### Electronic supplementary information

# Near-infrared luminescence and magnetism of dinuclear complexes with different local symmetries constructed by $\beta$ -diketonate coligand and bis-Schiff base ligand

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#### 1. The instruments and test conditions

The elemental composition of the samples including C, H and N were analysed by a Perkin Elmer 240 CHN elemental analyzer. IR spectra were obtained on a Bruker TENSOR 27 spectrometer in 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> adopting the KBr pellet. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were gained utilizing Cu/K $\alpha$  radiation on a Rigaku D/Max 2500v/pc X-diffractometer in the region of  $2\theta = 5-50^{\circ}$ . TGA were measured by a NETSCH 409 PC instrument during 30-800 °C in air. UV-Vis spectra were obtained by a TU-1901. Luminescence properties were recorded on an F-4500 FL spectrophotometer with a xenon arc lamp as the light source at room temperature. NIR spectra were acquired on a Nanolog FL3-2iHR infrared fluorescence spectrophotometer. Magnetic tests were completed utilizing the PPMS-9 ACMS magnetometer.

Single-crystal data of 1-5 were collected by the  $\omega$ - $\phi$  scanning technique and the wavelength  $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å on a computer-controlled Rigaku Saturn 724 CCD area detector diffractometer with confocal monochromated Mo-*Ka* at in the range of temperature 113-133 K. The crystal structures were solved using direct means with the SHELXL-2018 program. In view of F<sup>2</sup> with SHELX-2018 program, the crystal structures were refined via full matrix least-squares methods. Anisotropic thermal parameters were allotted to all non-hydrogen atoms.



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Complex	The range of Ln-O	The range of Ln-N	The range of Ln-O-Ln
	bond lengths / Å	bond lengths / Å	bond angles / o
1	2.277(3) - 2.685(3)	2.481(4) - 2.489(3)	110.52(11) - 113.31(11)
2	2.294(2) - 2.690(3)	2.487(3) - 2.494(3)	110.73(10) - 113.30(10)
3	2.277(4) - 2.675(4)	2.478(4) - 2.480(5)	110.83(14) - 113.53(14)
4	2.269(4) - 2.684(4)	2.470(5) - 2.477(5)	110.64(16) - 113.70(16)
5	2.238(4) - 2.678(5)	2.456(6) - 2.468(5)	110.24(17) - 113.67(19)



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