Supporting Information for:

New polyaminocarboxylate macrocycles containing phenolate binding units: synthesis, luminescent and relaxometric properties of their lanthanide complexes

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DOSY experiments

In 2D DOSY ¹H NMR experiments, the acquisition parameters were as follows: 32K data points, acquisition time 2.04 s, spectral width 16 ppm, number of scans 16, relaxation delay 2 s, pulse field gradient length 1.5 ms and recovery delay 3 ms, diffusion time 100 ms and LED 50 ms. The spoiler gradients were 0.6 ms long with a field strength of -9.26 and -7.12 G.cm⁻¹. Forty experiments were recorded with gradient intensity linearly sampled from 5 to 95%. The gradient system was calibrated to 54.1 G.cm⁻¹ at maximum intensity. Data were then processed using Gifa 5.2 software with the inverse Laplace Transform method using the Maximum Entropy (MaxEnt) algorithm. The processing parameters were 2048 points along the Laplace spectrum diffusion axis and 20000 MaxEnt iterations. The inverse Laplace Transform was computed only on the columns presenting a signal 32 times greater than the noise level of the experiment. DOSY spectra are presented with chemical shifts on the horizontal axis and diffusion coefficients expressed in $\mu m^2.s^{-1}$ on the vertical axis. Experiment was analyzed with the NMRnotebook software (NMRTEC).



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Figure S9: Effects of added anions on the emission lifetimes in [TbL¹]Na and TbPCTA complexes.

(1) $[[TbL^1]Na]$ or [TbPCTA] = 0.05 mM at pH 7.4 (Tris buffer 50 mM), (2) with phosphate (1.1 mM), (3) with lactate (2.3 mM), (4) with carbonate (26 mM) and (5) with fluoride (0.1M).



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