

Supplementary Information

**Solution structure of a europium-nicotianamine complex supports that
phytosiderophores bind lanthanides**

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Atomic cartesian coordinates (Å) of the PBE/LnPP1 GTH optimized structure of the [Eu³⁺-EDTA⁴⁻·(H₂O)₃]⁻ complex. Only the water molecules coordinated to Eu³⁺ included.

element	mass	x	y	z
Eu	63.0	13.84599972	11.27400017	9.83600044
N	7.0	11.16800022	10.50300026	9.22299957
N	7.0	13.53100014	9.68099976	7.58300018
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O	8.0	13.92599964	13.71700001	10.79699993
H	1.0	14.83300018	13.95699978	11.17199993
H	1.0	13.27200031	13.98400021	11.51299953

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element	mass	x	y	z
Eu	63.0	7.92100000	7.83099985	6.86999989
C	6.0	11.68400002	10.07100010	6.63500023
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O	8.0	10.32299995	8.13300037	6.12400007
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C	6.0	5.14799976	9.05900002	9.93299961
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H	1.0	9.93000031	9.59000015	11.75300026
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O	8.0	6.28399992	9.29199982	7.78399992
H	1.0	8.35599995	11.32400036	11.14200020
H	1.0	4.14499998	10.62199974	8.84500027
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element	mass	x	y	z
Eu	63.0	7.74599981	7.30700016	6.86899996
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C	6.0	13.71700001	9.18299961	6.97200012
C	6.0	10.81200027	8.21599960	5.36600018
O	8.0	10.93700027	7.44000006	4.37599993
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H	1.0	14.03299999	10.22000027	7.11800003
H	1.0	14.31000042	8.50599957	7.59200001
C	6.0	11.56700039	10.04100037	8.21700001
C	6.0	11.68700027	9.60299969	9.68999958
C	6.0	10.46000004	8.90799999	10.32499981
N	7.0	9.26599979	9.80700016	10.21399975
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Eu	63.0	7.83129978	7.52320004	6.34560013
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C	6.0	10.75479984	8.66749954	4.92409992
O	8.0	10.85369968	8.22949982	3.76410007
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H	1.0	13.92459965	10.01200008	4.95209980
H	1.0	13.94999981	9.86660004	7.43219995
H	1.0	14.03649998	8.07260036	7.27159977
C	6.0	11.37849998	9.73139954	8.15019989
C	6.0	11.48130035	9.10359955	9.54290009
C	6.0	10.27200031	8.32229996	10.07789993
N	7.0	8.99740028	9.12030029	10.12749958
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C	6.0	5.71350002	9.07540035	9.92329979
N	7.0	4.37939978	9.54959965	10.41030025
H	1.0	11.86870003	10.71370029	8.13059998
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H	1.0	11.71350002	9.91549969	10.24940014
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O	8.0	4.89750004	6.82110023	9.88749981
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H	1.0	4.44159985	10.56569958	10.67230034
H	1.0	4.07040024	9.07339954	11.28299999
H	1.0	9.08990002	10.13379955	10.48400021
H	1.0	11.74800014	7.92269993	7.08220005
O	8.0	8.47669983	6.74340010	3.94989991
H	1.0	9.43630028	6.91219997	3.78259993
H	1.0	8.34189987	5.77360010	3.83759999
O	8.0	6.12809992	6.03749990	5.60330009
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O	8.0	7.95650005	9.88059998	7.35349989
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H	1.0	8.51340008	10.46339989	6.74609995
O	8.0	9.18299961	5.26090002	6.29589987
H	1.0	9.29119968	4.67880011	7.09399986
H	1.0	8.95069981	4.65560007	5.53200006
O	8.0	6.38229990	8.83510017	5.06879997
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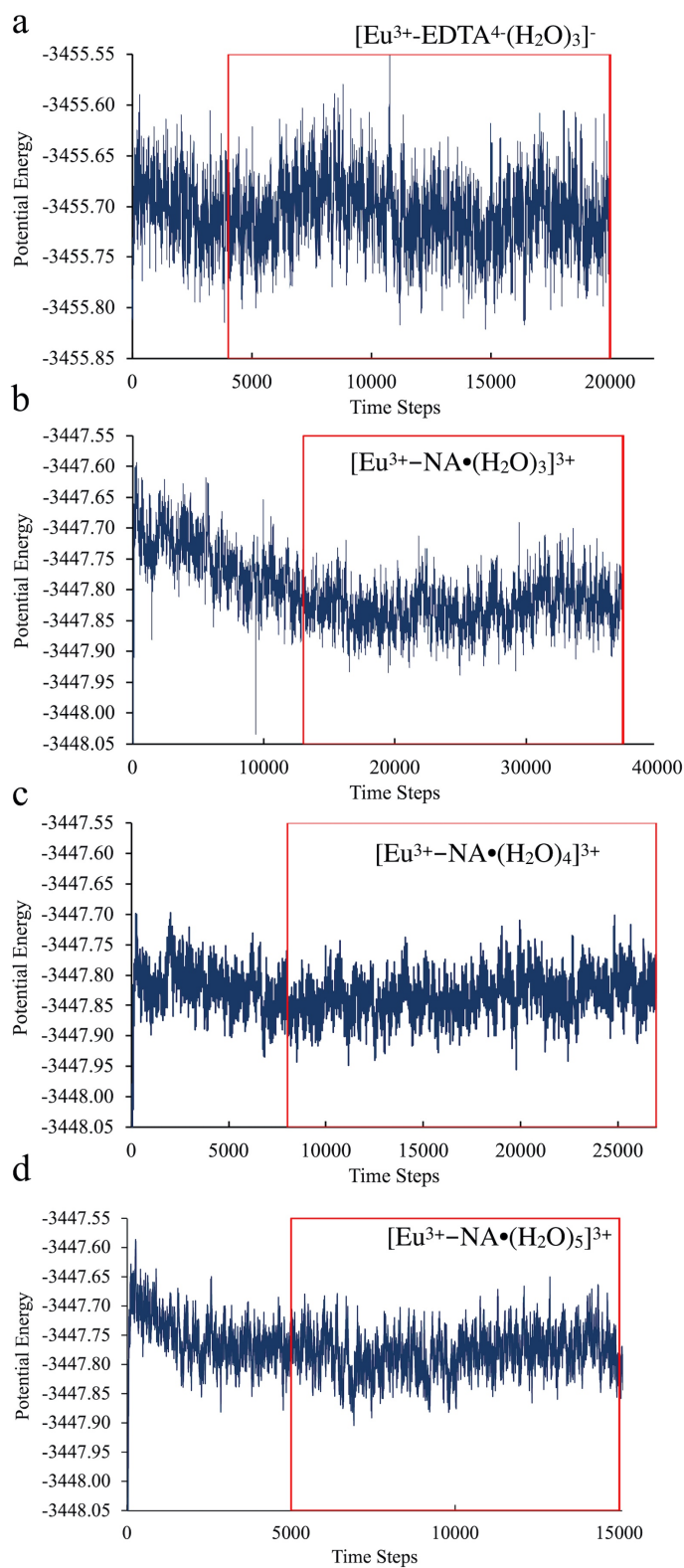


Figure S1. Potential energy (hartree) plots for AIMD trajectories of simulated complexes. a) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-EDTA}^{4-}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^-$ complex, b) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{3+}$ complex, c) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{3+}$, d) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{3+}$ complex. Red boxes indicate the equilibrated portions of AIMD trajectories that were used to obtain the radial distribution functions and further analysis.

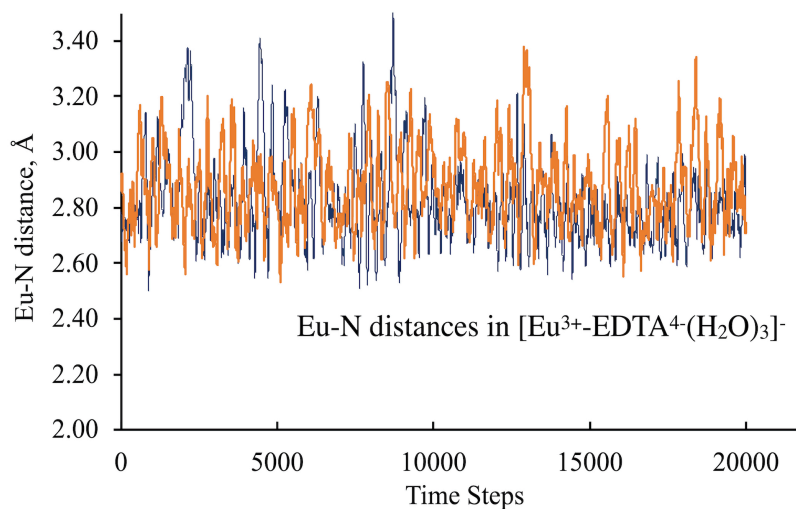


Figure S2. Plot of Eu-N bond distances during the AIMD trajectory of the $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-EDTA}^{4-}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^-$ complex. Orange and blue curves represent the Eu-N distances for two individual nitrogen atoms along the AIMD trajectory.

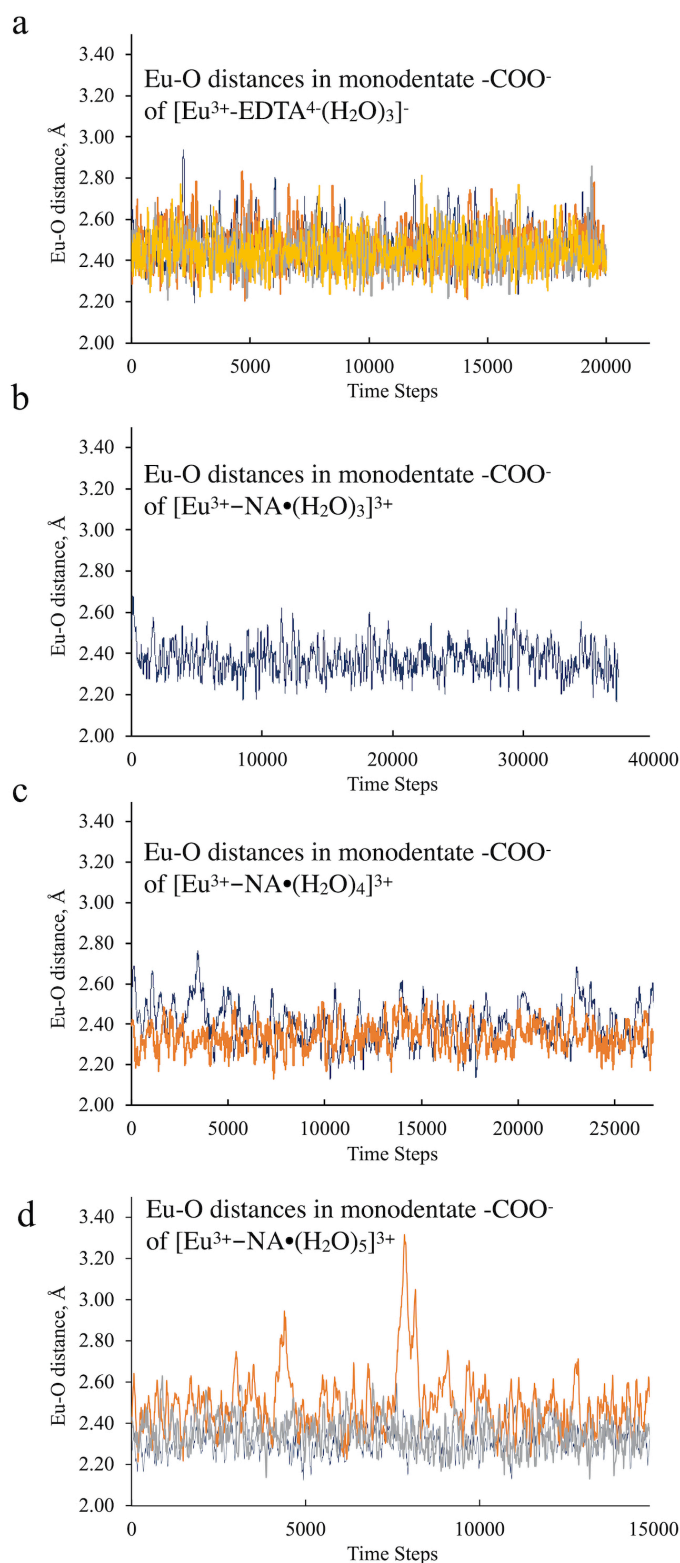


Figure S3. Plots of Eu-O bond distances, for monodentate carboxylates, during the AIMD trajectories of a) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-EDTA}^{4-}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^-$ complex, b) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{3+}$ complex, c) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{3+}$ complex, d) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{3+}$ complex. Orange, blue, yellow and grey curves represent the Eu-O distances for individual oxygen atoms along the AIMD trajectory.

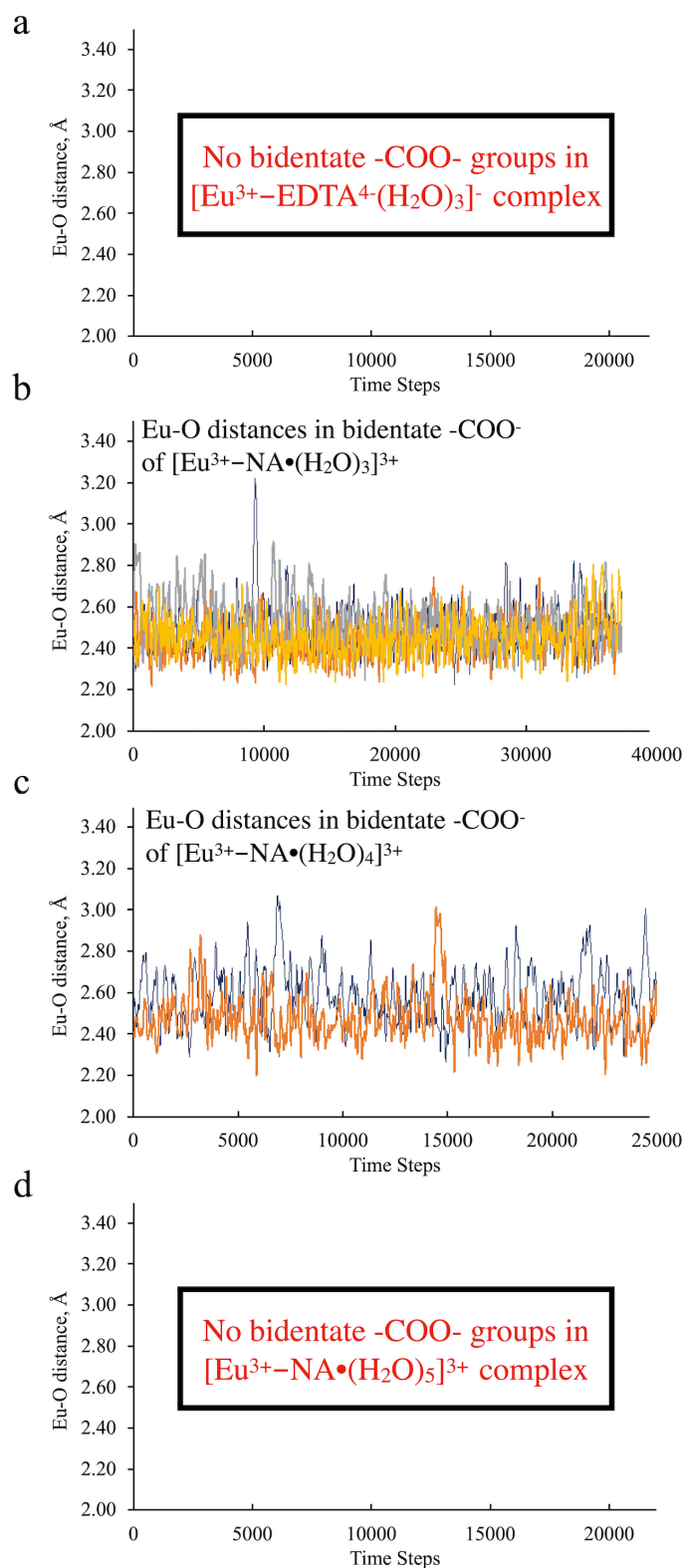


Figure S4. Plots of Eu-O bond distances, for bi-dentate carboxylates, during the AIMD trajectories of b) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}-\text{NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{3+}$ complex, c) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}-\text{NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{3+}$ complex, d) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}-\text{NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{3+}$ complex. Orange, blue, yellow and grey curves represent the Eu-O distances for individual oxygen atoms along the AIMD trajectory.

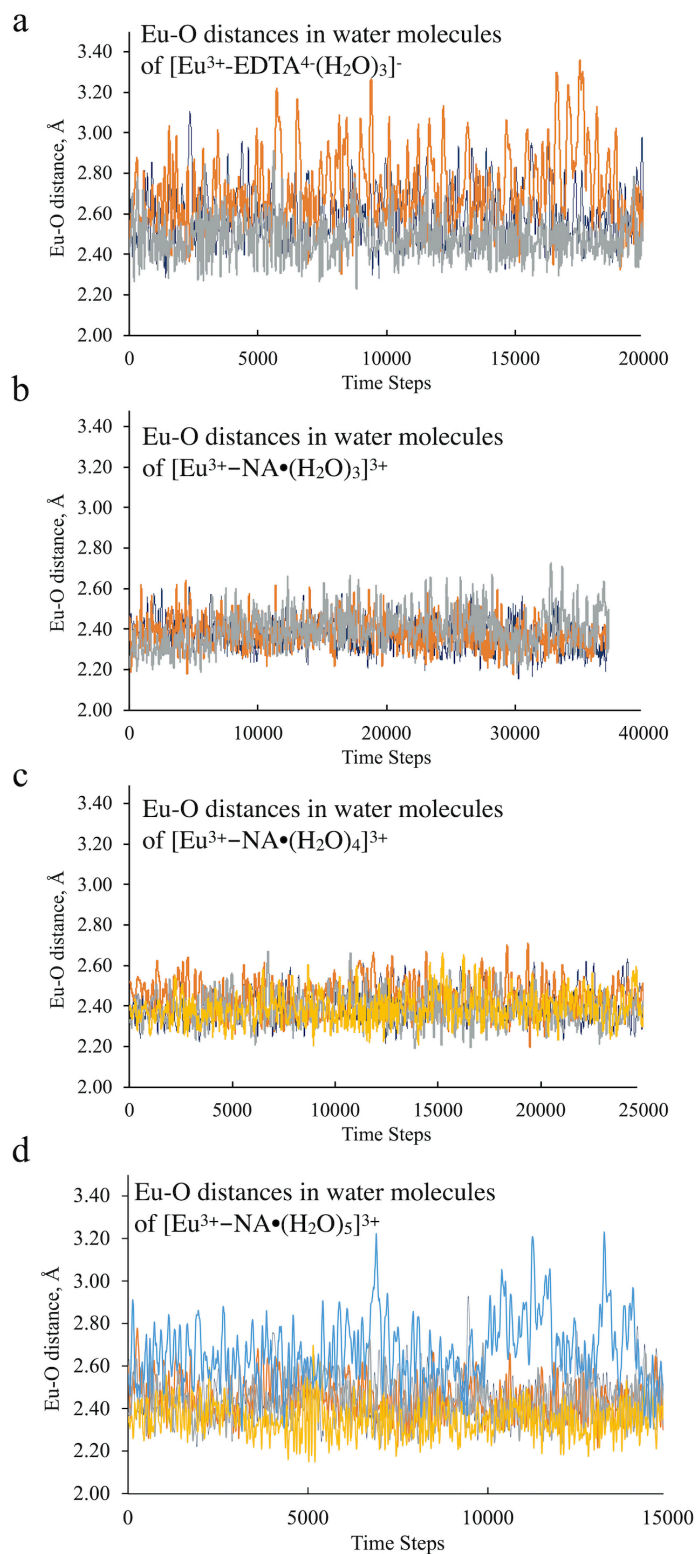


Figure S5. Plots of Eu-O bond distances, for water molecules, during the AIMD trajectories of a) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-EDTA}^{4-}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{-}$ complex, b) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{3+}$ complex, c) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{3+}$ complex, d) $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{3+}$. Orange, blue, yellow and grey curves represent the Eu-O distances for individual oxygen atoms along the AIMD trajectory.

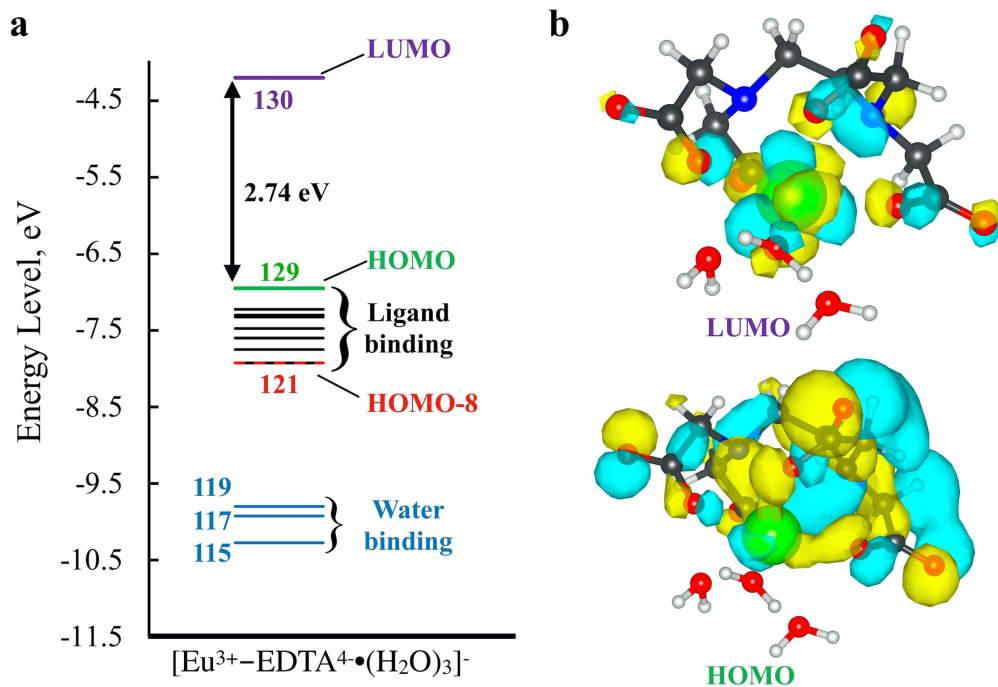


Figure S6. Valence molecular orbitales (MOs) of the $[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-EDTA}^{4-}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^-$ complex. a) MO diagrams. b) HOMO and LUMO orbitals, the orbital wave functions are positive in the yellow regions and negative in the cyan.

Table S1: Binding energies

Complex	Binding Energies (kJ/mol)	Relative Binding Energies
$[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{3+}$	-1025	0.78
$[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{3+}$	-1068	0.81
$[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-NA}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]^{3+}$	-1059	0.80
$[\text{Eu}^{3+}\text{-EDTA}^{4-}\cdot(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{-}$	-1322	1.00