

# Sensitized near infrared emission through supramolecular d→f energy transfer within an ionic Ru(II) – Er(III) pair

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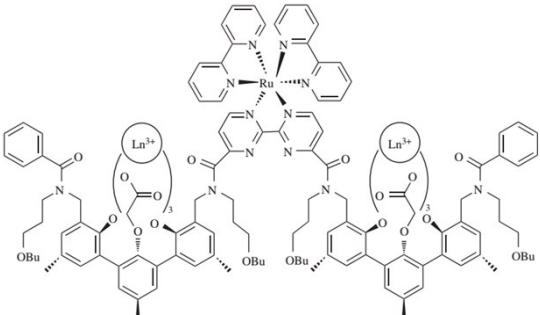
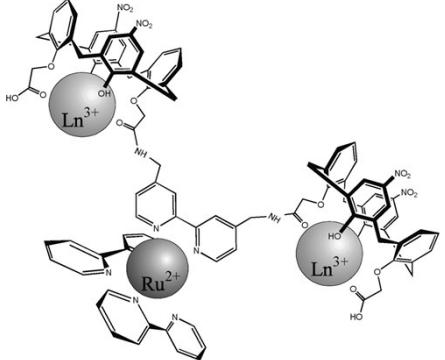
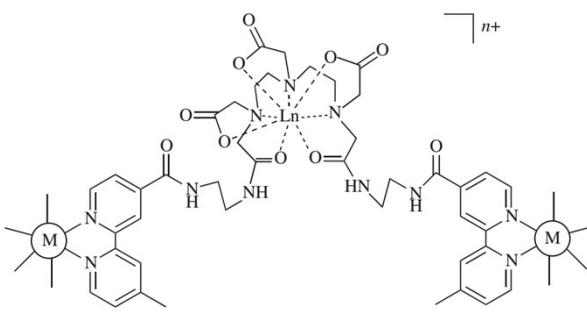
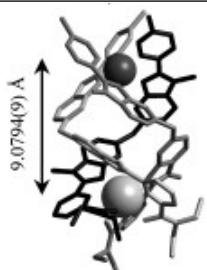
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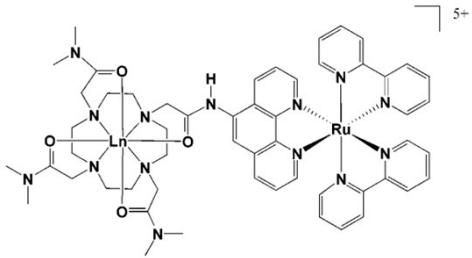
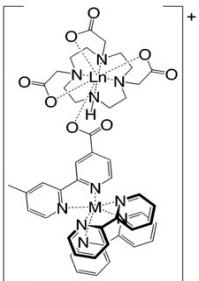
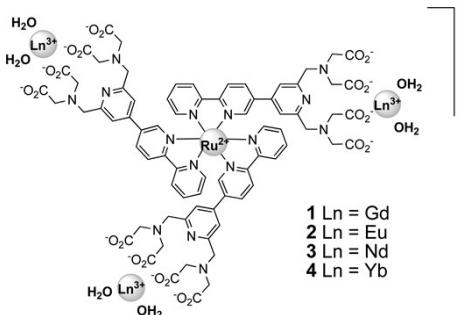
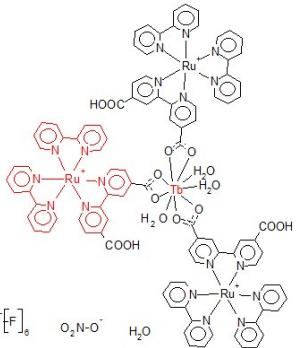
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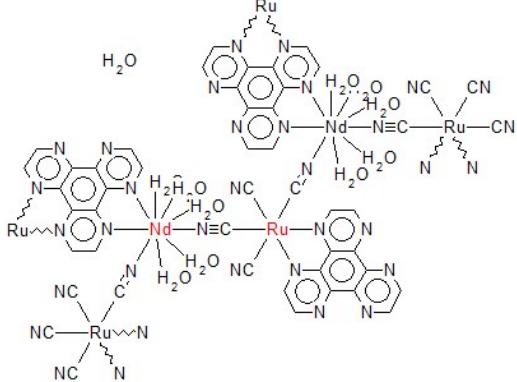
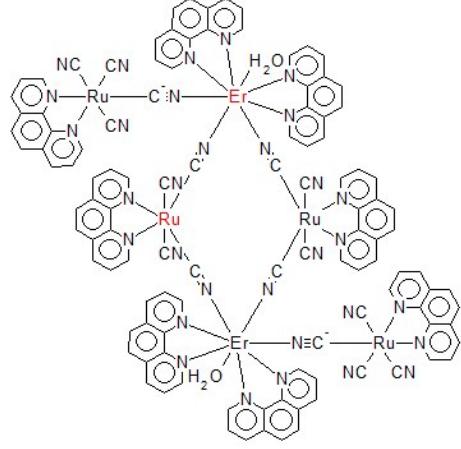
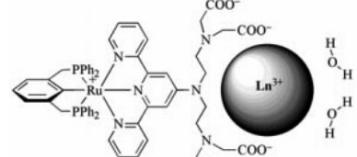
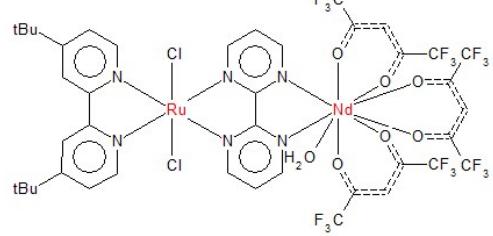
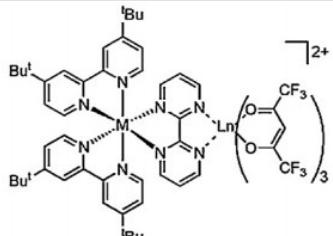
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**Table S1.** Examples of Ru $\rightarrow$ Ln energy transfer for sensitized lanthanide emission

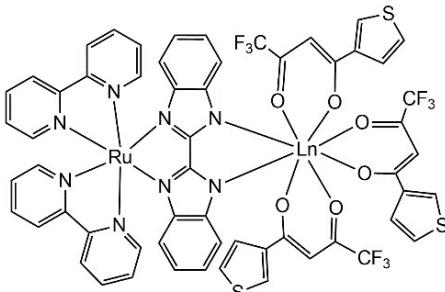
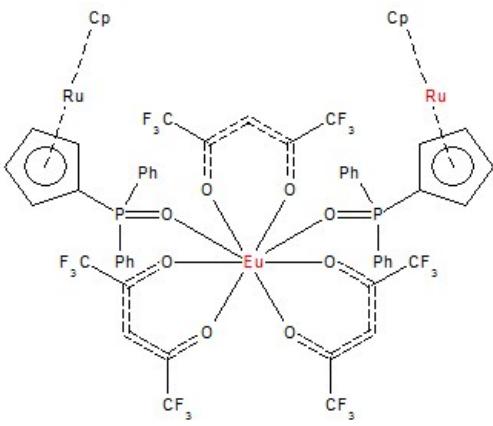
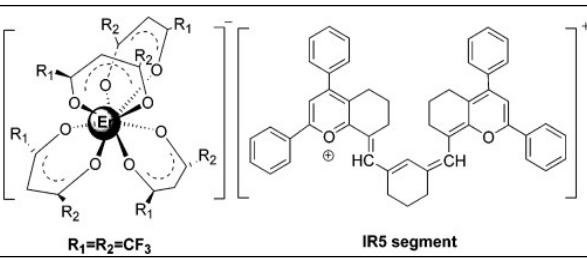
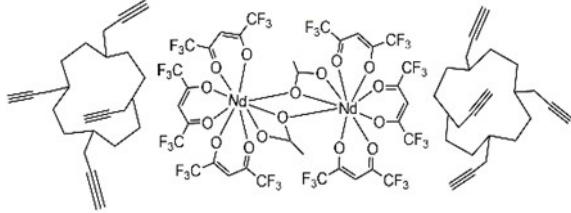
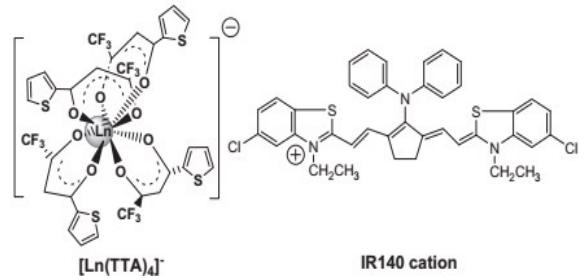
Intramolecular $d \rightarrow f$ energy transfer		
Complexes	d-f distance (Å)	Ref.
through-space multipolar energy transfer		
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	~15	<i>Dalton Trans.</i> , <b>2005</b> , 1482–1490
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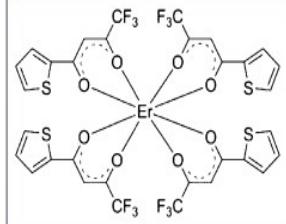
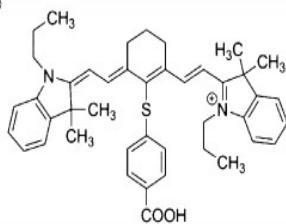
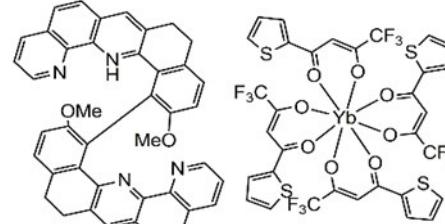
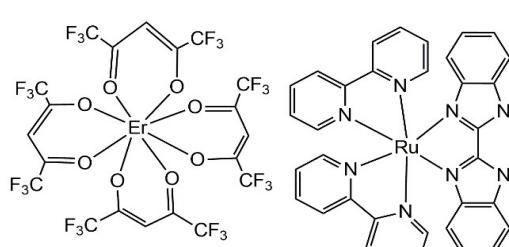
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 <p style="text-align: center;">         1 Ln = Gd          2 Ln = Eu          3 Ln = Nd          4 Ln = Yb       </p>		<i>Inorg. Chem.</i> , <b>2015</b> , <b>54</b> , 1414–1425
	9.08	<i>New J. Chem.</i> , <b>2016</b> , <i>40</i> , 5379–5386
orbital overlap (double electronic exchange mechanisms)		

	~10.5	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> , <b>2004</b> , 1486–1487
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	5.41	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i> <b>2006</b> , 45, 6756–6760
	5.50	<i>Dalton Trans.</i> <b>2006</b> , 39–50

	5.63	<i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , <b>2007</b> , 129, 11491–11504
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	8.53	<i>Organometallics</i> , <b>2014</b> , 33, 4824–4835

	~5.6	<i>Dalton Trans.</i> , <b>2015</b> , 44, 15212–15219
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Intermolecular energy transfer (supramolecular sensitization)		
 $R_1=R_2=CF_3$		<i>J. Phys. Chem. B.</i> , <b>2004</b> , 108, 8084–8088
		<i>Inorg. Chem. Commun.</i> , <b>2007</b> , 10, 1129–1131
 $[Ln(TTA)_4]^-$		<i>Dyes and Pigments</i> , <b>2012</b> , 95, 69–73

 	<i>ACS Photonics</i> , <b>2014</b> , <i>I</i> , 394–397
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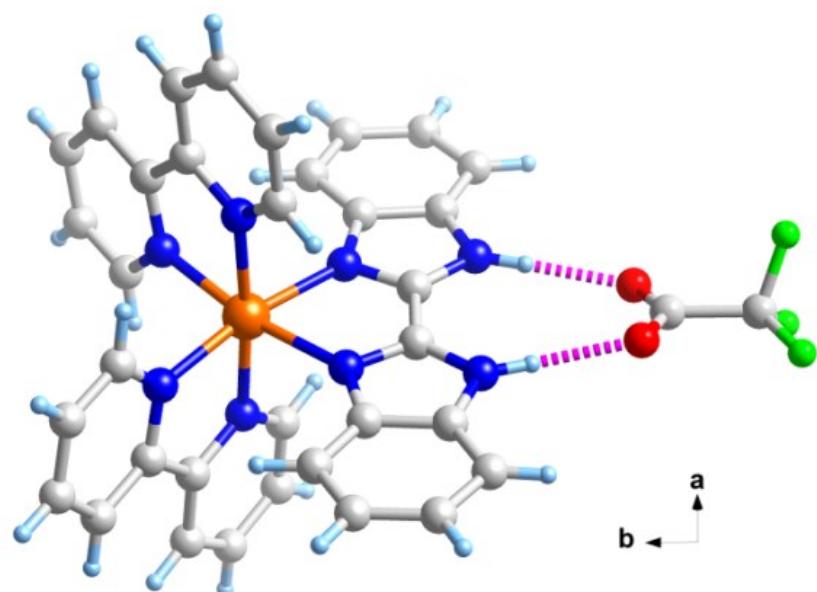
**Table S2.** Crystallographic Data of **N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>[Eu(hfac)<sub>4</sub>]** and **1**.

	<b>N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>[Eu(hfac)<sub>4</sub>]</b>	<b>1</b>
empirical formula	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>24</sub> EuF <sub>24</sub> NO <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>30</sub> ErF <sub>27</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Ru
fw	1085.91	1756.21
space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	13.325(4)	18.085(6)
<i>b</i> , Å	16.993(5)	37.766(12)
<i>c</i> , Å	18.776(6)	11.710(4)
<i>α</i> , deg	90.00	90.00
<i>β</i> , deg	94.905(4)	112.791(6)
<i>γ</i> , deg	90.00	90.00
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	4236(2)	7373(4)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
<i>ρ</i> <sub>calcd</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.703	1.582
<i>μ</i> , mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.625	1.458
radiation ( <i>λ</i> , Å)	0.71073	0.71073
temp, K	293(2)	293(2)
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> ) <sup>[a]</sup>	0.0886	0.0543
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>[b]</sup>	0.2769	0.1575
GOF	1.025	0.941

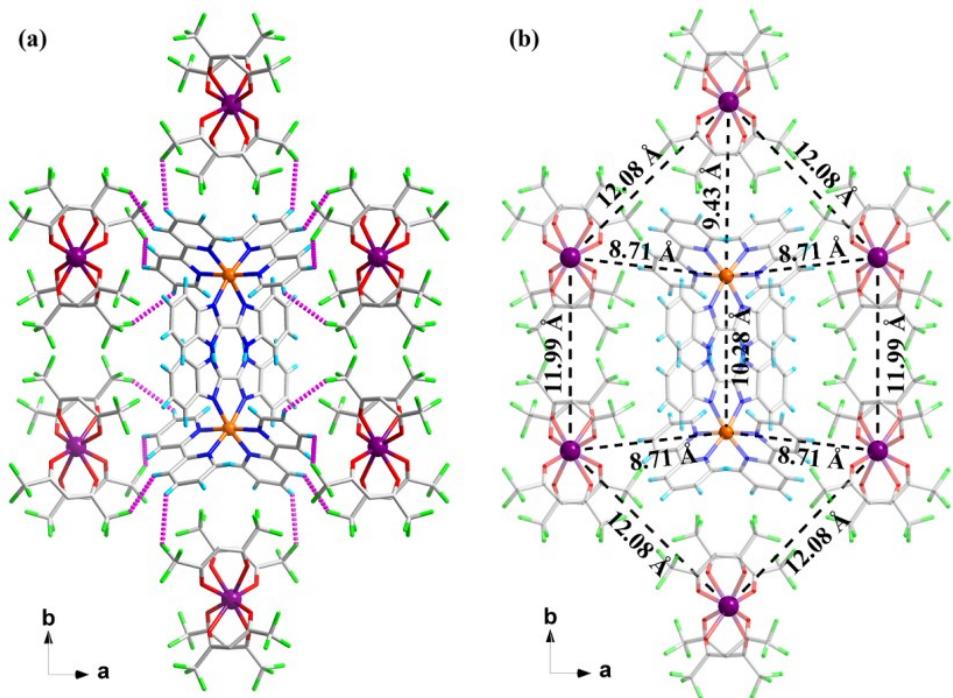
[a]  $R_1 = \Sigma |F_o| - |F_c| / \Sigma |F_o|$ , [b]  $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$

**Table S3.** Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) in **1** and **N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>[Eu(hfac)<sub>4</sub>]**

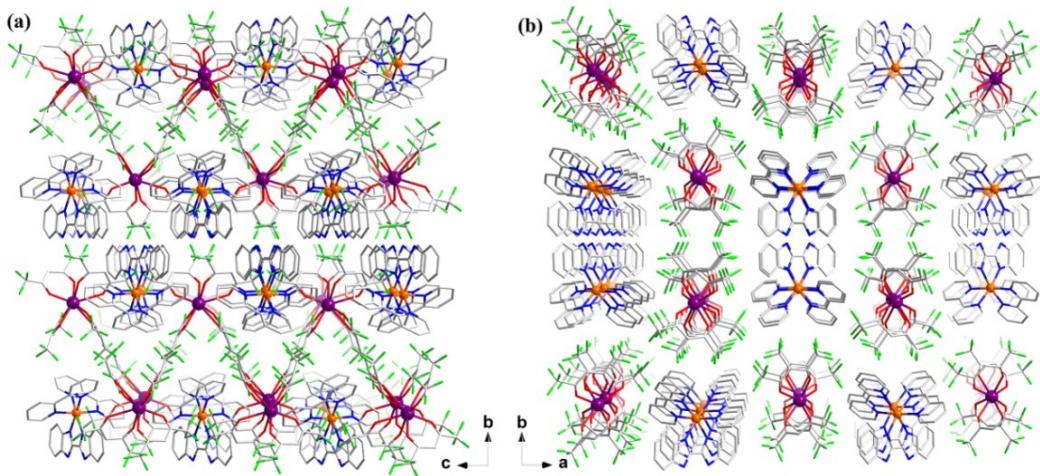
	<b>1</b>	<b>N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>[Eu(hfac)<sub>4</sub>]</b>
O1–Ln	2.047(18)	2.406(4)
O2–Ln	2.187(18)	2.373(4)
O3–Ln	2.27(2)	2.406(3)
O4–Ln	2.07(4)	2.397(4)
O5–Ln		2.405(4)
O6–Ln		2.389(4)
O7–Ln		2.392(4)
O8–Ln		2.383(4)
O1–Ln–O4	85.2(14)	75.86(14)
O2–Ln–O3	76.0(10)	74.24(13)
O5–Ln–O7		76.77(14)
O6–Ln–O8		71.17(13)



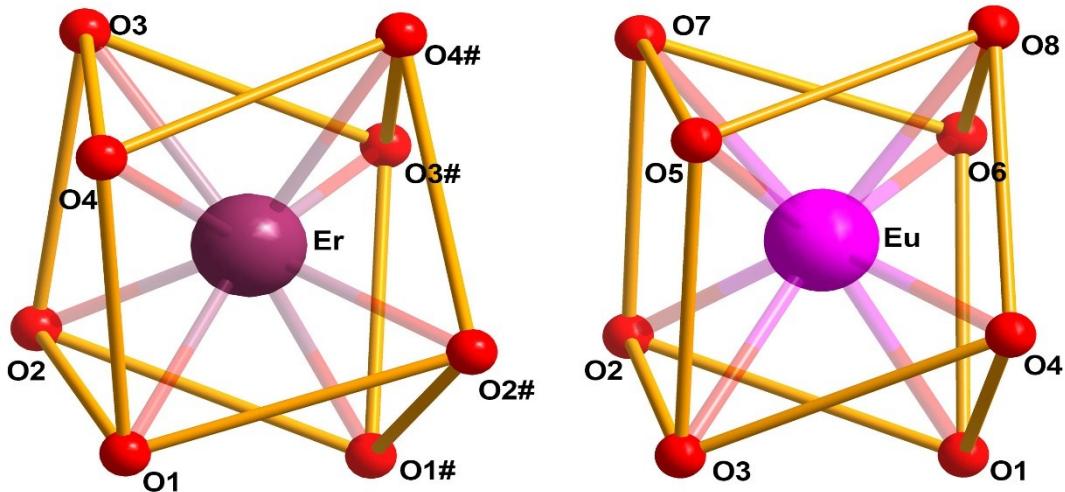
**Figure S1.** The H-bonds between [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(dbim)]<sup>2+</sup> and [CF<sub>3</sub>COO]<sup>-</sup> in **1**.



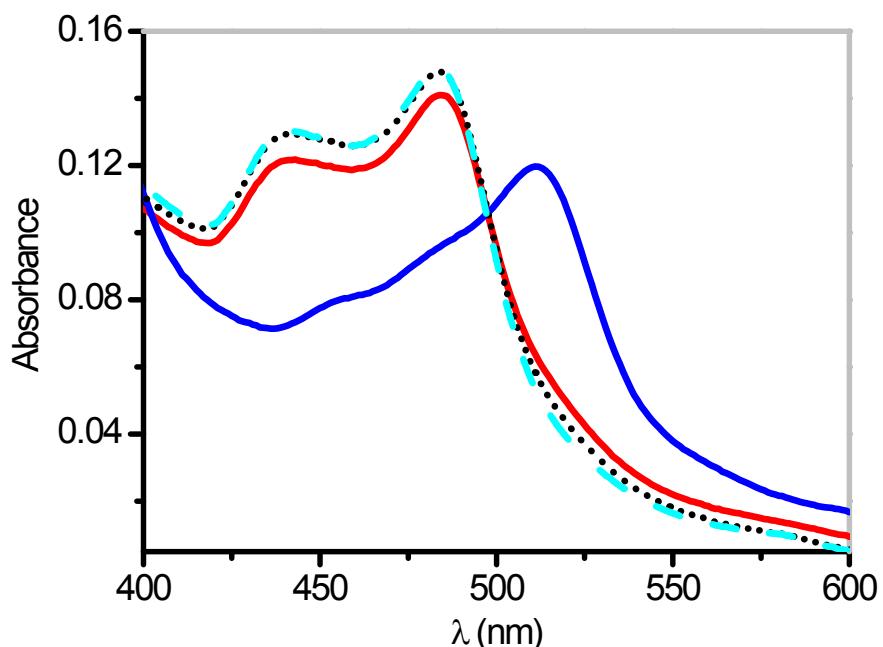
**Figure S2.** (a) The H-bonds between  $[\text{Er}(\text{hfac})_4]^-$  and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{dbim})]^{2+}$  moieties. The purple dashed lines correspond to C-H...F interactions. (b) The distance between the metal centres of  $[\text{Er}(\text{hfac})_4]^-$  and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{dbim})]^{2+}$  moieties.



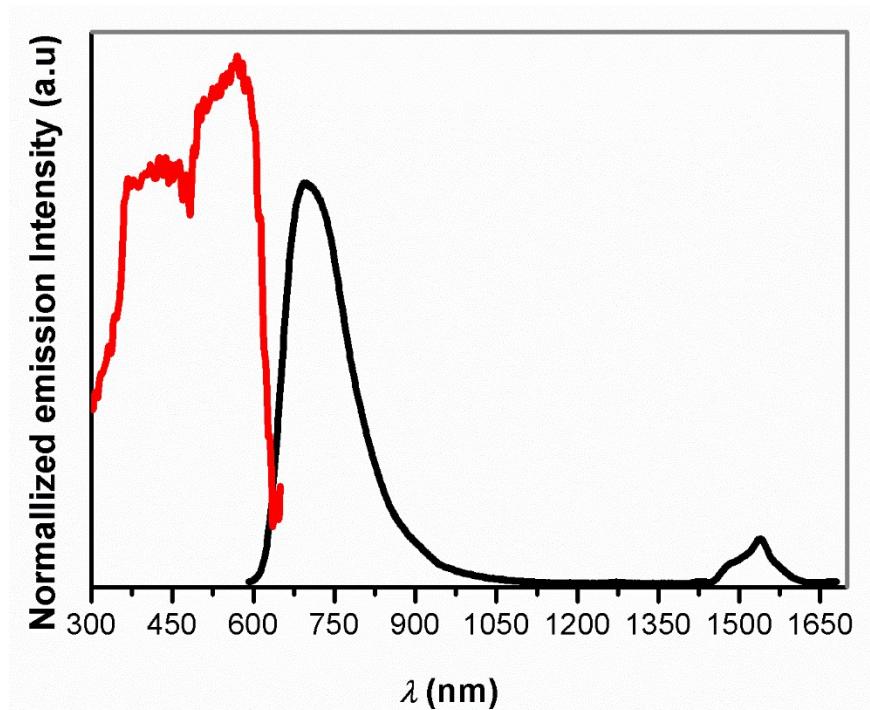
**Figure S3.** The crystal packing of  $[\text{Er}(\text{hfac})_4]^-$  and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{dbim})]^{2+}$  moieties in **1** viewed along  $a$  (left) and  $c$  (right)-axis. For clarity, the  $[\text{CF}_3\text{COO}]^-$  and hydrogen atoms are omitted.



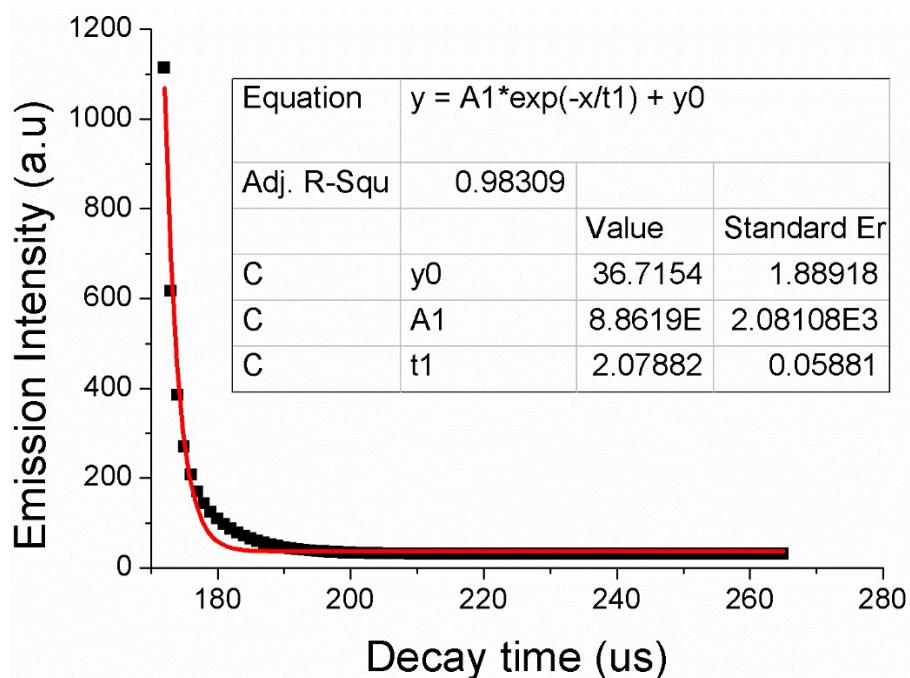
**Figure S4.** Coordination environment of  $\text{Er}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}$ .



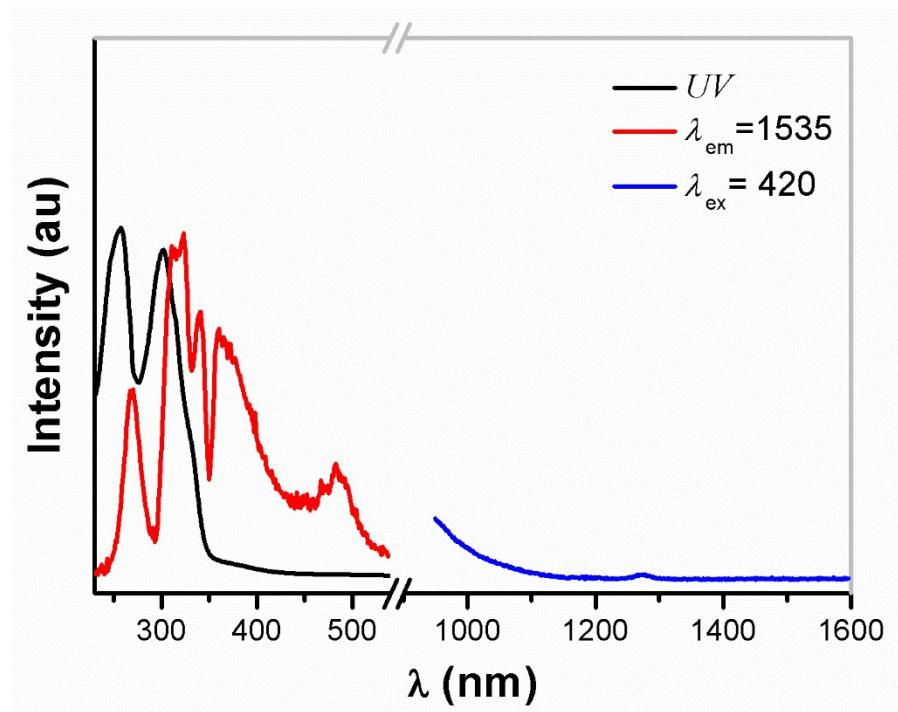
**Figure S5.** Titration of  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{dbim})(\text{PF}_6)_2$  with  $\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_4\text{Er}(\text{hfac})_4$  in dichloromethane solutions, showing blue-shift in electronic absorption spectra. The molar ratio between  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{dbim})(\text{PF}_6)_2$  and  $\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_4\text{Er}(\text{hfac})_4$  are 1 : 0 (blue), 1 : 0.5 (red), 1 : 1 (black), and 1 : 1.5 (cyan), respectively.



**Figure S6.** A full normalized excitation ( $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 1535$  nm, red) and emission ( $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 420$  nm, black) spectra of **1** in solid state at room temperature



**Figure S7.** Lifetime decay curves of **1** in solid state after heating to remove solvent molecule in crystals.



**Figure S8** Excitation ( $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 1535$  nm, red) and emission ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 420$  nm, blue) spectra of **1**, and the absorption spectra of  $\text{N}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_4[\text{Eu}(\text{hfac})_4]$  (black) in dichloromethane solutions with a concentration of  $10^{-5}$  M.