

## Supporting information

### Dinuclear Lanthanide-Lithium Complexes Based on Fluorinated $\beta$ -Diketonate with Acetal

#### Group: Magnetism and Effect of Crystal Packing on Mechanoluminescence

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## S1. EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

LiL was synthesized according to the procedure described in our previous work [1]. Lanthanide salts  $\text{TbCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (99.99%),  $\text{Dy(OAc)}_3 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (99.99%),  $\text{Dy(NO}_3)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (99.9%) were obtained from Alfa Aesar,  $\text{EuCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (99.99%) and  $\text{Eu(NO}_3)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (99.9%) – from Merck and used without further purification.

$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{19}\text{F}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra were recorded on AVANCE-500 spectrometer in methanol- $d_4$  using  $\text{Me}_4\text{Si}$  and  $\text{C}_6\text{F}_6$  as internal standards. In  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra the solvent residual signals observed at  $\delta$  3.32 (methanol) and 4.87 (water) ppm. IR diffuse-reflectance spectra were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum One FTIR instrument in the range 400–4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Fluorescence and phosphorescence spectra were recorded in the solid state on a Varian Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer with mutually perpendicular beams. Triboluminescence was measured in “Bio/Chemiluminescence” mode. Elemental analysis was performed using a Perkin Elmer PE 2400 Series II analyzer.

X-ray diffraction studies of the single crystals of **1-6** were carried out on an Xcalibur 3 diffractometer (Oxford Diffraction, UK) with CCD detector according to standard procedure [monochromatized Mo K $\alpha$  radiation;  $\omega$ -scanning with a step  $1^\circ$  at 295(2) K]. A correction for absorption was applied empirically. The structures were solved by the direct statistical method and refined by full-matrix least-squares method (with  $F^2$ ) in an anisotropic approximation for all non-hydrogen atoms except those for the disordered fragments. Hydrogen atoms were added in calculated positions and refined in an isotropic approximation in the “riding” model. All calculations were performed using Olex shell [2] and SHELX program package [3].

The main crystallographic data and experimental details are collected in Table S1. CCDC file numbers 1855391-1855396 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via [https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif), or by emailing [data\\_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk), or by contacting the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax +44 1223 336033.

The magnetic susceptibility of the polycrystalline samples was measured with a Quantum Design MPMSXL SQUID magnetometer in the temperature range 2–300 K in the magnetic field of 5 kOe. Diamagnetic corrections were made using the Pascal constants. The effective magnetic moment was calculated as  $\mu_{\text{eff}}(\text{T}) = [(3k/N_A\mu_B^2)\chi T]^{1/2} \approx (8\chi T)^{1/2}$ . Frequency dependent *ac* susceptibilities were measured under 1 kOe dc field at various temperatures.

*Lithium (2Z)-1,1,1-trifluoro-5,5-dimethoxy-4-oxohex-2-en-2-olate (LiL).* White solid, m.p. 270 °C (dec.). IR (ATR,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2999, 2947, 2841 ( $\nu \text{ C}_{\text{sp}3}\text{H}$ ); 1645 s ( $\nu_s \text{ C=O}$ ); 1515, 1481 ( $\nu \text{ C=C}$ );

1306, 1246 ( $\delta$  C–H); 1184, 1136 s ( $\nu_s$  C–F); 707 ( $\delta$  CF<sub>3</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz)  $\delta$  1.37 s (3H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.22 s (6H, OCH<sub>3</sub>), 5.97 s (1H, CH); <sup>19</sup>F NMR (470 MHz)  $\delta$  87.70 s (3F, CF<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz)  $\delta$  12.36, 80.68, 87.72, 91.81, 111.02 (q, CF<sub>3</sub>,  $J_{CF}$  = 287 Hz), 163.97 (q,  $J$  = 30 Hz), 186.72.

**Synthesis of Ln/Li complexes 1–6.** *General procedure.* To a solution of LiL (200 mg, 0.85 mmol) in 15 mL of methanol (for **1–3**) or ethanol (for **4–6**), the Ln(III) salt (0.22 mmol) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for a further 1 h. The resulting solution was slowly evaporated to afford colorless or slightly colored crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction structure analysis.

*Preparation of [(LnL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] 4–6 from [(LnL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(MeOH)] 1–3.* Complex **1–3** was dissolved in ethanol (5% water content) and heated under reflux until a clear solution was obtained. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting solution was slowly evaporated to afford crystalline complex **4–6**.

*Preparation of [(LnL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(MeOH)] 1–3 from [(LnL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] 4–6.* Complex **4–6** was dissolved in methanol and heated under reflux until a clear solution was obtained. After cooling to room temperature, the resulting solution was slowly evaporated to afford crystalline complex **1–3**.

*[(EuL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(MeOH)] (1).* Yield 222 mg (92%). IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3694, 3395 br ( $\nu_s$  O–H); 2949, 2841 ( $\nu$  C<sub>sp<sub>3</sub></sub>H); 1634 s ( $\nu_s$  C=O); 1519, 1473, 1435 ( $\nu$  C=C); 1314, 1246 ( $\delta$  C–H); 1187, 1139 s ( $\nu_s$  C–F); 704 ( $\delta$  CF<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>44</sub>F<sub>12</sub>LiO<sub>17</sub>Eu: C, 36.05; H, 4.03. Found: C, 35.81; H, 3.88.

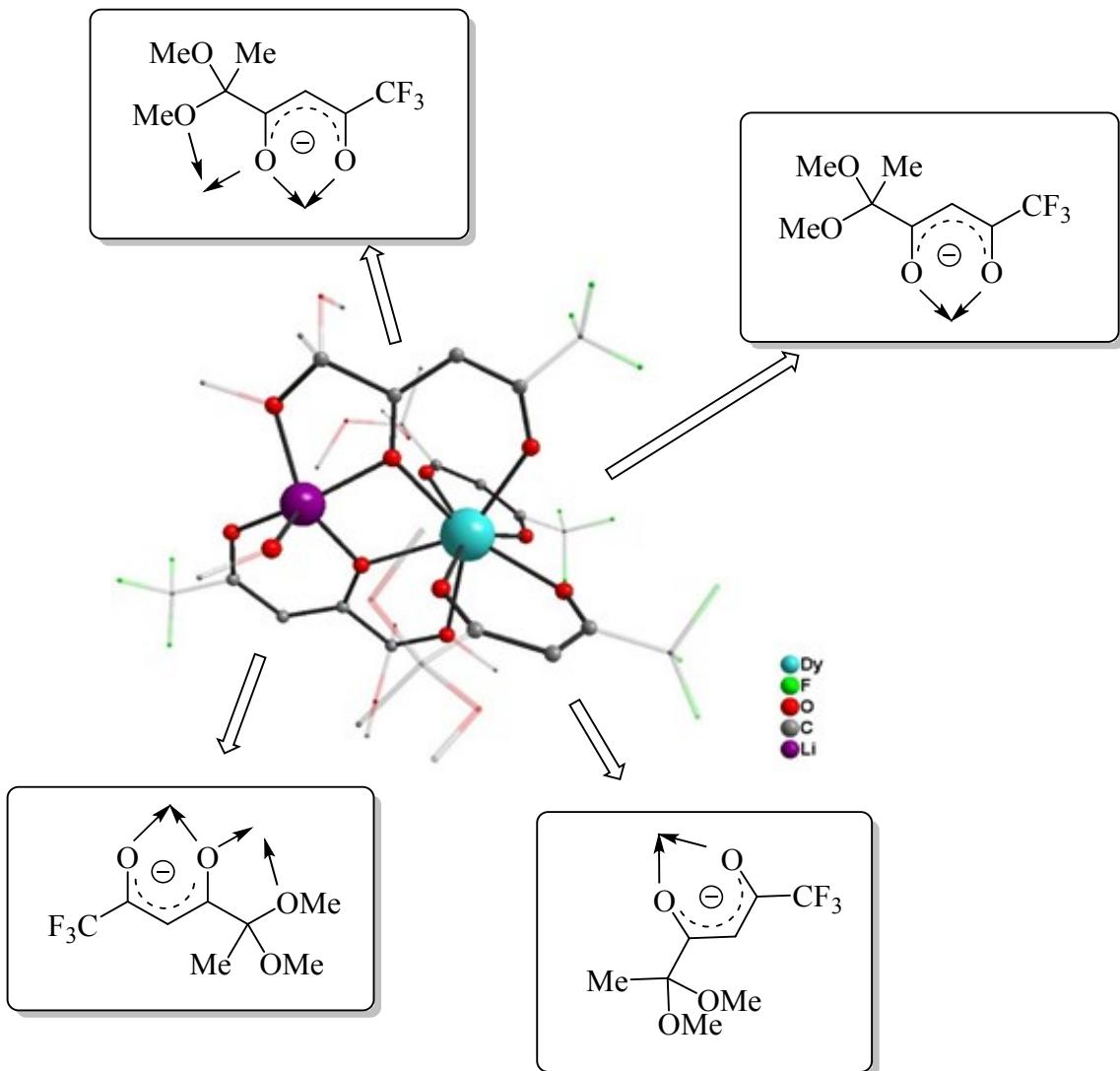
*[(TbL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(MeOH)] (2).* Yield 231 mg (95%). IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3695, 3387 br ( $\nu_s$  O–H); 2950, 2841 ( $\nu$  C<sub>sp<sub>3</sub></sub>H); 1635 s ( $\nu_s$  C=O); 1519, 1476 s, 1437 ( $\nu$  C=C); 1315, 1247 ( $\delta$  C–H); 1188, 1141 s ( $\nu_s$  C–F); 705 ( $\delta$  CF<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>44</sub>F<sub>12</sub>LiO<sub>17</sub>Tb: C, 35.82; H, 4.01. Found: C, 35.63; H, 3.79.

*[(DyL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(MeOH)] (3).* Yield 215 mg (88%). IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3695, 3383 br ( $\nu_s$  O–H); 2949, 2841 ( $\nu$  C<sub>sp<sub>3</sub></sub>H); 1635 s ( $\nu_s$  C=O); 1518, 1476 s, 1435 ( $\nu$  C=C); 1315, 1246 ( $\delta$  C–H); 1186, 1139 s ( $\nu_s$  C–F); 704 ( $\delta$  CF<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>44</sub>F<sub>12</sub>LiO<sub>17</sub>Dy: C, 35.70; H, 4.00. Found: C, 35.49; H, 3.84.

*[(EuL<sub>3</sub>)(LiL)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] (4).* Yield 169 mg (71%). IR (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3534, 3487 ( $\nu_s$  O–H); 2998, 2958, 2841 ( $\nu$  C<sub>sp<sub>3</sub></sub>H); 1633 s ( $\nu_s$  C=O); 1517, 1463 s, 1435 ( $\nu$  C=C); 1318, 1246 ( $\delta$  C–H); 1197, 1142 s ( $\nu_s$  C–F); 708 ( $\delta$  CF<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>42</sub>EuF<sub>12</sub>LiO<sub>17</sub>: C, 35.41; H, 3.90. Found: C, 35.23; H, 3.82.

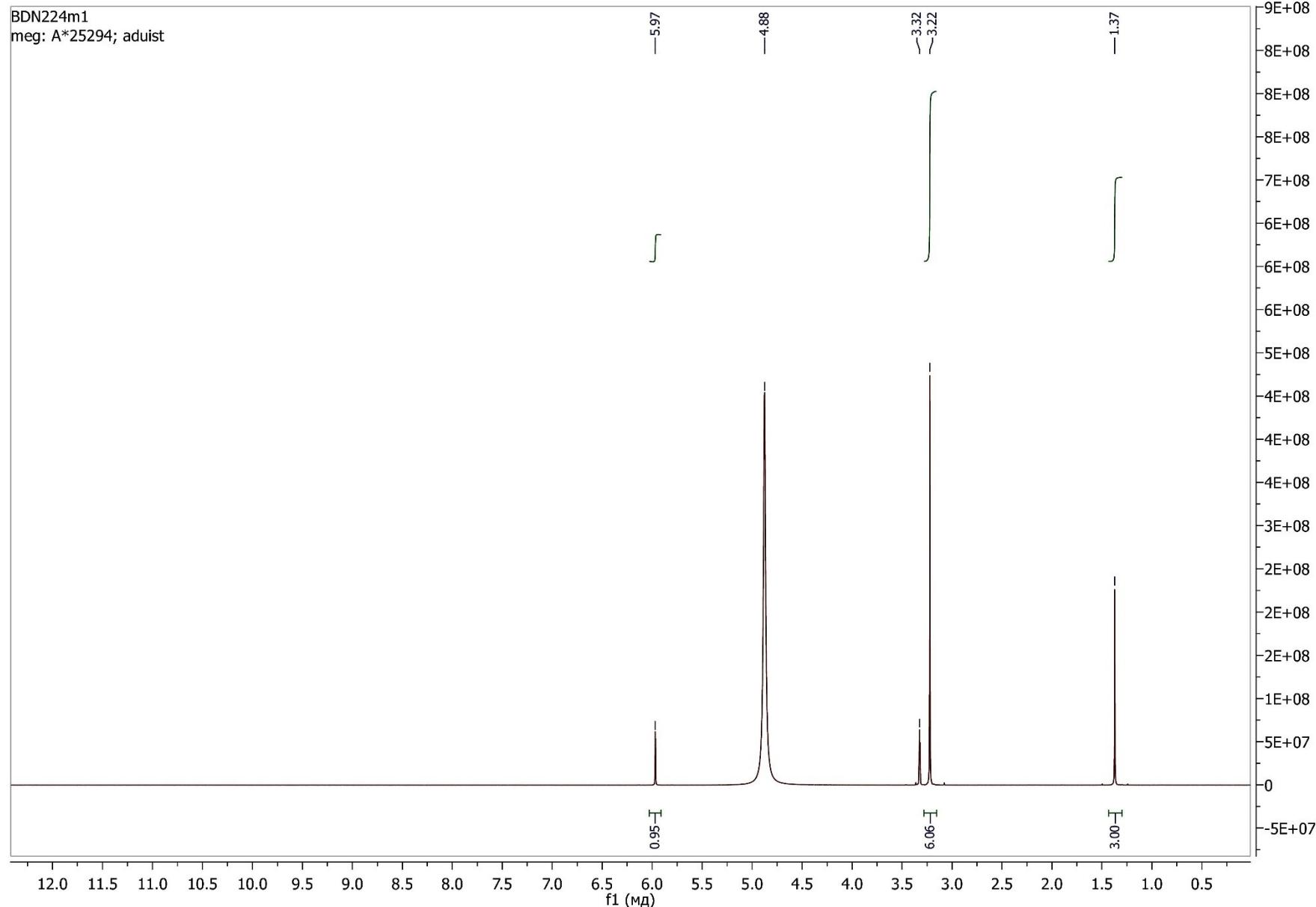
$[(TbL_3)(LiL)(H_2O)]$  (**5**). Yield 180 mg (75%). IR (ATR,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3536, 3487 ( $\nu_s$  O–H); 2998, 2951, 2841 ( $\nu$  C<sub>sp3</sub>H); 1634 s ( $\nu_s$  C=O); 1517, 1467 s, 1436 ( $\nu$  C=C); 1319, 1247 ( $\delta$  C–H); 1197, 1141 s ( $\nu_s$  C–F); 705 ( $\delta$  CF<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>42</sub>TbF<sub>12</sub>LiO<sub>17</sub>: C, 35.18; H, 3.87. Found: C, 35.03; H, 3.79.

$[(DyL_3)(LiL)(H_2O)]$  (**6**). Yield 164 mg (68%). IR (ATR,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3537, 3487 ( $\nu_s$  O–H); 3002, 2969, 2841 ( $\nu$  C<sub>sp3</sub>H); 1634 s ( $\nu_s$  C=O); 1517, 1466 s, 1436 ( $\nu$  C=C); 1319, 1247 ( $\delta$  C–H); 1198, 1143 s ( $\nu_s$  C–F); 708 ( $\delta$  CF<sub>3</sub>). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>42</sub>DyF<sub>12</sub>LiO<sub>17</sub>: C, 35.06; H, 3.86. Found: C, 34.88; H, 3.72.

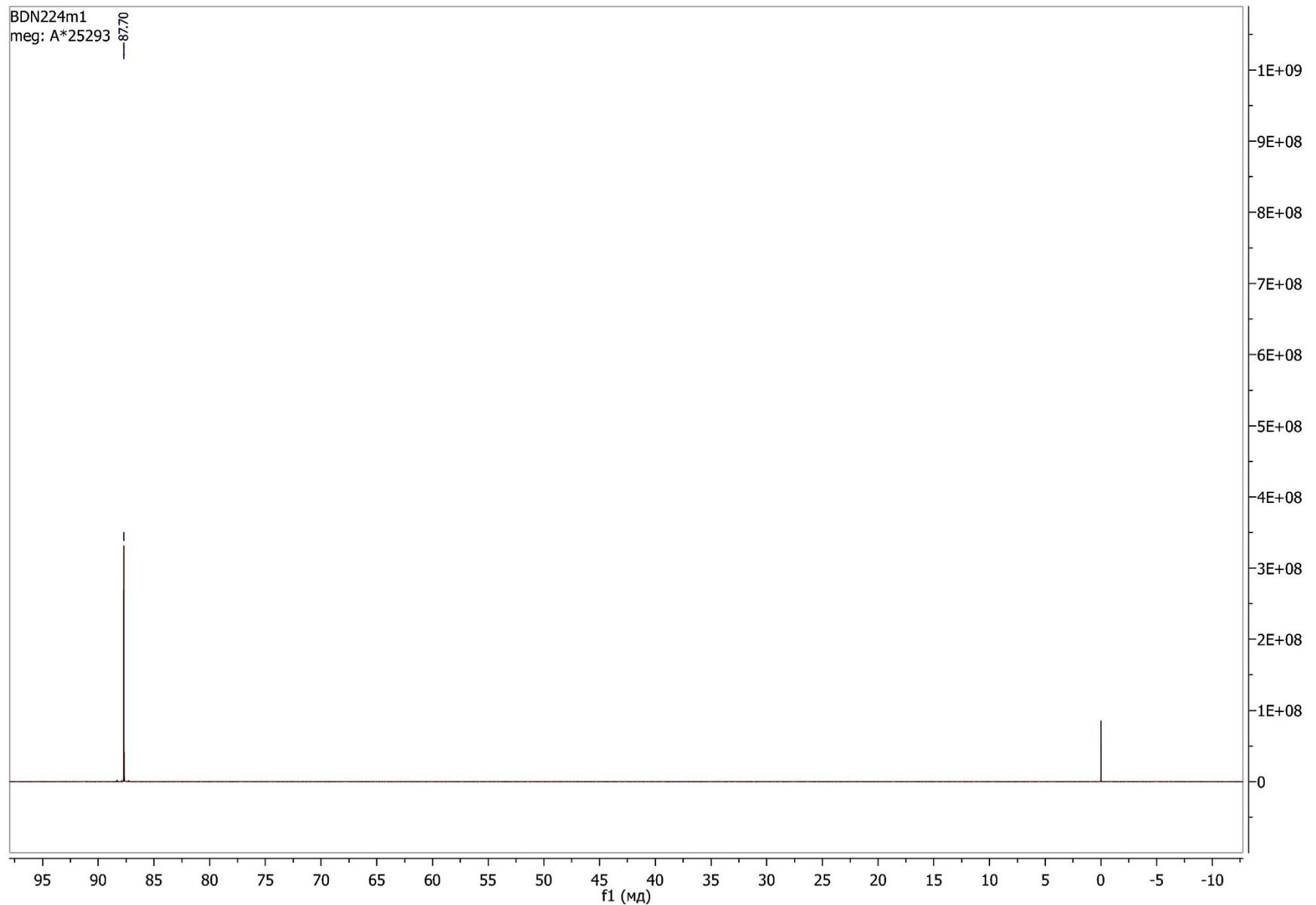


**Figure S1.** The core of bimetallic complex **3** and coordination mode of diketonate anion (L<sup>-</sup>). Hydrogens are not shown for clarity

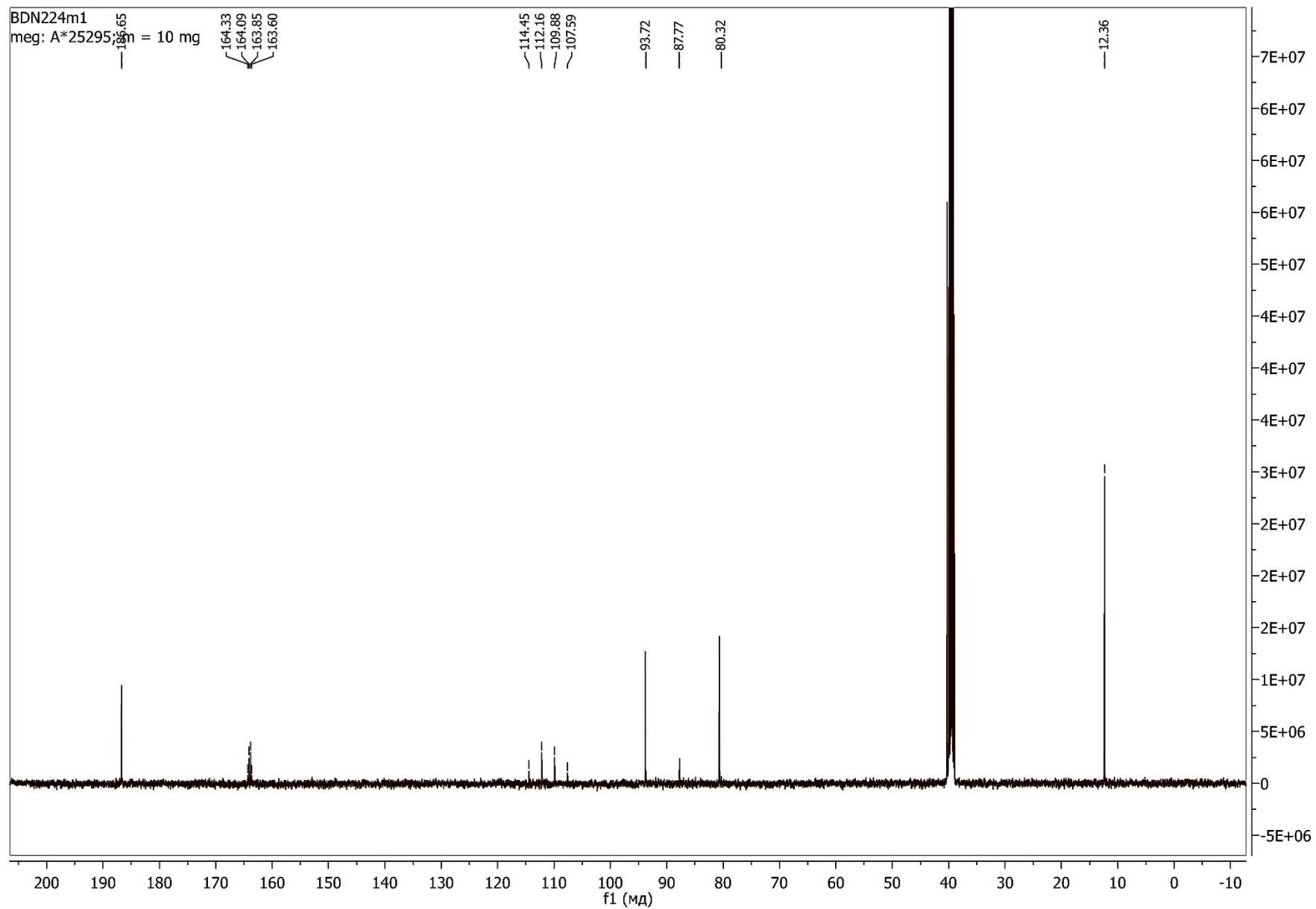
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of LiL.**



**<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of LiL.**



**<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of LiL.**



**Table S1.** Main Crystallographic Data and Experimental Details for **1-6**

|   | <b>1</b><br>[(EuL <sub>3</sub> )LiL(MeOH)]                          | <b>2</b><br>[(TbL <sub>3</sub> )LiL(MeOH)]                           | <b>3</b><br>[(DyL <sub>3</sub> )LiL(MeOH)]                          | <b>4</b><br>[(EuL <sub>3</sub> )LiL(H <sub>2</sub> O)]              | <b>5</b><br>[(TbL <sub>3</sub> )LiL(H <sub>2</sub> O)]               | <b>6</b><br>[(DyL <sub>3</sub> )LiL(H <sub>2</sub> O)]              |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| empirical formula   | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>44</sub> EuF <sub>12</sub> LiO <sub>17</sub> | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>44</sub> F <sub>12</sub> LiO <sub>17</sub> Tb | C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>44</sub> DyF <sub>12</sub> LiO <sub>17</sub> | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>42</sub> EuF <sub>12</sub> LiO <sub>17</sub> | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>42</sub> F <sub>12</sub> LiO <sub>17</sub> Tb | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>42</sub> DyF <sub>12</sub> LiO <sub>17</sub> |
| colour  | colourless  | colourless   | colourless  | light pink  | colourless   | colourless  |
| crystal size, mm <sup>3</sup>   | 0.26 × 0.22 × 0.17  | 0.25 × 0.20 × 0.15   | 0.34 × 0.27 × 0.18  | 0.25 × 0.20 × 0.15  | 0.25 × 0.20 × 0.15   | 0.25 × 0.20 × 0.15  |
| fw  | 1099.58   | 1106.54  | 1110.12   | 1085.56   | 1092.52  | 1096.10   |
| T, K  | 295(2)  | 295(2)   | 295(2)  | 295(2)  | 295(2)   | 295(2)  |
| cryst syst  | monoclinic  | monoclinic   | monoclinic  | monoclinic  | monoclinic   | monoclinic  |
| space group   | Pn  | Pn   | Pn  | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c  | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c   | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c  |
| Z   | 2   | 2  | 2   | 4   | 4  | 4   |
| a, Å  | 12.1561(6)  | 12.1678(6)   | 12.3203(4)  | 17.0562(4)  | 17.0754(4)   | 17.0892(3)  |
| b, Å  | 12.2251(4)  | 12.1989(3)   | 12.2197(4)  | 12.0115(4)  | 11.9683(4)   | 11.9719(2)  |
| c, Å  | 15.8952(4)  | 15.8643(5)   | 15.8773(5)  | 22.3205(6)  | 22.2027(7)   | 22.2112(5)  |
| α, deg  | 90  | 90   | 90  | 90  | 90   | 90  |
| β, deg  | 94.761(3)   | 94.541(4)  | 94.512(3)   | 94.358(3)   | 94.196(3)  | 94.1377(19)   |
| γ, deg  | 90  | 90   | 90  | 90  | 90   | 90  |
| V, Å <sup>3</sup>   | 2354.02(16)   | 2347.41(15)  | 2382.94(14)   | 4559.6(2)   | 4525.3(2)  | 4532.35(16)   |
| d <sub>calc</sub> , g·cm <sup>-3</sup>  | 1.550   | 1.566  | 1.546   | 1.581   | 1.582  | 1.606   |
| μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>   | 1.443   | 1.617  | 1.677   | 1.488   | 1.675  | 1.762   |
| F(000)  | 1102  | 1108   | 1108  | 2176  | 2148   | 2188  |
| 2θ <sub>max</sub> , deg   | 61.62   | 61.36  | 61.84   | 61.94   | 61.72  | 61.80   |
| no. of rflns meased   | 13076   | 13147  | 11726   | 27583   | 27320  | 26513   |
| no. of indep rflns ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )  | 9182(0.032)   | 7815 (0.030)   | 8042 (0.030)  | 12583 (0.027)   | 12533 (0.033)  | 12473 (0.030)   |
| no. of obsd rflns/restraints/params   | 7822/151/758  | 6641/134/707   | 6984/186/748  | 9490/122/697  | 8917/181/740   | 9424/252/747  |
| <i>R</i> , <sup>a</sup> % ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))                                | 0.037   | 0.034  | 0.037   | 0.034   | 0.051  | 0.034   |
| <i>R</i> <sub>w</sub> , <sup>b</sup> %  | 0.096   | 0.087  | 0.101   | 0.133   | 0.172  | 0.100   |
| GOF <sup>c</sup>  | 1.009   | 1.002  | 1.012   | 1.006   | 1.012  | 1.008   |
| residual electron density, e·Å <sup>-3</sup><br>(d <sub>max</sub> /d <sub>min</sub> ) | 0.69/-0.97  | 1.09/-0.693  | 1.01/-0.95  | 1.22/-0.63  | 4.29/-0.62   | 0.75/-0.62  |

$$^a R = \frac{\sum |F_o| - |F_c|}{\sum |F_o|}, \quad ^b R_w = \left[ \sum (w(Fo2 - Fc2)^2) / \sum (w(Fo2)) \right]^{1/2}, \quad ^c \text{GOF} = \left[ \sum w(Fo2 - Fc2)^2 / (N_{obs} - N_{param}) \right]^{1/2}.$$

**S2. SHAPE measurements of the coordination sphere geometry for the Ln(III) and Li(I) centers in the complexes 1-6.**

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S H A P E v2.1              Continuous Shape Measures calculation  
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**Table S2.** Geometry of  $\text{LnO}_8$  polyhedron in the complexes **1-3**

| Complex  | $S_Q(P)$ value <sup>†</sup>                  |        |        |        |        |              |        |   |        |        |       |        |         |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|---|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|
|  | OP-8   | HPY-8  | HBPY-8 | CU-8   | SAPR-8 | TDD-8        | JGBF-8 | JETBPY-8  | JBTP-8 | BTRP-8 | JSD-8 | TT-8   | ETBPY-8 |
| $[(\text{EuL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$ ( <b>1</b> ) | 32.224                                       | 23.882 | 15.732 | 11.619 | 2.161  | <b>1.315</b> | 12.784 | 29.730  | 2.524  | 1.983  | 3.754 | 12.253 | 24.265  |
| $[(\text{TbL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$ ( <b>2</b> ) | 31.873                                       | 24.097 | 15.933 | 11.669 | 2.036  | <b>1.134</b> | 12.973 | 29.921  | 2.422  | 1.902  | 3.550 | 12.499 | 24.566  |
| $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$ ( <b>3</b> ) | 31.531                                       | 24.083 | 15.916 | 11.640 | 1.908  | <b>1.145</b> | 13.035 | 30.084  | 2.385  | 1.862  | 3.593 | 12.406 | 24.381  |
| OP-8   | Octagon (D8h symmetry)                       |        |        |        |        | JETBPY-8     |        | Johnson – Elongated triangular bipyramid J14 (D3h symmetry) |        |        |       |        |         |
| HPY-8  | Heptagonal pyramid (C7v symmetry)            |        |        |        |        | JBTP-8       |        | Johnson – Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 (C2v symmetry)     |        |        |       |        |         |
| HBPY-8   | Hexagonal bipyramid (D6h symmetry)           |        |        |        |        | BTRP-8       |        | Johnson – Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 (C2v symmetry)     |        |        |       |        |         |
| CU-8   | Cube (Oh symmetry)                           |        |        |        |        | JSD-8        |        | Snub disphenoid J84 (D2d symmetry)                          |        |        |       |        |         |
| SAPR-8   | Square antiprism (D4d symmetry)              |        |        |        |        | TT-8         |        | Triakis tetrahedron (Td symmetry)                           |        |        |       |        |         |
| TDD-8  | Triangular dodecahedron (D2d symmetry)       |        |        |        |        | ETBPY-8      |        | Elongated trigonal bipyramid (D3h symmetry)                 |        |        |       |        |         |
| JGBF-8   | Johnson - Gyrobifastigium J26 (D2d symmetry) |        |        |        |        |              |        |   |        |        |       |        |         |

<sup>†</sup>  $S_Q(P)$  value measures the distortion of the  $\text{LnO}_8$  coordination polyhedron from the ideal symmetry [4, 5].  $S_Q(P) = 0$  if the polyhedron corresponds to the ideal symmetry, while distortions of this object from the ideal symmetry will lead to higher values of the measure. Therefore, the smaller  $S_Q(P)$  value, the closer  $\text{LnO}_8$  coordination geometry to the ideal polyhedron.

**Table S3.** Geometry of LiO<sub>5</sub> polyhedron in the complexes **1-3**

| Complex                                       | S <sub>Q(P)</sub> value |       |        |              |         | Trigonality index τ <sub>5</sub> * |
|---|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------------|---------|------------------------------------|
|   | PP-5                    | vOC-5 | TBPY-5 | SPY-5        | JTBPY-5 |                                    |
| [(EuL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] ( <b>1</b> ) | 28.167                  | 2.092 | 4.805  | <b>0.689</b> | 7.677   | 0.166                              |
| [(TbL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] ( <b>2</b> ) | 28.381                  | 2.032 | 4.683  | <b>0.668</b> | 7.567   | 0.171                              |
| [(DyL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] ( <b>3</b> ) | 28.231                  | 2.029 | 4.945  | <b>0.679</b> | 7.820   | 0.155                              |

PP-5      Pentagon (D5h symmetry)  
vOC-5      Vacant octahedron (Johnson square pyramid, J1) (C4v symmetry)  
TBPY-5      Trigonal bipyramidal (D3h symmetry)  
SPY-5      Square pyramid (C4v symmetry)  
JTBPY-5      Johnson trigonal bipyramidal (J12) (D3h symmetry)

\* Trigonality index τ<sub>5</sub> indicates the degree of LiO<sub>5</sub> coordination center distortion from ideal square pyramidal geometry (τ<sub>5</sub> = 0) towards trigonal bipyramidal geometry (τ<sub>5</sub> = 1) [6]. It is defined as  $(\beta - \alpha) / 60$  where β and α are the two greatest angles of the coordinated atom.

**Table S4.** Geometry of LnO<sub>8</sub> polyhedron in the complexes **4-6**

| Complex  | $S_Q(P)$ value                               |        |        |        |          |              |        |   |        |        |       |        |         |
|--|--|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|--------|---|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|
|  | OP-8   | HPY-8  | HPBY-8 | CU-8   | SAPR-8   | TDD-8        | JGBF-8 | JETBPY-8  | JBTP-8 | BTRP-8 | JSD-8 | TT-8   | ETBPY-8 |
| $[(\text{EuL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \text{ (4)}$ | 32.600                                       | 21.611 | 13.153 | 10.167 | 3.777    | <b>2.019</b> | 11.382 | 26.588  | 3.052  | 2.161  | 4.379 | 10.758 | 22.410  |
| $[(\text{TbL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \text{ (5)}$ | 32.260                                       | 21.889 | 13.245 | 10.162 | 3.535    | <b>1.867</b> | 11.601 | 27.023  | 2.890  | 2.012  | 4.167 | 10.742 | 22.386  |
| $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \text{ (6)}$ | 32.206                                       | 21.911 | 13.251 | 10.096 | 3.490    | <b>1.780</b> | 11.746 | 27.098  | 2.854  | 1.991  | 4.058 | 10.663 | 22.396  |
| OP-8   | Octagon (D8h symmetry)                       |        |        |        | JETBPY-8 |              |        | Johnson – Elongated triangular bipyramid J14 (D3h symmetry) |        |        |       |        |         |
| HPY-8  | Heptagonal pyramid (C7v symmetry)            |        |        |        | JBTP-8   |              |        | Johnson – Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 (C2v symmetry)     |        |        |       |        |         |
| HPBY-8   | Hexagonal bipyramid (D6h symmetry)           |        |        |        | BTRP-8   |              |        | Johnson – Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 (C2v symmetry)     |        |        |       |        |         |
| CU-8   | Cube (Oh symmetry)                           |        |        |        | JSD-8    |              |        | Snub disphenoid J84 (D2d symmetry)                          |        |        |       |        |         |
| SAPR-8   | Square antiprism (D4d symmetry)              |        |        |        | TT-8     |              |        | Triakis tetrahedron (Td symmetry)                           |        |        |       |        |         |
| TDD-8  | Triangular dodecahedron (D2d symmetry)       |        |        |        | ETBPY-8  |              |        | Elongated trigonal bipyramid (D3h symmetry)                 |        |        |       |        |         |
| JGBF-8   | Johnson - Gyrobifastigium J26 (D2d symmetry) |        |        |        |          |              |        |   |        |        |       |        |         |

**Table S5.** Geometry of LiO<sub>5</sub> polyhedron in the complexes **4-6**

| Complex   | S <sub>Q(P)</sub> value |       |        |              |         | Trigonality index τ <sub>5</sub> * |
|---|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------------|---------|------------------------------------|
|   | PP-5                    | vOC-5 | TBPY-5 | SPY-5        | JTBPY-5 |                                    |
| [(EuL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>4</b> ) | 30.179                  | 2.034 | 4.135  | <b>0.950</b> | 6.891   | 0.279                              |
| [(TbL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>5</b> ) | 30.149                  | 2.015 | 4.234  | <b>0.986</b> | 6.969   | 0.283                              |
| [(DyL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>6</b> ) | 30.713                  | 1.954 | 4.124  | <b>0.931</b> | 6.825   | 0.278                              |

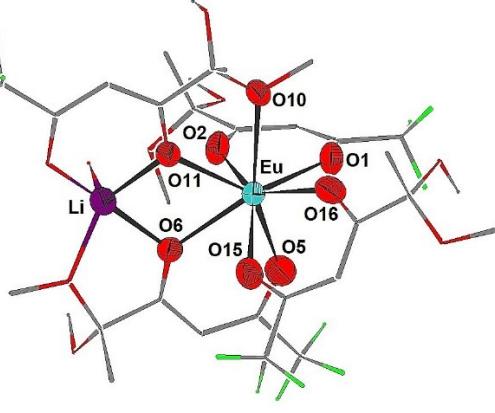
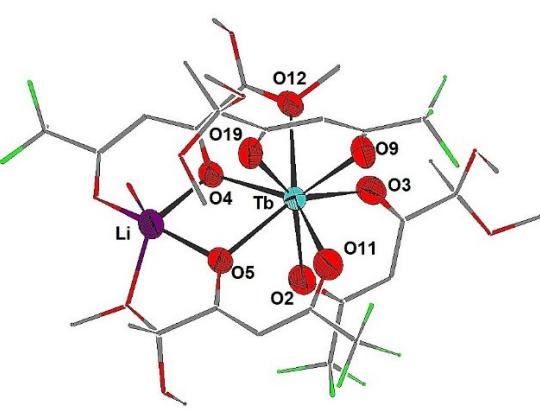
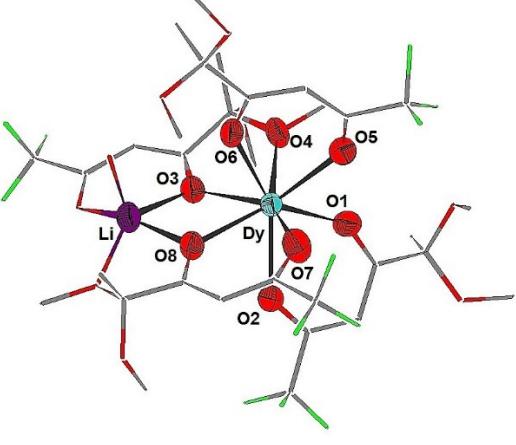
PP-5      Pentagon (D5h symmetry)  
vOC-5      Vacant octahedron (Johnson square pyramid, J1) (C4v symmetry)  
TBPY-5      Trigonal bipyramide (D3h symmetry)  
SPY-5      Square pyramid (C4v symmetry)  
JTBPY-5      Johnson trigonal bipyramide (J12) (D3h symmetry)

### S3. Bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of the metal coordination environments for complexes 1-6

**Table S6.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for 1-3

| [(EuL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] (1) |              | [(TbL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] (2) |              | [(DyL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] (3) |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
|                                      |              |                                      |              |                                      |              |
| Bond                                 | $\text{\AA}$ | Bond                                 | $\text{\AA}$ | Bond                                 | $\text{\AA}$ |
| Eu-O7                                | 2.349(4)     | Tb-O8                                | 2.334(4)     | Dy-O1                                | 2.323(5)     |
| Eu-O11                               | 2.366(4)     | Tb-O9                                | 2.340(4)     | Dy-O2                                | 2.336(5)     |
| Eu-O8                                | 2.334(5)     | Tb-O4                                | 2.306(5)     | Dy-O3                                | 2.298(5)     |
| Eu-O9                                | 2.426(3)     | Tb-O5                                | 2.404(4)     | Dy-O4                                | 2.395(4)     |
| Eu-O6                                | 2.358(4)     | Tb-O13                               | 2.337(4)     | Dy-O5                                | 2.323(5)     |
| Eu-O5                                | 2.398(4)     | Tb-O14                               | 2.371(5)     | Dy-O7                                | 2.357(5)     |
| Eu-O10                               | 2.362(4)     | Tb-O2                                | 2.350(4)     | Dy-O8                                | 2.340(4)     |
| Eu-O12                               | 2.533(4)     | Tb-O1                                | 2.505(4)     | Dy-O6                                | 2.504(4)     |
| Eu $\cdots$ Eu                       | 10.5273(5)   | Tb $\cdots$ Tb                       | 10.5516(5)   | Dy $\cdots$ Dy                       | 10.6150(5)   |
| Eu $\cdots$ Li                       | 3.498(10)    | Tb $\cdots$ Li                       | 3.471(10)    | Dy $\cdots$ Li                       | 3.452(13)    |

**Table S7.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for **4-6**

| [(EuL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>4</b> )                         |              | [(TbL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>5</b> )                          |              | [(DyL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>6</b> )                           |              |
|---|--------------|--|--------------|---|--------------|
|  |              |  |              |  |              |
| Bond  | $\text{\AA}$ | Bond   | $\text{\AA}$ | Bond  | $\text{\AA}$ |
| Eu-O15  | 2.369(3)     | Tb-O2  | 2.348(2)     | Dy-O2   | 2.342(2)     |
| Eu-O16  | 2.346(2)     | Tb-O3  | 2.320(3)     | Dy-O1   | 2.311(2)     |
| Eu-O5   | 2.361(3)     | Tb-O11   | 2.328(3)     | Dy-O7   | 2.319(2)     |
| Eu-O6   | 2.412(2)     | Tb-O5  | 2.389(2)     | Dy-O8   | 2.383(2)     |
| Eu-O1   | 2.346(3)     | Tb-O9  | 2.321(2)     | Dy-O5   | 2.316(2)     |
| Eu-O2   | 2.403(2)     | Tb-O19   | 2.375(2)     | Dy-O6   | 2.363(2)     |
| Eu-O11  | 2.361(2)     | Tb-O4  | 2.330(2)     | Dy-O3   | 2.321(2)     |
| Eu-O10  | 2.523(2)     | Tb-O12   | 2.503(2)     | Dy-O4   | 2.496(2)     |
| Eu $\cdots$ Eu  | 9.6133(3)    | Tb $\cdots$ Tb   | 9.6232(3)    | Dy $\cdots$ Dy  | 9.6333(3)    |
| Eu $\cdots$ Li  | 3.508(6)     | Tb $\cdots$ Li   | 3.494(6)     | Dy $\cdots$ Li  | 3.482(5)     |

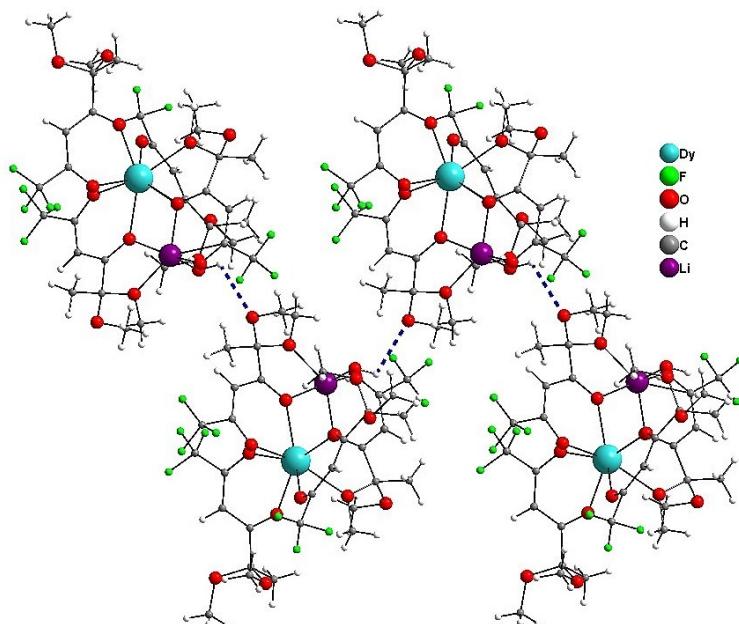
#### S4. H-bond parameters for complexes 4-6

**Table S8.** Hydrogen-bond geometry (distances in Å, angles in degrees) in complexes 4-6

| Complex | Bond type          | $D\text{--H}\cdots A$ | D-H   | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $\angle D\text{--H}\cdots A$ | Symmetry   |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| 4       | intra <sup>a</sup> | O20-H20B···O2         | 0.862 | 2.235              | 3.023(4)    | 152                          | -  |
|         | intra              | O20-H20B···O4         | 0.862 | 2.311              | 2.966(4)    | 133                          | -  |
|         | inter <sup>b</sup> | O20-H20A···O9'        | 0.862 | 2.307              | 2.862(7)    | 122                          | $-\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}+1/2, -\mathbf{z}+1/2$   |
| 5       | intra              | O1-H1B···O17          | 0.896 | 2.284              | 2.944(4)    | 130                          | -  |
|         | intra              | O1-H1B···O19          | 0.896 | 2.218              | 3.023(4)    | 149                          | -  |
|         | inter              | O1-H1A···O15'         | 0.902 | 2.138              | 2.771(8)    | 127                          | $-\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}-1/2, -\mathbf{z}+1/2$   |
| 6       | intra              | O9-H9B···O6           | 0.862 | 2.342              | 3.031(3)    | 137                          | -  |
|         | intra              | O9-H9B···O17          | 0.862 | 2.213              | 2.950(4)    | 143                          | -  |
|         | inter              | O9-H9A···O19'         | 0.862 | 2.425              | 2.769(7)    | 104                          | $-\mathbf{x}+1, \mathbf{y}-1/2, -\mathbf{z}+1/2$ |

<sup>a</sup> Intramolecular H-bond.

<sup>b</sup> Intermolecular H-bond



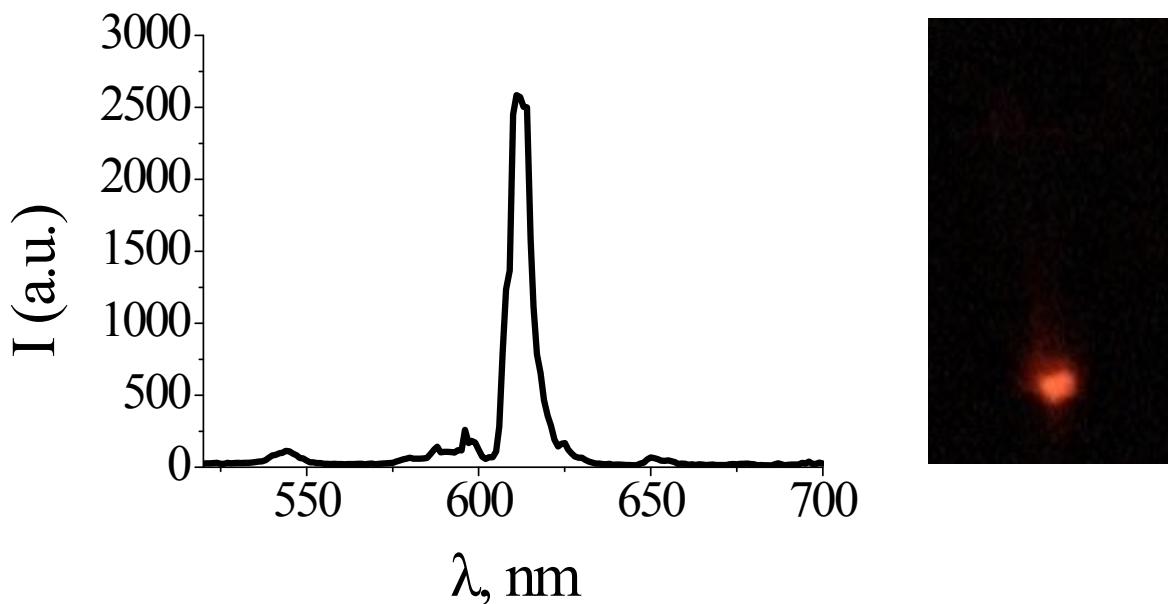
**Figure S2.** The 2D H-bonded framework in the crystal structure of 6. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds are shown as blue dashed lines.

## S5. Luminescence of complexes 1-3

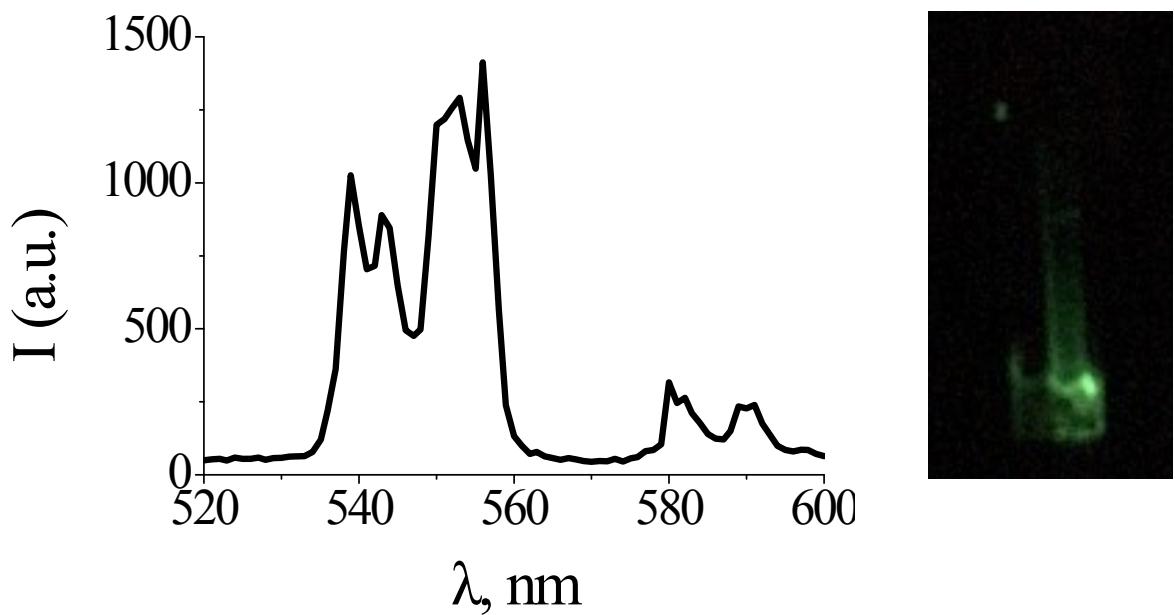
**Table S9.** Photophysical Data for complexes 1-6

| Complex   | Transition   | $\lambda$ (nm) | % of total emission | Lifetimes ( $\mu\text{s}$ ) of solids |
|---|--|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| [(EuL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] ( <b>1</b> )             | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>0</sub>                                      | 580            | 0.8                 | 732                                   |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>1</sub>                                      | 592            | 5.9                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>2</sub>                                      | 612            | 87.9                |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>3</sub>                                      | 652            | 2.3                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>4</sub>                                      | 702            | 3.1                 |                                       |
|   |  |                |                     |                                       |
| [(EuL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>4</b> ) | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>0</sub>                                      | 580            | 1.2                 | 642                                   |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>1</sub>                                      | 593            | 4.2                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>2</sub>                                      | 613            | 90.1                |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>3</sub>                                      | 652            | 1.8                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>0</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>4</sub>                                      | 704            | 2.7                 |                                       |
|   |  |                |                     |                                       |
| [(TbL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] ( <b>2</b> )             | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>6</sub>                                      | 490            | 23.0                | 648                                   |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>5</sub>                                      | 546            | 66.3                |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>4</sub>                                      | 582            | 6.0                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>3</sub>                                      | 621            | 3.6                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>2</sub>                                      | 650            | 1.1                 |                                       |
|   |  |                |                     |                                       |
| [(TbL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>5</b> ) | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>6</sub>                                      | 490            | 21.8                | 520                                   |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>5</sub>                                      | 546            | 67.6                |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>4</sub>                                      | 583            | 5.6                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>3</sub>                                      | 621            | 3.8                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>5</sup> D <sub>4</sub> → <sup>7</sup> F <sub>2</sub>                                      | 652            | 1.3                 |                                       |
|   |  |                |                     |                                       |
| [(DyL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(MeOH)] ( <b>3</b> )             | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> H <sub>15/2</sub>                                 | 481            | 21.3                | 14                                    |
|   | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> H <sub>13/2</sub>                                 | 576            | 74.2                |                                       |
|   | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> H <sub>11/2</sub>                                 | 664            | 3.4                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> F <sub>11/2</sub> + <sup>6</sup> H <sub>9/2</sub> | 752            | 1.1                 |                                       |
| [(DyL <sub>3</sub> )(LiL)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] ( <b>6</b> ) | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> H <sub>15/2</sub>                                 | 481            | 15.7                | 21                                    |
|   | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> H <sub>13/2</sub>                                 | 574            | 79.7                |                                       |
|   | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> H <sub>11/2</sub>                                 | 664            | 3.5                 |                                       |
|   | <sup>4</sup> F <sub>9/2</sub> → <sup>6</sup> F <sub>11/2</sub> + <sup>6</sup> H <sub>9/2</sub> | 751            | 1.0                 |                                       |
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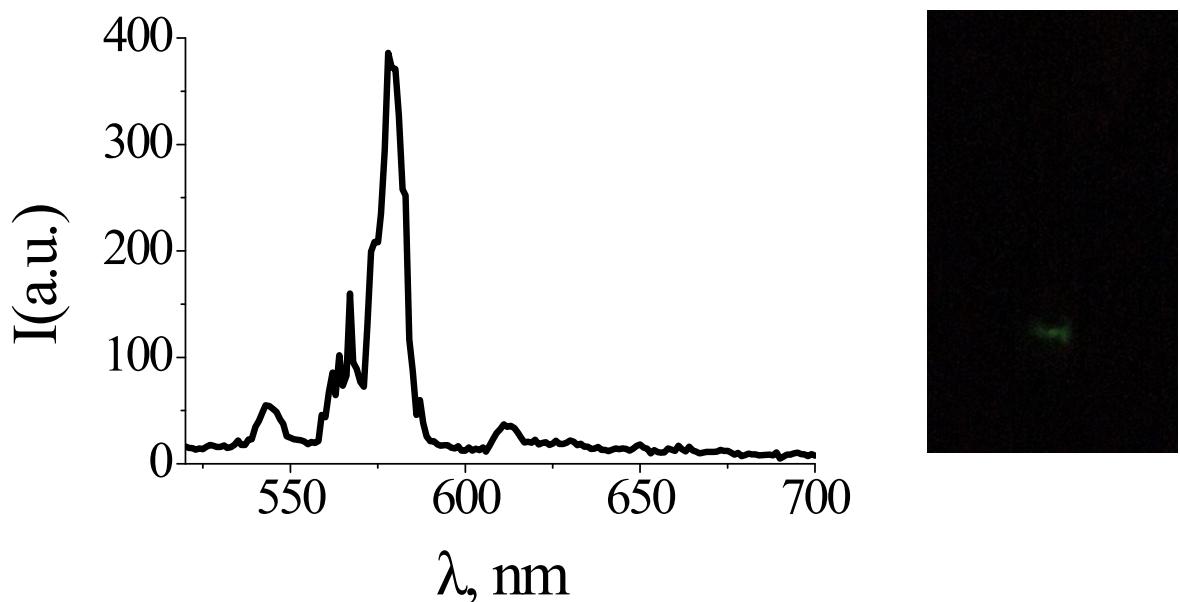
**Triboluminescence of complexes 1-3**



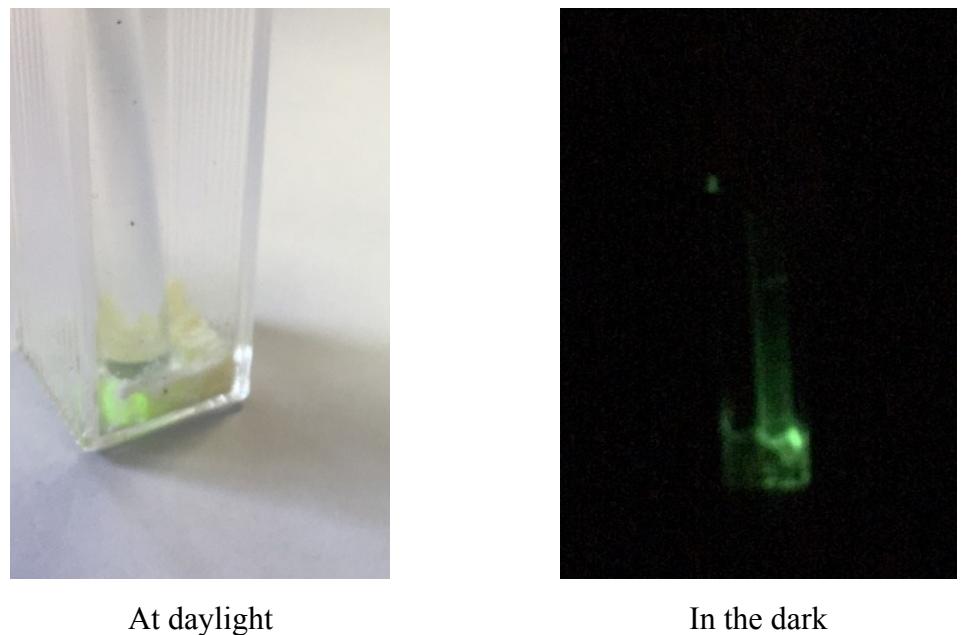
**Figure S3.** Triboluminescence spectrum of  $[(\text{EuL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$  **1**



**Figure S4.** Triboluminescence spectrum of  $[(\text{TbL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$  **2**

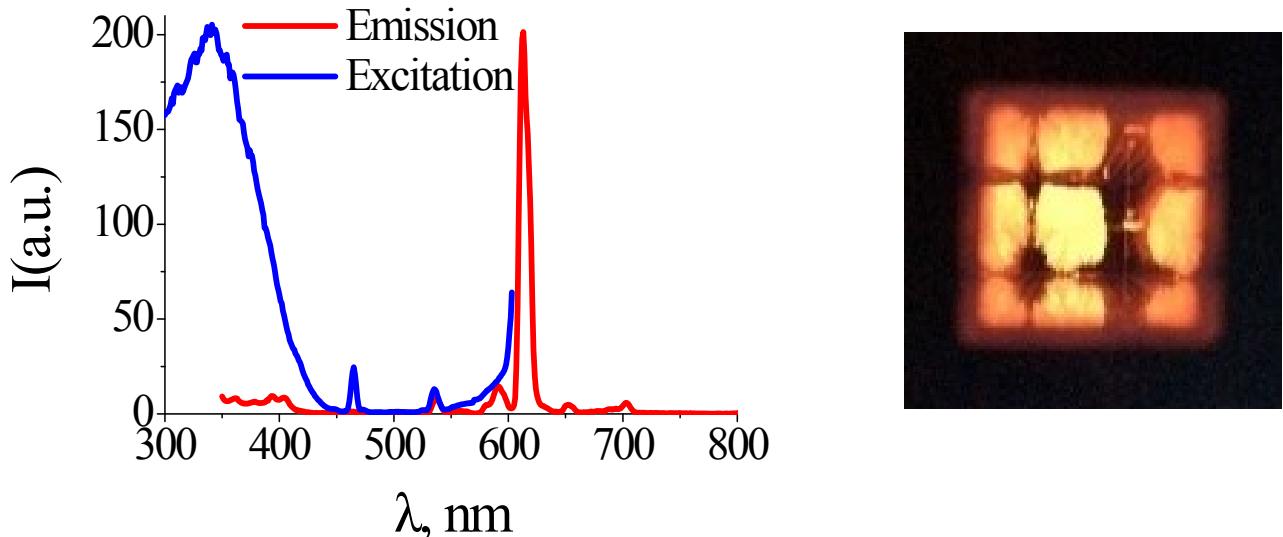


**Figure S5.** Triboluminescence spectrum of  $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})] \mathbf{3}$

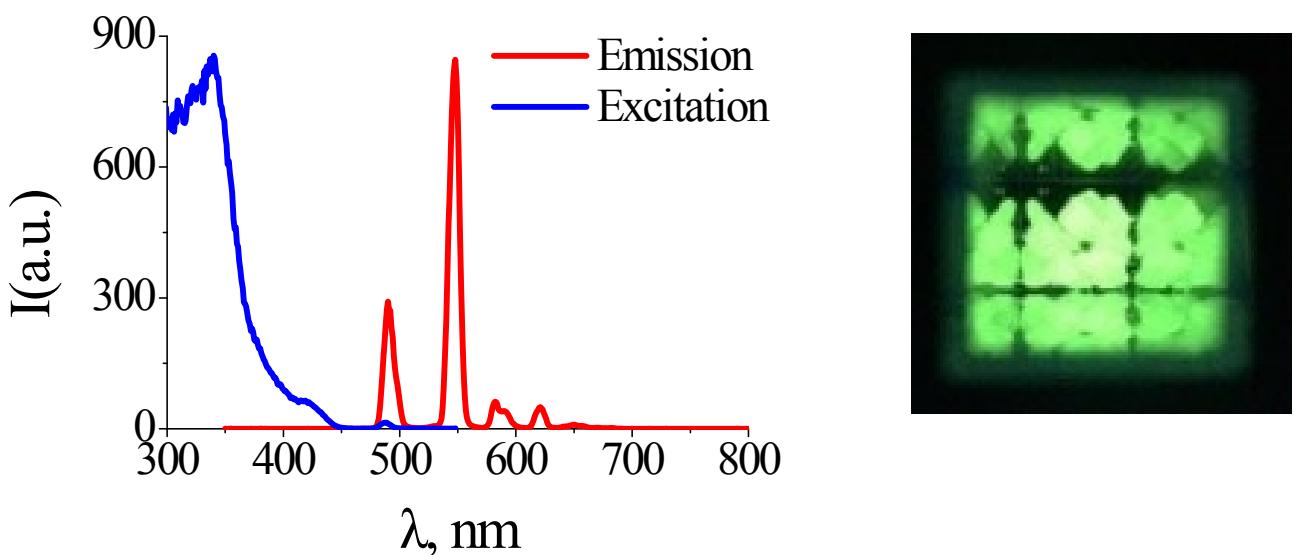


**Figure S6.** Mechanoluminescence of  $[(\text{TbL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})] \mathbf{2}$

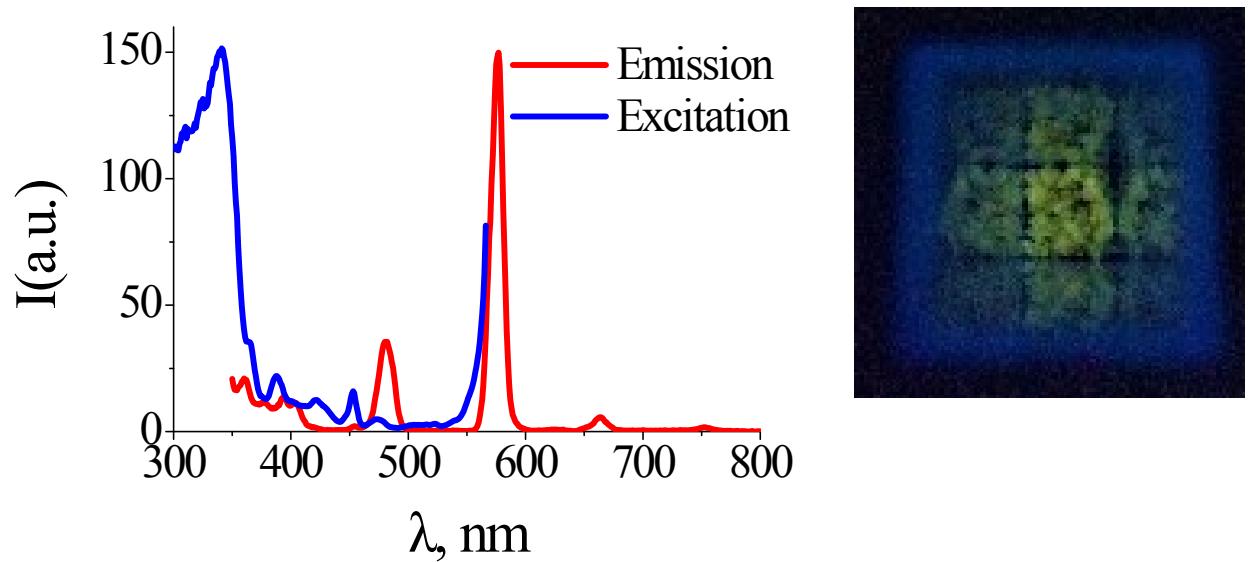
### Solid-state fluorescence of complexes 1-3



**Figure S7.** Solid-state fluorescence spectrum of  $[(\text{EuL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$  **1**

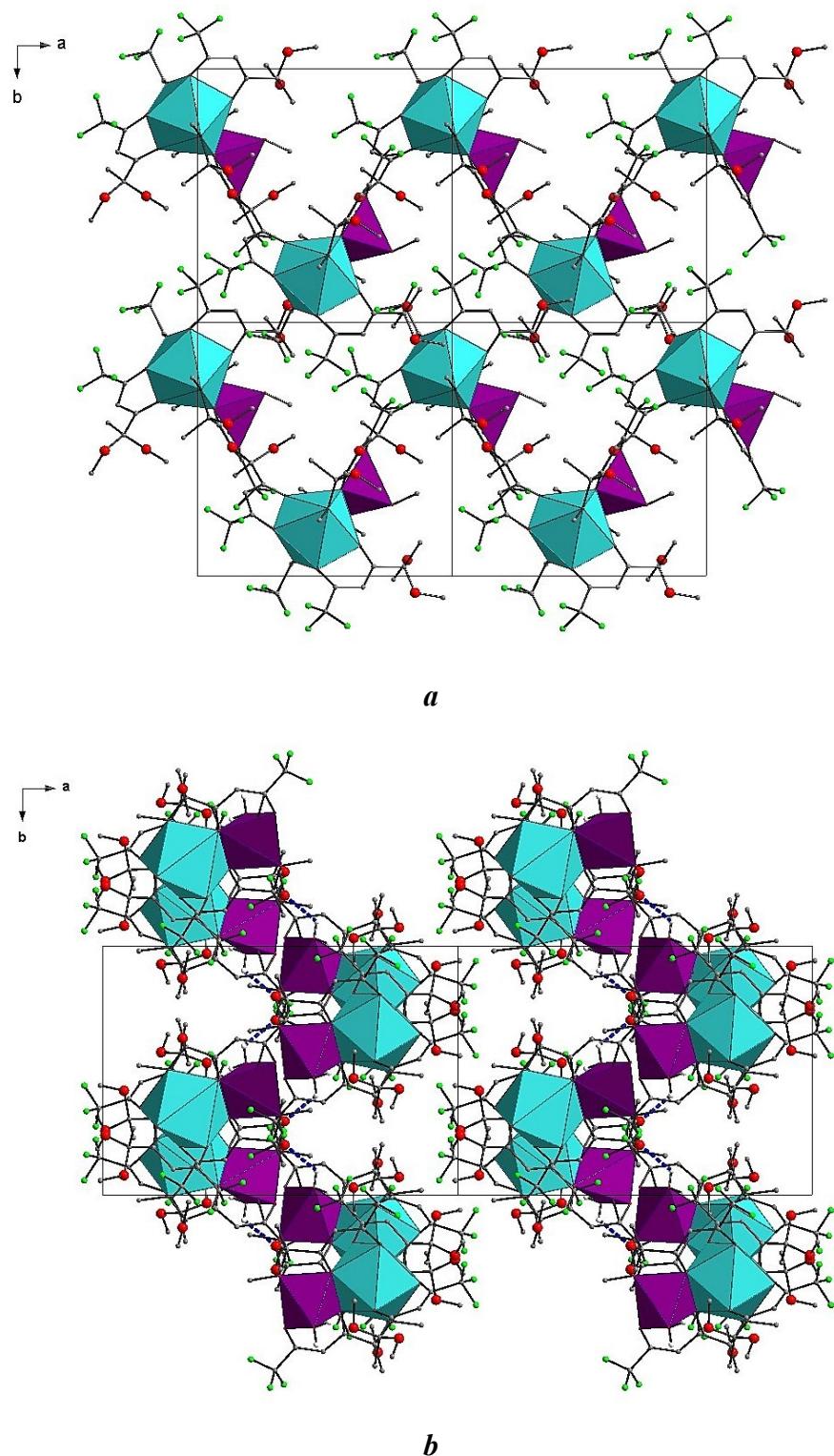


**Figure S8.** Solid-state fluorescence spectrum of  $[(\text{TbL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$  **2**

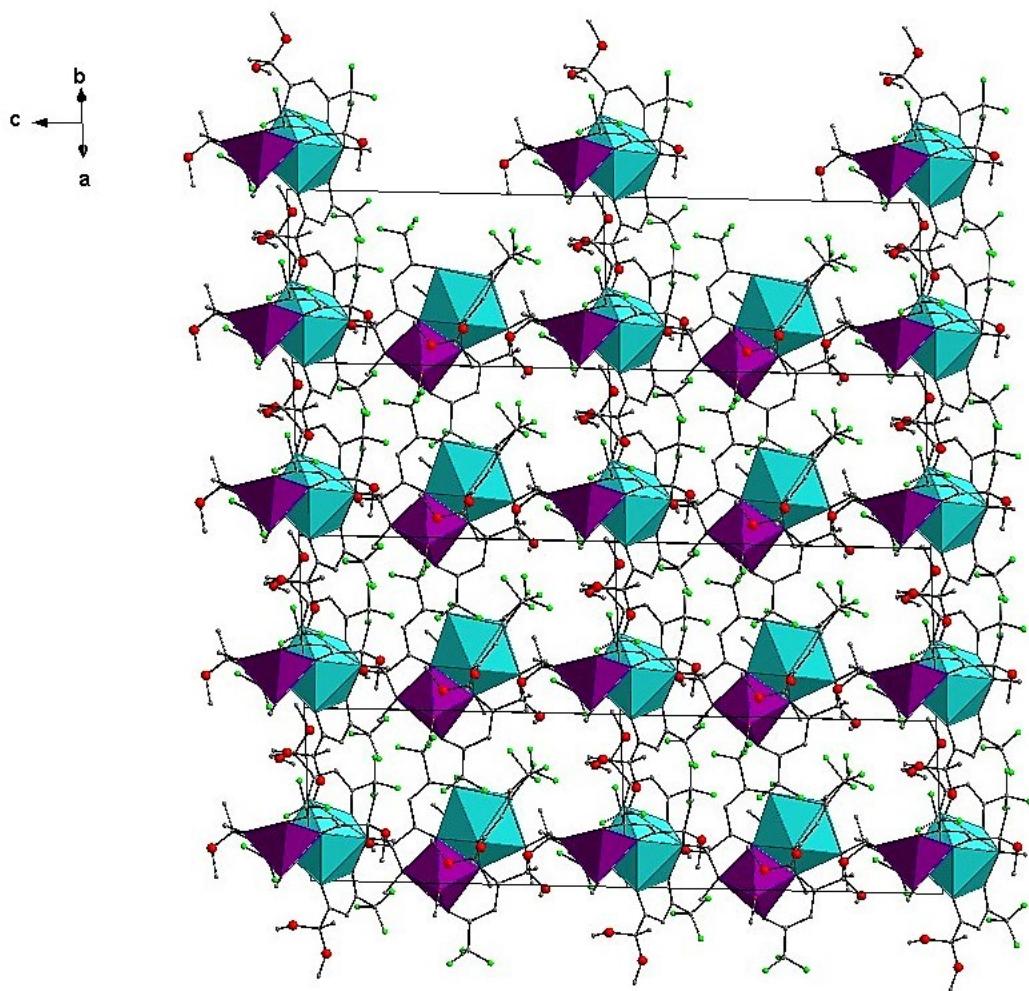


**Figure S9.** Solid-state fluorescence spectrum of  $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})] \mathbf{3}$

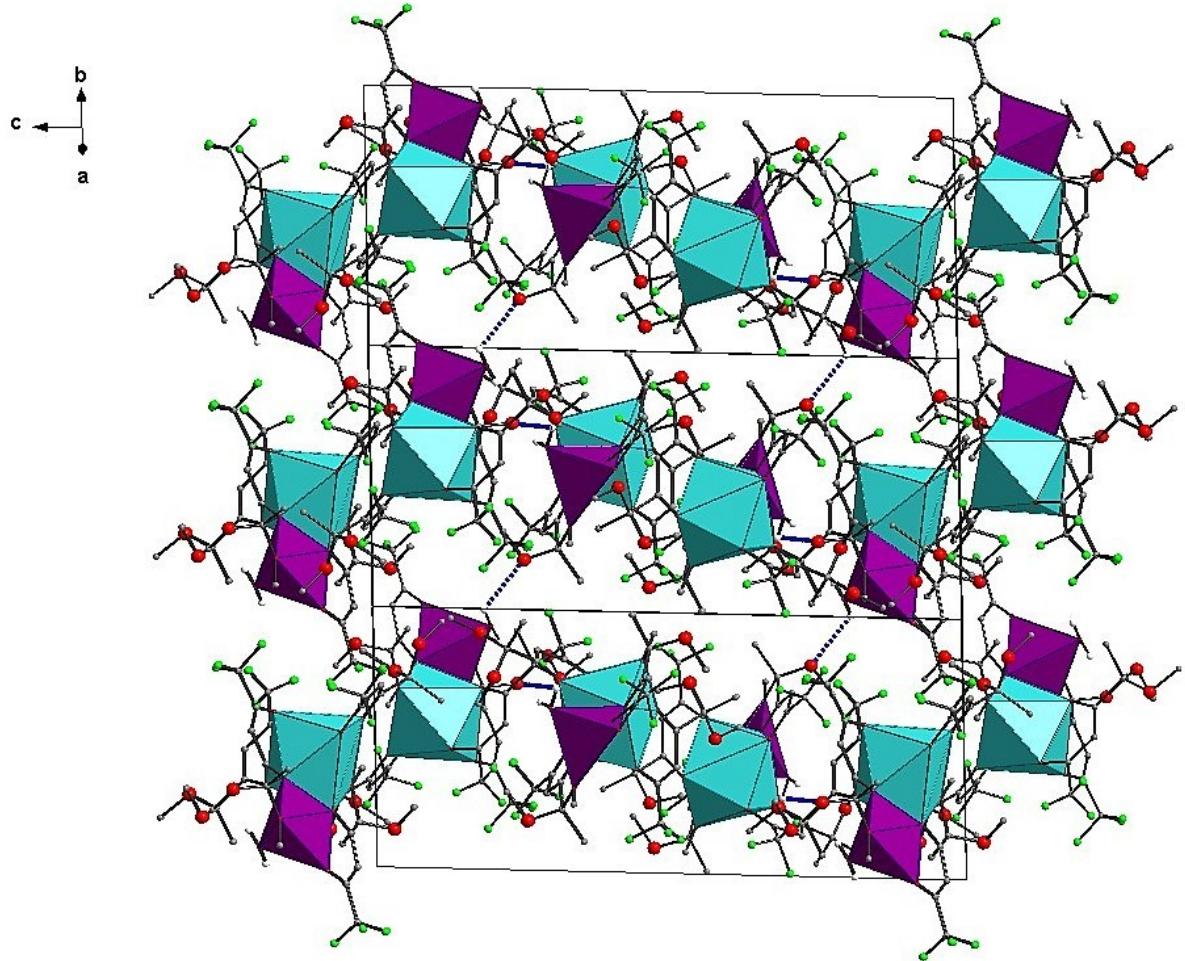
## S6. Crystal packings of Dy (III) complexes 3 and 6



**Figure S10.** Molecular structures of: (a)  $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})\text{MeOH}]$  **3** (hydrogens are not shown for clarity); (b)  $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  **6** (only hydrogens of solvate water molecule are shown; intermolecular hydrogen bonds are represented as blue dashed lines). Color code:  $\text{DyO}_8$  polyhedra in blue,  $\text{LiO}_5$  polyhedra in violet.

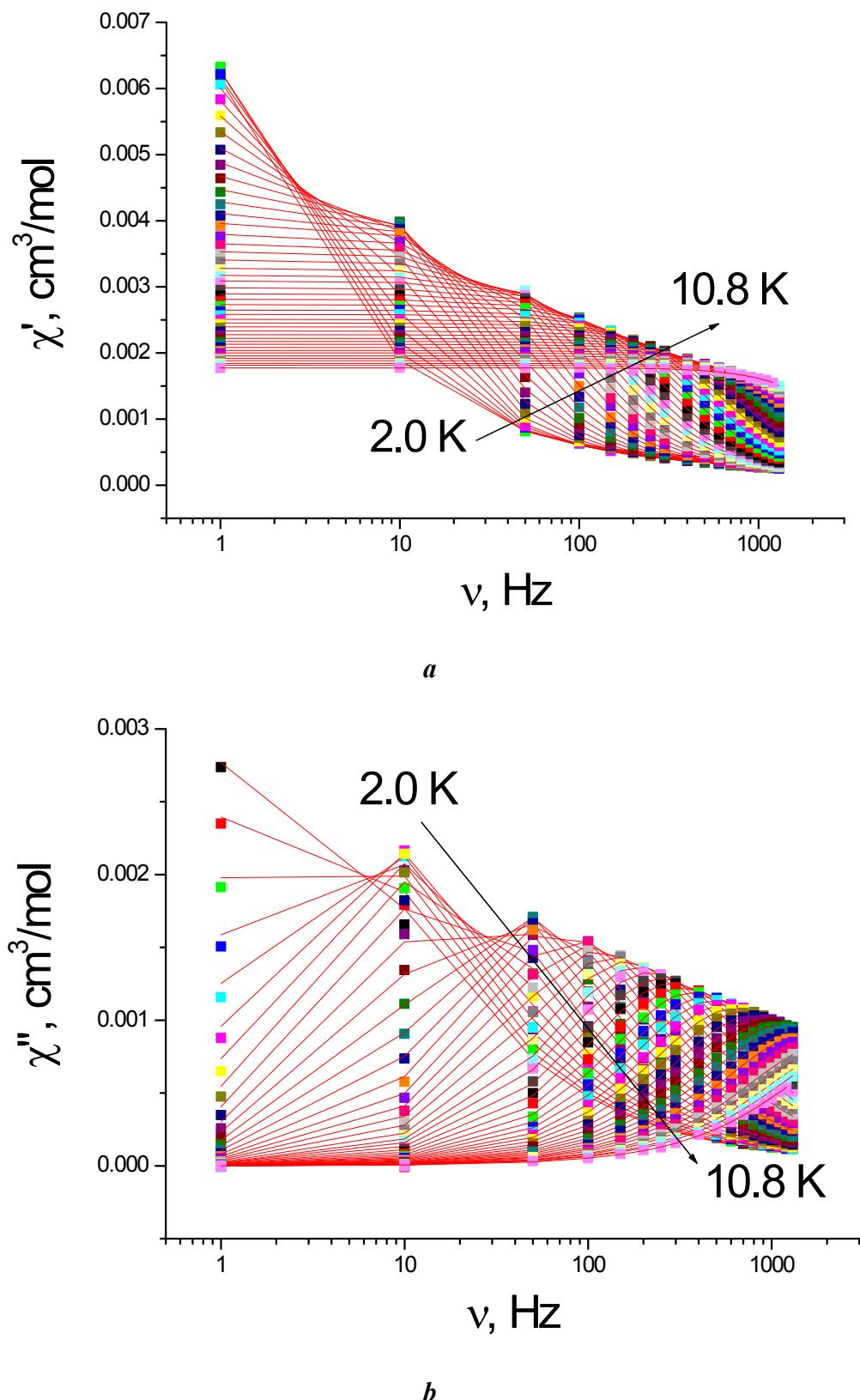


**Figure S11.** Crystal packing of triboluminescent complex  $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})] \text{ 3}$ .  
Hydrogens are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S12.** Crystal packing of non-triboluminescent complex  $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \text{ 6}$ . Only hydrogens of solvate water molecule are shown. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds are represented as blue dashed lines.

**S7. Magnetic measurements for  $[(\text{DyL}_3)(\text{LiL})(\text{MeOH})]$**



**Figure S13.** The frequency dependencies of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) (*a*) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) (*b*) parts of magnetic susceptibility at different frequencies for **3** (solid line – a theoretical curve).

**Table S10.** The best fit values of  $\chi T$ ,  $\chi S$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$ 

| T, K | $\chi T$ , cm <sup>3</sup> /mol | $\chi S$ , cm <sup>3</sup> /mol | $\tau$ , s | $\alpha$ |
|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| 2.0  | 3.319E-4                        | 0.01004                         | 0.6499     | 0.3243   |
| 2.2  | 3.303E-4                        | 0.00897                         | 0.4445     | 0.2942   |
| 2.4  | 3.138E-4                        | 0.00809                         | 0.3139     | 0.2705   |
| 2.6  | 3.033E-4                        | 0.00738                         | 0.2282     | 0.2498   |
| 2.8  | 2.892E-4                        | 0.00683                         | 0.1693     | 0.2316   |
| 3.0  | 2.787E-4                        | 0.00633                         | 0.1264     | 0.2069   |
| 3.2  | 2.673E-4                        | 0.00594                         | 0.0961     | 0.1951   |
| 3.4  | 2.565E-4                        | 0.00557                         | 0.0723     | 0.1766   |
| 3.6  | 2.531E-4                        | 0.00524                         | 0.0558     | 0.1591   |
| 3.8  | 2.397E-4                        | 0.00497                         | 0.0430     | 0.1457   |
| 4.0  | 2.325E-4                        | 0.00474                         | 0.0342     | 0.1366   |
| 4.2  | 2.291E-4                        | 0.00451                         | 0.02758    | 0.1230   |
| 4.4  | 2.163E-4                        | 0.00431                         | 0.02225    | 0.1147   |
| 4.6  | 2.087E-4                        | 0.00413                         | 0.01811    | 0.1094   |
| 4.8  | 2.099E-4                        | 0.00397                         | 0.01494    | 0.0929   |
| 5.0  | 2.029E-4                        | 0.00381                         | 0.01231    | 0.0889   |
| 5.2  | 1.943E-4                        | 0.00366                         | 0.01038    | 0.0841   |
| 5.4  | 1.857E-4                        | 0.00354                         | 0.00876    | 0.0803   |
| 5.6  | 1.798E-4                        | 0.00341                         | 0.00738    | 0.0742   |
| 5.8  | 1.861E-4                        | 0.00328                         | 0.00622    | 0.0630   |
| 6.0  | 1.835E-4                        | 0.00318                         | 0.00531    | 0.0576   |
| 6.2  | 1.737E-4                        | 0.003091                        | 0.00463    | 0.0597   |
| 6.4  | 1.667E-4                        | 0.002987                        | 0.00398    | 0.0588   |
| 6.6  | 1.626E-4                        | 0.002896                        | 0.00344    | 0.0544   |
| 6.8  | 1.668E-4                        | 0.002814                        | 0.003006   | 0.0487   |
| 7.0  | 1.748E-4                        | 0.002732                        | 0.002635   | 0.0420   |
| 7.2  | 1.644E-4                        | 0.002649                        | 0.002294   | 0.0418   |
| 7.4  | 1.689E-4                        | 0.002586                        | 0.002033   | 0.0389   |
| 7.6  | 1.63E-4                         | 0.002510                        | 0.001785   | 0.0365   |
| 7.8  | 1.682E-4                        | 0.002454                        | 0.001592   | 0.0365   |
| 8.0  | 1.718E-4                        | 0.002397                        | 0.001420   | 0.0317   |
| 8.2  | 1.806E-4                        | 0.002332                        | 0.001264   | 0.02759  |
| 8.4  | 1.814E-4                        | 0.002277                        | 0.001128   | 0.02656  |
| 8.6  | 1.972E-4                        | 0.002222                        | 0.001023   | 0.02002  |
| 8.8  | 1.787E-4                        | 0.002175                        | 9.066E-4   | 0.02321  |
| 9.0  | 1.775E-4                        | 0.002132                        | 8.112E-4   | 0.02562  |
| 9.2  | 1.847E-4                        | 0.002084                        | 7.292E-4   | 0.02579  |
| 9.4  | 2.234E-4                        | 0.002038                        | 6.75E-4    | 0.01460  |
| 9.6  | 1.972E-4                        | 0.002001                        | 5.997E-4   | 0.01932  |
| 9.8  | 1.849E-4                        | 0.001960                        | 5.361E-4   | 0.02256  |
| 10   | 2.688E-4                        | 0.001917                        | 5.182E-4   | 7.496E-4 |
| 10.2 | 1.793E-4                        | 0.001885                        | 4.384E-4   | 0.01848  |
| 10.4 | 2.345E-4                        | 0.001842                        | 4.118E-4   | 0.00906  |
| 10.6 | 8.975E-5                        | 0.001813                        | 3.341E-4   | 0.02982  |
| 10.8 | 2.342E-4                        | 0.001775                        | 3.395E-4   | 0.00044  |

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