

## Control of Clustering Behavior in Anionic Cerium(III) Corrole Complexes: From Oligomers to Monomers

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## UV/Vis Spectra

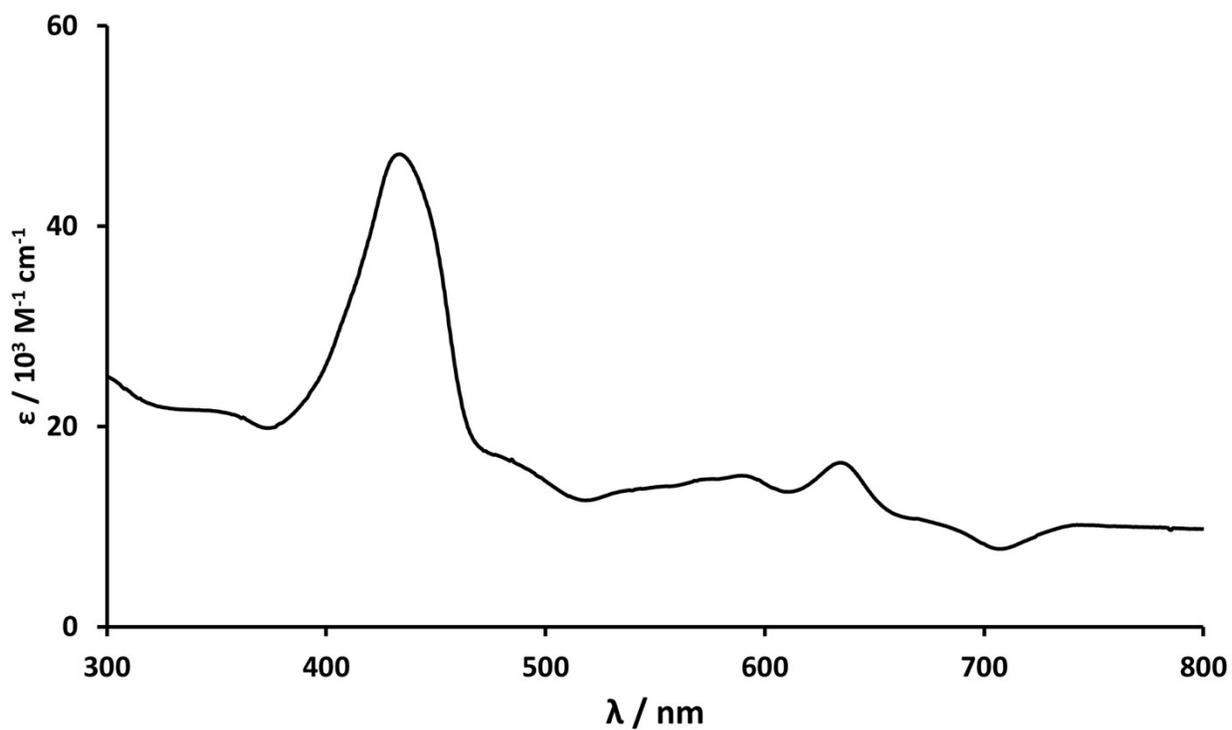


Figure S1 UV/Vis spectrum of **1a** in THF

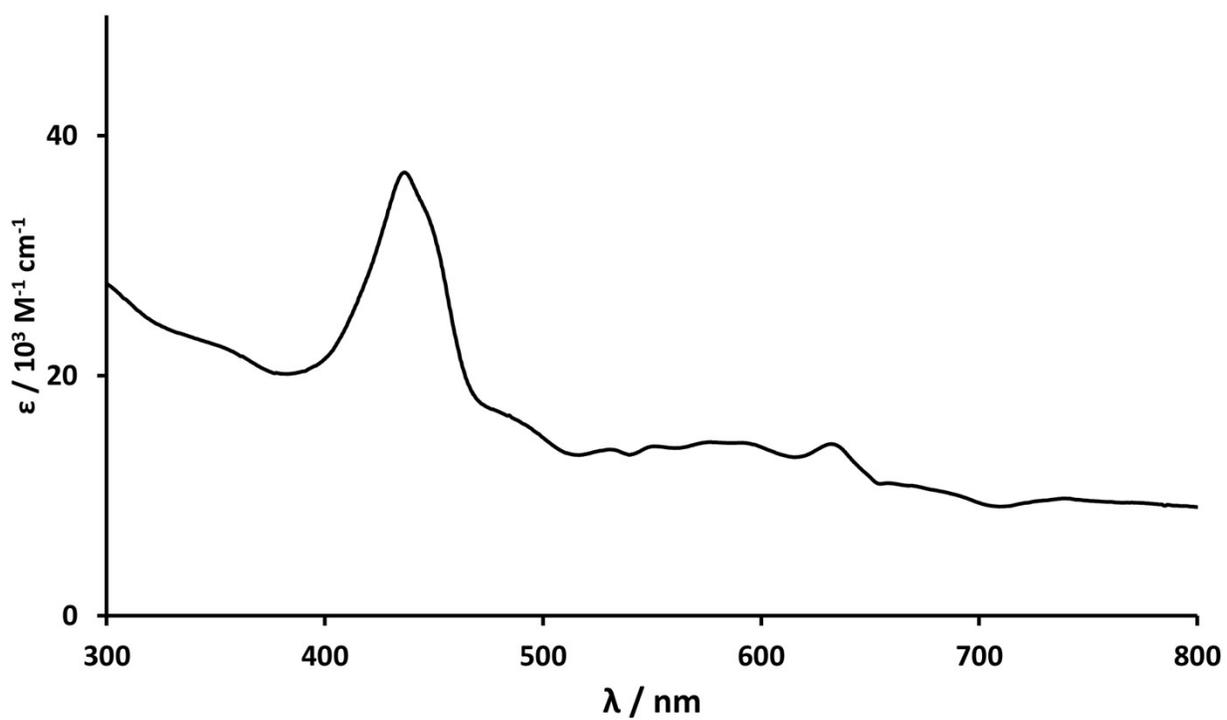


Figure S2 UV/Vis spectrum of **1b** in THF

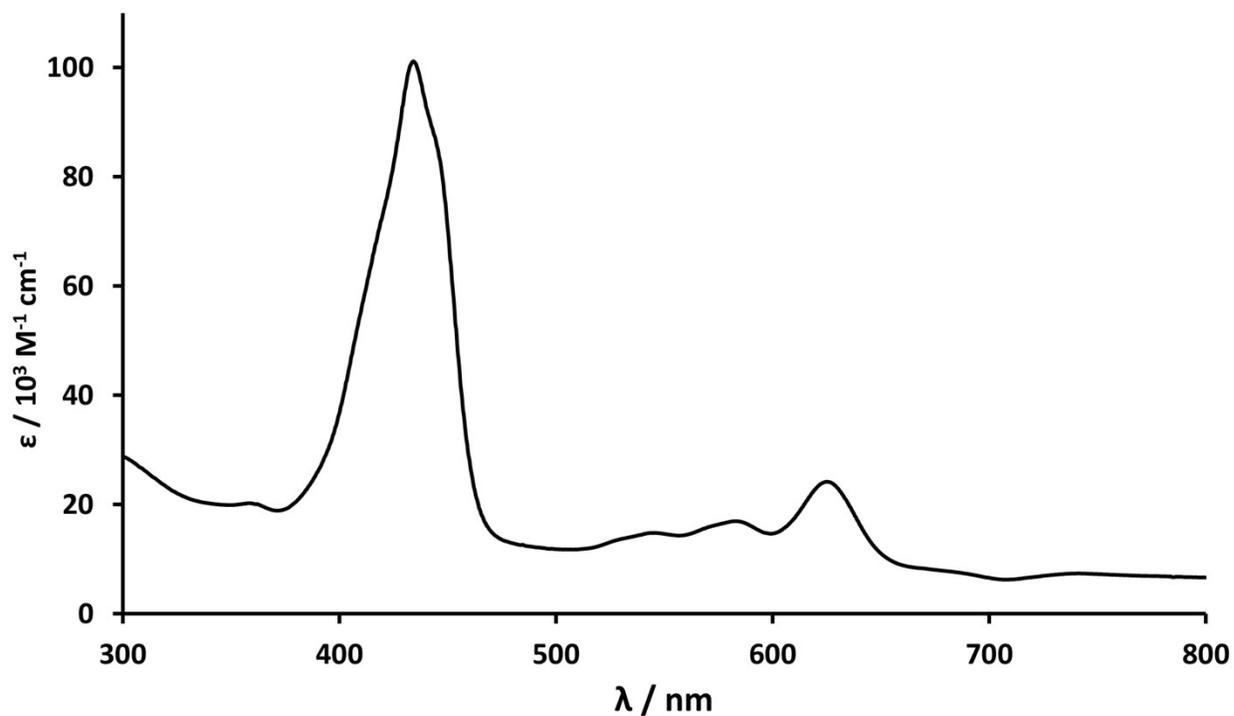


Figure S3 UV/Vis spectrum of **2a** in THF

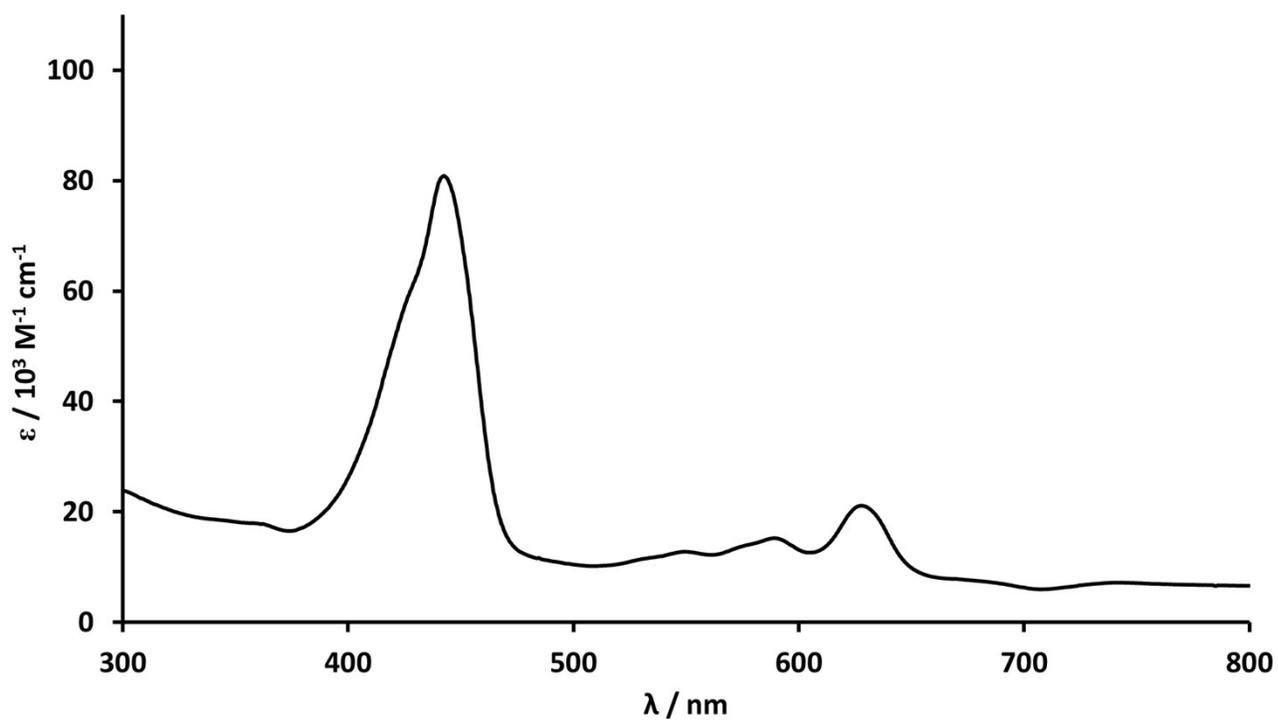


Figure S4 UV/Vis spectrum of **2b** in THF

## Crystallographic details

**Table S1** Crystallographic information

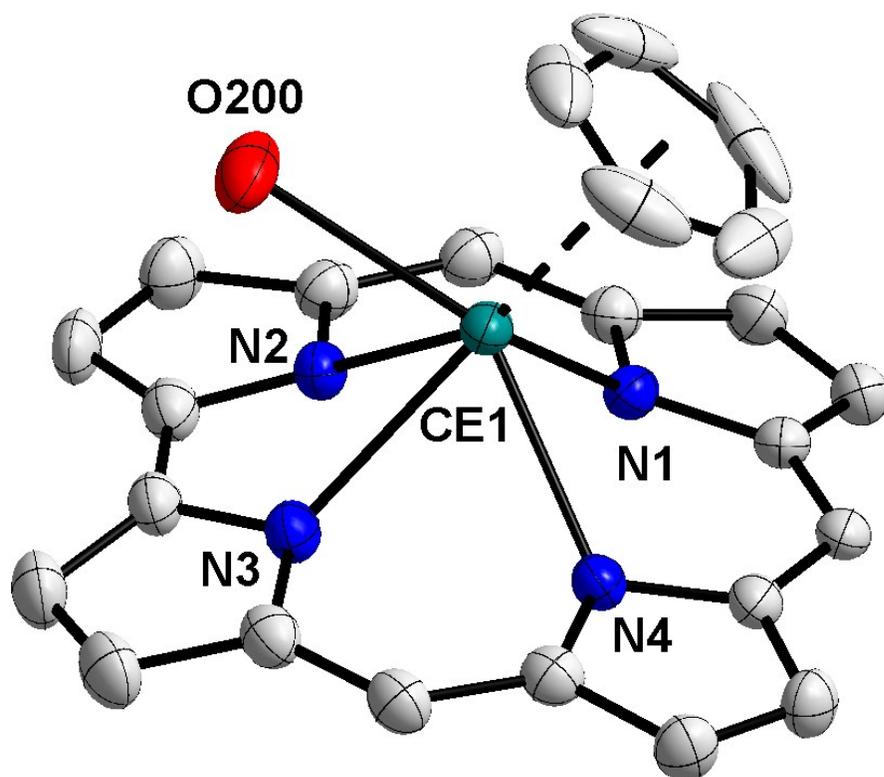
|  | <b>1a</b>   | <b>1b<sup>#</sup></b>   | <b>2a<sup>#</sup></b>   | <b>2b</b>  | <b>3b<sup>+</sup></b>   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| Chemical formula   | C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>58</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Ce <sub>1</sub> Na <sub>1</sub> | C <sub>71</sub> H <sub>88</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Ce <sub>1</sub> Na <sub>1</sub> | C <sub>106</sub> H <sub>94</sub> N <sub>20</sub> O <sub>2</sub> B <sub>1</sub> Ce <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>71</sub> H <sub>83</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>7</sub> B <sub>1</sub> Ce <sub>1</sub> K <sub>1</sub> | C <sub>81</sub> H <sub>91</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Lu <sub>1</sub> Na <sub>1</sub> |
| <i>M<sub>r</sub></i>   | 1030.21   | 1332.58   | 2060.07   | 1406.52  | 1458.55   |
| Crystal system   | Tetragonal  | Triclinic   | Triclinic   | Orthorhombic   | Triclinic   |
| Space group  | <i>I</i> 4 <sub>1</sub> / <i>a</i>  | P-1   | P-1   | <i>Pbca</i>  | P-1   |
| <i>a</i> (Å)   | 28.2049(3)  | 14.408(1)   | 11.1309(5)  | 12.505(1)  | 12.9649(3)  |
| <i>b</i> (Å)   | 28.2049(3)  | 14.500(1)   | 13.3627(6)  | 26.201(2)  | 13.6515(3)  |
| <i>c</i> (Å)   | 26.1852(5)  | 20.559(1)   | 19.9803(8)  | 41.444(3)  | 21.1015(3)  |
| $\alpha$ (°)   | 90  | 86.245(4)   | 107.040(2)  | 90   | 85.729(1)   |
| $\beta$ (°)  | 90  | 69.911(3)   | 103.868(2)  | 90   | 73.465(2)   |
| $\gamma$ (°)   | 90  | 66.398(4)   | 97.317(2)   | 90   | 77.853(2)   |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )   | 20830.8(6)  | 3688.5(4)   | 2685.3(2)   | 13578(1)   | 3499.7(1)   |
| <i>Z</i>   | 16  | 2   | 1   | 8  | 2   |
| Density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )  | 1.314   | 1.200   | 1.269   | 1.376  | 1.384   |
| <i>F</i> (000)   | 8496  | 1394  | 1050  | 5848   | 1514  |
| Radiation Type   | MoK $\alpha$  | Synchrotron   | MoK $\alpha$  | MoK $\alpha$   | MoK $\alpha$  |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.928   | 0.818   | 0.966   | 0.795  | 1.477   |
| Crystal size   | 0.34  | 0.05  | 0.12  | 0.1  | 0.22  |
|  | 0.22  | 0.05  | 0.02  | 0.03   | 0.11  |
|  | 0.16  | 0.04  | 0.02  | 0.03   | 0.05  |
| Meas. Refl.  | 154079  | 53951   | 33820   | 115529   | 124720  |
| Indep. Refl.   | 12429   | 13397   | 9860  | 12431  | 18098   |
| Obsvd. [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] refl.                       | 9085  | 9802  | 7809  | 7263   | 16012   |
| <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>  | 0.0713  | 0.0939  | 0.0665  | 0.1683   | 0.0478  |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )] | 0.0453  | 0.0890  | 0.0479  | 0.0628   | 0.0332  |
| w <i>R</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )                                     | 0.1462  | 0.2183  | 0.1106  | 0.1738   | 0.0783  |
| <i>S</i>   | 1.085   | 1.035   | 0.995   | 1.004  | 1.080   |
| $\Delta\rho_{\max}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )           | 2.337, -0.498   | 3.866, -1.945   | 1.551, -1.278   | 1.281, -0.581  | 1.150, -0.755   |
| CCDC   | 1482209   | 1498990   | 1482208   | 1482207  | 1498989   |

# Due to strong disorder, one equivalent of Toluene has been squeezed from the crystal structure.

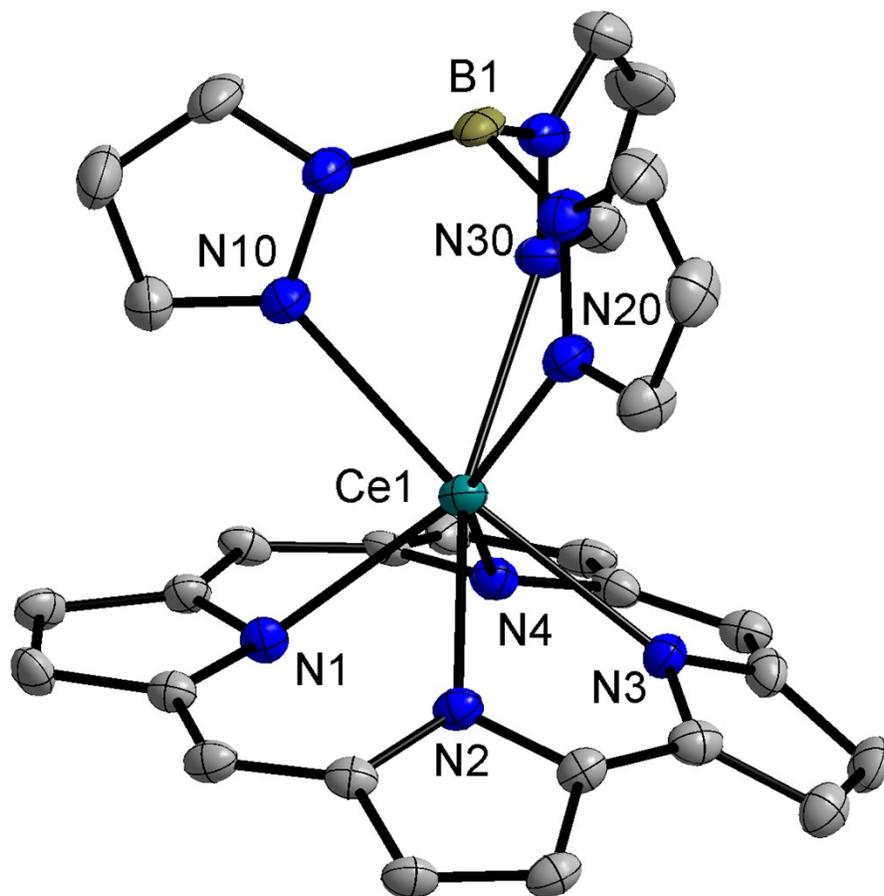
\* Due to strong disorder, it was not possible to refine the methyl hydrogens on one of the toluene molecules.

**Table S2** Important bond lengths and angles

| Atoms  | 1a       | 1b       | 2a        | 2b       | 3b       |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>O200 – Ce1</b>                                    | 2.558(3) | 2.713(5) | -         | -        | -        |
| <b>O201 – Ce1</b>                                    | -        | 2.820(5) | -         | -        | -        |
| <b>N1 – Ce1/Lu1</b>                                  | 2.430(3) | 2.463(7) | 2.429(3)  | 2.402(5) | 2.225(2) |
| <b>N2 – Ce1/Lu1</b>                                  | 2.455(5) | 2.464(5) | 2.472(3)  | 2.419(5) | 2.224(2) |
| <b>N3 – Ce1/Lu1</b>                                  | 2.445(3) | 2.463(6) | 2.489(3)  | 2.453(5) | 2.225(2) |
| <b>N4 – Ce1/Lu1</b>                                  | 2.433(3) | 2.419(6) | 2.442(3)  | 2.424(5) | 2.210(1) |
| <b>N1 – Na1/K1</b>                                   | 2.623(3) | -        | 2.884(3)  | -        | -        |
| <b>N2 – Na1/K1</b>                                   | 2.501(3) | -        | 2.790(3)  | -        | -        |
| <b>N3 – Na1/K1</b>                                   | 2.469(3) | -        | 2.833(3)  | -        | -        |
| <b>N4 – Na1/K1</b>                                   | 2.511(3) | -        | 2.965(3)  | -        | -        |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – Na1/K1</b>                  | 1.660(1) | -        | 2.116(1)  | -        | -        |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – Ce1/Lu1</b>                 | 1.524(1) | 1.497(1) | 1.506(1)  | 1.439(1) | 1.091(1) |
| <b>C100 – Na1</b>                                    | 2.650(5) | -        | -         | -        | -        |
| <b>C101 – Na1</b>                                    | 2.592(5) | -        | -         | -        | -        |
| <b>C102 – Na1</b>                                    | 2.621(5) | -        | -         | -        | -        |
| <b>C103 – Na1</b>                                    | 2.700(5) | -        | -         | -        | -        |
| <b>C104 – Na1</b>                                    | 2.716(5) | -        | -         | -        | -        |
| <b>Cp<sub>cent</sub> – Ce1/Lu1</b>                   | 2.599(1) | 2.666(1) | -         | -        | 2.335(1) |
| <b>N10 – Ce1</b>                                     | -        | -        | 2.630(3)  | 2.668(5) | -        |
| <b>N20 – Ce1</b>                                     | -        | -        | 2.600(3)  | 2.676(5) | -        |
| <b>N30 – Ce1</b>                                     | -        | -        | 2.621(3)  | 2.651(5) | -        |
| <b>TP<sub>cent</sub> – Ce1</b>                       | -        | -        | 1.914(1)  | 1.986(1) | -        |
| <b>K1 – O1</b>                                       | -        | -        | 2.643(3)  | -        | -        |
| <b>Ce1 – Ce1</b>                                     | 7.983(1) | -        | 12.065(1) | -        | -        |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – Ce1 – Cp<sub>cent</sub></b> | 151.1(1) | 146.6(1) | -         | -        | 177.4    |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – Ce1 – TP<sub>cent</sub></b> | -        | -        | 176.7(1)  | 175.1(1) | -        |



**Figure S5** ORTEP view of monomeric view of **1a**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at a probability level of 50%. Hydrogen and sodium atoms, as well as the carbon atoms of the THF ligand and the mesityl and anisole residues on the corrole ligand have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure S6** ORTEP view of monomeric view of **2a**. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at a probability level of 50%. Hydrogen and sodium atoms, as well as the mesityl and anisole residues on the corrole ligand have been omitted for clarity.

## Comparison Tables for other macrocyclic f-element complexes

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths in comparable early lanthanide and cerium porphyrin complexes

| Atoms  | Ce <sub>2</sub> TPP <sub>2</sub> Pc <sup>[1]</sup> | Ce <sub>2</sub> OEP <sub>3</sub> <sup>[2]</sup> | (TPP)Ce(Pc)Gd(OEP) <sup>[3]</sup> | NdTp(TPP) <sup>[4]</sup> | NdTp(TPP) <sup>[5]</sup> | Nd(TPP)I <sup>[5]</sup> |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>N1 – Ce/Nd</b>                                    | 2.459  | 2.496   | 2.468                             | 2.465                    | 2.476                    | 2.444                   |
| <b>N2 – Ce/Nd</b>                                    | 2.453  | 2.524   | 2.467                             | 2.439                    | 2.428                    | 2.413                   |
| <b>N3 – Ce/Nd</b>                                    | 2.485  | 2.503   | 2.462                             | 2.429                    | 2.448                    | 2.438                   |
| <b>N4 – Ce/Nd</b>                                    | 2.477  | 2.482   | 2.458                             | 2.458                    | 2.451                    | 2.452                   |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – Ce/Nd</b>                   | 1.352  | 1.395   | 1.337                             | 1.305                    | 1.298                    | 1.286                   |
| <b>N5<sub>Tp</sub> – Ce/Nd</b>                       | -  | -   | -                                 | 2.585                    | 2.629                    | .                       |
| <b>N7<sub>Tp</sub> – Ce/Nd</b>                       | -  | -   | -                                 | 2.612                    | 2.592                    | .                       |
| <b>N9<sub>Tp</sub> – Ce/Nd</b>                       | -  | -   | -                                 | 2.642                    | 2.617                    | .                       |
| <b>Tp<sub>cent</sub> – M</b>                         | -  | -   | -                                 | 1.906                    | 1.895                    | -                       |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – Ce1 – Tp<sub>cent</sub></b> | -  |   |                                   |                          |                          |                         |

TPP = Tetraphenylporphyrine, OEP = octaethylporphyrine, Pc = Phtalocyanine, Tp = Trispyrazolylborate

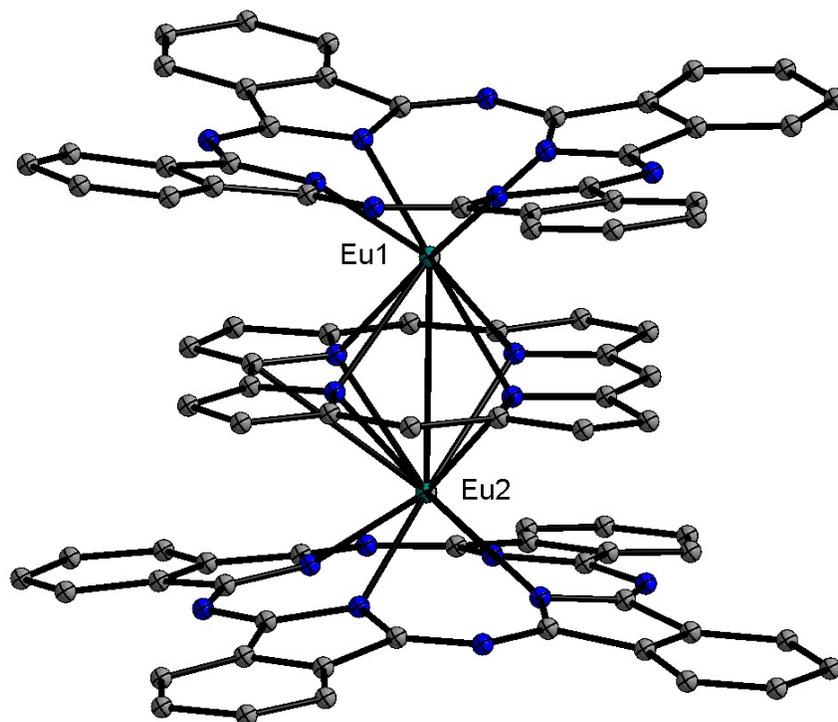
**Table S4** selected bond lengths in comparable Lu porphyrin complexes

| Atoms                           | LuPc <sup>Fc</sup> Por <sup>[6]</sup> | LuPcTPP <sup>[7]</sup> | Lu <sub>2</sub> <sup>Xanth</sup> Por <sup>[8]</sup> | Lu <sub>2</sub> <sup>Xanth</sup> Por <sup>[8]</sup> | OEPLuCH(TMS) <sub>2</sub> <sup>[9]</sup> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>N1 – Lu</b>                  | 2.393                                 | 2.415                  | 2.321   | 2.304   | 2.236                                    |
| <b>N2 – Lu</b>                  | 2.395                                 | 2.404                  | 2.299   | 2.317   | 2.254                                    |
| <b>N3 – Lu</b>                  | 2.383                                 | 2.394                  | 2.312   | 2.323   | 2.297                                    |
| <b>N4 – Lu</b>                  | 2.390                                 | 2.412                  | 2.335   | 2.321   | 2.255                                    |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – Lu</b> | 1.222                                 | 1.261                  | 1.091   | 1.072   | 0.919                                    |

TPP = Tetraphenylporphyrine, OEP = octaethylporphyrine, Pc = Phtalocyanine, <sup>Xanth</sup>Por = Xanthene linked porphyrin, <sup>Fc</sup>Por = Ferrocene decorated porphyrine

**Table S5** Selected bond lengths in comparable Ln/An(corrole) complexes

| Atoms                          | CorLaDME <sup>[10]</sup> | CorGdTACN <sup>[10]</sup> | CorTbDME <sup>[10]</sup> | Eu <sub>2</sub> Pc <sub>2</sub> Cor <sup>[11]</sup> | ThClCor <sup>[12]</sup> | UClCor <sup>[12]</sup> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>N1 – M</b>                  | 2.442                    | 2.343                     | 2.327                    | 2.571   | 2.413                   | 2.357                  |
| <b>N2 – M</b>                  | 2.429                    | 2.294                     | 2.317                    | 2.582   | 2.394                   | 2.313                  |
| <b>N3 – M</b>                  | 2.445                    | 2.299                     | 2.308                    | 2.578   | 2.368                   | 2.293                  |
| <b>N4 – M</b>                  | 2.432                    | 2.352                     | 2.323                    | 2.629   | 2.356                   | 2.338                  |
| <b>N<sub>4 plane</sub> – M</b> | 1.467                    | 1.262                     | 1.274                    | 1.793   | 1.403                   | 1.330                  |



**Figure S7:** Ball and stick model of  $\text{Eu}_2\text{Pc}_2\text{Cor}$  reported by Kadish *et al.*; 4-chlorophenyl substituents on the corrole as well as octoxy residues in the phthalocyanine ligand have been omitted for clarity.

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