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Luminescence, magnetocaloric effect of Ln<sub>4</sub> clusters (Ln = Eu, Gd, Tb, Er)  
bridged by CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> deriving from spontaneous fixation of carbon dioxide in  
atmosphere

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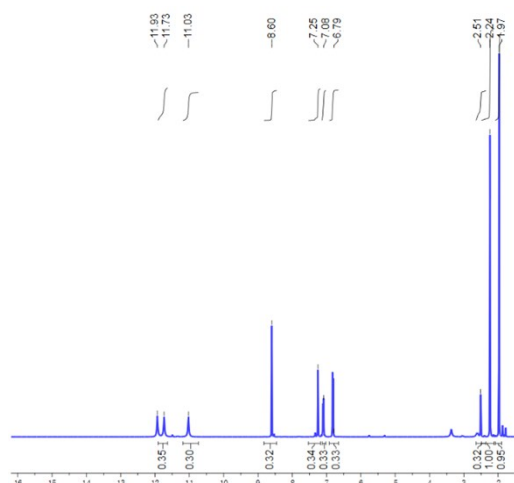
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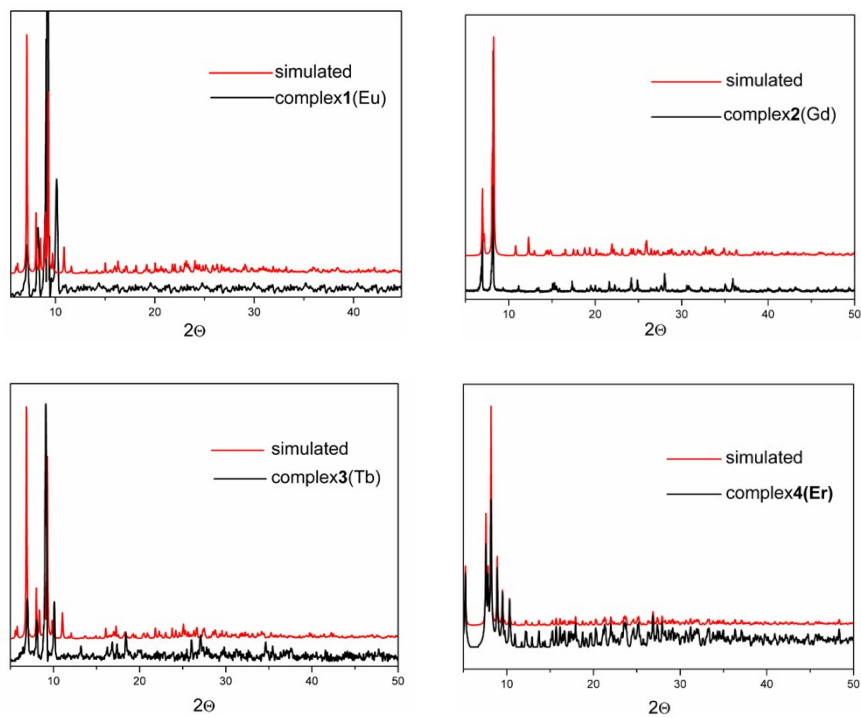
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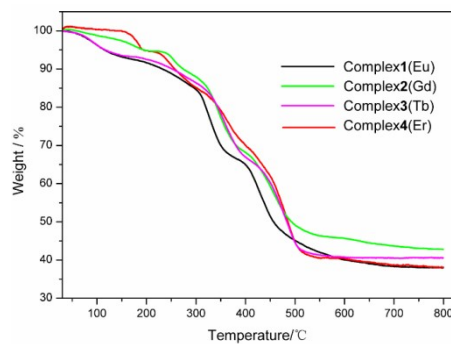
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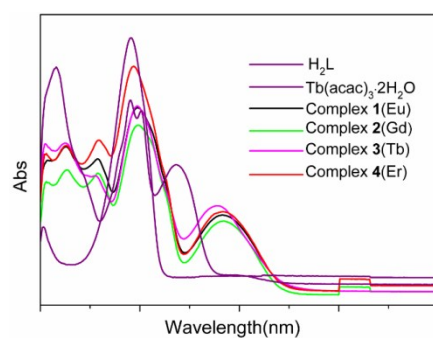
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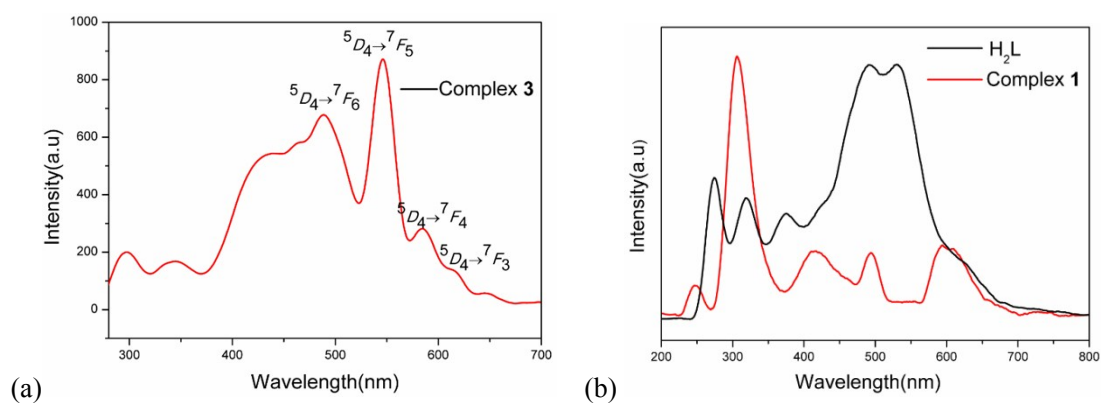
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**Table S1** Crystal Data and Structure Refinements for complexes **1** – **4**.

| Complex                                              | <b>1</b>                                                                                     | <b>2</b>                                                                                        | <b>3</b>                                                                                     | <b>4</b>                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula                                              | C <sub>59</sub> H <sub>88</sub> Eu <sub>4</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>30</sub>              | C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>84</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Gd <sub>4</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>25</sub> | C <sub>58</sub> H <sub>80</sub> Tb <sub>4</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>27</sub>              | C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>79</sub> Er <sub>4</sub> N <sub>13</sub> O <sub>25</sub>              |
| <i>M<sub>r</sub></i> (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )          | 2053.25                                                                                      | 2097.31                                                                                         | 2013.02                                                                                      | 2051.40                                                                                      |
| Cryst. Syst.                                         | monoclinic                                                                                   | orthorhombic                                                                                    | monoclinic                                                                                   | monoclinic                                                                                   |
| Space group                                          | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>C</i>                                                           | <i>C</i> 222 <sub>1</sub>                                                                       | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>C</i>                                                           | <i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>                                                                         |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                                         | 16.194(1)                                                                                    | 14.800(3)                                                                                       | 16.219(2)                                                                                    | 29.452(2)                                                                                    |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                                         | 22.288(2)                                                                                    | 24.707(3)                                                                                       | 22.058(3)                                                                                    | 32.301(2)                                                                                    |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                                         | 21.540(2)                                                                                    | 21.429(2)                                                                                       | 21.639(3)                                                                                    | 19.940(2)                                                                                    |
| $\beta$ (°)                                          | 103.346(2)                                                                                   | 90                                                                                              | 102.577(3)                                                                                   | 127.720(1)                                                                                   |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                           | 7565.1(11)                                                                                   | 7835.8(18)                                                                                      | 7555.5(19)                                                                                   | 15005.5(19)                                                                                  |
| <i>Z</i>                                             | 4                                                                                            | 4                                                                                               | 4                                                                                            | 8                                                                                            |
| <i>D<sub>c</sub></i> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )           | 1.803                                                                                        | 1.778                                                                                           | 1.770                                                                                        | 1.816                                                                                        |
| $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                            | 3.360                                                                                        | 3.490                                                                                           | 3.782                                                                                        | 4.511                                                                                        |
| <i>F</i> (000)                                       | 4072.0                                                                                       | 4120.0                                                                                          | 3952.0                                                                                       | 8016.0                                                                                       |
| Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )                      | 0.22 × 0.14 × 0.12<br>3.013 to 27.506                                                        | 0.20 × 0.18 × 0.12<br>3.21 to 25.02                                                             | 0.18 × 0.16 × 0.14<br>3.006 to 27.525                                                        | 0.22 × 0.18 × 0.12<br>3.013 to 27.686                                                        |
| $\theta$ / °                                         | -15 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 21                                                                          | -17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17                                                                             | -21 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 17                                                                          | -38 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 33                                                                          |
| Limiting indices                                     | -28 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 28<br>-27 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 27                                                   | -25 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 29<br>-25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25                                                      | -28 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 28<br>-28 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25                                                   | -39 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 42<br>-25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25                                                   |
| Reflections collected                                | 75835                                                                                        | 33987                                                                                           | 73781                                                                                        | 76320                                                                                        |
| Independent reflection                               | 17191                                                                                        | 6912                                                                                            | 17195                                                                                        | 17204                                                                                        |
| <i>R<sub>int</sub></i>                               | 0.0350                                                                                       | 0.0585                                                                                          | 0.0525                                                                                       | 0.0455                                                                                       |
| Data / restraints / parameters                       | 17191/7/985                                                                                  | 6912/26/501                                                                                     | 17195/6/938                                                                                  | 17204/21/948                                                                                 |
| GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                         | 1.016                                                                                        | 1.030                                                                                           | 1.040                                                                                        | 1.029                                                                                        |
| Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ ( <i>I</i> )] | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> = 0.0244,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> = 0.0575 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> = 0.0229,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> = 0.0555    | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> = 0.0330,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> = 0.0855 | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> = 0.0261,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> = 0.0609 |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data)                          | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0338,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0606                           | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0240,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0557                              | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0410,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0884                           | <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0328,<br><i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0638                           |

<sup>a</sup>  $R_1 = \Sigma(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \Sigma|F_o|$ ; <sup>b</sup>  $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ .

**Table S2** The range of important bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of complexes **1-4**.

| Complexes | The range of Ln-O<br>bond lengths / Å | The range of Ln-N<br>bond lengths / Å | The range of O-Ln-O bond<br>angles / ° | The distance of Ln···Ln<br>/ Å                 | The bond angles of Ln-<br>Ln-Ln / °             |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | 2.259(2)-2.594(2)                     | 2.515(3)-2.724(3)                     | 66.40(7)-156.19(7)                     | 3.9461(4), 3.9472(3),<br>3.9668(4), 3.9108(3). | 79.392(5), 99.898(6),<br>78.708(5), 100.168(5). |
| <b>2</b>  | 2.259(3)-2.581(3)                     | 2.513(4)-2.586(4)                     | 66.70(10)-149.06(11)                   | 3.9166(5), 3.9603(7).                          | 76.348(9), 101.143(9).                          |
| <b>3</b>  | 2.236(3)-2.582(3)                     | 2.488(3)-2.685(3)                     | 66.38(8)-155.83(9)                     | 3.8827(6), 3.9051(5),<br>3.9205(6), 3.9380(6). | 78.963(7), 79.446(7),<br>99.857(8), 99.941(7).  |
| <b>4</b>  | 2.202(2)-2.631(2)                     | 2.435(3)-2.627                        | 65.77(8)-153.82(8)                     | 3.8339(3), 3.8764(3),<br>3.8458(3), 3.8905(3). | 99.949(6), 78.376(6),<br>99.988(6), 78.063(6).  |

**Table S3** The hydrogen bonds for complexes **2**.

| <b>D</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>d(D-H)/Å</b> | <b>d(H-A)/Å</b> | <b>d(D-A)/Å</b> | <b>D-H-A/°</b> |
|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| O6       | H6       | O1       | 0.84            | 2.01            | 2.690(5)        | 136.8          |
| O11      | H11      | O7       | 0.95            | 2.03            | 2.829(5)        | 141.1          |
| O12      | H12      | O13      | 0.95            | 1.92            | 2.671(6)        | 133.8          |
| O13      | H13A     | O10      | 0.95            | 1.92            | 2.671(6)        | 133.8          |

**Table S4** The hydrogen bonds for complexes **1**.

| <b>D</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>A</b>         | <b>d(D-H)/Å</b> | <b>d(H-A)/Å</b> | <b>d(D-A)/Å</b> | <b>D-H-A/°</b> |
|----------|----------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| O3       | H3       | O26              | 0.84            | 1.82            | 2.649(4)        | 169.4          |
| O6       | H6       | O1               | 0.84            | 1.99            | 2.657(3)        | 136.2          |
| O9       | H9       | O28 <sup>1</sup> | 0.84            | 1.82            | 2.649(4)        | 166.4          |
| O12      | H12      | O7               | 0.84            | 1.98            | 2.661(3)        | 137            |
| O20      | H20A     | O31              | 0.91            | 1.96            | 2.765(4)        | 147.2          |
| O20      | H20B     | O27              | 0.91            | 1.79            | 2.680(4)        | 165.7          |
| O21      | H21A     | O29              | 0.91            | 2.04            | 2.801(4)        | 140.2          |
| O21      | H21B     | O24              | 0.91            | 1.66            | 2.565(4)        | 172.5          |
| O22      | H22      | O13              | 0.867(9)        | 1.970(11)       | 2.803(3)        | 160.5(18)      |
| O23      | H23      | O16              | 0.869(9)        | 2.011(11)       | 2.854(3)        | 163.2(19)      |
| C40      | H40      | O31 <sup>2</sup> | 0.95            | 2.6             | 3.500(5)        | 159.1          |
| C44      | H44B     | O27 <sup>2</sup> | 0.98            | 2.59            | 3.564(5)        | 172.2          |
| C50      | H50B     | O30              | 0.98            | 2.51            | 3.335(5)        | 142.1          |
| O24      | H24A     | O19              | 0.84            | 1.86            | 2.673(3)        | 163.7          |
| C59      | H59C     | O12 <sup>3</sup> | 0.98            | 2.56            | 3.451(5)        | 151.8          |
| O26      | H26A     | O21              | 0.87            | 1.95            | 2.816(3)        | 174.7          |
| O26      | H26B     | O14              | 0.87            | 1.98            | 2.776(3)        | 151.5          |
| O27      | H27A     | N5 <sup>3</sup>  | 0.87            | 2.33            | 3.195(4)        | 174.4          |
| O27      | H27B     | O19              | 0.87            | 1.84            | 2.701(4)        | 168.5          |
| O28      | H28A     | O20 <sup>4</sup> | 0.87            | 2.01            | 2.869(4)        | 169.3          |
| O28      | H28B     | O15 <sup>4</sup> | 0.87            | 2.04            | 2.771(4)        | 140.6          |

**Table S5** The hydrogen bonds for complexes **4**.

| <b>D</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>A</b>         | <b><i>d</i>(D-H)/Å</b> | <b><i>d</i>(H-A)/Å</b> | <b><i>d</i>(D-A)/Å</b> | <b>D-H-A/°</b> |
|----------|----------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| O3       | H3       | O10              | 0.84                   | 1.95                   | 2.622(4)               | 136.4          |
| O6       | H6       | O16              | 0.84                   | 2.3                    | 2.905(4)               | 129.6          |
| O9       | H9       | O4               | 0.84                   | 1.95                   | 2.622(4)               | 135.9          |
| O12      | H12      | O27              | 0.84                   | 1.84                   | 2.684(4)               | 176.9          |
| O21      | H21      | O14              | 0.879(9)               | 1.980(13)              | 2.820(3)               | 159(2)         |
| O22      | H22B     | O24              | 0.88                   | 1.84                   | 2.711(4)               | 171.6          |
| O23      | H23B     | O15              | 0.89                   | 2.02                   | 2.878(3)               | 163            |
| C11      | H11C     | O12 <sup>1</sup> | 0.98                   | 2.59                   | 3.527(5)               | 159.3          |
| C57      | H57A     | O6               | 0.98                   | 2.59                   | 3.182(7)               | 119.3          |
| C58      | H58C     | O12 <sup>1</sup> | 0.98                   | 2.62                   | 3.503(5)               | 150.1          |
| O24      | H24A     | O19              | 0.84                   | 1.87                   | 2.702(4)               | 172.7          |
| O27      | H27B     | O13              | 0.87                   | 1.98                   | 2.753(4)               | 147.7          |

**Table S6** The hydrogen bonds for complexes **3**.

| <b>D</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>A</b>         | <b><i>d</i>(D-H)/Å</b> | <b><i>d</i>(H-A)/Å</b> | <b><i>d</i>(D-A)/Å</b> | <b>D-H-A/°</b> |
|----------|----------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| O3       | H3       | O26              | 0.84                   | 1.78                   | 2.617(5)               | 171.4          |
| O6       | H6       | O1               | 0.84                   | 1.99                   | 2.650(4)               | 134.4          |
| O9       | H9       | O28 <sup>1</sup> | 0.84                   | 1.81                   | 2.642(5)               | 170.4          |
| O12      | H12      | O7               | 0.84                   | 1.98                   | 2.655(4)               | 136.6          |
| O20      | H20B     | O27              | 0.89                   | 2.01                   | 2.865(5)               | 159.7          |
| O21      | H21B     | O24              | 0.9                    | 1.66                   | 2.558(5)               | 173.7          |
| O22      | H22      | O13              | 0.863(9)               | 1.977(12)              | 2.805(4)               | 160(2)         |
| O23      | H23      | O16              | 0.873(9)               | 1.998(12)              | 2.837(4)               | 160.7(19)      |
| C22      | H22B     | O9 <sup>2</sup>  | 0.98                   | 2.66                   | 3.542(6)               | 150.7          |
| O24      | H24A     | O19              | 0.84                   | 1.92                   | 2.708(4)               | 156            |
| C59      | H59C     | O12 <sup>3</sup> | 0.98                   | 2.54                   | 3.479(6)               | 160.3          |
| O26      | H26A     | O21              | 0.87                   | 1.94                   | 2.789(5)               | 164.8          |
| O26      | H26B     | O14              | 0.87                   | 1.95                   | 2.782(4)               | 159.2          |
| O27      | H27B     | O19              | 0.87                   | 1.85                   | 2.670(5)               | 155.7          |
| O28      | H28A     | O20 <sup>4</sup> | 0.87                   | 1.99                   | 2.853(5)               | 172.6          |
| O28      | H28B     | O15 <sup>4</sup> | 0.87                   | 1.95                   | 2.779(5)               | 157.5          |