## Supporting Information

## Synthesis, Photophysical, and Magnetic Studies of Ternary Lanthanide(III) Complexes of Naphthyl Chromophore Functionalized Imidazo[4,5-*f*][1,10]phenanthroline and Dibenzoylmethane

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Figure S1. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of L1.



Figure S2. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of L2.



Figure S3. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L1 in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of L1.



Figure S5. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of L2 in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum of L2.



Figure S7. 125 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L1 in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S8. 125 MHz <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of L2 in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S9. Unit cell packing diagram displaying hydrogen bonding of L1.



Figure S10. Unit cell packing diagram displaying hydrogen bonding of L2.



Figure S11. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of [Eu(DBM)<sub>3</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].



Figure S12. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of [Tb(DBM)<sub>3</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].



Figure S13. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of [Eu(DBM)<sub>3</sub>(L1)].



Figure S14. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of [Tb(DBM)<sub>3</sub>(L1)].



Figure S15. MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of [Eu(DBM)<sub>3</sub>(L2)].



Figure S16. ESI mass spectrum of [Tb(DBM)<sub>3</sub>(L2)].



Figure S17. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Eu(DBM)_3(L1)]$  in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S18. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Eu(DBM)_3(L2)]$  in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S19. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Tb(DBM)_3(L1)]$  in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S20. 500 MHz <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[Tb(DBM)_3(L2)]$  in DMSO- $d_6$  at 25 °C.



Figure S21. TGA curves of the complexes in  $N_2$  atmosphere.



Figure S22. Electronic absorption spectra of L1 and L2.



Figure S23. Photoluminescence spectra of L1 and L2 ( $\lambda_{ex} = 278$  nm).



Figure S24. Excitation spectra of L1 and L2.



**Figure S25**. Excitation spectra of  $[Eu(DBM)_3(L1)]$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 372$  and 269 nm) and  $[Eu(DBM)_3(L2)]$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 365$  and 271 nm).



**Figure S26.** Excitation spectra of  $[Tb(DBM)_3(L1)]$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 362, 307, and 287 nm$ ) and  $[Tb(DBM)_3(L2)]$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 407, 386, 365 and 2301 nm$ ).



Figure S27. Luminescence decay curves of  $[Eu(DBM)_3(L1)]$  and  $[Eu(DBM)_3(L2)]$  in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.