

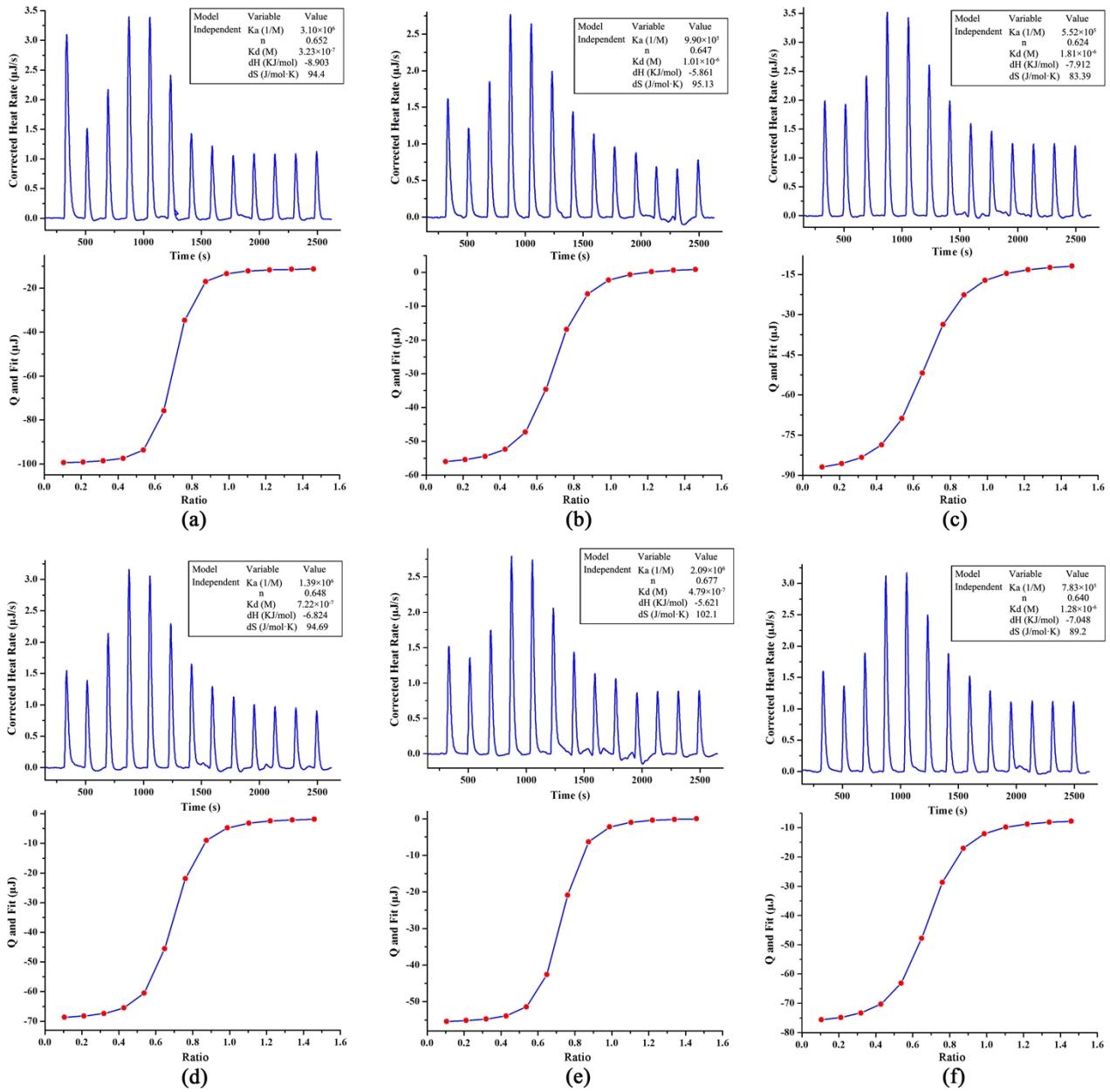
## Supplementary Information

# Coordination of $\text{Ln}^{3+}$ in Ortho-tetramethyl Substituted Cucurbituril Supramolecular Assemblies Formed in the Presence of Cadmium Nitrate: Potential Applications for Isolation of Heavier Lanthanides

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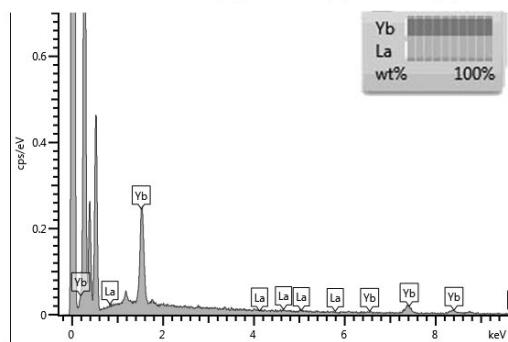
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**SI-Figure 1** (a) ITC profile of *o*-TMeQ[6] with Ce(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> at 298.15 K:  $\Delta H^\circ = -8.903 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $T\Delta S^\circ = 28.145 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ; (b) ITC profile of *o*-TMeQ[6] with Eu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> at 298.15 K:  $\Delta H^\circ = -5.861 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $T\Delta S^\circ = 28.363 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ; (c) ITC profile of *o*-TMeQ[6] with Yb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> at 298.15 K:  $\Delta H^\circ = -7.912 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $T\Delta S^\circ = 24.863 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ; (d) ITC profile of *o*-TMeQ[6]+Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> with Ce(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> at 298.15 K:  $\Delta H^\circ = -6.824 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $T\Delta S^\circ = 28.232 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ; (e) ITC profile of *o*-TMeQ[6]+Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> with Eu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> at 298.15 K:  $\Delta H^\circ = -5.621 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $T\Delta S^\circ = 30.411 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ; (f) ITC profile of *o*-TMeQ[6]+Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> with Yb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> at 298.15 K:  $\Delta H^\circ = -7.048 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ ,  $T\Delta S^\circ = 26.595 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

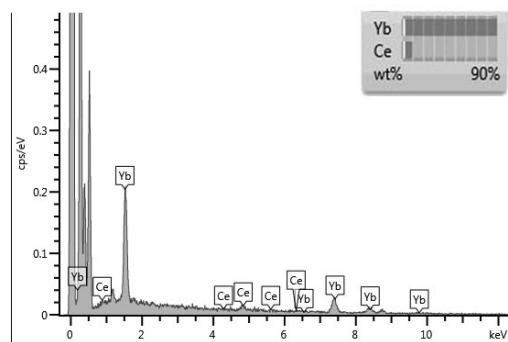
*o*-TMeQ[6]+Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>+La(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>,Yb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (1:1)



The yield of 60% ~ 66%



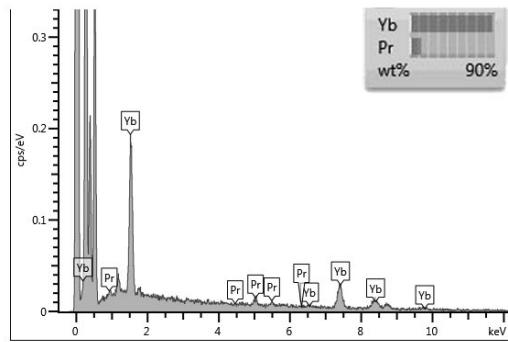
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The yield of 80% ~ 85%



*o*-TMeQ[6]+Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>+Pr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>,Yb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (1:1)

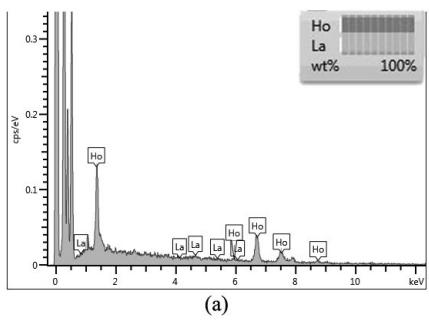


The yield of 83% ~ 88%

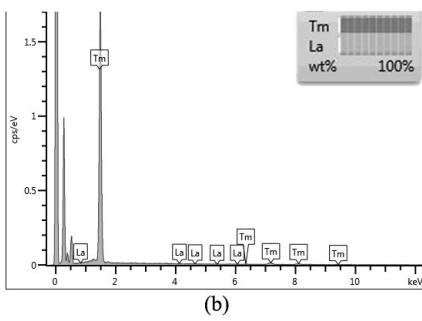


**SI-Figure 2** the electron spectroscopies of *o*-TMeQ[6]/NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> systems with 1:1 ratio of La:Yb、Ce:Yb、Pr:Yb and corresponding crystals with a general yields

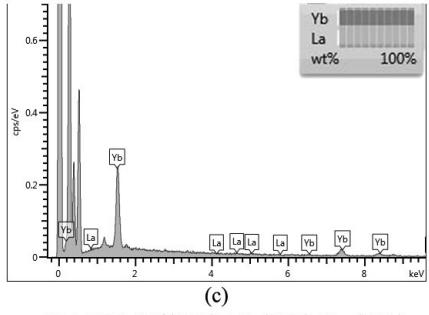
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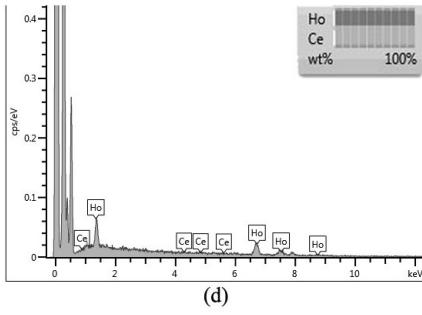
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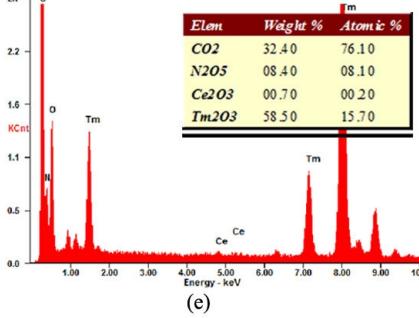
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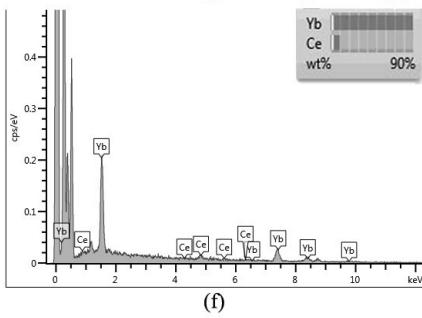
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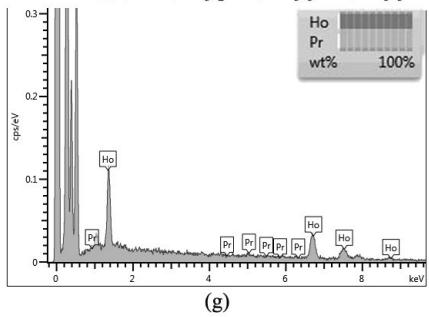
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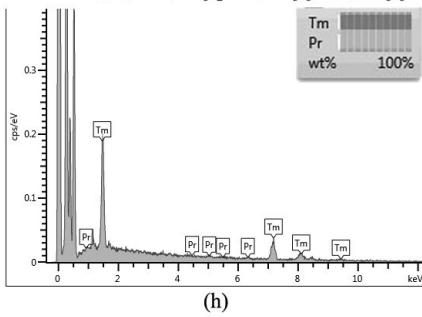
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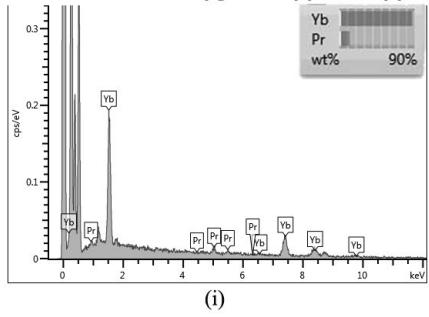
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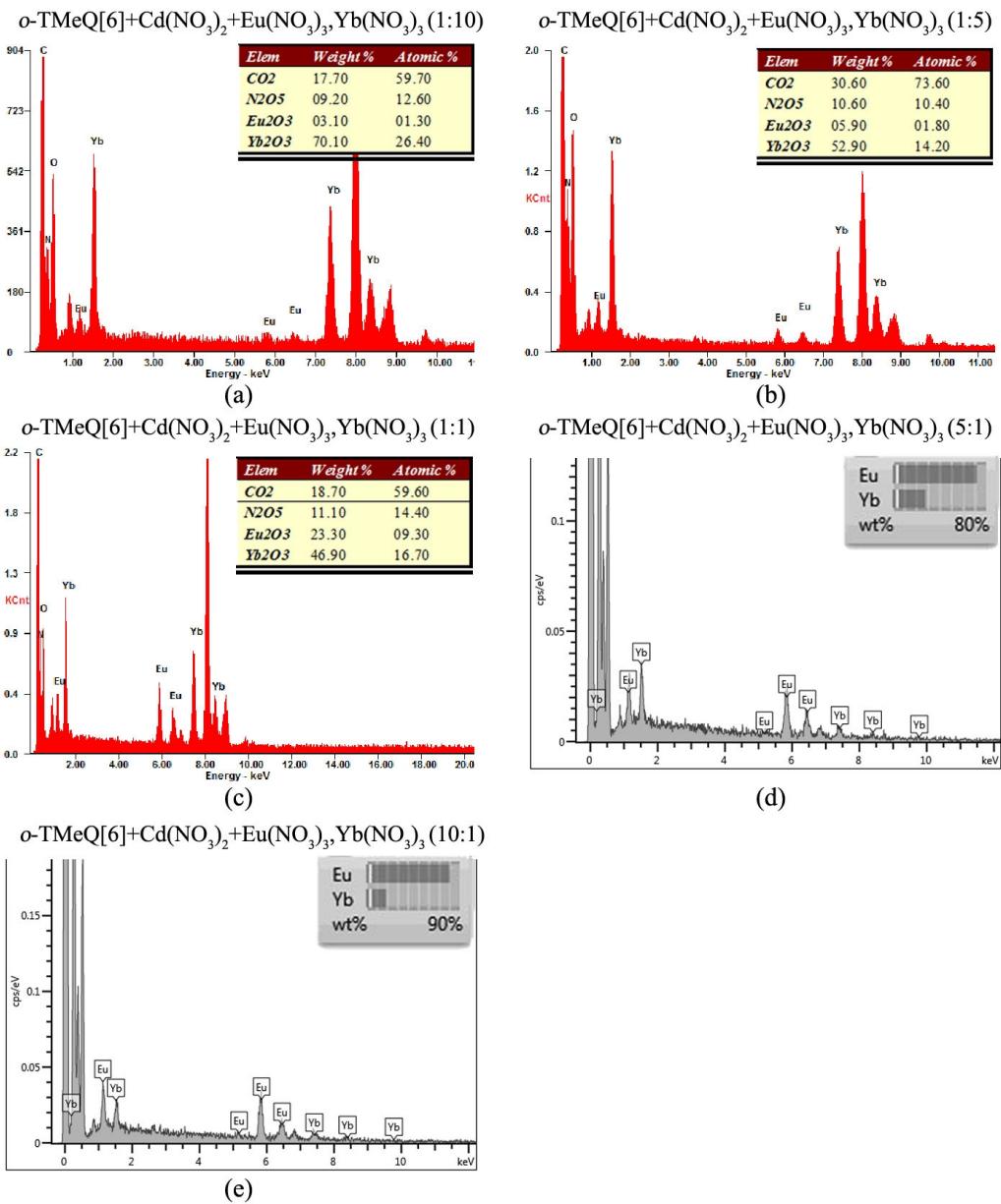
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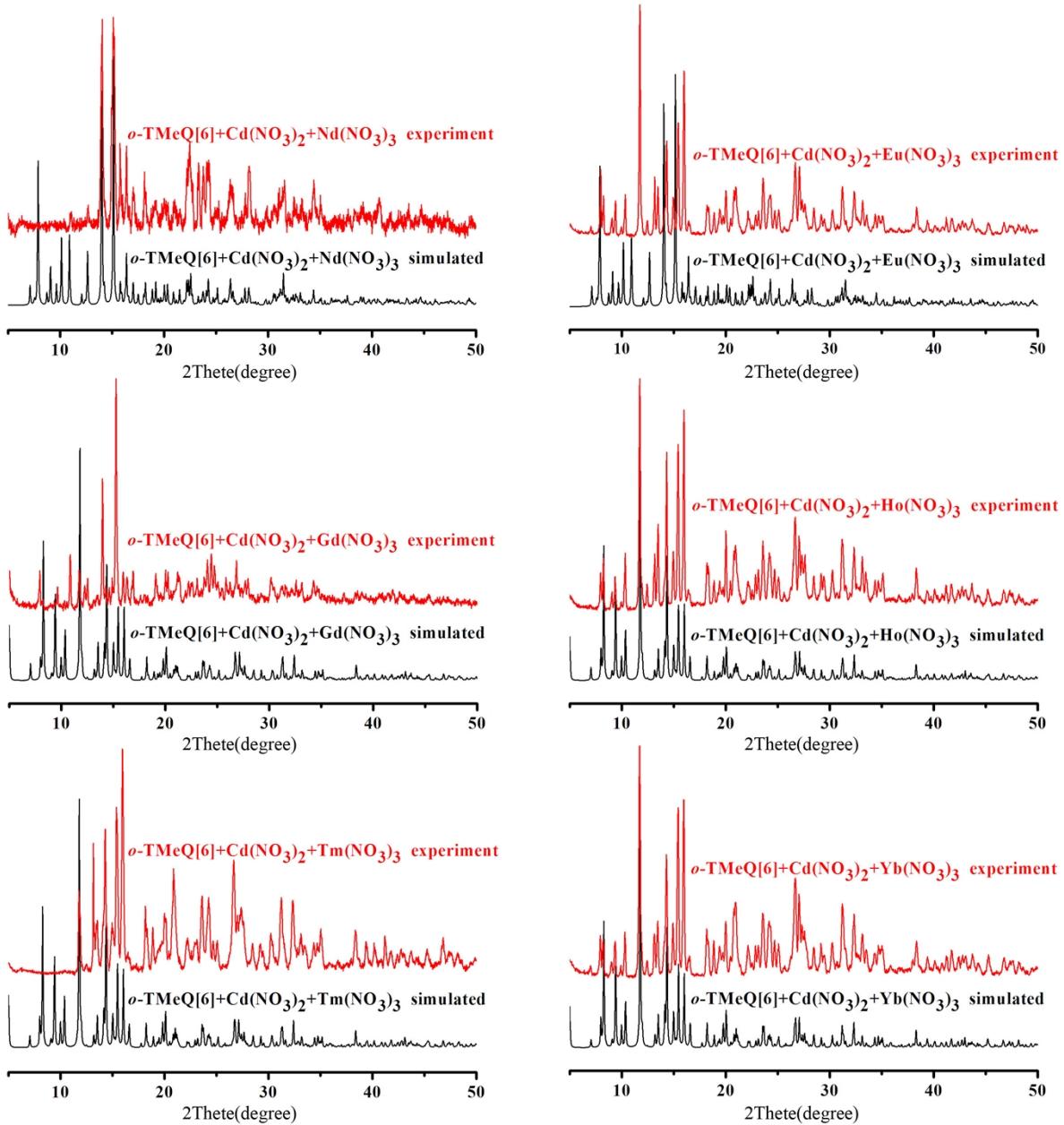
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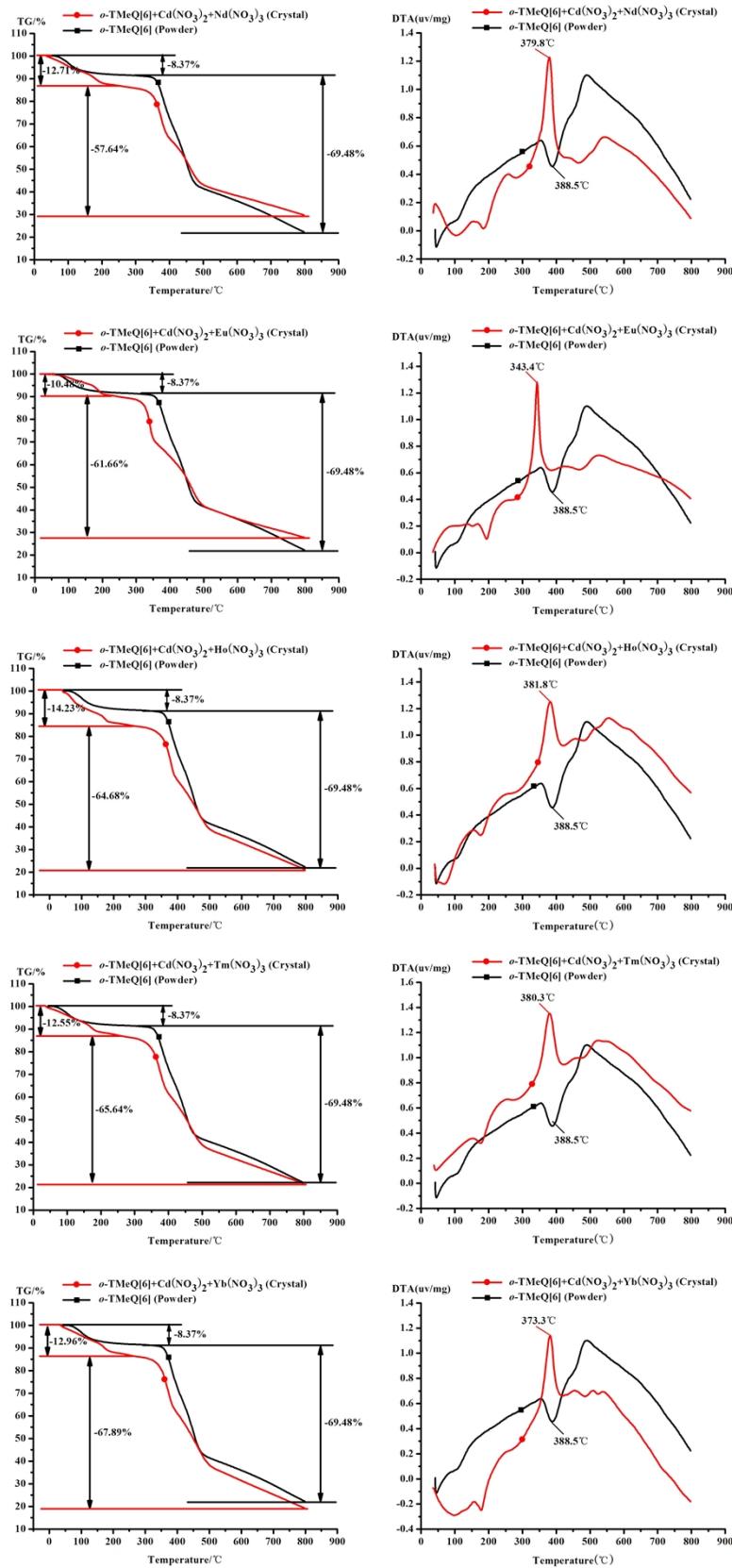
**SI-Figure 3** the electron spectroscopy of *o*-TMeQ[6]/NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> systems with 1:1 ratios of light : heavy lanthanides



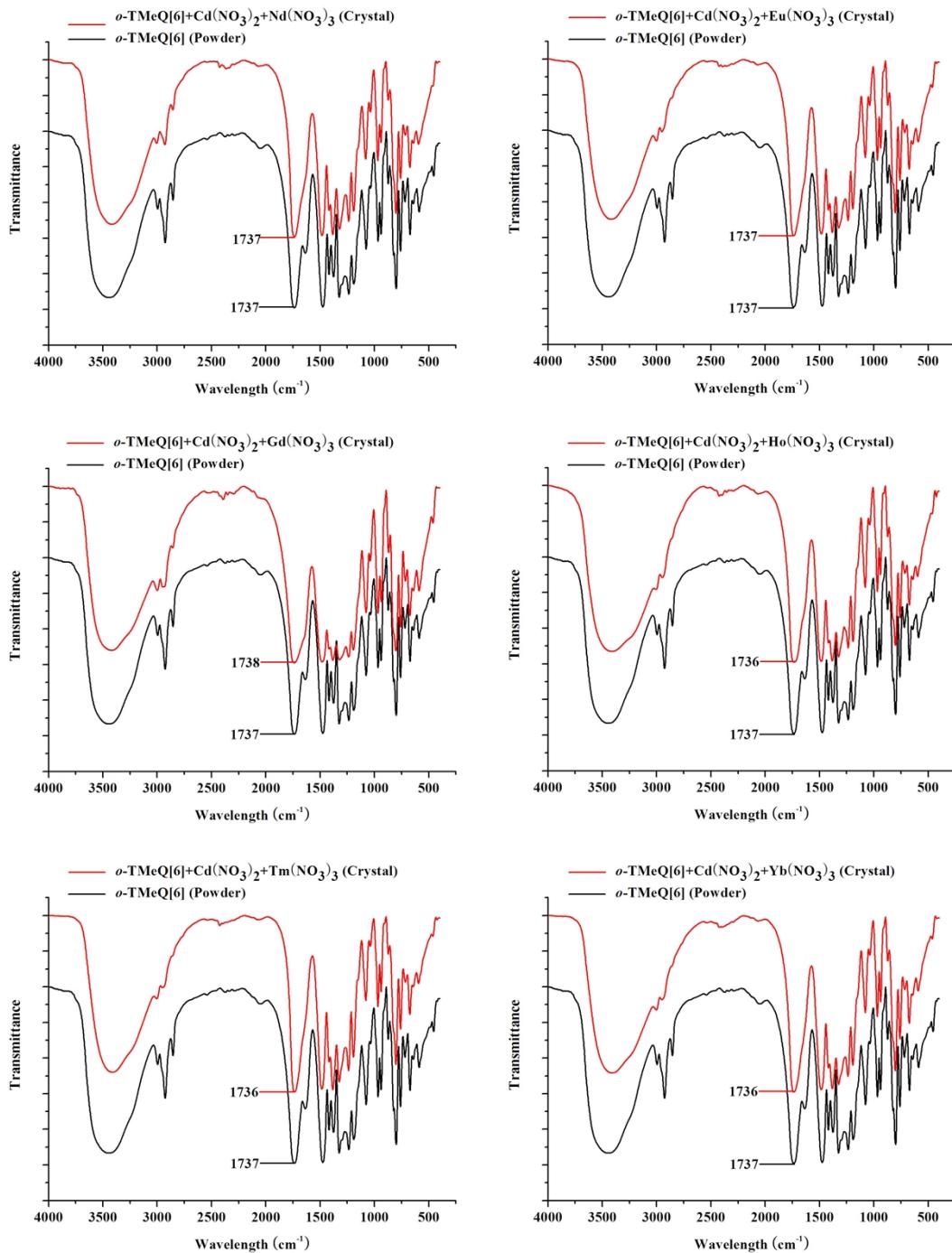
**SI-Figure 4** the electron spectroscopy of *o*-TMeQ[6]/NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> systems with 10:1, 5:1, 1:1, 1:5 and 1:10 ratios of Eu:Yb



**SI-Figure 5** Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) of the representative crystals from the two isomorphous groups respectively



**SI-Figure 6** DTA (left) and TG (right) curves of the representative crystals from the two isomorphous groups with a comparison  $\text{o-TMeQ[6]}$  in  $\text{N}_2$  respectively



**SI-Figure 7** FT-IR spectra of the representative crystals from the two isomorphous groups with a comparison of *o*-TMeQ[6] powders respectively.