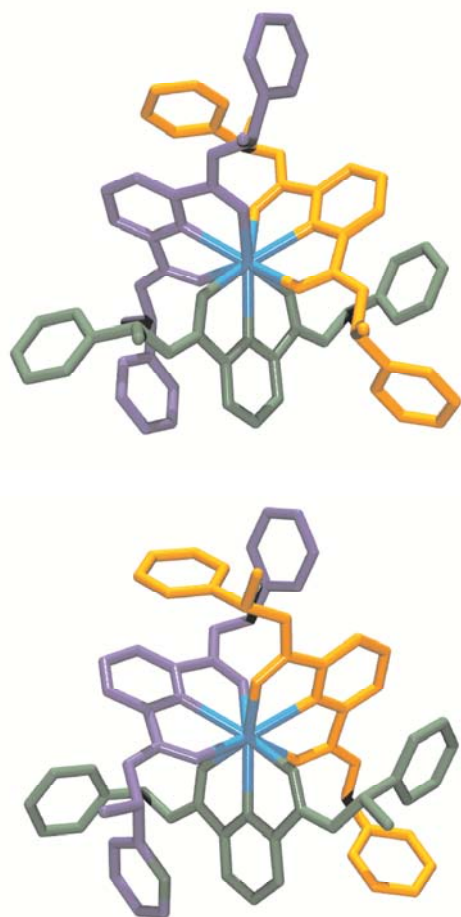
O(2)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	111.52(6)
O(2)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	151.57(6)
N(2)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	46.68(6)
N(2)-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	85.03(6)
N(2)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)#1	142.85(6)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	97.83(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	77.91(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	18.62(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	151.57(6)
O(2)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	76.34(6)
O(2)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	111.52(6)
N(2)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	85.03(6)
N(2)-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	142.85(6)
N(2)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	46.68(6)
C(9)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)#2	96.52(6)
O(1)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)	77.91(6)
O(1)-Yb(1)-C(9)	18.62(6)
O(1)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)	97.83(6)
O(2)-Yb(1)-C(9)	111.52(6)
O(2)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)	151.57(6)
O(2)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)	76.34(6)
N(2)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)	142.85(6)
N(2)-Yb(1)-C(9)	46.68(6)
N(2)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)	85.03(6)
C(9)#1-Yb(1)-C(9)	96.52(6)
C(9)#2-Yb(1)-C(9)	96.52(6)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

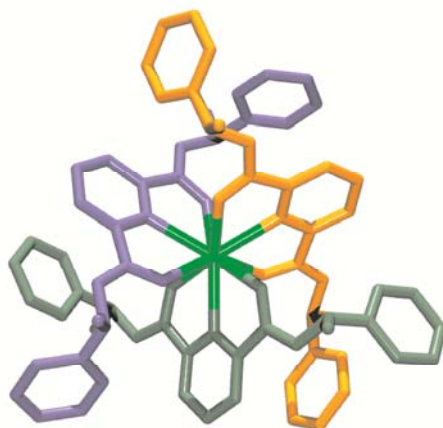
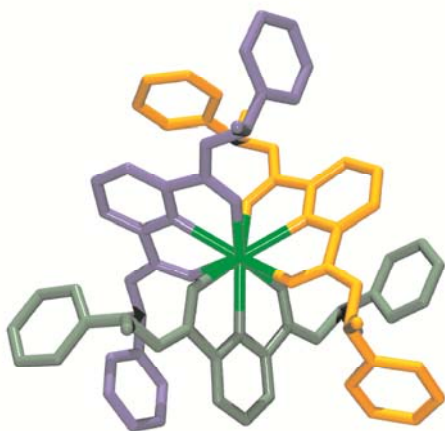
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**Table S11.** Selected least-squares planes data (standard deviations are indicated within parentheses) and interplanar angles (deg) in  $[\text{LnL}_3]^{3+}$  (Ln(III) = Eu, Yb and **L** = (R,R)-1 and (S,S)-1).

	Nr	Description	Deviation (Å)	Max.	Atom	Interplanar Angles (deg)	
						1-2	2-3
$[\text{Eu}((R,R)-1)_3]^{3+}$	1	N1-O1-C9-C10	0.0093(26)		C9	5.86(0.12)	7.35(0.16)
	2	N2-C10-C11-C12-C13-C14	-0.0055(26)		C12		
	3	N3-O2-C15-C14	0.0009(29)		C15		
$[\text{Eu}((S,S)-1)_3]^{3+}$	1	N1-O1-C9-C10	0.0047(27)		C9	4.24(0.14)	7.79(0.16)
	2	N2-C10-C11-C12-C13-C14	-0.0116(28)		C12		
	3	N3-O2-C15-C14	-0.0033(29)		C15		
$[\text{Yb}((R,R)-1)_3]^{3+}$	1	N1-O1-C9-C10	0.0053(24)		C9	4.16(0.12)	6.75(0.14)
	2	N2-C10-C11-C12-C13-C14	-0.0072(20)		C14		
	3	N3-O2-C15-C14	-0.0037(24)		C15		
$[\text{Yb}((S,S)-1)_3]^{3+}$	1	N1-O1-C9-C10	0.0080(19)		C9	3.88(0.10)	7.31(0.12)
	2	N2-C10-C11-C12-C13-C14	0.0137(19)		C11		
	3	N3-O2-C15-C14	-0.0067(21)		C15		

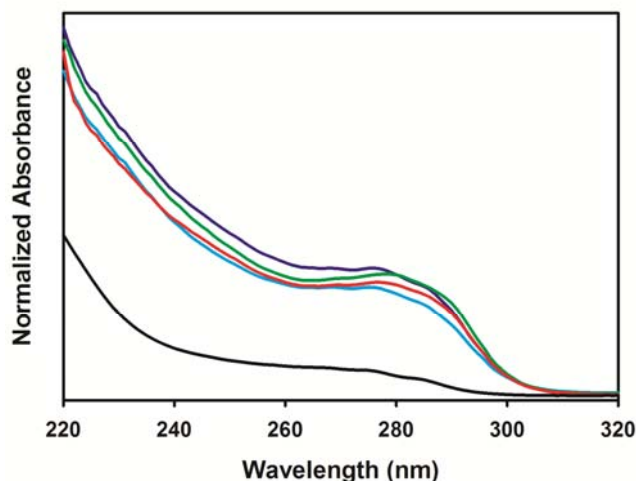


**Figure S9.** Structure of the  $\Lambda$ -[Gd((*R,R*)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (top) and  $\Delta$ -[Gd((*S,S*)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (bottom) cations.



**Figure S10.** Structure of the  $\Lambda$ -[Tb((R,R)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (top) and  $\Delta$ -[Tb((S,S)-1)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>3+</sup> (bottom) cations.





**Figure S11.** Normalized electronic spectra of **L** (black trace,  $5.4 \times 10^{-5}$  M) and  $[\text{LnL}_3]^{3+}$  (Ln(III) = Eu, Gd, Tb, and Er) complexes (blue, red, cyan, and green traces, respectively,  $2.8\text{--}4.5 \times 10^{-4}$  M) in anhydrous MeCN at 298 K.

### Luminescence Sensitization Determination

The luminescence sensitization ( $\eta_{\text{sens}}$ ) value was determined for the Eu(III) complex using the following equation<sup>1</sup>:

$$Q_{\text{tot}}^{\text{Eu}} = \eta_{\text{ISC}} \cdot \eta_{\text{ET}} \cdot Q^{\text{Eu}} = \eta_{\text{sens}} \cdot Q^{\text{Eu}}$$

where  $Q_{\text{tot}}^{\text{Eu}}$  is the europium-centered luminescence quantum yield obtained upon ligand excitation (1.0%),  $Q^{\text{Eu}}$  the intrinsic luminescence quantum yield of the Eu(III) ion,  $\eta_{\text{sens}}$  the efficiency of the luminescence sensitization by the ligand,  $\eta_{\text{ISC}}$  the efficiency of the intersystem crossing process from the ligand singlet to triplet state, and  $\eta_{\text{ET}}$  the efficiency of the ligand-to-metal energy transfer. The intrinsic quantum yield  $Q^{\text{Eu}}$  is defined as the ratio between the observed and radiative lifetimes of the  $\text{Eu}(^5\text{D}_0)$  level:

$$Q^{\text{Eu}} = \tau_{\text{obs}}/\tau_{\text{R}}$$

where the radiative lifetime  $\tau_R$  can be estimated from:

$$\tau_R = \frac{1}{A_{MD,0} \cdot n^3} \cdot \left( \frac{I_{MD}}{I_{tot}} \right)$$

$A_{MD,0}$  is the spontaneous emission probability of the  $\text{Eu}(^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_1)$  transition ( $14.65 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ),  $n$  is the refractive index (1.354 for the MeCN solution) and  $I_{MD}/I_{tot}$  is the intensity ratio of the  $\text{Eu}(^5\text{D}_0 \rightarrow ^7\text{F}_1)$  transition to the total emission of the  $^5\text{D}_0$  level. For  $[\text{EuL}_3]^{3+}$  with  $\mathbf{L} = (R,R)\text{-1}$  or  $(S,S)\text{-1}$ ,  $I_{MD}/I_{tot} = 0.24$ , leading to  $\tau_R = 6.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ ms}$ ,  $Q^{\text{Eu}} = 265.2$  ( $\tau_{\text{obs}} = 1.75 \text{ ms}$ ) and  $\eta_{\text{sens}} = 4.0 \times 10^{-5}$ . As a comparison,  $\eta_{\text{sens}}$  values of 0.03 ( $Q^{\text{Eu}}_{\text{L}} = 1.4\%$ ),  $7.0 \times 10^{-4}$  ( $Q^{\text{Eu}}_{\text{L}} = 0.01\%$ ), and in the range of 0.01–0.02 ( $Q^{\text{Eu}}_{\text{L}} \sim 1\%$ ) have been obtained for Eu(III) 1:1 and 1:2 complexes with the chiral ligand 2,6-bis(1-*S*-neopentylbenzimidazol-2-yl)pyridine,<sup>2</sup> and for Eu(III) 1:1 complexes with nitrobenzoic acid ligand derivatives,<sup>3</sup> respectively.

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