## **Supporting Information**

## A Ce(III) complex potently inhibits the activity and expression of

## tyrosine phosphatase SHP-2

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**Fig. S1** The ESI-MS characterization data of Ce(III) complexes **1-4**. (a) ESI-MS: m/z,  $[1-2NO_3-H-2CH_3OH]^+$  calculated for  $C_{22}H_{17}CeN_{11}O_5^+$ : 655.05; measured: 655.08. (b) ESI-MS: m/z,  $[2-NO_3-2H-3H_2O]^{2+}$  calculated for  $C_{26}H_{22}CeN_8O_4^{2+}$ : 650.08; measured: 650.08. (c) ESI-MS: m/z,  $[3-Br-NO_3-H-H_2O+CH_3OH]^+$  calculated for  $C_{25}H_{22}CeN_8O_3^+$ : 622.09; measured: 622.06. (d) ESI-MS: m/z,  $[4-NO_3-2H-3H_2O]^{2+}$  calculated for  $C_{28}H_{24}CeN_6O_4^{2+}$ : 648.09; measured: 648.10.



(a)





**Fig. S2** The IR characterization data of Ce(III) complexes **1-4**. IR (v/cm<sup>-1</sup>, "s" stands for strong, "m" stands for medium, "w" stands for weak). (a) Infrared spectra of complex **1**,  $v_{(O-H, N-H)}$  3410s,  $v_{(C=0)}$  1650s,  $v_{(C=N)}$  1585s,  $v_{(NO3^-)}$  1480s,  $v_{(Ce-N)}$  443s,  $v_{(Ce-O)}$  530s. (b) Infrared spectra of complex **2**,  $v_{(O-H, N-H)}$  3419s,  $v_{(C=O)}$  1612s,  $v_{(C=N)}$  1589s,  $v_{(NO3^-)}$  1469s,  $v_{(Ce-N)}$  416s,  $v_{(Ce-O)}$  570s. (c) Infrared spectra of complex **3**,  $v_{(O-H, N-H)}$  3415s,  $v_{(C=O)}$  1639s,  $v_{(C=N)}$  1605s,  $v_{(NO3^-)}$  1475s,  $v_{(Ce-N)}$  426s,  $v_{(Ce-N)}$  558s. (d) Infrared spectra of complex **4**,  $v_{(O-H, N-H)}$  3425s,  $v_{(C=O)}$  1605s,  $v_{(C=N)}$  1587s,  $v_{(NO3^-)}$  1464s,  $v_{(Ce-N)}$  411s,  $v_{(Ce-O)}$  568s.



**Fig. S3** The UV-vis absorption spectra of complex 1(a), complex 2(b), and complex 4(c) recorded at 310 K in 2 mL MOPS/DMSO = 9/1 (v/v) solution, time scale: 0-72 h.

CCDC NO	1944188
Formula	$C_{24}H_{26}CeN_{13}O_{13}$
Formula weight	844.70
Radiation type	Mo- <i>Kα,</i> λ = 0.71073 Å
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
Temperature (K)	298 (2)
a/Å	23.8474(12)
b/Å	9.3378(5)
c/Å	18.2600(16)
<i>α</i> /°	90
в/°	126.4470(10)
<i>γ/°</i>	90
V/ų	3270.9(4)
Z	4
$D_{\rm calc}/{\rm g~cm^{-3}}$	1.715
µ/mm⁻¹	1.407
F <sub>000</sub>	1692
ϑ range/°	3.09 to 28.28
GOF	1.036
Limiting indices	-29 ≤ h ≤ 29, -11 ≤ k ≤9, -22≤ l ≤ 22
Reflection collected	12617
R <sub>int</sub>	0.06
$R_1/wR_2[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.039/ 0.058
Largest diff. peak (e/Ấ³) and hole	0.65 and -0.59

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Bond lengths, Å					
Ce1-02	2.626 (2)	Ce1-01	2.630 (2)	Ce1—N2	2.732(3)
Ce1-03	2.733 (2)	Ce1-05	2.646 (2)	Ce1—N1	2.768 (2)
Bond angles, °					
02-Ce1-02 <sup>i</sup>	167.97(11)	02-Ce1-01	128.76 (7)	02—Ce1—05	66.32 (8)
02-Ce1-01 <sup>i</sup>	62.68(7)	01 <sup>i</sup> —Ce1—O1	74.11 (10)	02 <sup>i</sup> —Ce1—O5	102.15 (7)
O5 <sup>i</sup> —Ce1—N2	129.55 (8)	O1-Ce1-N2 <sup>i</sup>	62.03 (8)	01 <sup>i</sup> —Ce1—O5	119.52 (7)
O2-Ce1-N2 <sup>i</sup>	72.18 (8)	05-Ce1-03 <sup>i</sup>	69.03 (7)	02-Ce1-03 <sup>i</sup>	126.20 (7)
02—Ce1—O3	47.29 (7)	N2—Ce1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	64.97 (8)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Ce1—O3	130.58 (11)
01-Ce1-03 <sup>i</sup>	98.69 (7)	N2-Ce1-03	160.61 (7)	O2-Ce1-N1	71.83 (8)
01-Ce1-03	121.07 (7)	05-Ce1-03	66.06 (7)	O3-Ce1-N1	113.66 (8)
O1-Ce1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	67.48 (7)	O5-Ce1-N1	67.48 (8)	O2-Ce1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	107.69 (7)
O1-Ce1-N1	116.24 (8)	O5-Ce1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	108.31 (8)	O3-Ce1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	64.36 (7)
N2-Ce1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	124.17 (8)	N2-Ce1-N1	59.01 (8)	N2-Ce1-N2 <sup>i</sup>	103.05 (11)
N1—Ce1—N1 <sup>i</sup>	175.68 (12)	05 <sup>i</sup> —Ce1—O5	48.06 (9)	O1-Ce1-N2	58.40 (7)
O5-Ce1-N2	119.98 (8)				

Symmetry code: (i) -*x*, *y*, -*z*+1/2.

**Table S3** Selected hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for complex **1**.

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —H	H···A	D····A	D—H···A			
N3—H3…O7	0.84(3)	2.06(4)	2.843(5)	154(3)			
07—H7…O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.89(10)	2.23(10)	3.038(5)	150(10)			

Symmetry code: (i) x, -y, z-1/2