Supporting Information

Construction of Novel Luminescent Lanthanide Framework for Selective Sensing of Cu²⁺ and 4-Nitrophenol in water

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Materials and Physical Measurements

All the reagents and Ln(NO₃)₃·6H₂O used were purchased from Aladdin Reagent (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. without further purification.

The relevant data of the elemental analysis described in this article was obtained through the Thermo Flash 2000 elemental analyzer. The infrared spectrum were measured on a Thermo Mattson FTIR spectrometer, and the wavenumber range was 4000~400 cm⁻¹. The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were determined on an X-ray diffractometer (Rigaku D/Max 2200PC) in the 20 range of 5°~50°. The thermal analysis is performed from 30°C to 800°C at a heating rate of 10°C min⁻¹ under N₂ atmosphere on a TGA/NETZSCH STA449C instrument. Nitrogen (N₂) gas sorption measurement was performed on a ASAP2020M&TriStar 3020 surface area analyzer (Micromeritics Instruments Corp., U.S.) at 195 K. The X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) measurements were performed on Kratos AXIS Ultra DLD spectrometer. Mercury program version 3.10 were used to simulate the PXRD mode of rare earth complexes. F-7000 fluorescence spectrophotometer was used to obtain the luminescence of the solid powder and the suspension, and the wavelength range was 200~800 nm. The luminescence lifetime and quantum yield were recorded on the FLS920 luminescence spectrometer in Edinburgh instrument. The decay curves were fitted by a mono-exponential function: $I = I_0 + \text{Aexp}(-t/\tau)$, where I and I_0 are the luminescent intensities at time t = t and t = 0, respectively, and τ is defined as the luminescent lifetime. The luminescence quantum yields of the solid samples were determined by the absolute method using the integrating sphere on FLS920 (diameter 150 mm, BaSO4 coating) of Edinburgh Instrument.

Crystallographic Data Collection and Refinement.

Single crystals of LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb with approximate dimensions of $0.18 \times 0.12 \times 0.10$ mm³ and $0.20 \times 0.16 \times 0.14$ mm³ which were suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained in moderate yield by solvothermal method. Crystal data of LZG-Eu was collected on a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer (MoK α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 100 K and that for LZG-Tb was collected on a Bruker SuperNova diffractometer (CuK α radiation, $\lambda = 1.54184$ Å) at 293 K. Structures were solved by direct methods and refined by a full matrix least-squares technique based on F^2 using the SHELXL 2014 program.¹ All of the non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. The organic hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically. Disordered phenylic H and uncoordinated carboxyl H for LZG-Eu and uncoordinated carboxyl H for LZG-Tb were

not located but are included in their formulas. In addition, the disordered crystalline water and DMF molecules in LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb are difficult to identify, correspondingly, solvate molecules were accounted for by using the program PLATON/SQUEEZE (Spek, 2009) in order to remove the contributions of disordered solvent.² For details about the squeezed material, see cif data in Supporting Information. Therefore, free water and DMF molecules which were determined on the basis of TGA and elemental microanalysis, and the data treated with the SQUEEZE routine within PLATON were added to the molecular formula of LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb respectively. Drawings of the molecules were performed with the program Diamond.³ Crystallographic data as well as details of data collection and refinement for these complexes are summarized in Table S1, important bond lengths are listed in Table S3. CCDC 2034442 and 2034444 contain the supplementary crystallographic data of LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb, which can be obtained from the Crystallographic authors the Cambridge Data Centre or via WWW. ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

CCDC No	2034442	2034444	
Empirical formula	$C_{20}H_8N_2O_8Eu$	$C_{20}H_8N_2O_8Tb$	
Temperature (K)	100(2)	293(2)	
formula_weight	555.24	563.20	
Diffraction	Mo Kα (0.71073 Å)	CuKα (1.54184 Å)	
Crystal system, Space group	Trigonal, P ⁻³ c1	Trigonal, P ⁻³ c1	
	a = 30.8375(8)Å; α =90°	a =30.5392(7)Å; α =90°	
Unit cell dimensions	b = 30.8375(8)Å; β =90°	b =30.5392(7)Å; β =90°	
	c = 12.9766(5)Å; γ = 120°	c =13.0003(4) Å; γ =120°	
V/ų, Z	10686.8(7),12	10500.3(6), 12	
$D_{calcd}/Mg m^{-3}$	1.035	1.069	
μ/mm ⁻¹	1.789	10.203	
<i>F</i> (000)	3204	3252	
Θ range for data collection	2.228°~27.534°	4.423° ~70.344°	
	$-39 \le h \le 40$	-26≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 36	
index ranges, hkl	$-40 \le k \le 33$	$-36 \le k \le 26$	
	-16 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 16	-15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 13	
Independent reflections (R _{int})	0.0522	0.0515	
Completeness	100 %	97.7%	
Reflections unique / collected	8222 / 151590	6545 / 24811	
Data / restraints / params	8222 / 70 / 298	6545 / 200 / 306	
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.042	1.044	
Final R indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]^{a,b}$	R ₁ =0.0675, wR ₂ =0.1872	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0450, w <i>R</i> ₂ = 0.1160	
R indices (all data) ^{a,b}	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0685, w <i>R</i> ₂ = 0.1879	<i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0586, w <i>R</i> ₂ = 0.1234	

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb.

 ${}^{a}R_{1} = \sum ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \sum |F_{o}|. \quad {}^{b}wR_{2} = \{\sum [w \ (F_{o}{}^{2} - Fc^{2})^{2}] / \sum [w \ (F_{o}{}^{2})^{2}] \}^{1/2}$

SHAPE v2.1 Continuous Shape Measures calculation

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	LZG-Eu	LZG-Tb
Octagon(OP-8)	0.27179	0.23509
Heptagonal pyramid(HPY-8)	0.17760	0.17438
Hexagonal bipyramid(HBPY-8)	0.19547	0.19737
Cube(CU-8)	0.21151	0.21179
Square antiprism(SAPR-8)	0.16282	0.16263
Triangular dodecahedron(TDD-8)	<u>0.15185</u>	0.14865
Johnson gyrobifastigium J26(JGBF-8)	0.20258	0.19825
Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14(JETBPY-8)	0.21950	0.21408
Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 (JBTPR-8)	0.16962	0.15230
Biaugmented trigonal prism (BTPR-8)	0.15528	<u>0.14721</u>
Snub diphenoid J84(JSD-8)	0.18026	0.17145
Triakis tetrahedron(TT-8)	0.21345	0.21379
Elongated trigonal bipyramid(ETBPY-8)	0.27311	0.26712

{[Eu(HL]·3DM	IF·3H₂O} _n (LZG	-Eu)					
Eu1–O1 2.	298(6) Eu1	-02 2.416(5)	Eu1–O4	2.423(6)	Eu1–O5 2.30	8(6) Eu1–O6	2.453(5)
Eu1–07 2.4	431(6) Eu1-	-N1 2.494(6)	Eu1–N2	2.520(6)			
01-Eu1-04	79.8(2)	01-Eu1-05	121.0(3)	O1-Eu1-O6	81.7(2)	01-Eu1-N1	138.4(3)
01-Eu1-N2	75.0(2)	01-Eu1-02	147.3(2)	01–Eu1–07	84.3(3)	O2-Eu1-O4	128.1(2)
O2-Eu1-O6	1.40(18)	02-Eu1-07	84.22(19)	O2–Eu1–N1	64.6(2)	O2-Eu1-N2	72.4(2)
O4-Eu1-O6	143.7(2)	N1-Eu1-N2	120.2(2)	07–Eu1–N2	64.4(2)	07–Eu1–N1	71.6(2)
O7–Eu1–O6	127.82(18)	06-Eu1-N2	63.40(17)	O6-Eu1-N1	139.75(18)	O5-Eu1-N2	135.4(2)
O5–Eu1–N1	72.2(2)	O5-Eu1-O7	148.8(2)	O5–Eu1–O6	77.33(19)	O5-Eu1-O4	85.9(3)
O5-Eu1-O2	81.9(2)	O4–Eu1–N2	138.6(2)	O4–Eu1–N1	63.6(2)	04-Eu1-07	81.0(3)
{ [Tb(HL]·3DM	//F·3H₂O}₀ (LZG	i-Tb)					
Tb1–O2 2	2.379(4) Tb1-	03 2.443(3)	Tb1–O4	2.275(4)	Tb1–O5 2.38	37(3) Tb1–O6	2.268(4)
Tb1–O7 2	2.382(4) Tb1-	-N1 2.489(4)	Tb1–N2	2.483(4)			
O7–Tb1–N2	63.80(13)	O7–Tb1–N1	139.41(5)	O7–Tb1–O5	128.52(12)	O7-Tb1-O3	141.92(13)
O6-Tb1-N2	139.88(15)	O6–Tb1–N1	76.68(15)	O6–Tb1–O7	79.67(5)	O6–Tb1–O5	148.38(14)
O6–Tb1–O4	114.57(18)	O6-Tb1-O3	79.75(14)	O6–Tb1–O2	86.90(15)	N1–Tb1–N2	120.97(3)
O5Tb1-N2	64.73(12)	O5–Tb1–N1	72.08(13)	O5–Tb1–O3	82.35(12)	O4-Tb1-N2	79.06(15)
O4-Tb1-N1	135.92(5)	O4-Tb1-O7	84.06(16)	O4–Tb1–O5	85.68(17)	O4-Tb1-O3	75.94(13)
O4-Tb1-O2	151.73(15)	O3–Tb1–N2	139.80(2)	O3–Tb1–N1	63.97(12)	O2-Tb1-N2	72.73(13)
O2-Tb1-N1	64.36(13)	O2-Tb1-O7	81.97(14)	O2–Tb1–O5	84.01(13)	O2-Tb1-O3	128.29(12)

Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles ($^\circ)$ for LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb.



Fig. S1 IR spectra of H₄L, LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb in solid state.



Fig. S2 TGA curves of LZG-Eu and LZG-Tb under N_2 atmosphere from 30 to 800 $^\circ\! C$.



Fig. S3 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns (PXRD) of **LZG-Eu** and **LZG-Tb** and that of simulated from single crystal analysis.



Fig. S4 PXRD patterns of **LZG-Eu** after treated by aqueous solutions with various pH values from 3 to 12, after storage in water for 14 days, after frozen at -20°C and heated at 50°C in water for 1 day.



Fig. S5 PXRD patterns of **LZG-Tb** after treated by aqueous solutions with various pH values from 3 to 12, after storage in water for 14 days, after frozen at -20°C and heated at 50°C in water for 1 day.



Fig. S6 The relative emission intensity of **LZG-Eu** at 614 nm (a) and **LZG-Tb** in 546 nm (b) in aqueous solutions with different pH values (3-12) and different temperatures.



Fig. S7 The projection structure (a) and topology (b) of LZG-Tb.



Fig. S8 The N_2 adsorption isotherms of LZG-Tb at 195 K.



Fig. S9 Excitation and emission spectra of H_4L .



Fig. S10 The luminescence decay lifetimes of the LZG-Eu(a) and LZG-Tb(b).



Fig. S11 The competition experiments of **LZG-Eu** (a) and **LZG-Tb** (b) for detection of Cu^{2+} ion in the presence of the interference metal cations.



Fig. S12 The competition experiments of **LZG-Eu** (a) and **LZG-Tb** (b) for the detection of 4-NP in the presence of the interference nitro explosives.



Fig. S13 PXRD patterns of LZG-Eu, LZG-Tb after immersed in 4-NP and Cu^{2+} aqueous solutions.



Fig. S14 a) The decay curves of **LZG-Eu** water suspension under different concentrations of 4-NP; b) Excitation spectra of **LZG-Eu** water suspensions under different concentrations of 4-NP; c) Excitation spectra of **LZG-Tb** water suspensions under different concentrations of 4-NP.



Fig. S15 a) The luminescence response of **LZG-Eu** to different concentrations of $Cu^{2+}(0-0.60\mu M)$ in river water. b) The relationship between the I_0 / I Stern-Volmer diagram of **LZG-Eu** and the increase of Cu^{2+} concentration in river water. c) The luminescence response of **LZG-Tb** to different concentrations of $Cu^{2+}(0-1.0\mu M)$ in river water. d) The relationship between the I_0 / I Stern-Volmer diagram of **LZG-Tb** and the increase of Cu^{2+} concentration in river water.



Fig. S16 a) The luminescence response of LZG-Eu to different concentrations of 4-NP($0\sim7.5\mu$ M) in river water. b) The relationship between the I₀/I Stern-Volmer diagram of LZG-Eu and the increase of 4-NP concentration in river water. c) The luminescence response of LZG-Tb to different concentrations of 4-NP($0\sim7.5\mu$ M) in river water. d) The relationship between the I₀/I Stern-Volmer diagram of LZG-Tb and the increase of 4-NP concentration in river water.



Fig. S17 a) The luminescence response of **LZG-Eu** to different concentrations of $Cu^{2+}(0\sim0.65\mu M)$ in tap water. b) The relationship between the I_0/I Stern-Volmer diagram of **LZG-Eu** and the increase of Cu^{2+} concentration in tap water. c) The luminescence response of **LZG-Tb** to different concentrations of $Cu^{2+}(0\sim1.0\mu M)$ in tap water. d) The relationship between the I_0/I Stern-Volmer diagram of **LZG-Tb** and the increase of Cu^{2+} concentration in tap water.



Fig. S18 a) The luminescence response of **LZG-Eu** to different concentrations of 4-NP($0\sim7.5\mu$ M) in tap water. b) The relationship between the I₀/I Stern-Volmer diagram of **LZG-Eu** and the increase of 4-NPconcentration in tap water. c) The luminescence response of **LZG-Tb** to different concentrations of 4-NP($0\sim7.5\mu$ M) in tap water. d) The relationship between the I₀/I Stern-Volmer diagram of **LZG-Tb** and the increase of 4-NP concentration in tap water.

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