## **Thermodynamic Study of the Complexation**

## between Nd<sup>3+</sup> and Functionalized Diacetamide

## **Ligands in Solution**

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**Figure S1.** Potentiometric titrations to determine the protonation stability constant of ABDMA (top) and MABDMA (bottom). Black line represents L, red line represents  $HL^+$ , emptied blue circles represent observed pC<sub>H</sub>, and blue line represents calculated pC<sub>H</sub>. Detailed titration conditions are in Table S1.



**Figure S2.** Thermograms of calorimetric titrations to determine the enthalpy for the protonation of BnABDMA (top), ABDMA (middle), and MABDMA (bottom).



**Figure S3.** Thermograms of calorimetric titrations to determine the enthalpy for the formation of Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes with ABDMA (top) and MABDMA (bottom).



**Figure S4.** ESI-MS characterization of Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes with BnABDMA. In the top spectrum, triply and doubly charged Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes were observed, including Nd(ABDMA)<sub>3</sub><sup>3+</sup> and Nd(BnABDMA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>. An inset figure shows a peak to peak separation of  $\Delta pp = 0.3 \text{ m/z}$  for Nd(ABDMA)<sub>3</sub><sup>3+</sup>. The bottom spectrum shows singly charged complexes of Nd(BnABDMA)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> and Nd(BnABDMA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>. NdO<sup>+</sup> is suggested to produce by reaction of Nd<sup>3+</sup> with the anodic oxidation products of water.



**Figure S5.** ESI-MS characterization of Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes with ABDMA. In the top spectrum, triply and doubly charged Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes were observed, including Nd(ABDMA)<sub>3</sub><sup>3+</sup>, Nd(ABDMA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>, and Nd(ABDMA)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>. An inset figure shows a peak to peak separation of  $\Delta pp = 0.3$  m/z for Nd(ABDMA)<sub>3</sub><sup>3+</sup>. The bottom spectrum shows singly charged complexes of Nd(ABDMA)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, Nd(ABDMA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, and Nd(ABDMA)(NO<sub>3</sub>)(OH)<sup>+</sup>. NdO<sup>+</sup> is suggested to produce by reaction of Nd<sup>3+</sup> with the anodic oxidation products of water.



**Figure S6.** ESI-MS characterization of Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes with MABDMA. In the top spectrum, triply and doubly charged Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes were observed, including Nd(MABDMA)<sub>3</sub><sup>3+</sup>, Nd(MABDMA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>, and Nd(MABDMA)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>. An inset figure shows a peak to peak separation of  $\Delta pp = 0.3 \text{ m/z}$  for Nd(MABDMA)<sub>3</sub><sup>3+</sup>. The bottom spectrum shows singly charged complexes of Nd(MABDMA)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, Nd(MABDMA)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>. NdO<sup>+</sup> is suggested to produce by reaction of Nd<sup>3+</sup> with the anodic oxidation products of water.

Ligand	Titration 1 <sup>a</sup>		Titration 2 <sup>a</sup>		Titration 3 <sup>a</sup>	
	Initial	Final	Starting	Final	Starting	Final
	Conditions	Conditions	Conditions	Conditions	Conditions	Conditions
BnABDMA	$n_L = 0.12 \text{ mmol}$	$n_L = 0.12 \text{ mmol}$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.13$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.13$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.13$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.13$
	pH = 10.68	pH = 2.64	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol
			pH = 8.93	pH = 2.66	pH = 3.04	pH = 10.40
ABDMA	$n_{\rm L} = 0.067$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.067$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.066$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.066$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.070$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.070$
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol
	pH = 3.13	pH = 11.07	pH = 2.61	pH = 10.74	pH = 10.58	pH = 3.05
MABDMA	$n_L = 0.17 \text{ mmol}$	$n_L = 0.17 \text{ mmol}$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.17$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.17$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.33$	$n_{\rm L} = 0.33$
	pH = 11.24	pH = 2.48	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol
			pH = 2.64	pH = 11.26	pH = 3.13	pH = 11.86

**Table S1.** Experimental conditions for potentiometric titrations to determine protonation stability constant of BnABDMA, ABDMA, and MABDMA in 1M NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution. <sup>a</sup> Initial volume for each titration is at least 22.0 mL, and the final volume for each titration is ~30.0-35.0 mL; the titrant is a 0.1 M HNO<sub>3</sub> in 0.9 M NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution, or a 0.10M NaOH in 0.90M NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution.

Ligand	Titration 1 <sup>a</sup>		Titration 2 <sup>a</sup>		Titration 3 <sup>a</sup>		
	Initial Conditions	Final	Starting Final		Starting	Final	
		Conditions	Conditions	Conditions	Conditions	Conditions	
BnABDMA	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
	$n_{ligand} = 0.34$	$n_{ligand} = 0.34$	$n_{ligand} = 0.30$	$n_{ligand} = 0.30$	$n_{ligand} = 0.33$	$n_{ligand} = 0.33$	
	mmol	l mmol		mmol	mmol	mmol	
	$n_{nitrate} = 21.81$	$n_{nitrate} = 21.81$	$n_{nitrate} = 19.20$	$n_{nitrate} = 19.20$	$n_{nitrate} = 20.51$	$n_{nitrate} = 20.51$	
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
	pH = 2.15	pH = 7.17	pH = 3.21	pH = 7.39	pH = 2.90	pH = 6.87	
ABDMA	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.10$	
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
	$n_{ligand} = 0.31$	$n_{ligand} = 0.31$	$n_{ligand} = 0.51$	$n_{ligand} = 0.51$	$n_{ligand} = 0.25$	$n_{ligand} = 0.25$	
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
	$\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$		$n_{nitrate} = 26.18$	$n_{nitrate} = 26.18$	$n_{nitrate} = 20.85$	$n_{nitrate} = 20.85$	
			mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
			pH = 3.20	pH = 7.09	pH = 2.99	pH = 6.80	
MABDMA	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.16$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.16$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.14$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.14$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.36$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 0.36$	
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
	$n_{ligand} = 0.37$	$n_{ligand} = 0.37$	$n_{ligand} = 0.38$	$n_{ligand} = 0.38$	$n_{ligand} = 2.48$	$n_{ligand} = 2.48$	
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
	$n_{nitrate} = 18.79$	$n_{nitrate} = 18.79$	$n_{nitrate} = 18.56$	$n_{nitrate} = 18.56$	$n_{nitrate} = 28.01$	$n_{nitrate} = 28.01$	
	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	mmol	
	pH = 3.04 pH = 6.18		pH = 3.08	pH = 6.44	pH = 3.75	pH = 6.02	

**Table S2.** Experimental conditions for potentiometric titrations to determine the stability constant for the formations of  $Nd^{3+}$  complexes with BnABDMA, ABDMA, and MABDMA. <sup>a</sup> Initial volume for each titration is at least 22.0 mL, and the final volume for each titration is ~30.0-35.0 mL; The ionic strength of solutions was adjusted to be ~1.0 using 1.0 M NaNO<sub>3</sub>, the titrant is a 0.10M NaOH in 0.90M NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution.

Conditions/Ligands	<b>BnABDMA</b> <sup>a</sup>	ABDMA <sup>b</sup>	MABDMA <sup>c</sup>	
n <sub>Nd(III)</sub> (mmol)	0.20	0.20	0.20	
$n_{H^+}$ (mmol)	0.01	0.01	0.01	
n <sub>nitrate</sub> (mmol)	2.45	1.66	2.46	
n <sub>ligand</sub> (mmol)	0	0	0	

**Table S3.** Experimental conditions for spectrophotometric titrations to verify the stability constant for the formation of  $Nd^{3+}$  complexes with BnABDMA, ABDMA, and MABDMA. The initial total volume in cuvette was 2.20 ml, and ~1.50-1.80 mL of titrant was added with a volume of 0.1 ml for each addition. <sup>a</sup> The titrant contained BnABDMA (0.613 M), H<sup>+</sup> (0.20 M), and NaNO<sub>3</sub> (0.80 M). <sup>b</sup> The titrant contained ABDMA (0.880 M), H<sup>+</sup> (0.10 M), and NaNO<sub>3</sub> (0.90 M). <sup>c</sup> The titrant contained MABDMA (0.480 M), H<sup>+</sup> (0.20 M), and NaNO<sub>3</sub> (0.80 M).

Ligand	Titration 1 <sup>a</sup>	Titration 2 <sup>a</sup>	Titration 3 <sup>a</sup>	
	Initial conditions	Initial conditions	Initial conditions	
	244	22.0.1	24.0	
BnABDMA	$n_L = 34.1 \ \mu mol$	$n_L = 33.9 \ \mu mol$	$n_L = 34.9 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{H^+} = 0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 0 \ \mu mol$	
ABDMA	$n_L = 50.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_L = 50.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_L = 50.0 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{H^+} = 25.7 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 16.8 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+}$ = 12.4 µmol	
MABDMA	$n_L = 31.5 \ \mu mol$	$n_L = 31.5 \ \mu mol$	$n_L = 33.0 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{H^+} = 5.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 4.8 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 23.2 \ \mu mol$	

**Table S4.** Experimental conditions for calorimetric titrations to determine the enthalpy of the protonation of BnABDMA, ABDMA, and MABDMA in 1M NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution. <sup>a</sup> Initial volume is 750  $\mu$ L, and the final volume is 1.0 mL; the titrant is a 0.20 M HNO<sub>3</sub> in 0.80M NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution.

Ligand	Titration 1 <sup>a</sup>	Titration 2 <sup>a</sup>	Titration 3 <sup>a</sup>	
	Initial conditions	Initial conditions	Initial conditions	
BnABDMA	n <sub>Nd(III)</sub> =9.0 μmol	n <sub>Nd(III)</sub> =15. 0 μmol	n <sub>Nd(III)</sub> = 14.8 μmol	
	$n_{ligand} = 60.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{ligand} = 59.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{ligand} = 41.5 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{nitrate} = 750.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{nitrate} = 740.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{nitrate} = 750.0 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{H^+} = 14.0 \ \mu mol$	n <sub>H+</sub> = 14.0 μmol	$n_{H^+} = 0 \ \mu mol$	
ABDMA	$n_{Nd(III)} = 14.78 \ \mu mol$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 14.78 \ \mu mol$	n <sub>Nd(III)</sub> = 14.78 μmol	
	$n_{ligand} = 57.7 \ \mu mol$	$n_{ligand} = 56.8 \ \mu mol$	$n_{ligand} = 56.0 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{nitrate} = 750.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{nitrate} = 750.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{nitrate} = 750.0 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{H^+} = 3.62 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 25.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 23.5 \ \mu mol$	
MABDMA	$n_{Nd(III)} = 14.78 \ \mu mol$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 14.78 \ \mu mol$	$n_{Nd(III)} = 14.78 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{ligand} = 38.04 \ \mu mol$	$n_{ligand} = 45.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{ligand} = 35.0 \ \mu mol$	
	$n_{nitrate} = 750.0 \ \mu mol$	n <sub>nitrate</sub> = 750.0 μmol	n <sub>nitrate</sub> = 750.0 μmol	
	$n_{H^+} = 11.0 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H+} = 4.1 \ \mu mol$	$n_{H^+} = 8.5 \ \mu mol$	

**Table S5.** Experimental conditions for calorimetric titrations to determine the enthalpy for the formations of Nd<sup>3+</sup> complexes with BnABDMA, ABDMA, and MABDMA. <sup>a</sup> Initial volume is 750  $\mu$ L, and the final volume is 1.0 mL; the titrant is a 0.20 M HNO<sub>3</sub> in 0.80 M NaNO<sub>3</sub> solution.

Ligand	Method <sup>a</sup>	Logβ	Δ <i>H</i> (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Δ <i>S</i> (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref
TMDGA					8
$Nd^{3+} + L = NdL^{3+}$	sp, cal	(3.53 ± 0.10)	-(10.9 ± 0.9)	(26 ± 1)	
$NdL^{3+} + L = NdL_2^{3+}$	sp, cal	(2.31 ± 0.19)	-(4.7 ± 1.5)	(13 ± 2)	
$NdL_2^{3+} + L = NdL_3^{3+}$	sp, cal	(0.96 ± 0.19)	-(3.7 ± 2.2)	(20 ± 7)	
BnABDMA					this work
$H + L = HL^+$	pot,cal	(6.36 ± 0.09)	-(31.2 ± 0.3)	(17+1)	
$Nd^{3+} + L = NdL^{3+}$	pot, sp, cal	(2.92 ± 0.09)	-(13.3 ± 0.6)	(11 ± 1)	
$NdL^{3+} + L = NdL_2^{3+}$	pot, sp, cal	(2.16 ± 0.09)	-(9.3 ± 1.2)	(10 ± 3)	
$NdL_2^{3+} + L = NdL_3^{3+}$	pot, sp, cal	(2.05 ± 0.09)	-(8.3 ± 0.9)	(12 ± 2)	
ABDMA					this work
$H + L = HL^+$	pot, cal	(7.12 ± 0.09)	-(37.2 ± 2.1)	(11+6)	
$Nd^{3+} + L = NdL^{3+}$	pot, sp, cal	(4.08 ± 0.09)	-(13.5 ± 0.6)	(32±2)	
$NdL^{3+} + L = NdL_2^{3+}$	pot, sp, cal	(2.85 ± 0.09)	-(7.0 ± 2.1)	(32 ± 6)	
$NdL_{2^{3+}} + L = NdL_{3^{3+}}$	pot, sp, cal	(3.99 ± 0.9)	-(18.9 ± 1.5)	-(4 ± 4)	
MABDMA					this work
$H + L = HL^+$	pot, cal	(7.64 ± 0.09)	-(33.5 ± 0.6)	(34+2)	
$Nd^{3+} + L = NdL^{3+}$	pot, sp, cal	(4.40 ± 0.09)	-(11.4 ± 0.3)	(46 ± 1)	
$NdL^{3+} + L = NdL_2^{3+}$	pot, sp, cal	(3.12 ± 0.36)	-(12.0 ± 1.2)	(19 ± 3)	
$NdL_{2}^{3+} + L = NdL_{3}^{3+}$	sp, cal	(2.98 ± 0.50)	-(10.9 ± 1.5)	(21 ± 4)	

Table S6: Stepwise equilibrium constants,  $\Delta H$ , and  $\Delta S$  for the protonation and complexation of BnABDMA, ABDMA, and MABDMA, with Nd<sup>3+</sup> at 25 °C and *I* = 1.0 NaNO<sub>3</sub>. <sup>a</sup> Pot: potentiometry, sp: spectrophotometry, cal: calorimetry.