

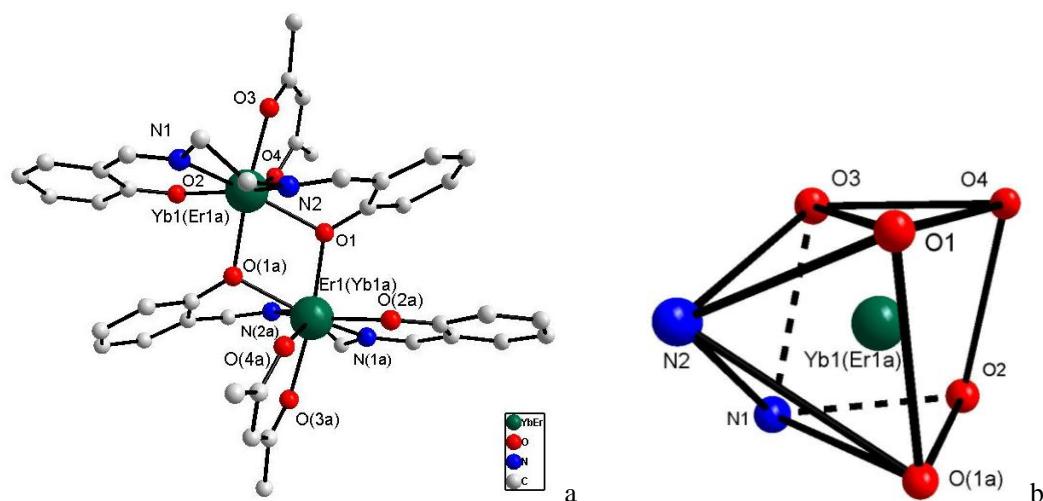
# Syntheses, structure and near-infrared (NIR) luminescence of $\text{Er}_2$ , $\text{Yb}_2$ , $\text{ErYb}$ of homodinuclear and heterodinuclear lanthanide(III) complexes based on salen ligand

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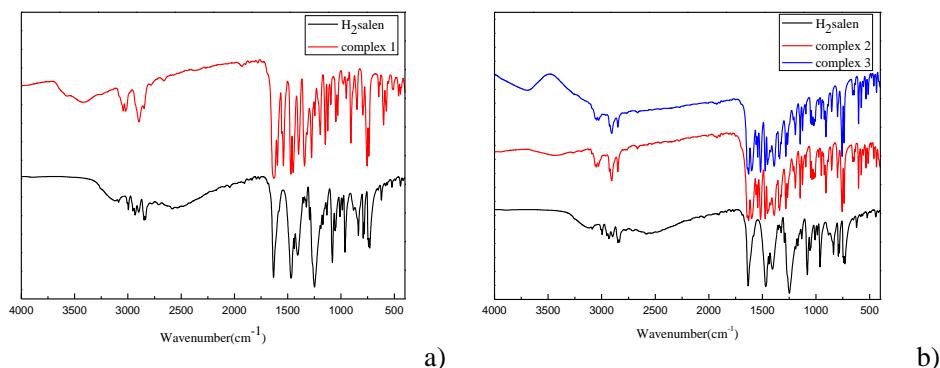
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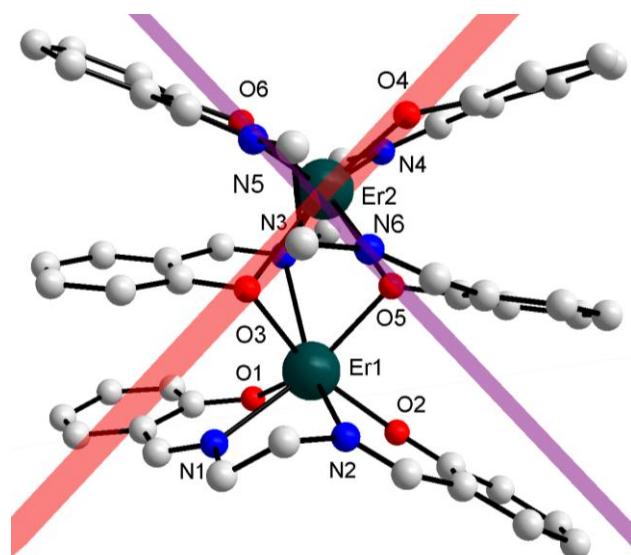
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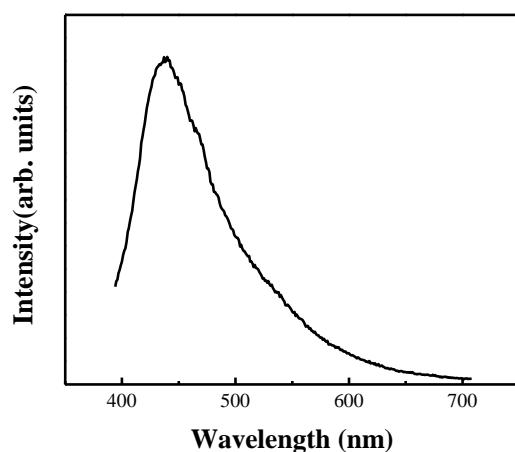
**Fig. S1** a) The crystal structure of **3**, all hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^{\circ}$ ):  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{O}(2\text{a})$  2.162(4),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{O}(3)$  2.221(5),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{O}(1)$  2.256(4),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{O}(4)$  2.256(5),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{O}(1\text{a})$  2.300(4),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{N}(1\text{a})$  2.424(5),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{N}(2\text{a})$  2.452(5),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{Er}(1\text{a})$  3.6973(8),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{Yb}(1\text{a})$  3.6973(8),  $\text{Er}(1\text{a})-\text{O}(1)$  2.300(4),  $\text{Yb}(1\text{a})-\text{O}(1)$  2.300(4),  $\text{Er}(1\text{a})-\text{O}(2)$  2.162(4),  $\text{Yb}(1\text{a})-\text{O}(2)$  2.162(4),  $\text{Er}(1\text{a})-\text{N}(1)$  2.424(5),  $\text{Yb}(1\text{a})-\text{N}(1)$  2.424(5),  $\text{Er}(1\text{a})-\text{N}(2)$  2.452(5),  $\text{Yb}(1\text{a})-\text{N}(2)$  2.452(5),  $\text{Yb}(1)-\text{O}(1)-\text{Er}(1\text{a})$  108.50(16); b) Perspective view of coordination polyhedron for  $\text{Yb}(\text{III})$  or  $\text{Er}(\text{III})$  ion in **3**.



**Fig. S2** a) Infrared spectrum of complex 1; b) Infrared spectra of complexes 2 and 3.



**Fig. S3** Twisted butterfly style forming by two cavity N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in complex 1.



**Fig. S4** Visible emission spectrum of complex 1 in dichloromethane at room temperature.

Table S1 Infrared spectra for H<sub>2</sub>salen ligand and complexes **1-3**

Compounds	$\nu$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
	C=N
H <sub>2</sub> salen	1633
<b>1</b>	1630
<b>2</b>	1642
<b>3</b>	1641