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**Supporting Information** 

# Boronic acid derivatized lanthanide-polyoxometalates with novel B-OH-Ln and B-O-Nb bridges

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#### SI-1 Materials and measurement

All the reagents were readily available from commercial sources and used without further purification. The FTIR spectra in KBr pellets were recorded in the range 400–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> with a VECTOR 22 Bruker spectrophotometer at room temperature. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements were performed on a Bruker D& Advance X-ray powder diffractometer with graphite monochromatized Cu *Ka* radiation at 293 K. Elemental analyses for B, P, W, Nb, Er, and Eu were determined with a PLASMASPEC (I) ICP atomic emission spectrometer. Elemental analyses for C and N were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 elemental analyzer. The thermal behaviors of compounds were examined by synchronous thermal analyses (TG, Netzsch 449C). The samples were heated to 1000 °C with a heating rate of 5 °C /min, under a flowing N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

#### SI-2 Synthesis of the title compounds

**Synthesis of 1Er**: A sample of  $K_8H[P_2W_{15}(NbO_2)_3O_{59}] \cdot 12H_2O^{[1]}$  (0.20 g, 0.04 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of deionized water at 75 °C. Solid NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (0.04 g, 0.38 mmol) was added with stirring until the yellow solution became colorless. Then, solid ErCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, (0.025 g, 0.065 mmol) and 3-PBA (0.01g, 0.081 mmol) were added respectively. The pH of the resulting solution was adjusted to 4.0 with hydrochloric acid (1 M), and further stirred at 75 °C for 40 min. After cooled to room temperature the reaction solution was filtrated and left for evaporation. Colourless clubbed crystal products were obtained within two week. Yield: 0.10 g (46.3% based on  $K_5Na_4[P_2W_{15}O_{59}(NbO_2)_3] \cdot 17H_2O$ ). Anal. Calcd (%) for **1Er**: B 0.76, C 4.20, N 0.98, P 1.08, Er 8.77, Nb 4.87, W 48.21; found B 0.79, C 4.25, N 1.02, P 1.13, Er 8.81, Nb 4.78, W 47.96. IR (KBr disks): 1623 (w), 1087 (s), 946 (s), 906 (s), 768 (vs), 598 (m), 526 (m), 460 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

**Synthesis of 2Er**: A sample of  $K_8H[P_2W_{15}(NbO_2)_3O_{59}]$ ·12H<sub>2</sub>O(0.20 g, 0.04 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of deionized water at 75 °C. Solid NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (0.04 g, 0.38 mmol) was added with stirring until the yellow solution became colorless. Then, solid ErCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, (0.025 g, 0.065 mmol) and 3-PBA (0.01 g, 0.081 mmol) were added respectively. The pH of the resulting clear solution was adjusted to 2.0 with hydrochloric acid (1 M), and further stirred at 75 °C for 40 min. After cooled to room temperature the reaction solution was filtrated and left for evaporation. Colourless virgate crystal products were obtained within one week. Yield: 0.16 g (74.8% based on  $K_5Na_4[P_2W_{15}O_{59}(NbO_2)_3]$ ·17H<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd (%) for **2Er**: B 0.21, C 1.16, N 0.27, P 1.19, Er 6.44, Nb 5.36, W 53.07; found B 0.19, C 1.19, N 0.27, P 1.23, Er 6.38, Nb 5.18, W 52.86. IR (KBr disks): 1623 (m), 1457 (vw), 1400 (vw), 1217 (vw), 1085 (s), 950 (s), 910 (s), 769 (vs), 528 (s), 460 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>. **Synthesis of 2Eu**: A sample of  $K_8H[P_2W_{15}(NbO_2)_3O_{59}]\cdot 12H_2O$  (0.20 g, 0.04 mmol) was dissolved in 25 mL of deionized water at 75°C. Solid NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (0.04 g, 0.38 mmol) was added with stirring until the yellow solution became colorless. Then, solid EuCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O, (0.025 g, 0.071 mmol) and 3-PBA (0.01g, 0.081 mmol) were added respectively. The pH of the resulting solution was adjusted to 2.0 with hydrochloric acid (1 M), and further stirred at 75 °C for 40 min. After that the reaction solution was filtrated and left for evaporation. Colourless block crystals were obtained within one week. Yield: 0.15 g (73.2% based on K<sub>5</sub>Na<sub>4</sub>[P<sub>2</sub>W<sub>15</sub>O<sub>59</sub>(NbO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·17H<sub>2</sub>O). Anal. Calcd (%) for **2Eu**: B 0.22, C 1.22, N 0.29, P 1.26, Nb 5.67, Eu 6.19, W 56.12; found P 1.06, La 7.54, Ta 10.14, W 50.73. IR (KBr disks): 1623 (w), 1537 (vw), 1456 (vw), 1398 (vw), 1214 (vw), 1087 (s), 951 (s), 908 (s), 769 (vs), 526 (m) cm<sup>-1</sup>.

Notably, the isostructural analogues of **2Er** and **2Eu** can be synthesized by using other lanthanide ions, such as  $La^{3+}$ ,  $Ce^{3+}$ ,  $Sm^{3+}$  and  $Tb^{3+}$ . But the structure of **1Er** can only be obtained by using  $Er^{3+}$ .

#### SI-3X-ray Crystallography

Single crystal XRD analysis of the three title compounds were recorded on a Super Nova Dual diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Cu  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 1.54184$  Å for **1Er** and **2Eu** and Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å for **2Er**. The linear absorption coefficients, scattering factors for the atoms, and anomalous dispersion corrections were taken from the International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography.<sup>[2]</sup> Empirical absorption corrections were applied. The structures were solved by using the direct method and refined through the full matrix least-squares method on  $F^2$  using SHELXS-97.<sup>[3]</sup> Anisotropic thermal parameters were used to refine all non-hydrogen atoms, with the exception for a few oxygen atoms. Those hydrogen atoms attached to lattice water molecules were not located. Crystallization water molecules were estimated by thermogravimetry and only partial oxygen atoms of water molecules were achieved with the X-ray structure analysis. The crystal data and structure refinement results of the five compounds are summarized in Table S1. Further details on the crystal structure investigation scan be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data \_request/cif on quoting the depository numbers CCDC-1581186 (1Er), CCDC-1581187 (2Er), CCDC-1849594 (2Eu).

| Compound                                   | 1Er                                    | 2Er                           | 2Eu   |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Formula                                    | $C_{20}H_{16}B_4Er_3N_4Nb_3O_{104.75}$ | $C_5H_4B_1Er_2N_1Nb_3O_{94}P$ | C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> B <sub>1</sub> Eu <sub>2</sub> N1Nb3O |
|  | $P_2W1_5$                              | <sub>2</sub> W <sub>15</sub>  | $_{85.5}P_2W_{15}$  |
| Formulaweight (g·mol <sup>-1</sup> )       | 5643.30                                | 5025.84                       | 4859.24   |
| <i>T</i> (K)                               | 100.00(10)                             | 291.29(10)                    | 293(2)  |
| Wavelength (Å)                             | 1.54184                                | 0.7100                        | 1.54184   |
| Crystal system                             | triclinic                              | monoclinic                    | monoclinic  |
| Space group                                | P-1                                    | $P2_1/n$                      | P2 <sub>1</sub> /n  |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                               | 17.8960(3)                             | 23.0950(6)                    | 23.1824(3)  |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                               | 18.9430(3)                             | 14.2098(4)                    | 14.1907(1)  |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                               | 18.9630(3)                             | 28.0704(9)                    | 28.1627(3)  |
| <i>α</i> (°)                               | 72.5180(10)                            | 90                            | 90  |
| β(°)                                       | 72.2610(10)                            | 104.388(3)                    | 104.580(1)  |
| γ(°)                                       | 87.635(2)                              | 90                            | 90  |
| $V(Å^3)$                                   | 5831.13(17)                            | 8923.1(5)                     | 8966.46(17)   |
| Ζ  | 2                                      | 4                             | 4   |
| $D_{calc}(\text{mg m}^{-3})$               | 3.212                                  | 3.741                         | 3.600   |
| $\mu(\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$                    | 33.933                                 | 21.632                        | 48.662  |
| <i>F</i> (000)                             | 4986.0                                 | 8788.0                        | 8476.0  |
| Crystalsize(mm)                            | 0.13×0.11×0.09                         | 0.11×0.09×0.08                | 0.5×0.03×0.01   |
| Goodness–of–fit on $F^{2}$ .               | 1.079                                  | 1.073                         | 1.119   |
| Final R indices                            | R1 = 0.0376                            | R <sub>1</sub> =0.0400        | $R_1 = 0.0896$  |
| [ <i>I</i> >2 <i>σ</i> (I)] <sup>[a]</sup> | wR2 = 0.0954                           | wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0876       | $wR_2 = 0.2595$   |
| <i>R</i> indices <sup>[a]</sup>            | R1 = 0.0453                            | $R_1 = 0.0574$                | R1 = 0.0994   |
| (all data )                                | wR2 = 0.0988                           | $wR_2 = 0.0963$               | wR2 = 0.2767  |

Table S1. Crystal data and structural refinement for the title compounds.

[a]  $R_1 = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_0|$ ; wR<sub>2</sub> = { $\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_0^2)^2]$ }<sup>1/2</sup>

#### **SI-4 Structure figures**



Figure S1. Combined polyhedral/ball-and-stick representation of 1Er. The lime balls (●) and aqua balls (●) represent OH and H<sub>2</sub>O respectively.



Figure S2. The coordination configuration of Er and boronic acids in IEr.



**Figure S3.**Thesmallest asymmetric unit in **2Er** (a), the Coordination environment (b) and the extended structure of **2Er** (c, viewed from different direction with that in Fig. 2b).



Figure S4. Ball-and-stick representation of the smallest asymmetric uni in 2Eu.



Figure S5. The coordination configuration of Eu1 and Eu2 in compoud 2Eu.

## SI-5 UV-vis-near-IR absorption spectra



Figure S6. UV-vis-near-IR absorption spectra of 1Er, and 2Er.



Figure S7. UV-vis-near-IR absorption spectrum of 2Eu.

## **SI-6** Photoluminescence



Figure S9. Decay curve of 2Eu monitored under the excitation at 394 nm and emission at 613 nm.



Figure S10. The CIE chromaticity coordinates diagram for compounds 2Eu and 3Eu.

#### **SI-7 FTIR Spectroscopy**



Figure S11. IR spectra of compound 1Er.



Figure S12. IR spectra of compound 2Er.



Figure S13. IR spectra of compound 2Eu.

## SI-8 Thermal analyses



Figure S14. TG curve of compound 1Er.



Figure S15. TG curve of compound 2Er.



Figure S16. TG curve of compound 2Eu.

SI-9 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns



Figure S17. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of compound 1Er and the simulated patterns for 1Er.



Figure S18. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of compound 2Er and the simulated patterns for 2Er.



Figure S19. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of compound 2Eu and the simulated patterns for 2Eu.

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