

Is macrocycle a synonym for kinetic inertness in Gd(III) complexes? Effect of coordinating and non-coordinating substituents on inertness and relaxivity of Gd(III) chelates with DO3A-like ligands.

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Table S1. Parameters obtained from fits of variable temperature ^{17}O transverse relaxivity measurements of water in presence of Gd chelates. Data was fit to a 4-parameter model as described previously (Caravan et al. *Inorg. Chem.* **2007**, *46*, 6632-6639). The ^{17}O hyperfine coupling constant was assumed to be 3.8×10^6 rad/s (Powell et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1996**, *118*, 9333-9346).

Compound	τ_M^{310} [ns]	T_{1e}^{310} [ns]	ΔH^\ddagger [kJ]	E_v [kJ]
[Gd(L1)(H ₂ O)]	2190 ± 170	117 ± 110	34.1 ± 1.9	-13.3 ± 13.6
[Gd(L2)(H ₂ O)]	3500 ± 90	ND	30.5 ± 0.9	ND
[Gd(L3)(H ₂ O)]	12.7 ± 3.8	90 ± 180	27.7 ± 4.3	5.8 ± 33.4

ND = not determined. Water exchange was in the slow exchange region over the temperature range studied, i.e. T_{1e} did not contribute to the O-17 T_2 . The data were fit to a 2 parameter model (τ_M^{310} and ΔH^\ddagger).

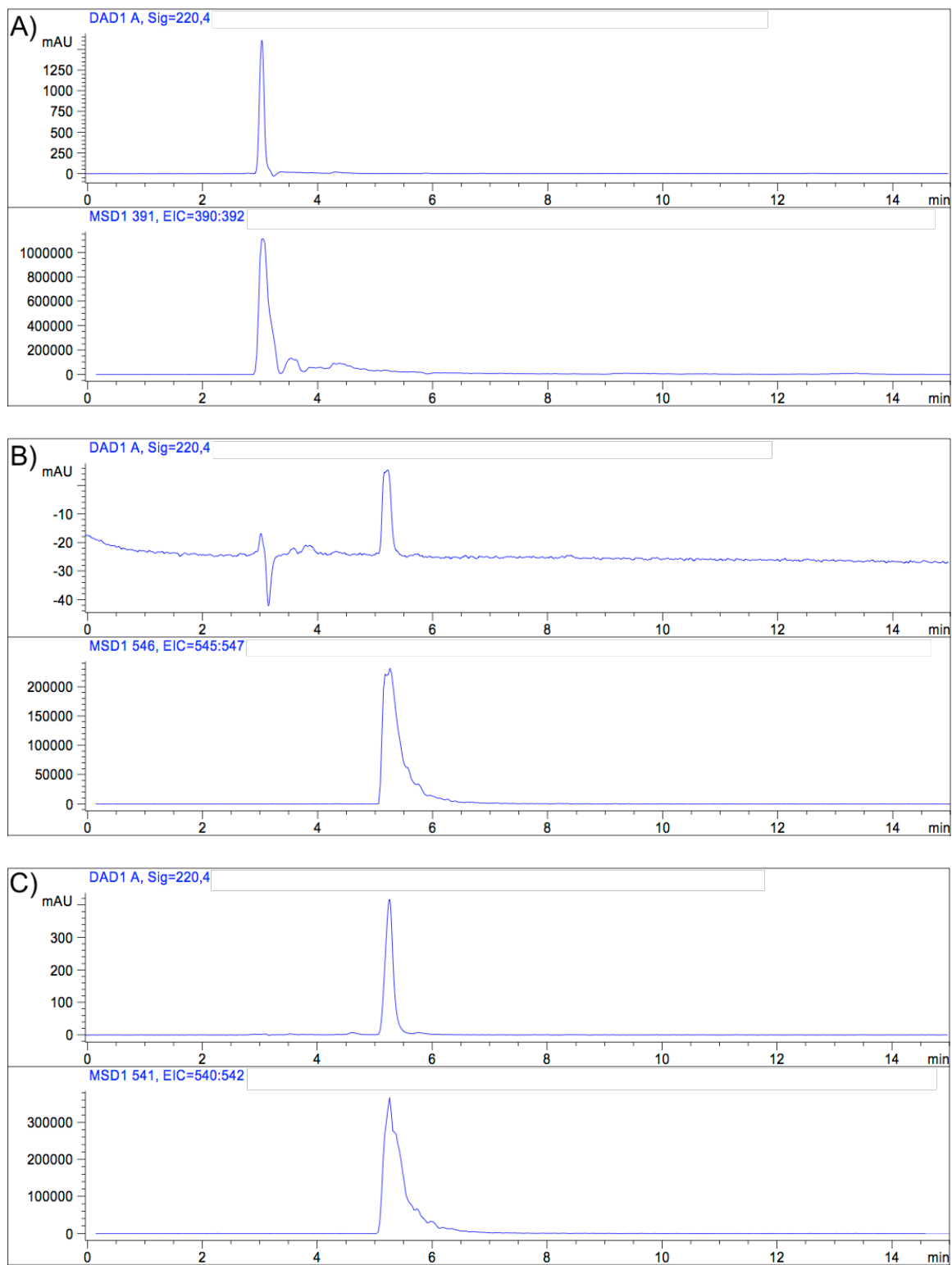


Figure S1. LC-MS chromatograms showing UV absorbance (220 nm) and extracted masses for $[M+H]^+$ ions.

A) ligand **L1**, analytical method G.

B) chelate $[Gd(L1)]$, analytical method G.

C) chelate $[Eu(L1)]$, analytical method G.

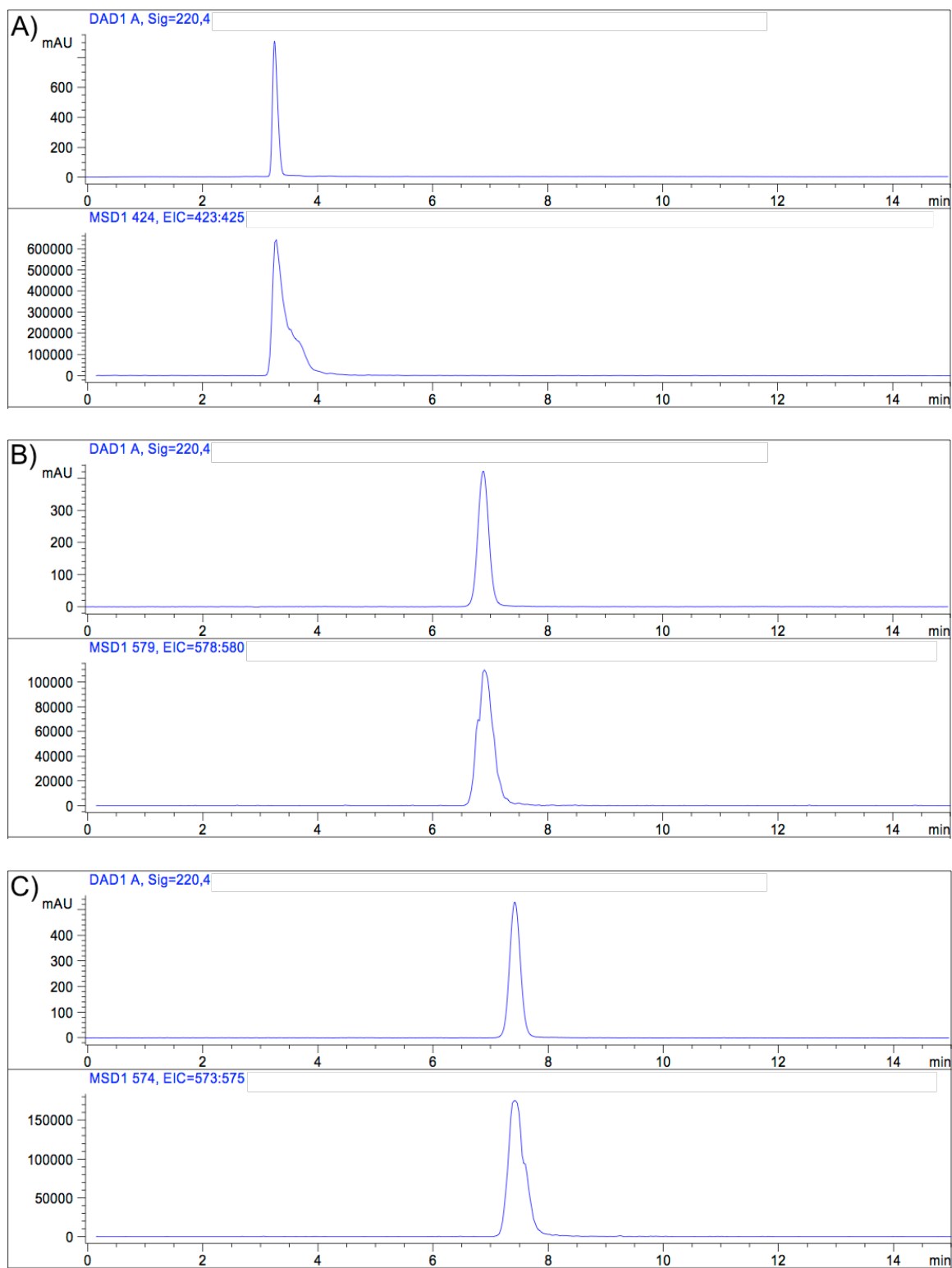


Figure S2. LC-MS chromatograms showing UV absorbance (220 nm) and extracted masses for $[M+H]^+$ ions.

A) ligand **L2**, analytical method G.

B) chelate $[Gd(L2)]$, analytical method G.

C) chelate $[Eu(L2)]$, analytical method G.

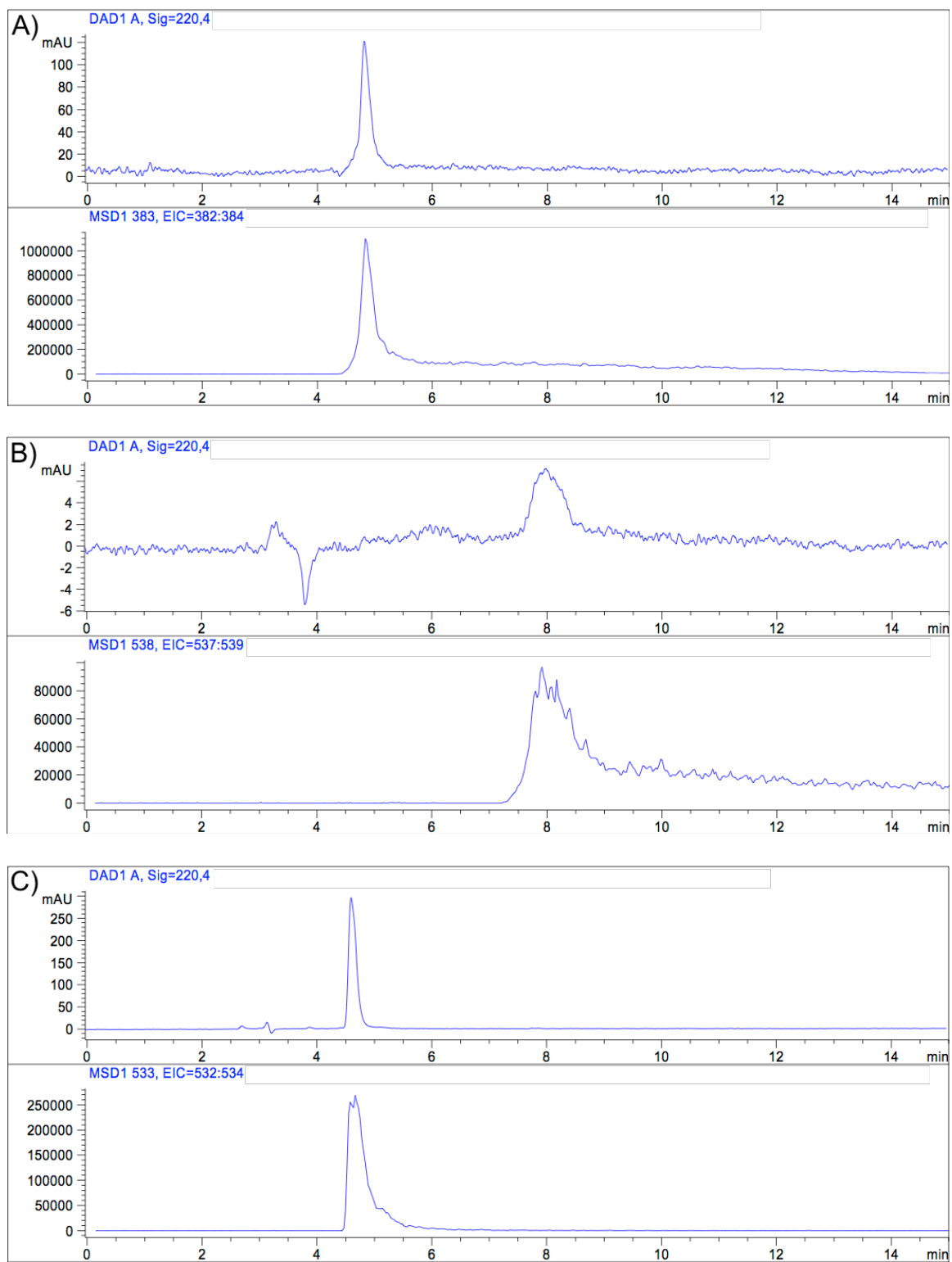


Figure S3. LC-MS chromatograms showing UV absorbance (220 nm) and extracted masses for $[M+H]^+$ ions.

A) ligand **L3**, analytical method H.

B) chelate $[Gd(\mathbf{L3})]$, analytical method I.

C) chelate $[Eu(\mathbf{L3})]$, analytical method G.

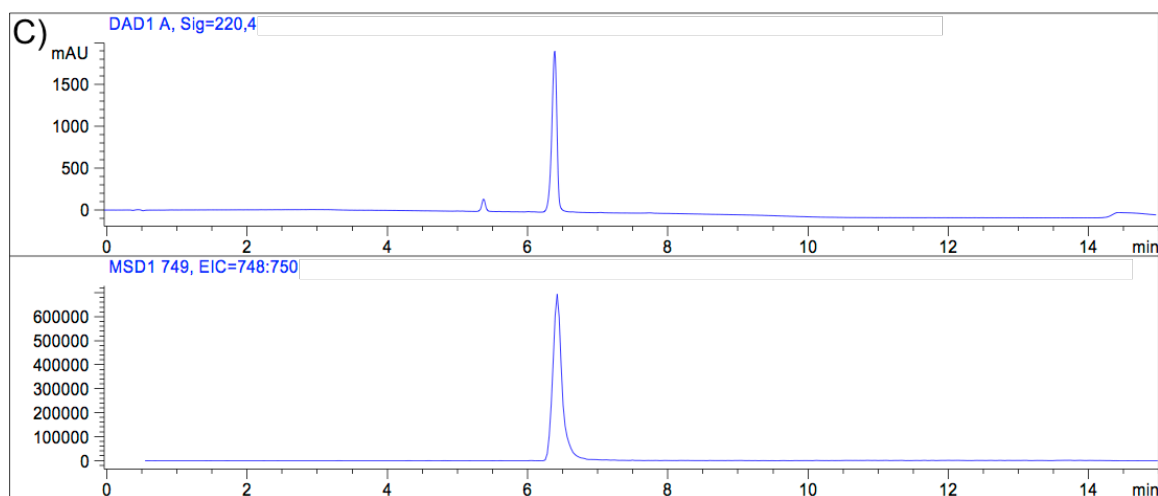
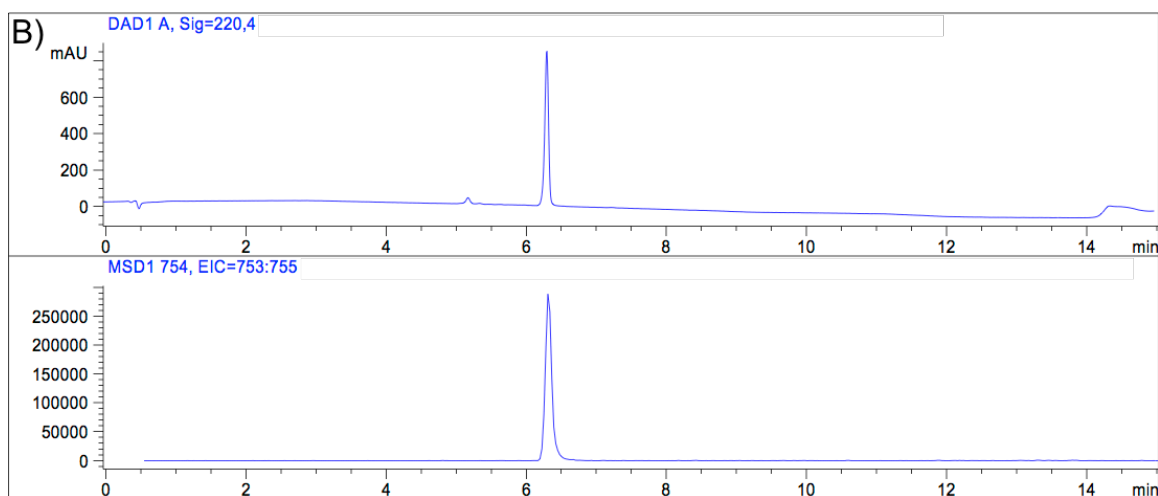
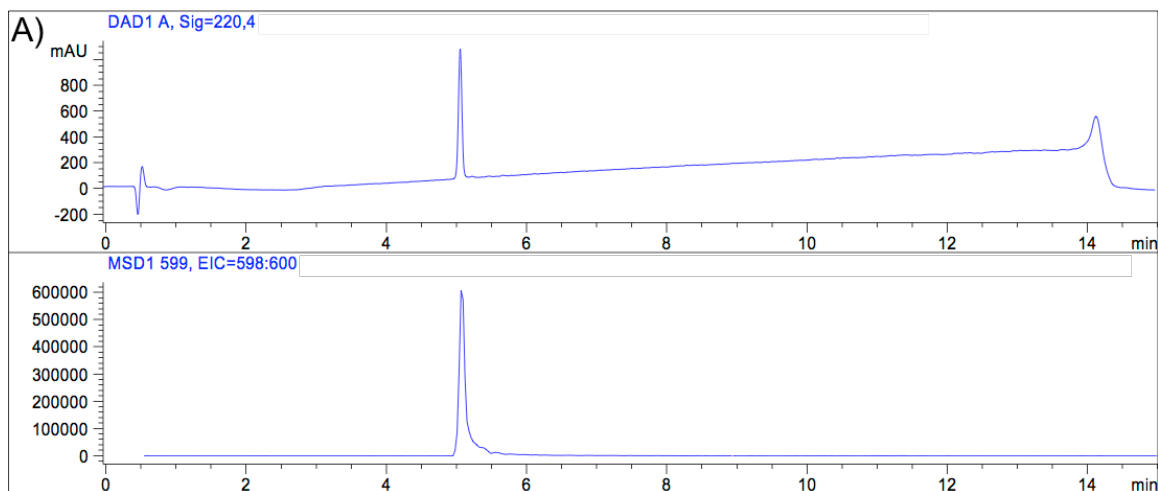


Figure S4. LC-MS chromatograms showing UV absorbance (220 nm) and extracted masses for $[M+H]^+$ ions.

A) ligand **L4**, analytical method J.

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C) chelate $[Eu(L4)]$, analytical method K.

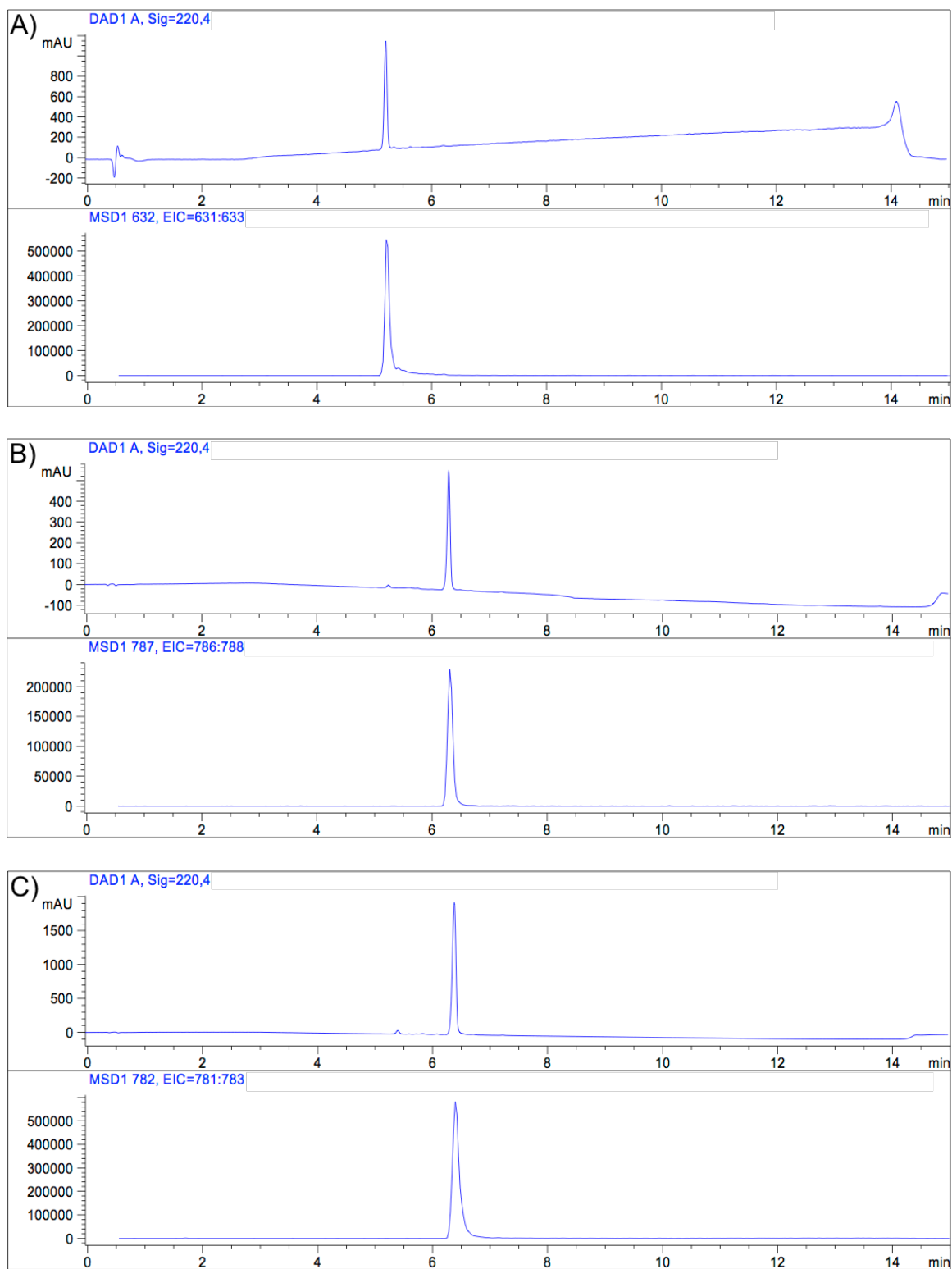


Figure S5. LC-MS chromatograms showing UV absorbance (220 nm) and extracted masses for $[M+H]^+$ ions.

A) ligand **L5**, analytical method J.

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C) chelate $[Eu(L5)]$, analytical method K.

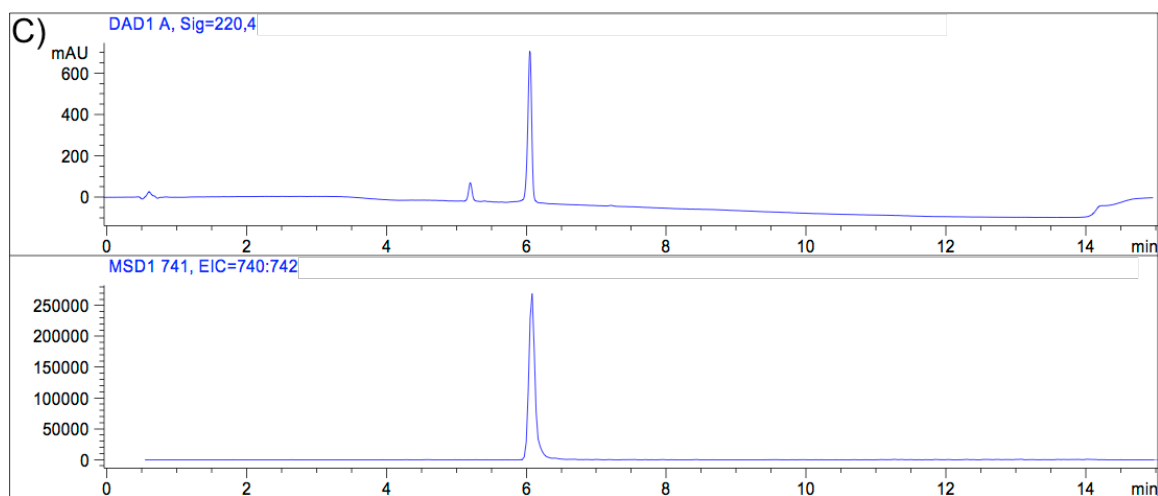
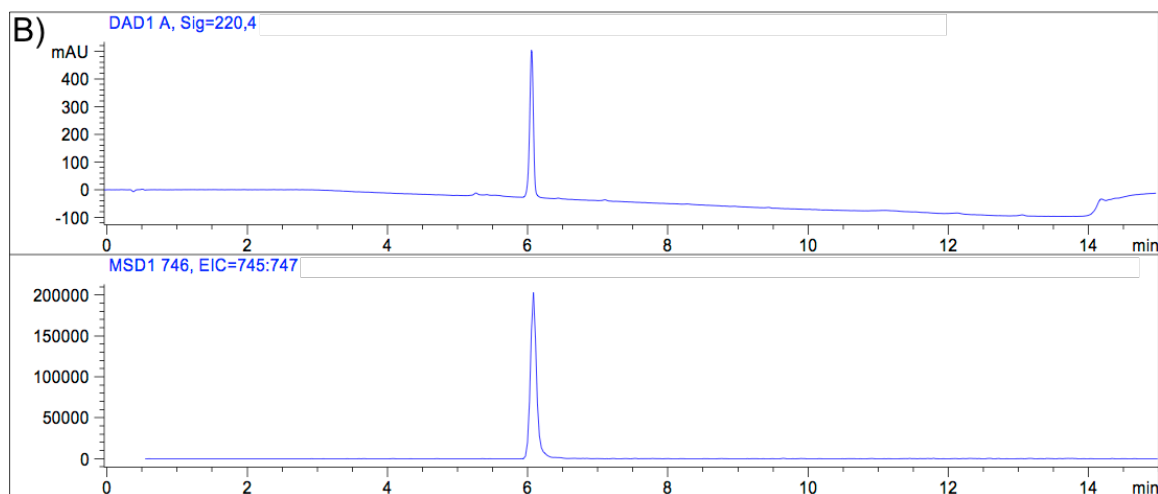
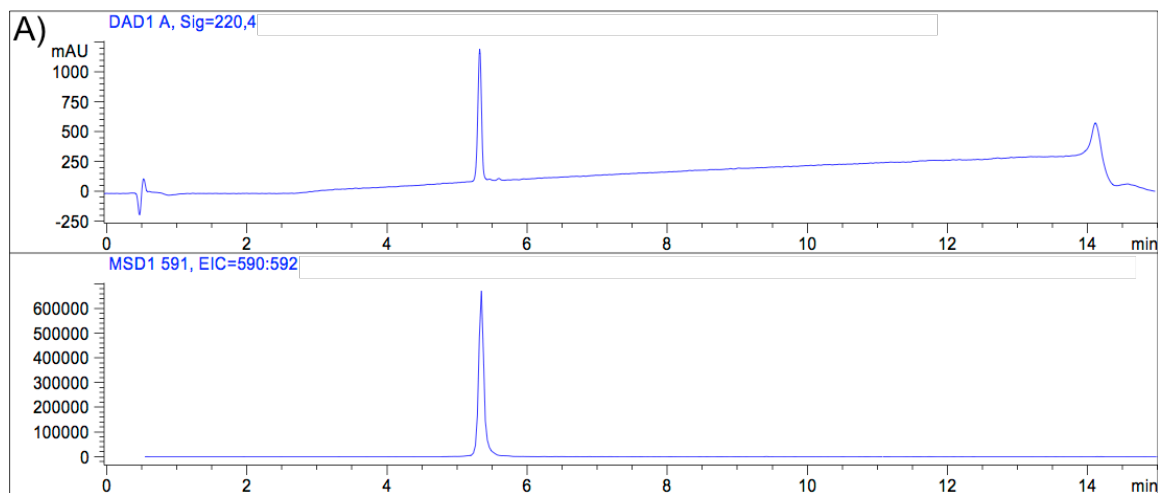


Figure S6. LC-MS chromatograms showing UV absorbance (220 nm) and extracted masses for $[M+H]^+$ ions.

A) ligand **L6**, analytical method J.

B) chelate $[Gd(L6)]$, analytical method K.

C) chelate $[Eu(L6)]$, analytical method K.

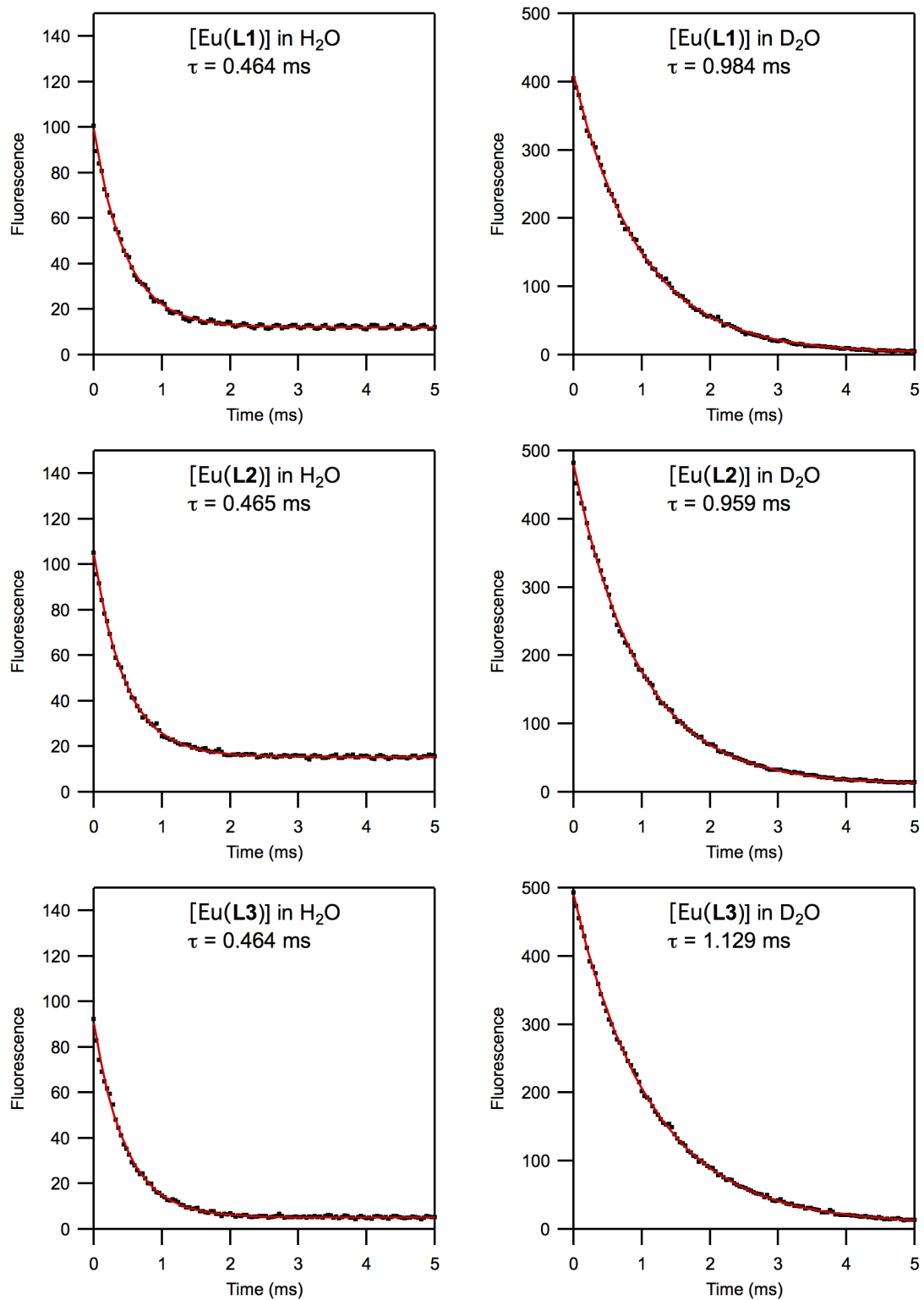


Figure S7. Time-dependent luminescence of Eu complexes of ligands L1 – L3 measured in H₂O and D₂O. Solid line represents monoexponential fit of the data.

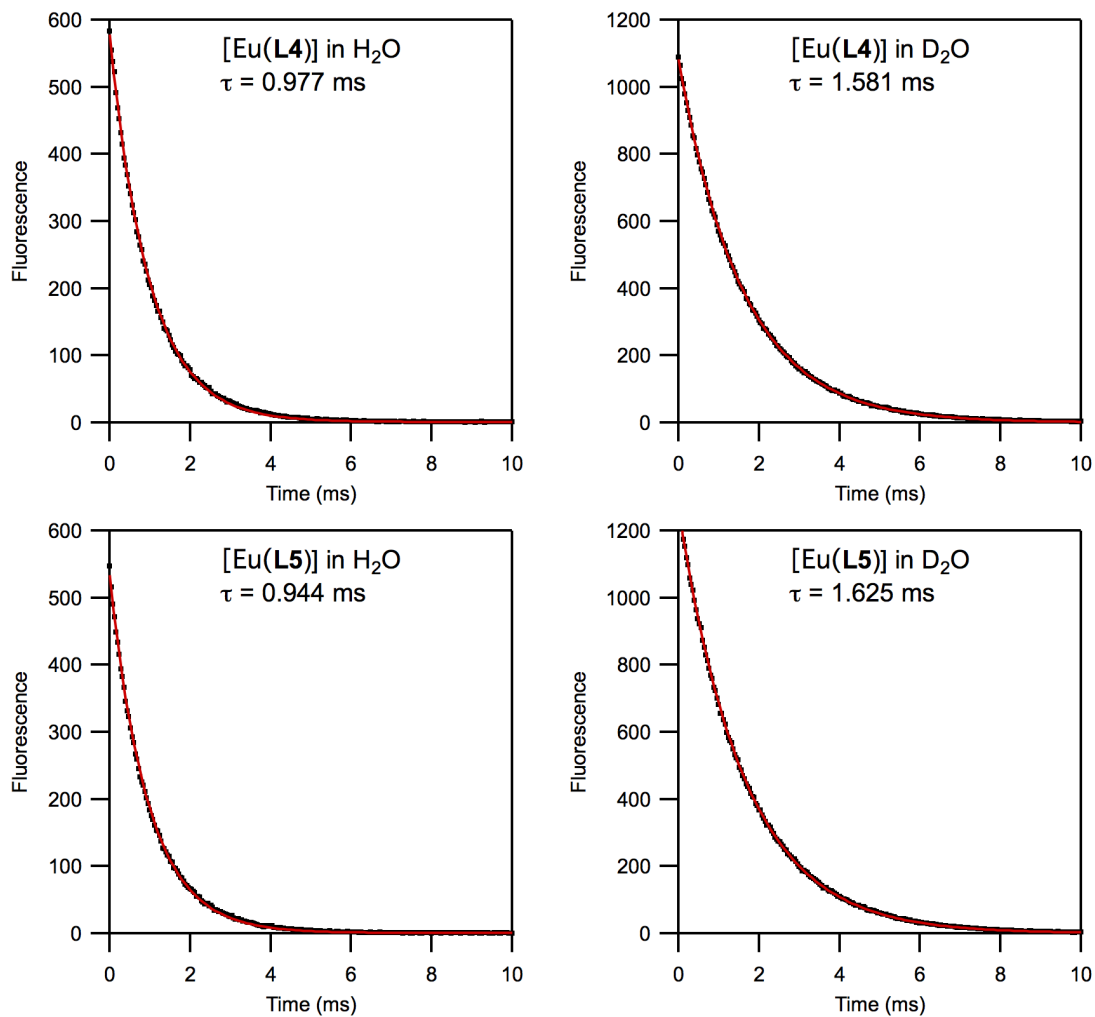


Figure S8. Time-dependent luminescence of Eu complexes of ligands **L4** and **L5** measured in H₂O and D₂O. Solid line represents monoexponential fit of the data.

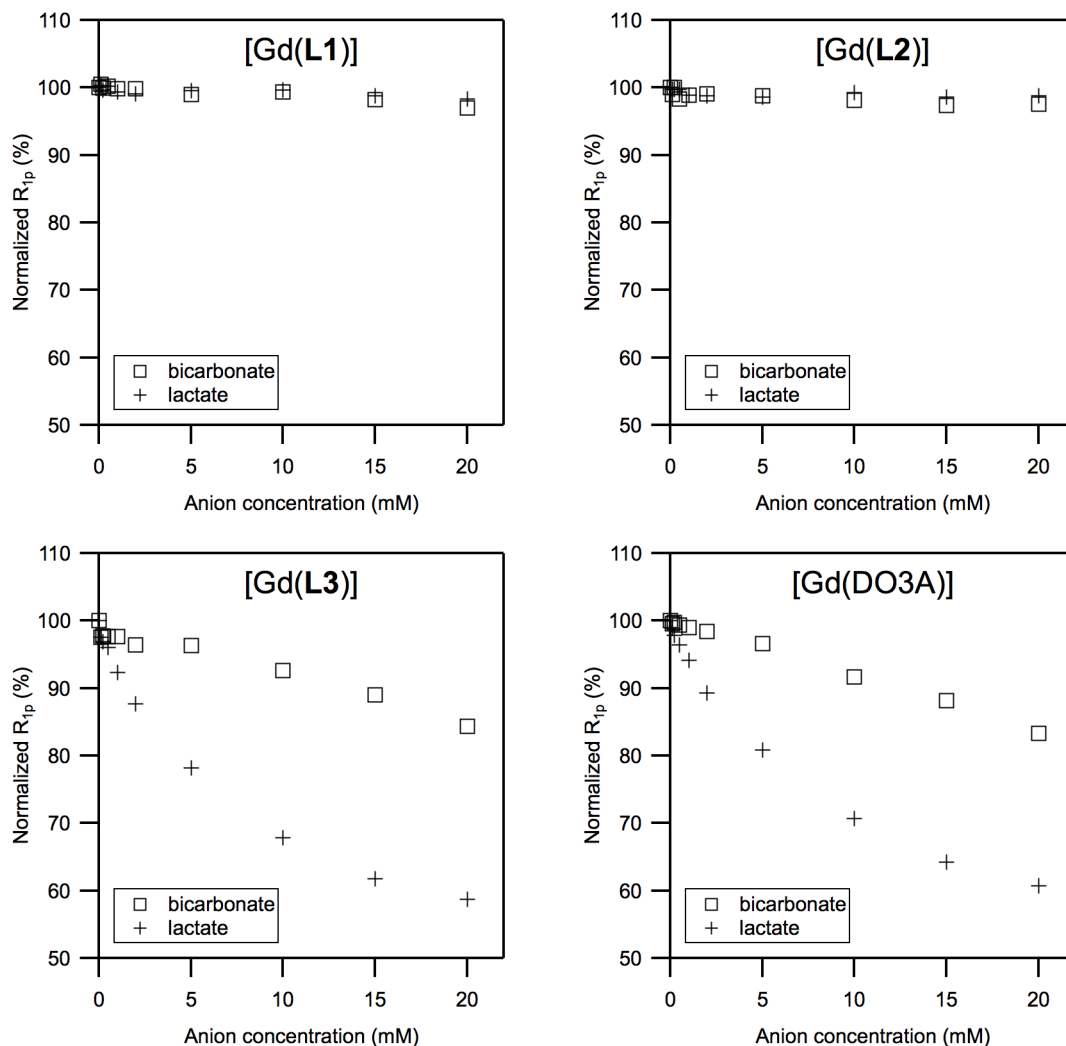


Figure S9. Relative change in relaxation rates of 1 mM solutions of gadolinium complexes in 50 mM HEPES buffer pH = 7.4 as a function of added bicarbonate or lactate.

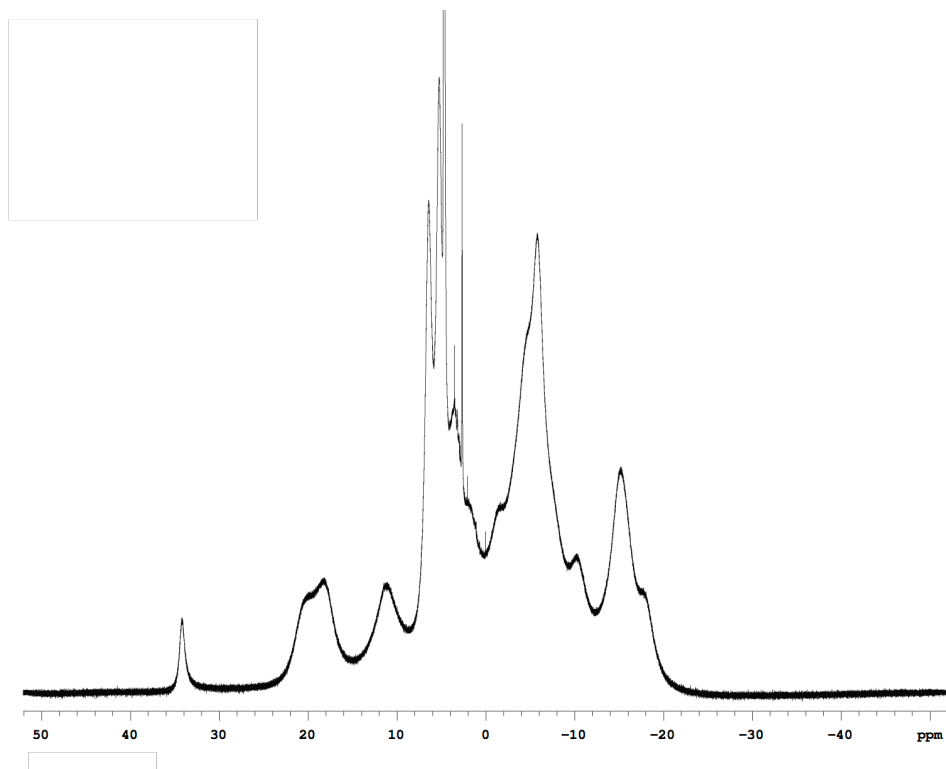


Figure S10. ¹H NMR spectrum of [Eu(L1)] in D₂O at 25 °C.

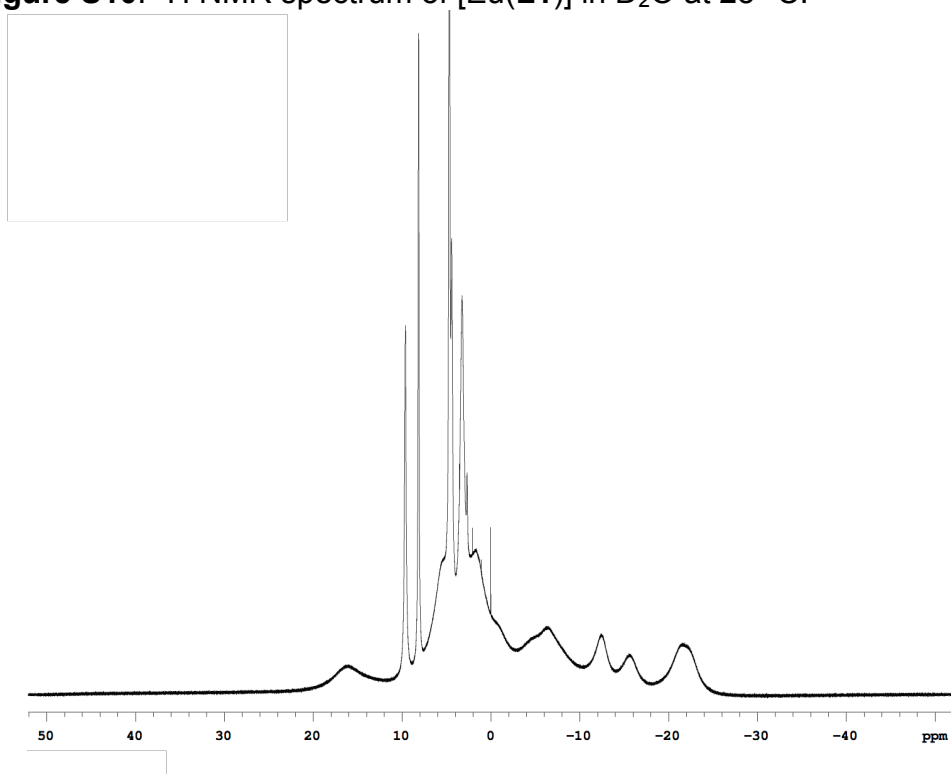


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectra of [Eu(L2)] in D₂O at 25 °C.

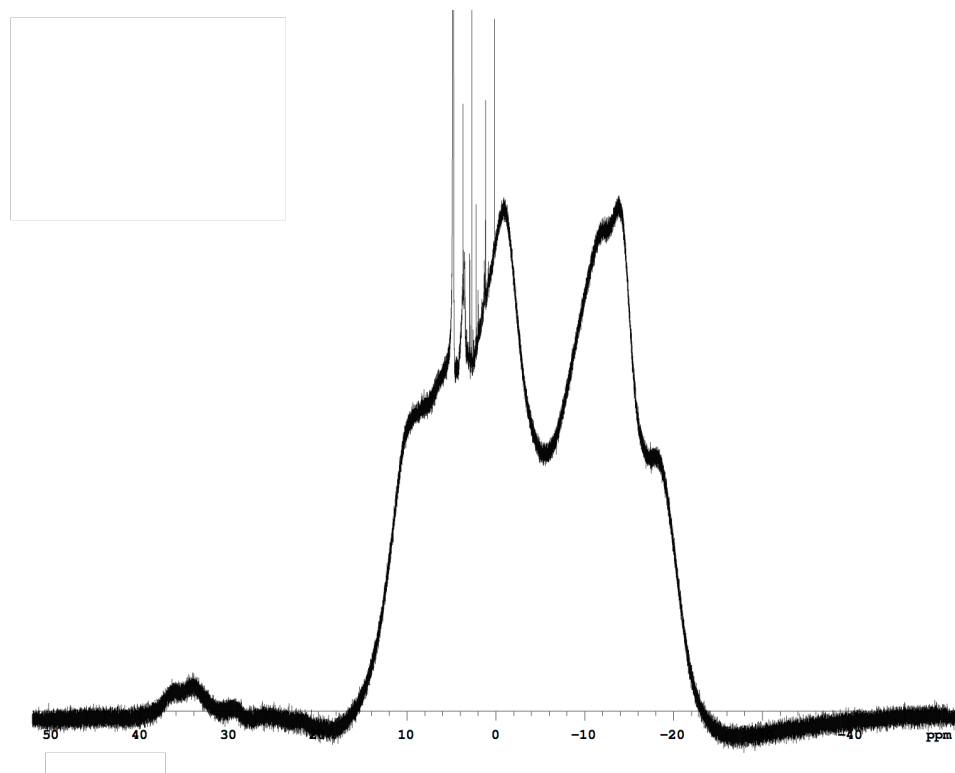


Figure S12. ^1H NMR spectra of $[\text{Eu}(\text{L3})]$ in D_2O at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

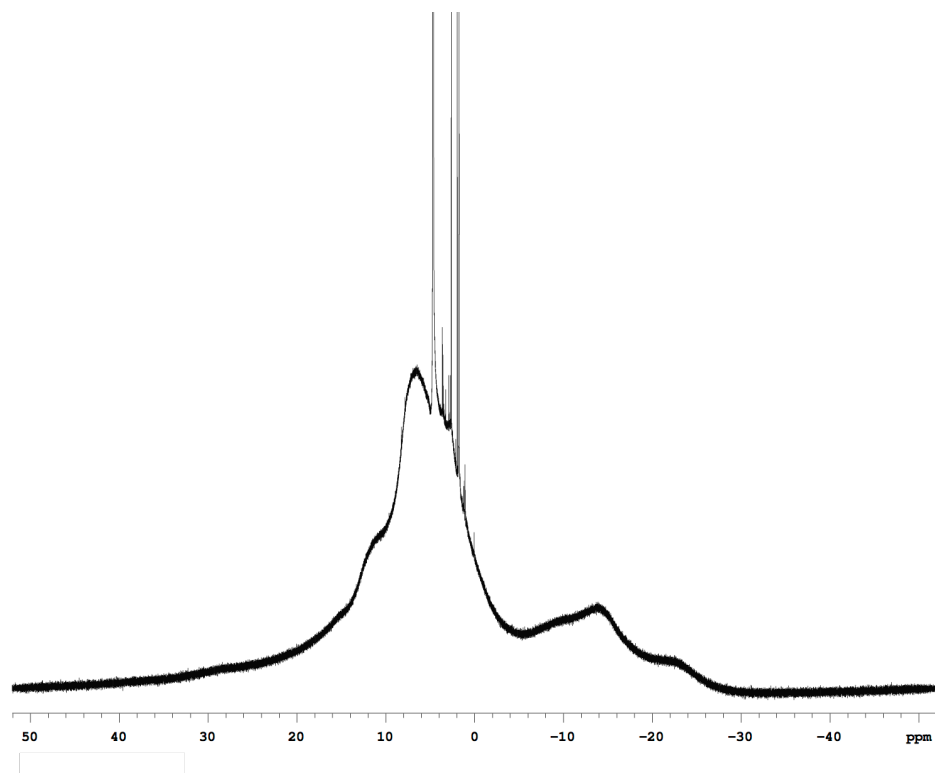


Figure S13. ^1H NMR spectra of $[\text{Eu}(\text{L4})]$ in D_2O at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

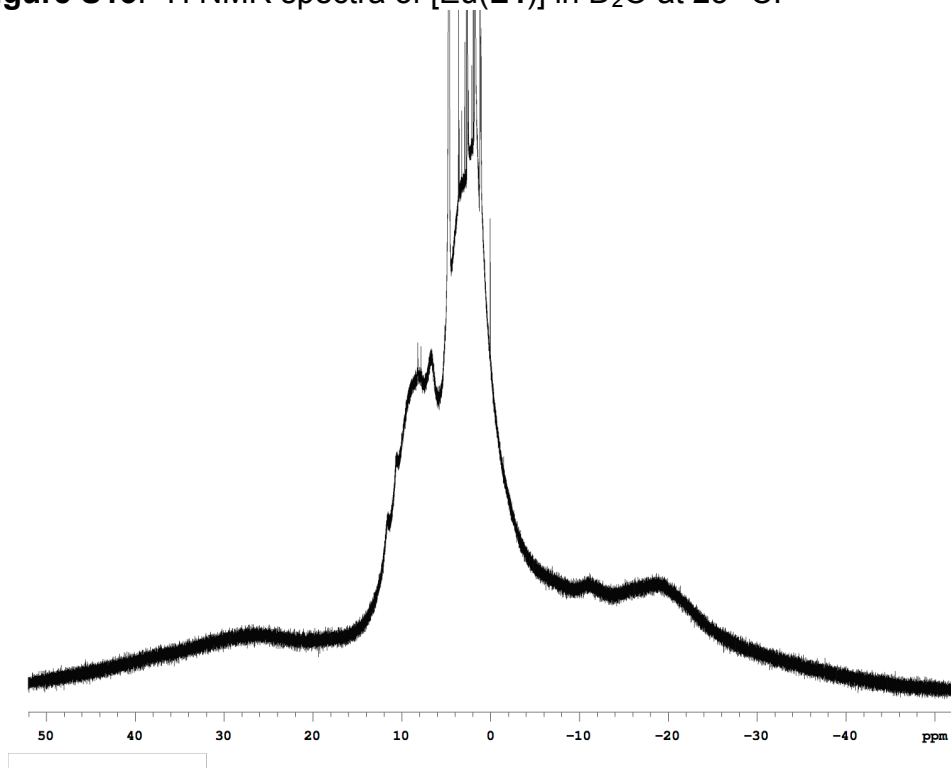


Figure S14. ^1H NMR spectra of $[\text{Eu}(\text{L5})]$ in D_2O at $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

List of HPLC methods:

Preparative:

(A) Preparative column Kromasil C18 20 x 250 mm, solvent A = H₂O + 0.1% TFA, solvent B = MeCN + 0.1% TFA. Gradient (% B): 5 for 2 min., 5 – 20 in 1 min., 20 – 80 in 12 min., 80 – 100 in 1 min., 100 for 4 min., 100 – 5 in 1 min., 5 for 4 min. Flow rate 20 mL/min. Detection at 220 nm.

(B) Preparative column Phenomenex Luna C5 20 x 250 mm, solvent A = H₂O + 0.1% TFA, solvent B = MeCN + 0.1% TFA. Gradient (% B): 5 for 2 min., 5 – 40 in 1 min., 40 – 80 in 12 min., 80 – 100 in 1 min., 100 for 4 min., 100 – 5 in 1 min., 5 for 4 min. Flow rate 20 mL/min. Detection at 220 nm.

(C) Preparative column Kromasil C18 20 x 250 mm, solvent A = H₂O + 0.1% TFA, solvent B = MeCN + 0.1% TFA. Gradient (% B): 5 for 1 min., 5 – 50 in 1 min., 50 – 80 in 8 min., 80 – 100 in 0.5 min., 100 for 1.5 min., 100 – 5 in 1 min., 5 for 4 min. Flow rate 20 mL/min. Detection at 220 nm.

(D) Same as (A) except for the main gradient being 30 – 60 in 12 min.

(E) Preparative column Kromasil C18 20 x 250 mm, solvent A = H₂O + 0.1% TFA, solvent B = MeCN + 0.1% TFA. Gradient (% B): 5 for 1 min., 5 – 50 in 1 min., 50 – 80 in 10 min., 80 – 100 in 1 min., 100 for 3 min., 100 – 5 in 0.5 min., 5 for 4.5 min. Flow rate 20 mL/min. Detection at 220 nm.

(F) Preparative column Kromasil C18 20 x 250 mm, isocratic 2% MeCN in H₂O for 10 min. Flow rate 20 mL/min. Detection at 220 nm.

Analytical:

(G) Analytical column Kromasil C18 4.6 x 250 mm, solvent A = 10 mM ammonium acetate pH = 7, solvent B = MeCN / 10 mM ammonium acetate (90:10). Isocratic 2% B for 15 min. Flow rate 0.8 mL/min.

(H) Analytical column Restek C18 Ultraaqueous 4.6 x 250 mm, solvent A = H₂O + 0.1% formic acid, solvent B = MeCN + 0.1% formic acid. Isocratic 2% B for 15 min. Flow rate 0.8 mL/min.

(I) Same as method G with analytical column Restek C18 Ultraaqueous 4.6 x 250 mm.

(J) Analytical column Luna C8(2) 2 x 100 mm, solvent A = H₂O + 0.1% formic acid, solvent B = MeCN + 0.1% formic acid. Gradient (% B): 5 for 2 min., 5 – 95 in 9 min., 95 for 1 min., 95 – 5 in 0.5 min., 5 for 2.5 min. Flow rate 0.8 mL/min.

(K) Analytical column Luna C8(2) 2 x 100 mm, solvent A = 10 mM ammonium acetate pH = 7, solvent B = MeCN / 10 mM ammonium acetate (90:10). Gradient (% B): 5 for 2 min., 5 – 95 in 9 min., 95 for 1 min., 95 – 5 in 0.5 min., 5 for 2.5 min. Flow rate 0.8 mL/min.