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Table S1 Selected photophysical properties of NIR emitting Nd^{III}, Er^{III}, and Yb^{III} molecular compounds at room temperature (10.2006–3.2009).^a

Composition	Ln	State	λ_{exc} / nm	Q_{Ln}^{L} / %	λ_{exc} / nm	τ / μs	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{Ln}}$ / %	Refs
[Ln(1a) ₃]	Nd	solid			355	0.33		¹
	Er	solid				0.98		¹
	Yb	solid				3.5		¹
[NEt ₄][Ln(1b) ₄]	Nd	thf			355	0.51	0.20	²
		H ₂ O				0.47	0.19	²
	Yb	thf			355	8.3	0.41	²
		H ₂ O				1.4	0.07	²
[Ln(2a) ₃]·nH ₂ O	Nd (<i>n</i> = 0)	solid	350–400	0.14	355	0.39		³
				0.012		1.15		³
	Er (<i>n</i> = 3)	solid						
[Ln(2b) ₃]·nH ₂ O	Yb (<i>n</i> = 2.5)	solid		0.56		11.1		³
	Nd (<i>n</i> = 8)	solid	350–400	0.23	355	0.69		³
[Ln(2c) ₃]·CH ₃ OH	Yb (<i>n</i> = 1)	solid		0.60		10.5		³
	Nd	solid	350–400	0.40	355	1.57		³
[Ln(2c) ₃]·nH ₂ O	Er (<i>n</i> = 0)	solid	350–400	0.033	355	4.05		³
				1.40		20.6		³
	Yb (<i>n</i> = 3)	solid						
[Ln(3) ₂][NO ₃]	Yb	CH ₃ CN	500	1.1				⁴
[Ln(4a) ₃]	Nd	solid	508–527	0.15	355	0.87	0.32	⁵
[Ln(4b) ₃]	Nd	solid	508–527	0.11	355	0.47	0.17	⁵
[Ln(4c) ₃]	Nd	solid	508–527	0.10	355	0.51	0.19	⁵
[Ln(4d) ₃]·2H ₂ O	Nd	solid	508–527	0.04	355	0.33	0.12	⁵
[Ln(4e) ₃]	Nd	solid	508–527	0.33	355	1.26	0.47	⁵
[Ln(4f) ₃]	Nd	solid	508–527	0.26	355	1.88	0.70	⁵
[Ln(4g) ₃]	Nd	solid	508–527	0.13	355	1.22	0.45	⁵
[Ln(4h) ₃ (H ₂ O) _n]	Nd (<i>n</i> = 0)	solid	508–527	0.29	355	1.82	0.67	⁵
				0.07	355	0.82	0.07	⁵
[Ln(4i) ₃]·2.5H ₂ O	Nd	solid	470	0.08	355	0.35	0.13	⁶
[Ln(4j) ₃]·H ₂ O	Nd	solid	470	0.15	355	1.10	0.40	⁶

Table S1, continued

Composition	Ln	State	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{L}} / \%$	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{Ln}} / \%$
[Ln(4k) ₃]·3H ₂ O	Nd	solid	470	0.11	355	0.75	0.28
[Ln(4l) ₃]·H ₂ O	Nd	solid	470	0.26	355	1.20	0.44
[Ln(4m) ₃]·H ₂ O	Nd	solid	470	0.18	355	1.10	0.41
[Ln(4n) ₃]·3H ₂ O	Nd	solid	470	0.34	355	1.00	0.37
[Ln(4o) ₃]·H ₂ O	Nd	solid	470	0.23	355	0.61	0.23
[KLn ₂ (5a) ₃](OTf)	Yb	solid	395	1.04	355	18.8	7
[KAlLn(5b) ₃](OTf)	Yb	solid	395	1.17	355	22.6	7
[Ln(H ₃ 6a)]	Nd	H ₂ O, pH 7.4	417	0.027	355	0.15	8
		D ₂ O		0.075		0.91	8
	Er	H ₂ O, pH 7.4				0.24	8
		D ₂ O		3.5×10 ⁻³		2.55	8
	Yb	H ₂ O, pH 7.4		0.13		2.47	8
		D ₂ O		1.5		26.6	8
[Ln(6b)]	Nd	solid	363	0.10	363	0.49	9
	Er	solid	371	4.3×10 ⁻³	371	1.17	9
	Yb	solid	370	0.60	370	7.13	9
[Ln(6c)]	Nd	H ₂ O (pH 7.4)	370	0.016	370	0.16	9
	Er	H ₂ O (pH 7.4)	370	<2×10 ⁻³	370		9
	Yb	H ₂ O (pH 7.4)	370	0.14	370	2.05	9
[Ln(7a) ₃]	Er	solid		520	4.9		10
[Ln(7b) ₃]	Er	solid		520	300 ^{b,c}		10
[Ln(7b) ₃]	Er	nanorods		978	13 (11%), 336 (89%)	0.98	11
[Er _{0.5} Yb _{0.5} (7b) ₃]	Er	nanorods		978	19 (2%), 748 (98%)	3.5	11
[Ln(7c) ₃]	Er	solid		520	179 ^b		12
[Ln(8) ₃]	Nd	solid		266	46		13
		CD ₃ CN			44		13
	Er	solid			316		13
		CD ₃ CN			741		13

Table S1, continued

Composition	Yb	solid	582	
	Ln	State	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{L}} / \%$
[Ln(8) ₃]	Yb	CD ₃ CN		1111 ¹³
[Ln(H ₂ 10) ₂] ⁻	Pr	H ₂ O, pH 7.4	?	8×10 ⁻³ ¹⁴
	Ho	H ₂ O, pH 7.4		6.5×10 ⁻³ ¹⁴
[Ln(H ₂ 11) ₂] ⁻	Nd	H ₂ O, pH 7.4	326	— ¹⁵
[Ln(H ₂ 11) ₂] ⁻	Nd	D ₂ O, pD 7.4		0.48 ¹⁵
		CH ₃ OH		0.23 ¹⁵
		CD ₃ OD		0.98 ¹⁵
[Ln(H ₂ 11) ₂] ⁻	Yb	H ₂ O, pH 7.4		0.39 (70%), 1.01 (30%) ¹⁵
		D ₂ O, pH 7.4		3.30 (71%), 12.7 (29%) ¹⁵
		CH ₃ OH		1.76 ¹⁵
		CD ₃ OD		38.4 ¹⁵
[Ln(H ₃ 12)(H ₂ O) ₂]	Yb	H ₂ O, pH 7.4	337	0.37 ¹⁶
		D ₂ O, pD 7.4		8.06 ¹⁶
[Ln ₂ (13a) ₆ (phen) ₂] ⁻	Er	solid	975	17.7 ¹⁷
	Yb	solid		58.9 ¹⁷
[Er _{1.4} Yb _{0.6} (13a) ₆ (phen) ₂] ⁻	Er	solid	975	19.3 ¹⁷
	Yb	solid		26.7 ¹⁷
[Ln(13b) ₃ (tpy)]	Nd	toluene	416	0.97 ¹⁸
		ethanol		0.55 ¹⁸
	Er	toluene		0.72 ¹⁸
		ethanol		0.38 ¹⁸
	Yb	toluene		1.58 ¹⁸
		ethanol		1.70 ¹⁸
[Ln(13c) ₃ (tpy)]	Nd	toluene		0.10 ¹⁸
		ethanol		0.30 ¹⁸
	Er	toluene		0.18 ¹⁸
		ethanol		— ¹⁸
	Yb	toluene		0.65 ¹⁸
				0.033 ¹⁸

Table S1, continued

Composition	Ln	State	ethanol	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{L}} / \%$	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$	0.70	0.035	¹⁸
[Ln(14a) ₃ (tpy)]	Er	chlorobenzene			300	2.13		0.027	¹⁹	
		solid			350	1.91			¹⁹	
[Ln(14b) ₃ (tpy)]	Er	chlorobenzene			300	2.22		0.028	¹⁹	
		solid			350	1.71			¹⁹	
[Ln(14c) ₃ (tpy)]	Er	chlorobenzene			300	1.97		0.025	¹⁹	
		solid			350	1.38			¹⁹	
[Ln(14d) ₃ (tpy)]	Er	solid			350	1.12			¹⁹	
		solid								
[Ln(15) ₃]	Yb	CH ₃ CN	315	0.7						²⁰
[NBu ₄] ₃ [Ln(16) ₃]	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂			360	1.2			²¹	
		Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂			37			²¹	
[Ln(17) ⁻	Yb	H ₂ O, pH 7.0			?	3.0		0.15	²²	
[Ln(18a)(H ₂ O) ₂] ⁻	Nd	H ₂ O, pH 7.0	266	9.7×10 ⁻³	266	0.059			²³	
		D ₂ O, pD 7.0		0.055		0.310			²³	
[Ln(18b)(H ₂ O) ₂] ⁻	Nd	H ₂ O, pH 7.0	250	7.5×10 ⁻³	266	0.072			²³	
		D ₂ O, pD 7.0		0.040		0.314			²³	
[Ln(19)]	Nd	CH ₃ OH			337	0.203			²⁴	
		CD ₃ OD				0.576			²⁴	
[Ln(20a) ₃ (phen)]	Er	CH ₃ OH				0.134			²⁴	
		CD ₃ OD				1.009			²⁴	
[Ln(21b) ₃ (phen)]	Yb	CH ₃ OH				1.802			²⁴	
		CD ₃ OD				9.047			²⁴	
[Ln(20a) ₃ (phen)]	Nd	dmso	430	7.8×10 ⁻³	355	1.2		0.29	²⁵	
		solid			355	0.71			²⁵	
[Ln(21b) ₃ (phen)]	Er	dmso	430	-	355	1.9			²⁵	
		solid			355	1.4			²⁵	
[Ln(21b) ₃ (phen)]	Yb	dmso	430	0.04	355	12		0.60	²⁵	
		solid	430(?)	0.2 ^c		8.6 ^c		0.43 ^c	²⁵	
	Er	toluene	355	0.019						²⁶

Table S1, continued

Composition	Ln	State	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{L}} / \%$	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{Ln}} / \%$
[Ln(21b) ₃ (phen)]	Yb	toluene	355	1.28			26
		solid			355	14.7	
[Ln(21b) ₃ (bpy)]	Nd	toluene	355	0.072			26
		solid			355	1.27	
[Ln(21b) ₃ (H ₂ O) ₂]	Er	toluene	355	0.014			26
		solid			355	2.27	
[Ln(21b) ₃ (H ₂ O) ₂]	Yb	toluene	355	1.24			26
		solid			355	13.8	
[Ln(21d) ₃ (OP(C ₆ F ₅) ₃) ₂]	Nd	toluene	355	8.5×10 ⁻³			26
		solid			355	0.15	
[Ln(21e) ₃ (OP(C ₆ F ₅) ₃) ₂]	Yb	toluene	355	0.37			26
		solid			355	0.97	
DMSB[Ln(21f) ₄]	Yb	CCl ₄			355	2.4	2.4×10 ⁻²
[Ln(22) ₄] ⁻	Yb	CCl ₄			355	16.8	0.17
DMSB[Ln(21f) ₄]	Nd	CH ₃ CN			266	1.0	28
		CH ₃ CN			266	3.2	
[Ln(22) ₄] ⁻	Yb	CH ₃ CN			266	46.4	28
		CH ₃ OH			354	0.37	
[Ln(22) ₄] ⁻	Nd	CD ₃ OD			354	1.33	29
		CH ₃ CN	383	0.45	354	1.85	
		CD ₃ CN	383	0.53	354	2.68	
[Ln(22) ₄] ⁻	Er	CH ₃ CN	387	0.021	354		29
		CD ₃ CN	387	0.024	354		
[Ln(22) ₄] ⁻	Tm	CH ₃ CN	380	5.9×10 ⁻³	354		29
		CD ₃ CN	380	6.6×10 ⁻³			
[Ln(22) ₄] ⁻	Yb	CH ₃ OH			354	12.01	29
		CD ₃ OD			354	33.71	
[Ln(22) ₄] ⁻	Yb	CH ₃ CN	375	3.8	354	24.61	29

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Composition	Ln	State	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{L}} / \%$	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{Ln}} / \%$
Cs ₂ [Ln(23a) ₅]	Er	solid			520	20.2	30
Cs ₂ [Ln(23a) ₅](Et ₂ O) _n	Er (<i>n</i> = 1)	solid			520	22.9	30
Cs ₂ [Ln(23a) ₅](Et ₂ O) _n	Yb (<i>n</i> = 0.5)	solid			460	142 (92%), 351 (8%)	30
[Ln(24a) ₃ (phen) ₂]	Yb	dmso- <i>d</i> ₆	310	0.67	940		7.4
[Ln(24a) ₃ (dip)]	Yb	dmso- <i>d</i> ₆	310	0.36	940		9.1
K[Ln(24b) ₄]	Nd	dmso			354	1.10	32
NaY _{0.8} Ln _{0.2} F ₄ @ 24b	Nd	nanocrystal			354	3.7 (63%), 12.6 (22%)	33
K[Ln(24b) ₄]	Yb	dmso			354	12.4	32
NaY _{0.8} Ln _{0.2} F ₄ @ 24b	Yb	nanocrystal			354	68 (80%), 4.1(20%)	33
[Ln(25)]	Nd	H ₂ O, pH 8.0			488	2.3	34
[Ln(26)] ³⁺	Nd	CH ₃ OH			355	0.186	35
		CD ₃ OD				0.399	35
	Yb	CH ₃ OH			355	0.904	35
		CD ₃ OD				1.370	35
[Ln(27a)(dmf) ₂ (Cl)]	Yb	toluene			355	10	36
[{Ln(27a)(dmf) _n } ₂ {(μ-NC) ₂ Ni(CN) ₂ }]	Yb (<i>n</i> = 2)	toluene			355	1.07	36
	Er (<i>n</i> = 3)	toluene			355	—	36
[{Ln(27a)(dmf) _n } ₂ {(μ-NC) ₂ Pt(CN) ₂ }]	Yb (<i>n</i> = 2)	toluene			355	1.03	36
	Er (<i>n</i> = 3)	toluene			355	—	36
[Ln(27a)(μ-OOCCH ₃)(CH ₃ OH)] ₂ ·2CHCl ₃	Yb	solid			375	1.27	0.064
[Ln(27a)(OOCCH ₃)(CH ₃ OH) ₂]	Yb	solid			375	1.56	0.078
[Ln(27a)(η ² -OOCCH ₃)(4-Me-phen)]·CH ₃ OH	Yb	solid			375	17.29	0.86
[Ln(27b)(OOCCH ₂ CH ₃)(CH ₃ OH) ₂] ₂ ·2CH ₂ Cl ₂	Yb	solid			375	2.40	0.12
[Ln(Pt(27c)) ₃ (tpy)]	Er	thf			400	1.2	0.015
[Ln(28a)(acac)]	Yb	dmf	400–430	0.13			39
[Ln(28b)(acac)]	Yb	dmf	400–430	0.47			39
[Ln(28c)(acac)]	Yb	dmf	400–430	0.09			39
[Ln(28d)(acac)]	Yb	dmf	400–430	0.06			39
[Ln(29a)(acac)]	Yb	dmf	400–430	0.05			39

[Ln(**29b**)(acac)]

Yb

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400–430 0.04

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[Ln(29c)(acac)]	Yb	dmf	400–430	0.03			39
[Ln(30a)]	Yb	toluene		514	30 (30) ^e		40
[Ln(30b)]	Yb	toluene		514	30 (30) ^e		40
[LnZn(30b)]	Yb	toluene		514	30 (30) ^e		40
[LnPd(30b)]	Yb	toluene		514	40 (40) ^e		40
[LnPt(30b)]	Yb	toluene		514	30 (70) ^e		40
[Ln(30c)]	Yb	H ₂ O		514	10.13		41
[Ln(31a)]	Yb	toluene		355	0.26		42
[Ln(31b)]	Yb	toluene		355	0.19		42
[Ln(31c)]	Yb	toluene		355	0.28		42
[Ln(31d)]	Yb	toluene		355	0.35		42
[Ln(31e)]	Yb	toluene		355	0.38		42
[Ln(31f)]	Yb	toluene		355	0.32		42
[Ln(NO ₃) ₃ Zn(32a)]	Nd	CH ₃ CN		355	1.23		43
	Yb	CH ₃ CN		355	13.40		43
[Ln(NO ₃) ₃ Zn(32b)]	Nd	CH ₃ CN		355	1.27		43
	Yb	CH ₃ CN		355	15.89		43

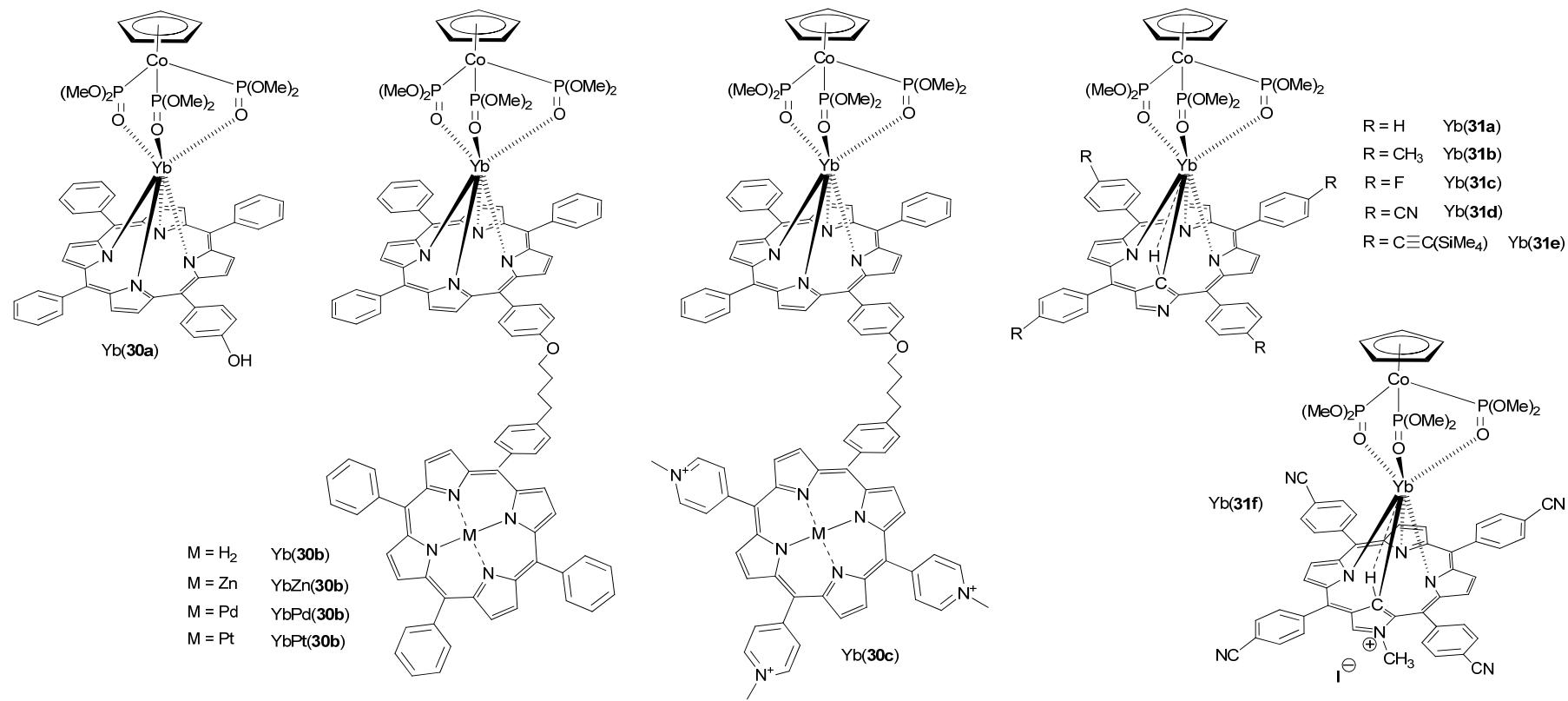
^a Formulae of the ligands can be found in Schemes 1–6 and S1 (below). ^b An average lifetime; luminescence decay was fitted using a stretched exponential decay model. ^c The value of 441 μs reported in ref.¹⁰ is erroneous (personal communication from the authors, February 2009). ^d A lower limit estimate due to photochemical decomposition. ^e Lifetime values at 77 K between parentheses.

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Table S2 Selected photophysical properties of NIR emitting lanthanide compounds sensitized by transition metals at room temperature: for formulae, see Schemes S2-S3 (below) and 8-11 (main text).

Composition	Ln	State	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{Ln}} / \%$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$	$d_{\text{av}}(\text{M} \cdots \text{Ln}) / \text{\AA}$	$k_{\text{ET}} / \text{s}^{-1}$	Refs.
PtLn ₂ (33a)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.80	15.9		$>10^8$	1
		solid	397		14.78			1
Pt ₂ Ln ₄ (33a) ₂	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397				6.07×10^7	1
	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.77	15.48	14.2	2.12×10^5	1
		solid	397		16.43			1
PtLn ₂ (33b)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.78	15.5		$>10^8$	2
		solid	397		13.6			2
PtLn ₂ (33c)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.73	14.62	14.4	$>10^8$	2
		solid	397		14.64			3
PtLn ₂ (33d)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.81	16.1	14.1	$>10^8$	3
		solid	397		14.8			3
PtLn ₂ (33e)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.58	11.5	8.6	$>10^8$	3
		solid	397		12.8			3
PtLn ₂ (33f)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397				1.24×10^8	3
	Er	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397					3
	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.64	12.7	14.9	1.4×10^7	3
		solid	397		13.9			3
PtLn ₂ (33g)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.63	11.8	8.4	$>10^8$	4
		solid	397		15.1			4
PtLn ₃ (33h)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397			8.4	5.64×10^7	4
	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.054	10.9	13.3	2.82×10^6	4
		solid	397		12.5			4
PtLn ₂ (33i)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.059	11.8		$>10^8$	5
		solid	397		15.1			5
Pt ₆ Ln ₆ (33j)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.061	12.1	10.5, 16.4, 16.7	1.83×10^5	5
		solid	397		13.1			5
PtLn(33k)	Pr	CH ₂ Cl ₂	430		0.2		3×10^8	6
	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	430		0.2		9×10^8	6

Table S2, *continued.*

Composition	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	430	7.4				
	Ln	State	$\lambda_{\text{exc}} / \text{nm}$	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{Ln}} / \%$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$	$d_{\text{av}}(\text{M}\cdots\text{Ln}) / \text{\AA}$	$k_{\text{ET}} / \text{s}^{-1}$	Refs.
PtLn(33l)	Pr	CH ₂ Cl ₂					1.4×10^8	⁶
	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂					$\approx 10^9$	⁶
[Pt 33m Ln(tta) ₃] _∞	Pr	solid	405		0.86		4×10^7	⁷
	Nd	solid	405		1.02		$>10^8$	⁷
	Er	solid	405		1.67		4×10^7	⁷
	Yb	solid	405		9.76	9.9	2×10^6	⁷
[Pt 33n Ln(hfa) ₃] _∞	Nd	solid	405		0.71, 0.54		$>10^8$	⁷
	Er	solid	405		1.58	9.9	2×10^7	⁷
	Yb	solid	405		8.24		10^6	⁷
{Pt 33o [Ln(tta) ₃] ₂ }	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	405		1.08		1.4×10^8	⁷
	Er	CH ₂ Cl ₂	405		1.64		$>10^9$	⁷
	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	405		11.1	8.3-8.4	$>10^9$	⁷
Au ₄ Ln ₄ (34a)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.006	11.9	~8.4		⁸
		solid	397		14.6			⁸
Au ₂ Ln ₂ (34b)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	397	0.006	11.9			⁸
ReLn(35a)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	430		0.2			⁶
	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	430		9.0			⁸
ReLn(35c)	Yb	H ₂ O	337		1.47			⁹
		D ₂ O	337		5.30			⁹
		solid	397		14.4			⁹
Ir ₃ Ln(36a) ^a	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	337		17.7			¹⁰
Ir ₂ Ln(36b)	Yb	CH ₃ CN	380-490	~0.01	22.1		$>4\times 10^8$	¹¹
		solid	380-490	~0.01	17.9			¹¹
RuLn(37a)	Nd	solid	450		0.7			¹²
RuLn(37b)	Yb	solid	450		9.8			¹²
RuLn(37c)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	460			13.4 (max)	2.2×10^6	¹³
OsLn(37c)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	460				$\approx 10^6$	¹³
RuLn(37d)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	460	0.004	1.1	15.6 (max)	1.9×10^7	¹³

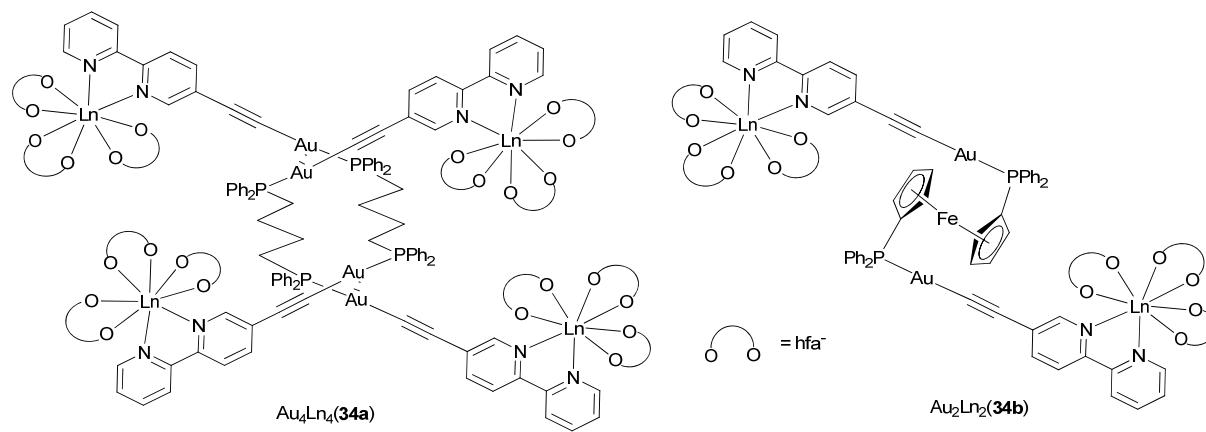
Table S2, *continued.*

Composition	Er	CH ₂ Cl ₂	460	$Q_{\text{Ln}}^{\text{Ln}} / \%$	$\tau / \mu\text{s}$	$d_{\text{av}}(\text{M}\cdots\text{Ln}) / \text{\AA}$	$k_{\text{ET}} / \text{s}^{-1}$	13
RuLn(37d)	Yb	CH ₂ Cl ₂	460				2.1×10^6	¹³
OsLn(37d)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	460		1.1	15.6 (max)	7.1×10^6	¹³
RuLn(37e)	Nd	CH ₂ Cl ₂	460			19.9 (max)	1.7×10^6	¹³

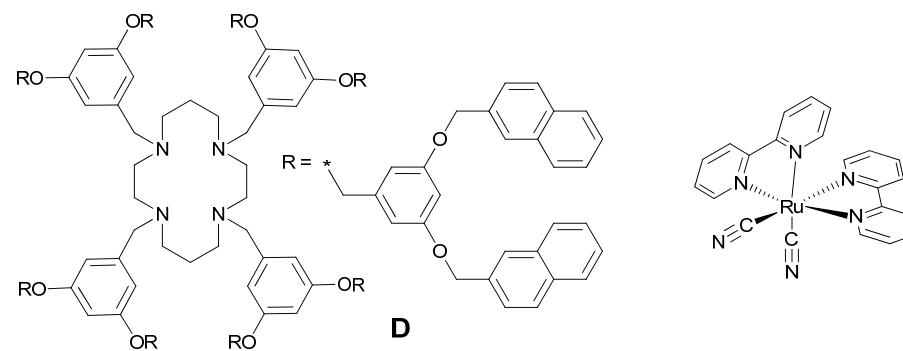
^a The overall quantum yield of the Yb complex is 0.7 % under excitation at 300 nm.

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Scheme S2 Au-Ln complexes.



Scheme S3 Structure of the dendrimer **D** forming a three-component self-assembled complex $\{\mathbf{D}(\text{Nd})[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{CN})_2]\}$.