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**A Computational Insight into Mechanistic Overview of Water-Exchange Kinetics and Thermodynamic Stabilities of Bis and Tris-Aquated Complexes of Lanthanides†**

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Methods	Complex	$\Delta E_{\text{total(BSSE corrected)}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{relative}}$
TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)/SCRECP	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-197.13	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-165.73	+31.4
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-166.42	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-165.06	+1.36

**Table S2:** Binding energy values ( $\Delta E_{\text{TOTAL}} = E_{\text{COMPLEX}} - E_{\text{LIGAND}} - E_{\text{Gd(III)}}$ ) and relative binding energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{REL}}$ ) values (in kcal/mol) of the chosen complexes using different density functionals and basis sets with LCRECP level of theory.

Methods	Complex	$\Delta E_{\text{total(BSSE corrected)}}$	$\Delta E_{\text{relative}}$
TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-157.86	0.00
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-127.51	+30.35
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-129.26	0.00
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-127.76	+1.5
TPSSh/6-31+G(d,p)	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-113.61	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-93.67	+19.94
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-89.39	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-87.59	+1.8
TPSSh/def2-TZVP (Single Point Energy)	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-126.79	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-101.32	+25.47
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-100.25	0.00
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-98.53	+1.72
B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-155.43	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-114.76	+40.67
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-118.68	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-117.39	+1.29
B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-162.74	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-138.78	+23.96
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-140.69	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-139.29	+1.4
B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-128.03	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-107.31	+20.72
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-111.49	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-109.89	+1.6
$\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d,p)	<b>Gd(III)-peada</b>	-159.45	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-tpaa</b>	-132.04	+27.41
	<b>Gd(III)-cbda</b>	-134.87	0.0
	<b>Gd(III)-dpaa</b>	-133.28	+1.59

**Table S3:** Bond length values of the  $[\text{Gd(tpaa})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  complex using LCRECP and SCRECP with 6-31G(d,p) for H, C, N, O, and TPSSh level of theory.

Complex	Core-model	Gd-O48(W)	Gd-O51(W)	Gd-N11	Gd-N9	Gd-N21	Gd-N37	Gd-O25	Gd-O27	Gd-O40
<b>Gd-tpaa</b>	<b>Large core</b>	2.774	2.571	2.824	2.616	2.614	2.692	2.351	2.417	2.399
<b>Gd-tpaa</b>	<b>Small core</b>	3.72	2.46	2.72	2.50	2.52	2.60	2.27	2.39	2.34

**Table S4:** Bond length values of the  $[\text{Gd(peada})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^-$  complex using LCRECP and SCRECP with 6-31G(d,p) for H, C, N, O, and TPSSh level of theory.

Complex	Core-model	Gd-O40(w)	Gd-O43(w)	Gd-N1	Gd-N2	Gd-N23	Gd-O11	Gd-O12	Gd-O17	Gd-O29
<b>Gd-peada</b>	<b>Large core</b>	3.36	2.54	2.65	2.62	2.56	2.34	2.33	2.36	2.42
<b>Gd-peada</b>	<b>Small core</b>	3.68	2.47	2.59	2.55	2.49	2.29	2.27	2.31	2.37

**Table S5:** Bond length values of the  $[\text{Gd(dpaa})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$  complex using LCRECP and SCRECP with 6-31G(d,p) for H, C, N, O, and TPSSh level of theory.

Complex	Core-model	Gd-O36(w)	Gd-O39(w)	Gd-O43(w)	Gd-N1	Gd-N9	Gd-N15	Gd-O7	Gd-O12	Gd-O14
<b>Gd-dpaa</b>	<b>Large core</b>	2.60	2.59	2.54	2.74	2.61	2.59	2.36	2.41	2.42
<b>Gd-dpaa</b>	<b>Small core</b>	2.48	2.52	2.55	2.66	2.53	2.54	2.28	2.38	2.34

**Table S6:** Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ ) values of the  $[\text{Gd}(\text{cbda})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$  complex using LCRECP and SCRECP with 6-31G(d,p) for H, C, N, O, and TPSSh level of theory.

Complex	Core-model	Gd-O36(w)	Gd-O39(w)	Gd-O47(w)	Gd-N1	Gd-N9	Gd-N15	Gd-O7	Gd-O12	Gd-O14
<b>Gd-cbda</b>	<b>Large core</b>	2.60	2.59	2.54	2.76	2.61	2.59	2.35	2.41	2.43
<b>Gd-cbda</b>	<b>Small core</b>	2.48	2.53	2.55	2.68	2.52	2.54	2.28	2.38	2.34

**Table S7:** Thermodynamic parameters (kcal/mol, scheme 1) were obtained with different density functionals and basis sets for  $[\text{Gd}(\text{cbda})]$  and  $[\text{Gd}(\text{dpaa})]$  complexes.

Methods	$\Delta G^a(g)$	$\Delta G^a_{(sol)}$ [Gd(cbd a)]	$\Delta G^b_{(sol)}$ [Gd(dpaa)]	$\Delta G_{(aq)}^{c(calcd)}$	$\Delta G_{(aq)}^{d(exp)}$
<b>B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-6.27	-84.72	-88.48	-1.89	-5.48
<b>B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-3.5	-85.45	-87.89	-0.43	-5.48
<b>B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-1.25	-98.312	-101.08	-10.29	-5.48
<b>M06/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-3.76	-88.48	-90.99	-1.25	-5.48
<b>TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-3.72	-83.54	-85.45	-1.08	-5.48
<b>TPSSh/6-31+G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-4.60	-93.34	-94.13	-7.60	-5.48
<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-4.4	-90.75	-92.51	-11.47	-5.48
<b>B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/SCRECP</b>	-6.27	-75.30	-75.30	-6.27	-5.48
<b>TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)/SCRECP</b>	-3.83	-69.72	-70.97	-1.88	-5.48

**Table S8:** Thermodynamic parameters (kcal/mol, scheme S1) were obtained with different density functionals and basis sets for  $[\text{Gd}(\text{peada})^-]$  and  $[\text{Gd}(\text{tpaa})]$  complexes.

Methods	$\Delta G^a(g)$	$\Delta G^a_{(sol)}$ [Gd(peada) <sup>-</sup> ]	$\Delta G^b_{(sol)}$ [Gd(tpaa)]	$\Delta G_{(aq)}^{e(calcd)}$	$\Delta G_{(aq)}^{d(ex p)}$
<b>B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-220.17	-91.87	-68.13	-11.70	-9.24
<b>B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-227.79	-100.72	-79.86	-15.95	-9.24
<b>B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-222.92	-111.84	-90.21	-8.40	-9.24
<b>M06/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-226.49	-102.96	-79.33	-18.49	-9.24
<b>TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-222.29	-99.37	-76.51	-11.52	-9.24
<b>TPSSh/6-31+G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-218.44	-107.97	-85.96	-6.26	-9.24
<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD/6-31G(d,p)/LCRECP</b>	-226.59	-104.63	-82.83	-12.84	-9.24
<b>B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)/SCRECP</b>	-220.17	-91.87	-68.13	-11.70	-9.24
<b>TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)/SCRECP</b>	-219.55	-89.19	-65.03	10.09	-9.24

$\Delta G^a(g)$  = Change in Gibbs free energy value in gas phase along with BSSE correction using counterpoise method.

$\Delta G^a(sol)$  = Calculated in solvent phase with the structure optimized in the gas phase.

$$\Delta G^c(aq) = \Delta G(g) + \Delta G_{sol}[Gd(cbda)] + \Delta G_{sol}[(dpaa^{3-})] - \Delta G_{sol}[(cbda^{3-})] - \Delta G_{sol}[Gd(dpaa)]$$

$$\Delta G^e(aq) = \Delta G(g) + \Delta G_{sol}[Gd(peada)] + \Delta G_{sol}[(tpaa^{3-})] - \Delta G_{sol}[(peada^{4-})] - \Delta G_{sol}[Gd(tpaa)]$$

$\Delta G_{aq}^{d(exp)} = -RT\ln K$ , where K is the equilibrium constant. The values of stability constant ( $\log K_{GdL}$ ) were mentioned in earlier literature.<sup>1,2</sup>

**Table S9:** Ln-O(w) bond lengths (Å) of  $[Ln(cbda)(H_2O)_3].6H_2O$  complex using SCRECP/TPSSh/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

Metal	Ln-O36(w)	Ln-O39(w)	Ln-O47(w)	Ln-N15	Ln-N1	Ln-N9	Ln-O12	Ln-O14	Ln-O7
<b>La</b>	2.572	2.556	2.484	2.756	2.904	2.723	2.515	2.553	2.403
<b>Gd</b>	2.453	2.433	2.364	2.628	2.800	2.643	2.420	2.473	2.295
<b>Lu</b>	2.389	2.361	2.293	2.574	2.795	2.619	2.370	2.411	2.233

**Table S10:** Ln-O(w) bond lengths (Å) of  $[Ln(peada)(H_2O)_2].4H_2O$  complex using SCRECP/TPSSh/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.

Metal	Ln-O40(w)	Ln-O43(w)	Ln-N1	Ln-N2	Ln-N23	Ln-O11	Ln-O12	Ln-O17	Ln-O29
<b>La</b>	2.707	2.612	2.796	2.827	2.705	2.445	2.399	2.438	2.535
<b>Gd</b>	2.621	2.506	2.654	2.671	2.535	2.306	2.301	2.338	2.403
<b>Lu</b>	2.580	2.446	2.610	2.624	2.467	2.248	2.243	2.273	2.324

**Table S11:** Bond length values of the complex  $[Gd(cbda)(H_2O)_3].6H_2O$  using LCRECP with different density functionals and basis sets.

Metal	Method	Gd-O36(w)	Gd-O39(w)	Gd-O47(w)	Gd-N15	Gd-N1	Gd-N9	Gd-O12	Gd-O14	Gd-O7
<b>La</b>	<b>TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.618	2.572	2.555	2.794	2.944	2.779	2.592	2.604	2.473
	<b>TPSSh/6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.661	2.604	2.584	2.804	2.936	2.765	2.582	2.606	2.474
	<b>B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.636	2.582	2.573	2.863	3.010	2.835	2.582	2.607	2.476
	<b>B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.625	2.571	2.547	2.801	2.964	2.785	2.617	2.607	2.482
	<b>B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.676	2.670	2.572	2.812	2.943	2.755	2.579	2.603	2.482
	<b>ωB97XD/</b>	2.611	2.620	2.538	2.786	2.923	2.746	2.570	2.600	2.481

	<b>6-31G(d,p)</b>									
<b>Gd</b>	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.527	2.455	2.421	2.687	2.871	2.703	2.498	2.514	2.351
	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.562	2.489	2.448	2.678	2.839	2.687	2.495	2.526	2.349
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.545	2.470	2.431	2.730	2.966	2.745	2.499	2.516	2.353
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.496	2.485	2.405	2.708	2.89	2.702	2.467	2.518	2.370
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.527	2.492	2.430	2.701	2.864	2.692	2.482	2.528	2.362
	<b>ωB97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.507	2.491	2.416	2.686	2.866	2.689	2.467	2.513	2.360
<b>Lu</b>	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.433	2.395	2.320	2.624	2.836	2.650	2.407	2.434	2.265
	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.461	2.433	2.340	2.599	2.796	2.637	2.404	2.444	2.259
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.464	2.377	2.329	2.690	2.995	2.712	2.421	2.416	2.255
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.438	2.412	2.316	2.643	2.884	2.666	2.407	2.426	2.268
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.465	2.458	2.348	2.612	2.833	2.650	2.408	2.434	2.261
	<b>ωB97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.433	2.410	2.315	2.623	2.850	2.653	2.408	2.425	2.264

**Table S12:** Bond length values of the complex [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.6H<sub>2</sub>O using LCRECP and with different DFT methods and basis sets.

Metal	Method	Gd-O40(w)	Gd-O43(w)	Gd-N1	Gd-N2	Gd-N23	Gd-O11	Gd-O12	Gd-O17	Gd-O29
<b>La</b>	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.721	2.658	2.832	2.858	2.740	2.505	2.472	2.509	2.588
	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.854	2.692	2.836	2.859	2.761	2.530	2.474	2.503	2.625
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.734	2.691	2.888	2.930	2.768	2.509	2.482	2.512	2.592
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.743	2.642	2.856	2.866	2.752	2.510	2.479	2.527	2.616
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.852	2.693	2.871	2.879	2.773	2.537	2.482	2.513	2.621
	<b>ωB97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.732	2.631	2.846	2.861	2.744	2.508	2.476	2.525	2.606
<b>Gd</b>	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.627	2.541	2.723	2.743	2.598	2.395	2.370	2.385	2.450

	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.709	2.578	2.718	2.732	2.591	2.404	2.368	2.381	2.458
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.650	2.572	2.77	2.80	2.618	2.405	2.378	2.389	2.452
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.588	2.531	2.747	2.761	2.604	2.399	2.383	2.395	2.442
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.65	2.55	2.750	2.751	2.601	2.413	2.384	2.390	2.454
	<b>ωB97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.60	2.542	2.739	2.753	2.595	2.396	2.377	2.386	2.435
<b>Lu</b>	<b>TPSSh/6- 31G(d,p)</b>	2.603	2.481	2.656	2.688	2.505	2.267	2.284	2.305	2.356
	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.716	2.528	2.644	2.671	2.493	2.267	2.277	2.295	2.356
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.648	2.516	2.717	2.775	2.523	2.263	2.286	2.296	2.351
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.591	2.492	2.684	2.665	2.499	2.280	2.291	2.312	2.340
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	2.685	2.546	2.672	2.680	2.496	2.273	2.285	2.295	2.349
	<b>ωB97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	2.584	2.482	2.674	2.677	2.499	2.274	2.290	2.302	2.337

**Table S13:** Electron density ( $\rho_{BCP}$ ), electron localization function (ELF), and Laplacian of electron density ( $\nabla^2\rho$ ) at the Ln-O(w) bond critical points calculated for the  $[Ln(cbda)(H_2O)_3] \cdot 6H_2O$  system (Ln = La-Lu) at the TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p) theoretical level.

Metal	$\rho_{BCP}$			ELF			$\nabla^2\rho$		
	Ln- O36(w)	Ln- O39(w)	Ln- O47(w)	Ln- O36(w)	Ln- O39(w)	Ln- O47(w)	Ln- O36(w)	Ln- O39(w)	Ln- O47(w)
<b>La</b>	0.04034	0.04213	0.04822	0.12274	0.12952	0.13703	0.1511	0.1563	0.1888
<b>Gd</b>	0.04338	0.04532	0.05207	0.101	0.10404	0.108	0.1948	0.2048	0.2641
<b>Lu</b>	0.04398	0.04567	0.05103	0.081	0.0901	0.09554	0.2074	0.2239	0.2730

**Table S14:** Electron density ( $\rho_{BCP}$ ), electron localization function (ELF), and Laplacian of electron density ( $\nabla^2\rho$ ) at the Ln-O(w) bond critical points calculated for the  $[Ln(peada)(H_2O)_3] \cdot 4H_2O$  system (Ln = La-Lu) at the TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p) theoretical level.

Metal	$\rho_{BCP}$		ELF		$\nabla^2\rho$	
	Ln-O40(w)	Ln-O43(w)	Ln-O40(w)	Ln-O43(w)	Ln-O40(w)	Ln-O43(w)
<b>La</b>	0.03021	0.03602	0.10764	0.11747	0.1071	0.1363
<b>Gd</b>	0.03595	0.03893	0.09598	0.09986	0.1229	0.1687
<b>Lu</b>	0.02705	0.03623	0.06207	0.07502	0.1153	0.1754

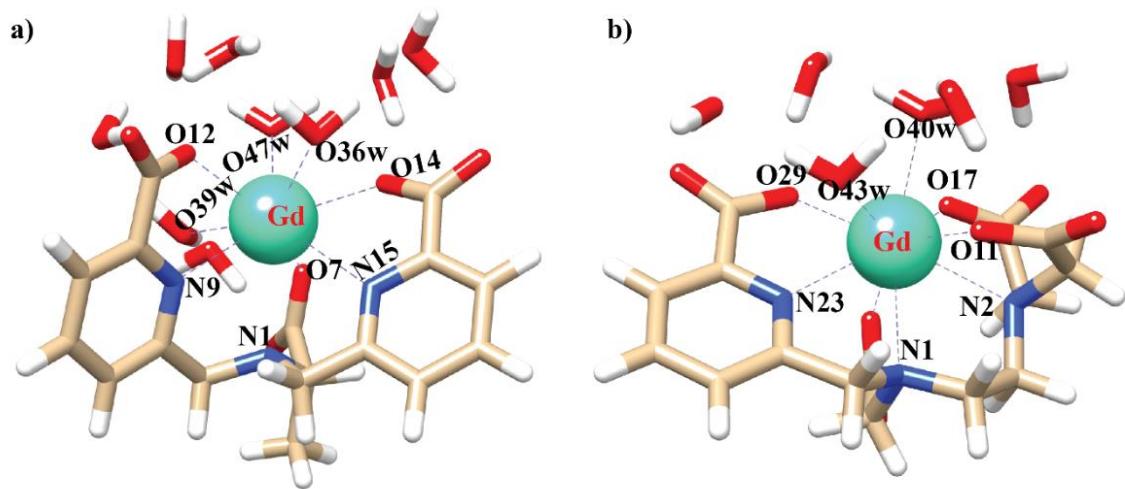
**Table S15:** Electron density ( $\rho_{BCP}$ ), electron localization function (ELF), and Laplacian of electron density ( $\nabla^2\rho$ ) at the Ln-O(w) critical points calculated for the  $[Gd(cbda)(H_2O)_3] \cdot 6H_2O$  system at the LCRECP with different density functionals and basis sets.

Metal	Method	$\rho_{BCP}$			ELF			$\nabla^2\rho$		
		Gd-O36 (w)	Gd- O39 (w)	Gd- O47 (w)	Gd- O36 (w)	Gd- O39 (w)	Gd- O47 (w)	Gd- O36 (w)	Gd- O39 (w)	Gd- O47 (w)
<b>La</b>	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.03471	0.03892	0.03875	0.09891	0.11222	0.10378	0.1376	0.1536	0.1624
	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	0.0311	0.0357	0.0358	0.0904	0.1049	0.0969	0.1224	0.1402	0.1497
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0330	0.0375	0.0371	0.0935	0.1065	0.1004	0.1314	0.1502	0.1546
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0339	0.0381	0.0394	0.0953	0.1080	0.1044	0.1360	0.1470	0.1663
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	0.0297	0.0307	0.0372	0.0853	0.0921	0.1031	0.1176	0.1183	0.1537
	<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0345	0.0349	0.0404	0.0934	0.0965	0.1057	0.1419	0.1378	0.1715
<b>Gd</b>	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.03755	0.04105	0.04296	0.09674	0.10054	0.1002	0.1450	0.1764	0.1953
	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	0.0342	0.0376	0.0393	0.0939	0.1009	0.1012	0.1303	0.1588	0.1799
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0355	0.0394	0.0410	0.0952	0.1031	0.0979	0.1379	0.1686	0.1890
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0378	0.04181	0.0450	0.0978	0.10985	0.1094	0.1587	0.1784	0.2035
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	0.0340	0.0346	0.0419	0.0913	0.0928	0.1047	0.1443	0.1434	0.1882
	<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0357	0.0364	0.0433	0.0921	0.0927	0.1025	0.1553	0.1569	0.1993

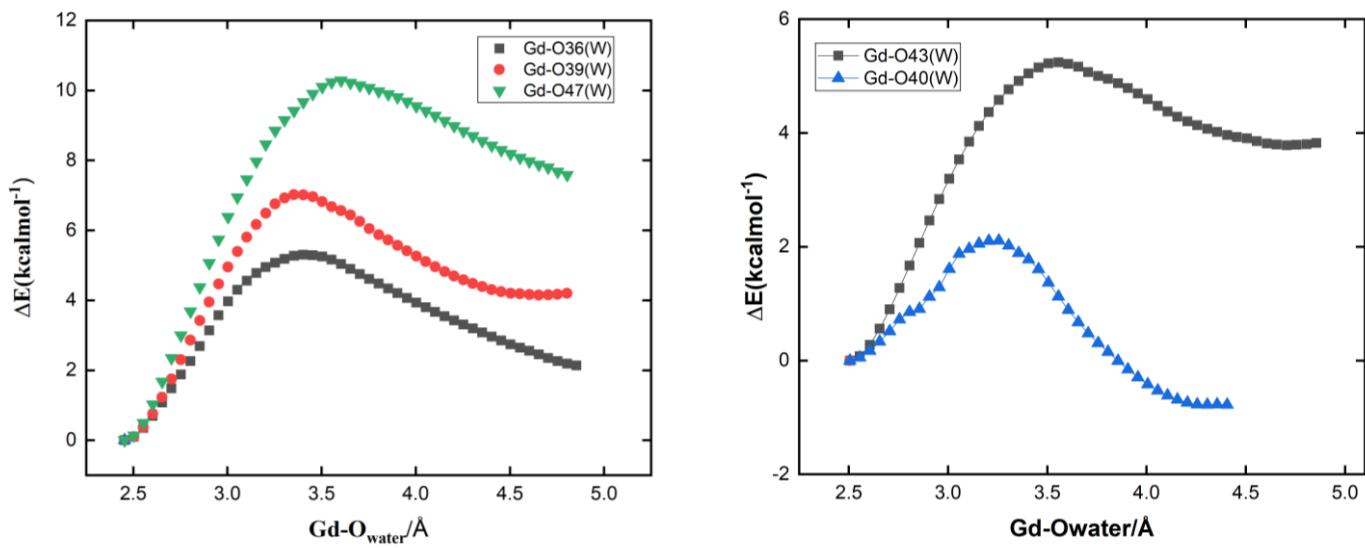
<b>Lu</b>	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0373	0.0405 3	0.047 08	0.09 593	0.101 27	0.1091	0.1592	0.1777	0.2209
	<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	0.0345	0.0367	0.043 8	0.09 04	0.095 3	0.1049	0.1456	0.1573	0.2018
	<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0345	0.0419	0.044 7	0.09 02	0.103 8	0.1008	0.1453	0.1860	0.2150
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0365	0.0387	0.047 4	0.09 38	0.097 6	0.1096	0.1566	0.1690	0.2231
	<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	0.0338	0.0343	0.043 5	0.08 81	0.089 7	0.1042	0.1436	0.1462	0.2012
	<b>ωB97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	0.0366	0.0385	0.046 9	0.09 05	0.093 7	0.1049	0.1605	0.1717	0.2261

**Table S16:** Electron density ( $\rho_{BCP}$ ), electron localization function (ELF), and Laplacian of electron density ( $\nabla^2\rho$ ) at the Ln-O(w) critical points calculated for the  $[Gd(peada)(H_2O)_2]^- \cdot 4H_2O$  system at the LCRECP and different density functionals and basis sets.

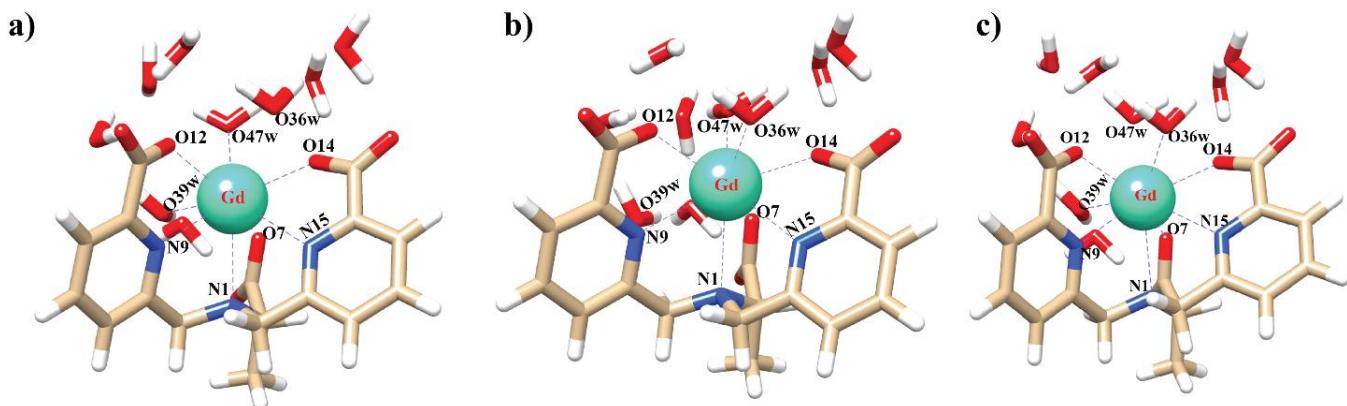
Metal	Method	$\rho_{BCP}$		ELF		$\nabla^2\rho$	
		Ln-O40(w)	Ln-O43(w)	Ln-O40(w)	Ln-O43(w)	Ln-O40(w)	Ln-O43(w)
La	TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)	0.0294	0.0323	0.0923	0.0944	0.1058	0.1243
	TPSSh/6-31+G(d,p)	0.0220	0.0295	0.0728	0.0879	0.0850	0.1130
	B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	0.0283	0.0298	0.0882	0.0875	0.1025	0.1141
	B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)	0.0278	0.0322	0.0869	0.0890	0.1002	0.1305
	B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)	0.0216	0.0289	0.0704	0.0842	0.0751	0.1129
	$\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d,p)	0.0282	0.0329	0.0845	0.0883	0.1043	0.1357
Gd	TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)	0.0342	0.0364	0.0940	0.0989	0.1106	0.1402
	TPSSh/6-31+G(d,p)	0.0310	0.0350	0.0926	0.0976	0.1030	0.1252
	B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	0.0305	0.0349	0.0910	0.0985	0.1036	0.1284
	B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)	0.0350	0.0398	0.0959	0.1006	0.1233	0.1449
	B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)	0.0300	0.0335	0.0908	0.0943	0.1018	0.1337
	$\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d,p)	0.0339	0.0411	0.0976	0.0986	0.1185	0.1418
Lu	TPSSh/6-31G(d,p)	0.0298	0.0334	0.0748	0.086	0.0987	0.1389
	TPSSh/6-31+G(d,p)	0.0276	0.0296	0.0587	0.0786	0.0728	0.1203
	B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)	0.0236	0.0305	0.0678	0.0806	0.0874	0.1253
	B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d,p)	0.0266	0.0320	0.0745	0.0821	0.1021	0.1349
	B3LYP-D3/6-31+G(d,p)	0.0212	0.0280	0.0607	0.0741	0.0786	0.1146
	$\omega$ B97XD/6-31G(d,p)	0.0268	0.0325	0.0724	0.0807	0.1053	0.1400



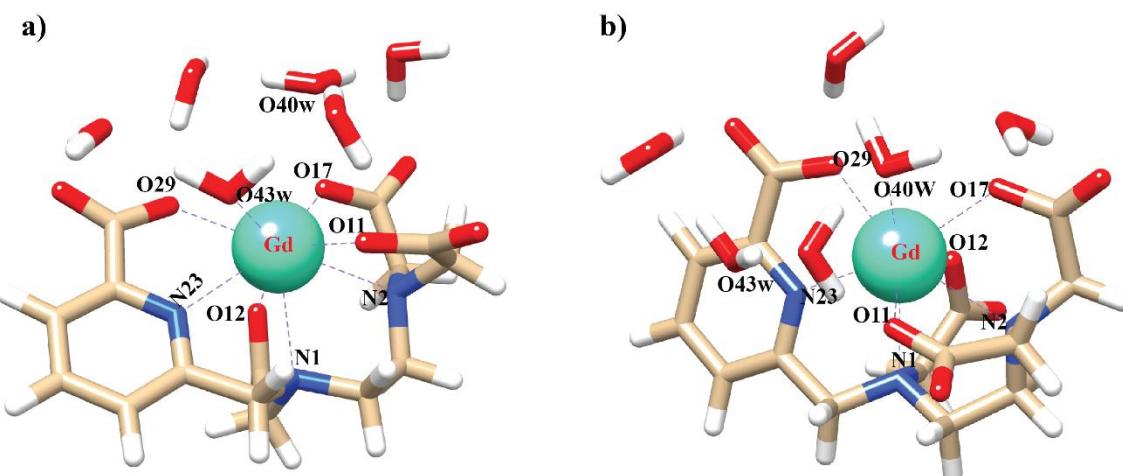
**Figure S1:** Optimized structures of a)  $[\text{Gd}(\text{cbda})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3].6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and b)  $[\text{Gd}(\text{peada})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^- \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex using LCRECP/TPSSh/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.



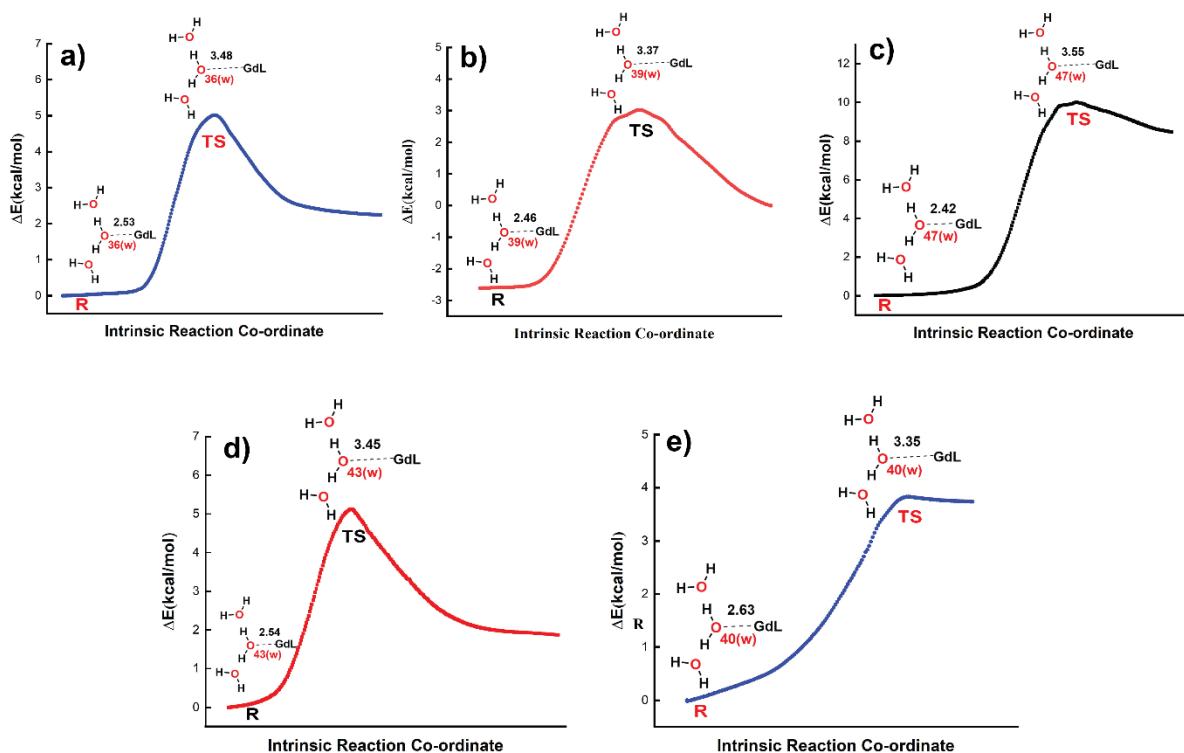
**Figure S2:** Relaxed potential energy surface scans of the tris-aquated  $[\text{Gd}(\text{cbda})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3].6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and bis-aquated  $[\text{Gd}(\text{peada})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]^- \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex calculated using SCRECP/TPSSh/6-31G(d,p) method.



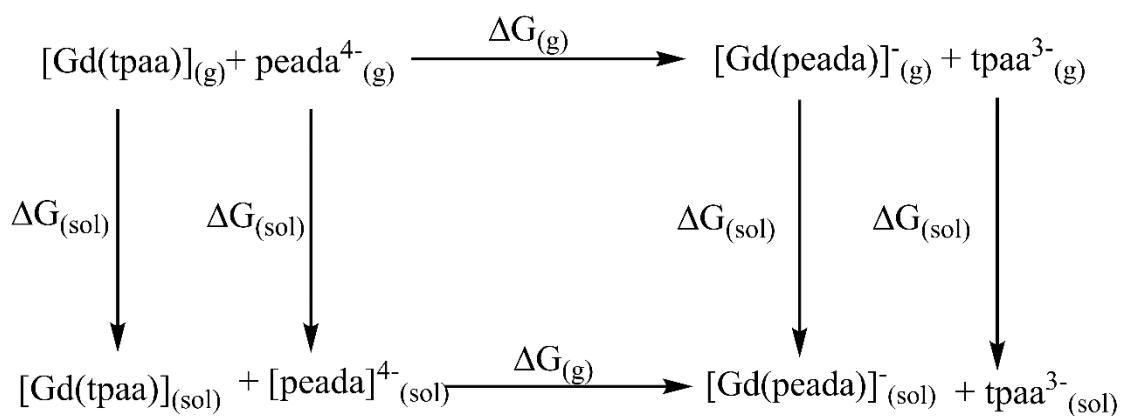
**Figure S3:** Structure of the transition states (TSs) for the three water molecules of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O using LCRECP; (a) TS of Gd-O36(w), (b) TS of Gd-O39(w), and (c) TS of Gd-O47(w).



**Figure S4:** Structure of the transition states (TSs) for the two water molecules of [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O complex using LCRECP; a) TS of Gd-O40(w) and b) TS of Gd-O43(w).



**Figure S5:** IRC plots for the dissociation of a) Gd-O36(w), b) Gd-O39(w), c) Gd-O47(w), bond of the [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex (top) and d) Gd-O40(w), e) Gd-O43(w) bond for [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O (bottom) complexes respectively using LCRECP/TPSSh/6-31G(d,p) level of theory.



**Scheme S1.** Thermodynamic cycle for explaining the relative stabilities of [Gd(peada)]<sup>-</sup> and [Gd(tpaa)] Complexes.

**Table S17:** Calculated Gd-O(w) bond length, electron density ( $\rho$ , au), electron localization function (ELF), and  $k_{\text{ex}}^{298}$  value of  $[\text{Gd}(\text{cbda})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex using LCRECP and different density functionals and basis sets.

<b>Method</b>	<b>Ln-Ow bond length</b>	$\rho_{\text{BCP}}$	<b>ELF</b>	$k_{\text{ex}}^{298} / 10^6 \text{ S}^{-1}$
<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O36(w)= 2.527	0.0375	0.09674	43.68
	Gd-O39(w)=2.455	0.0410	0.10054	4.2
	Gd-O47(w)= 2.421	0.0429	0.10029	4.6
<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O36(w)= 2.562	0.0342	0.0939	118.9
	Gd-O39(w)=2.489	0.0376	0.1009	6.9
	Gd-O47(w)=2.448	0.0393	0.1012	3.5
<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O36(w)= 2.545	0.0355	0.0952	55.5
	Gd-O39(w)=2.470	0.0394	0.1031	2.3
	Gd-O47(w)= 2.431	0.0410	0.0979	12.8
<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O36(w)= 2.496	0.0378	0.0978	17.8
	Gd-O39(w)=2.485	0.0418	0.10985	0.25
	Gd-O47(w)=2.405	0.0450	0.1094	0.08
<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O36(w)= 2.527	0.0340	0.0913	305.41
	Gd-O39(w)=2.492	0.0346	0.0928	157.14
	Gd-O47(w)=2.430	0.0419	0.1047	3.3
<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O36(w)= 2.507	0.0357	0.0921	173.92
	Gd-O39(w)=2.491	0.0364	0.0927	133.51
	Gd-O47(w)=2.416	0.0433	0.1025	1.6

**Table S18:** Calculated Gd-O(w) bond length, electron density ( $\rho$ , au), electron localization function (ELF), and  $k_{\text{ex}}^{298}$  value of  $[\text{Gd}(\text{peada})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex using LCRECP and different density functionals and basis sets.

<b>Method</b>	<b>Ln-Ow bond length</b>	$\rho_{\text{BCP}}$	<b>ELF</b>	$k_{\text{ex}}^{298} / 10^6 \text{ S}^{-1}$
<b>TPSSh/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O40(w)= 2.627	0.0342	0.0940	118.9
	Gd-O43(w)=2.541	0.0364	0.0989	16.6
<b>TPSSh/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O40(w)= 2.709	0.0310	0.0926	522.75
	Gd-O43(w)=2.578	0.0350	0.0976	20.48
<b>B3LYP/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O40(w)= 2.650	0.0305	0.0910	944.94
	Gd-O43(w)=2.572	0.0349	0.0985	35.5
<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O40(w)= 2.588	0.0350	0.0959	56.6
	Gd-O43(w)=2.531	0.0398	0.1006	4.7
<b>B3LYP-D3/ 6-31+G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O40(w)= 2.650	0.0300	0.0908	1329.08
	Gd-O43(w)=2.550	0.0335	0.0943	140.38
<b><math>\omega</math>B97XD/ 6-31G(d,p)</b>	Gd-O40(w)= 2.60	0.0339	0.0976	75.5
	Gd-O43(w)=2.542	0.0411	0.0986	10.23

**Table S19:** Activation energy values of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O and [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O complexes calculated using SCRECP/TPSSh/6-31G(d,p) theoretical level.

<b>Activation parameters</b>	<b>[Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O</b>			<b>[Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	
	<b>Gd-O36(w)</b>	<b>Gd-O39(w)</b>	<b>Gd-O47(w)</b>	<b>Gd-O40(w)</b>	<b>Gd-O43(w)</b>
<b>ΔE<sub>a</sub><sup>#</sup>(kcal/mol)</b>	5.33	7.02	10.29	-0.63	5.2
<b>r<sub>Gd-O</sub>/Å</b>	2.46	2.43	2.36	2.62	2.50
<b>r<sub>Gd-O(TS)</sub>/Å</b>	3.42	3.34	3.50	2.98	3.54
<b>ΔH<sup>#</sup>(kcal/mol)</b>	4.7	6.27	9.78	-0.78	4.26
<b>ΔG<sup>#</sup>(kcal/mol)</b>	4.26	5.31	9.16	1.081	3.25
<b>ΔS<sup>#</sup>(J/mol/K)</b>	4.19	13.51	8.78	-26.10	13.80

**Table S20:** Bonding behavior of the [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O and [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O complexes from ETS analysis (in kJ/mol).

<b>Metal</b>	<b>Ligands</b>	<b>ΔE<sub>int</sub></b>	<b>ΔE<sub>pauli</sub></b>	<b>ΔE<sub>oi</sub></b>	<b>ΔV<sub>elst</sub></b>	<sup>a</sup> %elst
<b>La</b>	Cbda+H <sub>2</sub> O	-5202.50	811.51	-1765.70	-4248.31	70.64
	Peada+ H <sub>2</sub> O	-5954.71	732.18	-1733.36	-4953.53	74.07
<b>Lu</b>	Cbda+H <sub>2</sub> O	-5618.75	601.31	-1925.46	-4294.60	69.04
	Peada+ H <sub>2</sub> O	-6479.69	711.38	-2029.73	-5161.34	71.77

$$^a \text{ %elst} = \Delta V_{\text{elst}} / (\Delta V_{\text{elst}} + \Delta E_{\text{oi}})$$

**Table S21:** Cartesian coordinates ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of  $[\text{Gd(tpaa)}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  complex (without explicit water molecules) optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
C	2.30577300	3.73966400	1.60603400
C	1.67740800	2.50511600	1.40738300
C	1.32093500	2.99074500	-0.83557700
C	1.91816600	4.24379500	-0.71272000
C	2.41742300	4.62444500	0.53339600
H	2.70083100	3.99373400	2.58364300
H	1.98801400	4.87837900	-1.58795700
H	2.89900800	5.58775100	0.66577600
N	1.18892500	2.14342800	0.20639100
C	1.47786300	1.52235200	2.53715800
N	1.53175000	0.12321700	2.04586900
C	0.91706300	-0.79978400	3.03345100
C	-1.27067400	-0.66158100	4.35575100
C	-2.61602400	-0.28902100	4.39385200
C	-3.20080800	0.27485100	3.25833500
C	-2.42138500	0.41263300	2.11079300
C	-0.55804000	-0.49261000	3.16459200
H	-0.77547600	-1.06076200	5.23424300
H	-3.18993600	-0.41174800	5.30657400
H	-4.22855000	0.61727900	3.24269400
N	-1.13835000	0.00989400	2.06110300
C	-2.94662200	1.06363800	0.84664700
C	0.80286200	2.49539400	-2.17085000
O	0.83657900	3.24437900	-3.15218400
O	0.36324700	1.27154600	-2.15447000
O	-4.11913900	1.45293400	0.80459600
O	-2.06572700	1.15855400	-0.10491300
C	2.94667400	-0.23968000	1.80881000
C	3.08236000	-1.49048800	0.97722600
C	4.15015000	-2.37781700	1.14978200
C	4.25973100	-3.47711600	0.29760200
C	3.29641000	-3.66165700	-0.69438800
C	2.25372500	-2.74075800	-0.79103600
H	4.87587200	-2.20489900	1.93713000
H	5.07926000	-4.17923100	0.41143900
H	3.32273400	-4.49609300	-1.38471900
N	2.14860800	-1.67469400	0.02713200
C	1.15997800	-2.89767200	-1.82723200
O	1.21032900	-3.84815300	-2.61675600
O	0.23399300	-1.98789100	-1.78239400
H	1.06047000	-1.82245100	2.66566100
H	1.40759100	-0.73139300	4.01480400

H	2.21808200	1.69703500	3.33002200
H	0.48983700	1.69476100	2.97375900
H	3.40679800	0.59000000	1.25927800
H	3.49575500	-0.34603100	2.75494600
Gd	-0.02341800	-0.11908800	-0.29920500
O	-1.87007100	-0.11680100	-2.36852600
H	-2.33022200	0.53383000	-1.79423800
H	-1.20430500	0.43057600	-2.83143200
O	-1.78438800	-1.98541300	-0.14260600
H	-2.69186300	-1.73545300	-0.37310100
H	-1.39372300	-2.34911000	-0.96901000

E = -1668.864651 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.389638 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1668.443462 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1668.442518 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1668.537182 Hartree

**Table S22.** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(dpaa)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>] complex (without explicit water molecules) optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	3.01838600	-0.12670100	1.18555900
C	3.86035700	0.34878300	0.05956100
H	4.93033300	0.20495200	0.26421600
H	3.69122100	1.42676900	-0.05231800
C	3.30501700	-1.54792600	1.50537300
C	2.10191500	-2.27449100	2.13096600
O	0.93009200	-1.82479600	1.77424800
O	2.30475800	-3.24312400	2.86629300
N	1.38128700	2.06561700	1.69077100
C	2.57313600	2.04595300	2.31333800
C	-0.71036400	3.13142700	1.03051000
O	-1.00181500	1.98149500	0.49772800
O	-1.43174200	4.13555600	1.03540400
O	-0.31501200	-1.60174300	-1.24727900
N	2.18663700	-0.75849000	-1.29415600
C	3.47126400	-0.36706800	-1.21581400
C	3.26120900	0.70220700	2.38763200
H	2.84289400	0.16106100	3.24475300
H	4.33602700	0.82660200	2.57877700
C	3.09785600	3.18461700	2.93437600
C	2.34895400	4.36225300	2.92934700

C	1.09686900	4.36815500	2.31335800
C	0.64965200	3.19773500	1.70131000
C	4.38353800	-0.63952700	-2.24014500
C	3.94446100	-1.34109900	-3.36453400
C	2.62021700	-1.77963900	-3.42146000
C	1.77157900	-1.47115400	-2.35939200
C	0.33107400	-1.95053900	-2.31746600
O	-0.11077300	-2.61692200	-3.26118100
H	5.41546500	-0.31843200	-2.14865600
H	4.63401400	-1.56256100	-4.17263500
H	2.23389000	-2.35684500	-4.25288400
H	4.06954800	3.14206400	3.41440300
H	2.73553900	5.25856200	3.40347200
H	0.46252700	5.24603500	2.29120500
O	-0.18047400	1.21967200	-1.82633700
H	-0.73080400	0.70806300	-2.43811200
H	-0.78475400	1.82574200	-1.34612000
O	-0.63237100	0.00907500	2.78022400
H	-0.27176200	-0.88860900	2.93905900
H	-1.59223200	-0.10861100	2.70320100
H	3.53522300	-2.07375900	0.57376200
O	-2.04164900	-0.70083400	0.40761800
H	-1.95232900	-1.24587600	-0.40424500
H	-2.62438800	0.04448100	0.19090500
Gd	0.39504900	0.01713800	0.40752200
H	4.17799400	-1.64566100	2.16153800

E = -1498.091303 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.34816 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1497.714261 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1497.713317 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1497.801429 Hartree

**Table S23:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.95004600	-0.23185300	1.26376300
C	3.82156100	0.34290200	0.21606900
H	4.88923100	0.19938900	0.43598100
H	3.64547800	1.42478700	0.19436000
C	3.23765500	-1.68552900	1.49111600
C	1.94772800	-2.32900200	2.04299600
O	0.89373000	-2.12298100	1.33987600

O	1.97999700	-3.00196200	3.09806300
N	1.39004100	2.02307300	1.61714500
C	2.52012500	1.93637400	2.33696700
C	-0.53642200	3.18548100	0.77743200
O	-1.08632500	2.02182900	0.72617500
O	-1.02244500	4.24315200	0.32045900
O	-0.16823500	-1.76155500	-1.44184300
N	2.22019800	-0.62899300	-1.32085300
C	3.49356500	-0.24140800	-1.13693000
C	3.08412000	0.54739100	2.51073300
H	2.50260800	0.03284400	3.28445000
H	4.12484500	0.61069700	2.85586700
C	3.10722000	3.06127300	2.92892100
C	2.50890000	4.30987400	2.75444800
C	1.33030200	4.39766300	2.01191600
C	0.79667000	3.22335900	1.48130800
C	4.46395000	-0.39169200	-2.13535600
C	4.09528100	-0.94838200	-3.35970700
C	2.77888200	-1.37768500	-3.53883500
C	1.88110100	-1.21592100	-2.48462600
C	0.46473600	-1.72796500	-2.55738700
O	0.00548500	-2.07174600	-3.67330700
H	5.48669200	-0.08323000	-1.94626500
H	4.82816700	-1.06710900	-4.15110400
H	2.43993500	-1.84364400	-4.45618600
H	4.01833700	2.95392600	3.50780300
H	2.95299500	5.19699800	3.19419800
H	0.81522400	5.33716500	1.85043000
O	-0.76294300	0.87289600	-1.73607800
H	-1.30369400	0.27298300	-2.30334500
H	-1.30658800	1.70548600	-1.66870500
O	-0.24307200	-0.08068500	2.79967300
H	-0.40346700	-0.97045500	3.22237100
H	-0.97891100	0.52530900	3.08755800
H	3.36741500	-2.11374400	0.49160600
C	4.47971400	-1.99615200	2.32866700
H	4.66684800	-3.07245400	2.29940900
H	5.36651200	-1.48956900	1.93390500
H	4.34443700	-1.71415900	3.37547200
O	-2.02767200	-0.96087900	0.58506900
H	-2.42162500	-1.56443100	-0.11139600
H	-2.73197400	-0.75772200	1.23916300
O	-0.53318700	-2.50198700	3.98257100
H	-0.41302100	-2.37531100	4.93550800
H	0.34585500	-2.84612000	3.66344400
O	-2.31426700	1.59998300	3.19775700
H	-2.09646000	1.89327100	2.28686000
H	-3.06403700	0.98154900	3.06447700
O	-4.05846900	-0.41508800	2.39408700
H	-4.24526600	-1.14641300	3.00231600

H	-4.90579100	-0.20906900	1.97075400
O	-2.75366800	-2.59896700	-1.36375900
H	-1.77369000	-2.59749000	-1.48887100
H	-3.01472500	-1.99524000	-2.09187400
O	-2.32375800	-0.79180200	-3.37787800
H	-2.68419800	-0.39351900	-4.18320300
H	-1.56312100	-1.36750000	-3.66329400
O	-2.32160800	3.11096300	-1.78708300
H	-2.00550900	3.64083600	-2.53394200
H	-1.99946600	3.59942900	-0.98559200
Gd	0.21988800	-0.08132600	0.38827400

E = -1996.134446 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.526378 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1995.563060 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1995.562116 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1995.684032 Hartree

**Table S24:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, optimized at TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.82766200	-0.21901000	1.27228500
C	3.77278700	0.28271900	0.24857400
H	4.82055000	0.08620200	0.51691700
H	3.65577300	1.37152300	0.19662500
C	3.02681000	-1.68182500	1.54480000
C	1.67951400	-2.23898300	2.04657400
O	0.66501000	-1.95963100	1.31796900
O	1.62893000	-2.91869100	3.10074400
N	1.35429100	2.09443700	1.52792500
C	2.46318800	1.99205900	2.27716400
C	-0.57580900	3.25435200	0.71186700
O	-1.07461400	2.07809100	0.58518400
O	-1.11060700	4.32198800	0.33443900
O	-0.24939100	-1.63976800	-1.44645600
N	2.17483500	-0.63899600	-1.30924400
C	3.46157500	-0.31547500	-1.09985800
C	2.96879900	0.58836300	2.50107900
H	2.34274300	0.12834500	3.27453900
H	4.00307700	0.61359500	2.86922400
C	3.05702400	3.11041100	2.87477900
C	2.47669900	4.36620200	2.68860100
C	1.30033300	4.46412700	1.94355700

C	0.76402300	3.29622800	1.40161900
C	4.45021200	-0.54579800	-2.06426600
C	4.08625300	-1.12007300	-3.28206300
C	2.75477700	-1.48796700	-3.48503200
C	1.83875900	-1.24700300	-2.46260200
C	0.40395000	-1.69673000	-2.54747900
O	-0.04651600	-2.07877000	-3.65532800
H	5.48237200	-0.28664000	-1.85409300
H	4.83319800	-1.30141000	-4.04802800
H	2.41686900	-1.96810900	-4.39546800
H	3.95580400	2.99258500	3.47063100
H	2.92709100	5.24911100	3.13058400
H	0.78760000	5.40619000	1.78932400
O	-0.63455600	0.97877100	-1.80487100
H	-1.19224200	0.40854900	-2.38474800
H	-1.13156200	1.83905800	-1.76647600
O	-0.25764700	0.17160900	2.68439500
H	-0.40616000	-0.67074200	3.17649100
H	-1.02326400	0.76319900	2.90794400
H	3.17683800	-2.14064900	0.56182200
C	4.21036300	-2.03863300	2.44503600
H	4.32955800	-3.12480800	2.45910800
H	5.14254600	-1.60215600	2.07218600
H	4.05076300	-1.71151900	3.47515100
O	-2.03525900	-0.64309900	0.52245500
H	-2.45983900	-1.19185300	-0.19655300
H	-2.38531900	-0.98965100	1.38103300
O	-0.74904300	-2.22267300	4.01947600
H	-0.59718700	-2.12485400	4.97054500
H	0.07686000	-2.66255700	3.64766100
O	-2.62646800	1.45371700	2.86427100
H	-2.46014400	1.63644800	1.91635300
H	-3.04646600	0.56971300	2.88487700
O	-3.04788100	-1.36365000	2.91755800
H	-2.30462700	-1.82471900	3.38214300
H	-3.78721400	-1.98676700	2.88048500
O	-2.88799500	-2.26508500	-1.41603500
H	-1.90750000	-2.35223700	-1.50204800
H	-3.07150700	-1.67308600	-2.17620300
O	-2.26032200	-0.58434700	-3.48553400
H	-2.55615600	-0.17095600	-4.30920300
H	-1.54699200	-1.23188100	-3.73387600
O	-2.12970700	3.27805700	-1.96588900
H	-1.67931700	3.83975500	-2.61402500
H	-1.93870000	3.71683300	-1.09724500
Gd	0.21443700	0.04870500	0.30063200

E= -2725.566017 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.528291 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2724.993756 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2724.992812 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2725.113212 Hartree

**Table S25:** Cartesian coordinates ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of  $[\text{Gd}(\text{peada})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex, optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	-0.32368500	-2.40870000	0.61229000
N	2.42950900	-1.38619900	0.04469400
C	0.89181700	-2.94773700	1.26545100
C	2.10662200	-2.80319600	0.34880200
C	-0.65372600	-3.20920600	-0.59755500
C	3.27612500	-0.80163600	1.10946000
C	-0.11804900	-2.60643900	-1.90560400
C	2.48808200	-0.23589800	2.29616200
O	0.11644900	-3.37234000	-2.85504000
O	3.06940100	-0.06261100	3.37426800
O	1.25528600	0.09809500	2.04903400
O	-0.00091800	-1.32236100	-1.91826000
C	3.11259200	-1.24938200	-1.26488100
C	3.06074000	0.22482800	-1.69136500
C	-1.47653800	-2.40160400	1.54076500
O	4.11050000	0.80453800	-2.05896900
O	1.91160100	0.78784200	-1.60866600
C	-2.63193100	-1.66619800	0.89104400
C	-3.97275800	-2.01636900	1.08423600
C	-4.96438200	-1.26677400	0.44720700
C	-4.59421200	-0.18454000	-0.35298400
C	-3.23467800	0.09722500	-0.49708500
N	-2.28289700	-0.63652000	0.10213200
H	-6.01076000	-1.52399600	0.57591200
H	-4.22907400	-2.86183100	1.71376600
H	-5.32242500	0.44057500	-0.85572000
C	-2.74693400	1.30898400	-1.26636800
O	-3.58483400	2.15939500	-1.63081500
O	-1.46877900	1.40212400	-1.42469100
H	1.04073800	-2.40471500	2.20133100
H	0.76283000	-4.01422100	1.50941100
H	2.96705000	-3.30698700	0.81289100
H	1.91217400	-3.31686600	-0.59669300
H	4.15176200	-1.60141000	-1.23008800
H	2.55621600	-1.83633600	-2.00104300
H	4.02524700	-1.51935400	1.46977600
H	3.82491100	0.04721500	0.68431700
H	-1.78352400	-3.41684900	1.83011800

H	-1.17366700	-1.87297400	2.45283600
O	1.05677400	2.63030200	0.22429900
H	0.47399700	3.22686200	-0.32401100
H	1.96660600	2.74436900	-0.17158100
O	-1.21661900	1.42419100	1.62915300
H	-0.61491600	1.95673200	2.21408900
H	-1.97440200	2.01660800	1.39978600
H	-1.74238500	-3.24741500	-0.70616900
H	-0.30755800	-4.24469600	-0.49046300
O	3.50829800	3.17792900	-0.83712000
H	4.18623100	3.19044900	-0.14569900
H	3.74654500	2.39546600	-1.40221400
O	0.78160000	2.66813000	2.94140900
H	1.10142800	1.73978700	2.98798200
H	1.01433800	2.88788000	2.00706500
O	-3.32966400	3.12904400	1.05767000
H	-3.59040700	2.99856900	0.12266000
H	-4.09818100	2.83235900	1.56743400
O	-0.60380300	3.95556300	-1.42050000
H	-1.02538800	3.07909500	-1.61759400
H	-0.12802500	4.19484000	-2.22966200
Gd	0.17818700	0.17420500	-0.08925900

E = -1841.788663 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.458929 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1841.291017 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1841.290073 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1841.399218 Hartree

**Table S26:** Cartesian coordinates ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of  $[\text{Gd}(\text{peada})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex, optimized at TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	-0.32101800	-2.45499800	0.57998800
N	2.40347800	-1.36122000	0.05589000
C	0.89663200	-2.98374300	1.23923900
C	2.12018500	-2.78968000	0.34587300
C	-0.66876800	-3.27412300	-0.61213000
C	3.17992600	-0.72135000	1.14798400
C	-0.23915400	-2.64352900	-1.94598300
C	2.29097000	-0.06673100	2.21447300
O	-0.20123300	-3.37424000	-2.94970600
O	2.83060000	0.51014800	3.17903200
O	1.02386100	-0.11424100	2.00071700
O	0.01157600	-1.38017000	-1.91504900
C	3.12321400	-1.20729300	-1.23151200

C	3.00441600	0.25297100	-1.68276400
C	-1.46068900	-2.40631200	1.52365600
O	4.02143100	0.86616500	-2.08998100
O	1.83636800	0.76531600	-1.58292700
C	-2.62102600	-1.69461000	0.86027600
C	-3.96444700	-2.02282600	1.07158600
C	-4.95122300	-1.26432900	0.43634900
C	-4.57453000	-0.18985800	-0.37186700
C	-3.21271800	0.06700500	-0.53617200
N	-2.26794000	-0.68459300	0.04953700
H	-5.99994500	-1.50385700	0.57974500
H	-4.22755900	-2.85411400	1.71686100
H	-5.29959600	0.44926400	-0.86142900
C	-2.69755500	1.28032000	-1.28124100
O	-3.51277100	2.15813700	-1.63457000
O	-1.41712200	1.34876300	-1.41697600
H	1.02186300	-2.45482900	2.18498400
H	0.78612500	-4.05809000	1.45547800
H	2.98960400	-3.27237000	0.81623200
H	1.95473600	-3.29558100	-0.60959100
H	4.17575500	-1.51077600	-1.16412000
H	2.61633800	-1.82728200	-1.97634200
H	3.87217700	-1.43039300	1.62335700
H	3.79575700	0.07692600	0.71992000
H	-1.76325300	-3.40535600	1.86841500
H	-1.14200100	-1.82582100	2.39793100
O	1.03913800	2.48662600	0.31617400
H	0.42401700	3.10524300	-0.16296300
H	1.91389000	2.66139200	-0.12958300
O	-1.17487000	1.30467600	1.60043800
H	-0.52943500	1.70477900	2.23633000
H	-1.81941900	2.01592600	1.37402300
H	-1.75659000	-3.38749700	-0.66154500
H	-0.25499900	-4.28669400	-0.52937800
O	3.35900200	3.24433000	-0.93895200
H	4.07232500	3.29845600	-0.28603800
H	3.60318000	2.45794900	-1.49729100
O	0.81022600	2.62556800	3.04902300
H	1.40118600	1.87882700	3.29093900
H	1.03312100	2.75882800	2.09650600
O	-3.08878100	3.26816300	0.98674700
H	-3.34028700	3.11386200	0.05282400
H	-3.86963200	2.98922900	1.48798200
O	-0.56798400	3.91378500	-1.34289500
H	-0.98084700	3.04094300	-1.57067200
H	0.04416400	4.09003400	-2.07320400
Gd	0.14866100	0.06071100	-0.12627700

E = -2571.215711 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.460043 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2570.717284 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2570.716340 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2570.826393 Hartree

**Table S27:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O36(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.98410800	-0.28789200	1.34107400
C	3.88011500	0.26622200	0.30036700
H	4.93993900	0.08953700	0.53016400
H	3.73729700	1.35289700	0.28092900
C	3.27826800	-1.73855900	1.59111200
C	1.98236100	-2.39429800	2.11098500
O	0.94332800	-2.19522100	1.37816000
O	1.99148000	-3.06748300	3.16348300
N	1.41194000	1.96741200	1.61803600
C	2.52944100	1.90166100	2.36051300
C	-0.48830800	3.10112300	0.67330800
O	-1.01613500	1.92700800	0.59558000
O	-0.97873400	4.15777600	0.22408700
O	-0.18631500	-1.59584300	-1.43962100
N	2.26010300	-0.63145000	-1.26306300
C	3.54470800	-0.29327400	-1.06159700
C	3.09331400	0.51743000	2.57793800
H	2.49677300	0.01787500	3.34965300
H	4.12731900	0.58991700	2.93917400
C	3.10409900	3.04629200	2.92503800
C	2.50690300	4.28735000	2.69731800
C	1.34483300	4.35131000	1.92661200
C	0.82261700	3.16087200	1.42156300
C	4.51257400	-0.44715700	-2.06190400
C	4.12698900	-0.94391600	-3.30675900
C	2.79313200	-1.30339000	-3.51078600
C	1.89788000	-1.14556700	-2.45477800
C	0.45526200	-1.57480200	-2.55339900
O	-0.00962300	-1.88351100	-3.67331200
H	5.54545600	-0.18384200	-1.86070500
H	4.85869900	-1.06465600	-4.09884700
H	2.43880900	-1.71111400	-4.44979600
H	4.00528000	2.96117900	3.52261700
H	2.94191100	5.18889500	3.11618800
H	0.83549200	5.28532800	1.72167900
O	-0.94198100	1.27003800	-2.45282300

H	-1.53154400	0.59455800	-2.84497400
H	-1.55232000	1.99033200	-2.17021900
O	-0.15698300	-0.12713300	2.86101200
H	-0.34917300	-1.00761500	3.29420200
H	-0.88702100	0.50323600	3.11625600
H	3.43977200	-2.17181600	0.59782400
C	4.49921700	-2.02866000	2.46519600
H	4.69399400	-3.10380600	2.45479000
H	5.39268100	-1.52096600	2.08778500
H	4.33313700	-1.73373900	3.50391700
O	-1.96886300	-0.96010500	0.62359300
H	-2.38386200	-1.52916800	-0.09058200
H	-2.65376300	-0.79377700	1.30818600
O	-0.52157400	-2.52813200	4.03061900
H	-0.41324900	-2.41830600	4.98712200
H	0.34980500	-2.89644200	3.72054900
O	-2.20090600	1.58870700	3.13614900
H	-2.01313000	1.82684700	2.20356200
H	-2.95760100	0.96765300	3.06680100
O	-3.94472700	-0.47596200	2.51021800
H	-4.08020900	-1.19054700	3.15115400
H	-4.81551300	-0.31289100	2.11680600
O	-2.74099400	-2.53780900	-1.35459300
H	-1.76462100	-2.52387500	-1.48698700
H	-3.01634500	-1.96795500	-2.10815500
O	-2.50870100	-0.89112200	-3.53502300
H	-2.95468300	-0.81317900	-4.39056100
H	-1.65283400	-1.36854300	-3.71133900
O	-2.67168500	3.36762500	-1.76202700
H	-2.48915400	4.02172400	-2.45258500
H	-2.15266900	3.69154200	-0.98101000
Gd	0.30604700	-0.14868400	0.46612100

E = -1996.126602 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.525290 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1995.556321 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1995.555377 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1995.677654 Hartree

**Table S28:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O39(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.79121300	-0.20155100	1.23500700
C	3.76956700	0.26938500	0.22780600
H	4.80642700	0.05978700	0.52597500

H	3.67232600	1.36005700	0.16490900
C	2.93914200	-1.66432500	1.52832800
C	1.58666200	-2.17349100	2.07339900
O	0.55287900	-1.86214600	1.37776200
O	1.55269400	-2.86517600	3.11602600
N	1.28009600	2.10837900	1.53123100
C	2.40645900	2.00652400	2.25641300
C	-0.61732400	3.29683600	0.65973300
O	-1.14280700	2.13050500	0.51239400
O	-1.10407700	4.36976300	0.24189700
O	-0.21913000	-1.62919600	-1.57877500
N	2.20827700	-0.64272100	-1.37779500
C	3.49116500	-0.33429800	-1.12599400
C	2.93470000	0.60978700	2.46291200
H	2.31581000	0.15000900	3.24028800
H	3.97480400	0.64852900	2.81289500
C	3.00277400	3.12533200	2.85080900
C	2.41394600	4.37923900	2.68411300
C	1.23523500	4.48037800	1.94326700
C	0.69686300	3.31501300	1.39941600
C	4.50589400	-0.58261300	-2.05832400
C	4.17185000	-1.15217500	-3.28681400
C	2.84188500	-1.49874900	-3.53506100
C	1.89790400	-1.24474600	-2.54227800
C	0.45735700	-1.66828800	-2.67074300
O	0.02177300	-2.01374700	-3.79320500
H	5.53478800	-0.33894500	-1.81615800
H	4.94042000	-1.34541400	-4.02795500
H	2.52796400	-1.97159800	-4.45781800
H	3.91246200	3.00787800	3.42998800
H	2.86492100	5.26033400	3.12900400
H	0.72645600	5.42421400	1.78765900
O	-0.74450000	1.00615300	-1.95385700
H	-1.28209600	0.42445600	-2.54533700
H	-1.24409500	1.86960300	-1.91679600
O	0.05860400	0.28275500	3.54446100
H	-0.23585600	-0.60637500	3.83157600
H	-0.78074500	0.79239800	3.44966400
H	3.05275500	-2.14719800	0.55132500
C	4.12793800	-2.04934100	2.41115900
H	4.20402700	-3.13862400	2.44845600
H	5.06746500	-1.65900500	2.00731800
H	4.00533400	-1.69131900	3.43597500
O	-2.10373300	-0.65979900	0.44910200
H	-2.48741300	-1.26308200	-0.25321000
H	-2.43022700	-0.98768700	1.32785500
O	-0.83350300	-2.36346800	4.14908700
H	-0.80272100	-2.61192600	5.08328900
H	0.00876000	-2.70775000	3.72353700
O	-2.40260100	1.44235800	3.00922100

H	-2.15885000	1.62431100	2.07865700
H	-2.79846900	0.54513100	2.99761100
O	-2.94306600	-1.31669500	2.90478600
H	-2.22354800	-1.80105200	3.39359000
H	-3.75062600	-1.84249000	2.99088300
O	-2.84324300	-2.30817800	-1.50020200
H	-1.86357000	-2.35947400	-1.61488100
H	-3.06965400	-1.72582700	-2.25581000
O	-2.27197400	-0.63568700	-3.60632100
H	-2.59023100	-0.25069100	-4.43559600
H	-1.53062300	-1.25374900	-3.84801500
O	-2.16300200	3.31962300	-2.04821900
H	-1.75704000	3.88068900	-2.72558500
H	-1.93737300	3.76613600	-1.19202600
Gd	0.17435900	0.09317100	0.17999200

E = -1996.120215 Hartree

Zero-point correction =0.526972 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies =-1995.549678 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1995.548864 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1995.671715 Hartree

**Table S29:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O47(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	3.08250900	-0.19292300	1.23942700
C	3.92839300	0.37936000	0.16595200
H	5.00022200	0.24687400	0.36803900
H	3.74035500	1.45911300	0.13595400
C	3.38436800	-1.64630400	1.46631900
C	2.11418000	-2.28971300	2.05973600
O	1.03601500	-2.07126400	1.39366000
O	2.17822700	-2.97158200	3.10510100
N	1.49464800	2.02996500	1.67384800
C	2.66282900	1.96850400	2.33357700
C	-0.49453000	3.16189400	0.92921200
O	-0.99578200	1.98034900	0.82694500
O	-1.04763100	4.22052000	0.56162600
O	-0.11448800	-1.71161400	-1.37392800
N	2.29583400	-0.61345600	-1.31851100
C	3.57488300	-0.22855400	-1.16960600
C	3.25957100	0.59038200	2.48066600
H	2.73027500	0.06425500	3.28402100

H	4.31408800	0.67080900	2.77473300
C	3.25914300	3.10590700	2.89028900
C	2.62622200	4.34137400	2.74832100
C	1.40578900	4.40249100	2.07411600
C	0.86901100	3.21832700	1.57030800
C	4.52297000	-0.40711100	-2.18374700
C	4.12515400	-0.99048900	-3.38680300
C	2.80252200	-1.41339100	-3.52996900
C	1.92699500	-1.22093600	-2.46237700
C	0.50261300	-1.71411900	-2.49930200
O	0.02277200	-2.07430900	-3.60062000
H	5.55118200	-0.10107200	-2.02347600
H	4.84093800	-1.13355600	-4.18962900
H	2.44120300	-1.89675300	-4.42955000
H	4.20332800	3.01837800	3.41684300
H	3.07609500	5.23870500	3.16035100
H	0.86161900	5.32991600	1.94140500
O	-0.78619500	0.87540200	-1.60247000
H	-1.30183600	0.29212300	-2.21100300
H	-1.32656800	1.70889800	-1.52044700
O	-0.34753600	-0.13620500	2.74601600
H	-0.38210500	-1.02069100	3.20887100
H	-1.18325000	0.36307200	2.96774700
H	3.48557400	-2.07993500	0.46599700
C	4.65228000	-1.94582700	2.26760400
H	4.83972200	-3.02198200	2.24130100
H	5.52524800	-1.44197800	1.84026400
H	4.55042400	-1.65510000	3.31578600
O	-2.73749700	-1.70749400	0.95881200
H	-2.90304500	-2.09139300	0.06614200
H	-3.51676700	-1.16754200	1.18594900
O	-0.32402100	-2.49531200	4.06468100
H	-0.16006600	-2.29209500	4.99765700
H	0.55204400	-2.82144300	3.72357200
O	-2.54637600	1.38113400	3.02453500
H	-2.24280400	1.75393100	2.16961700
H	-3.36145200	0.88371300	2.79153500
O	-4.76229700	-0.05048000	2.09428700
H	-5.31436900	-0.52153900	2.73629800
H	-5.37854900	0.49223000	1.58011000
O	-2.69982400	-2.80466200	-1.54711500
H	-1.73362000	-2.62185500	-1.49088500
H	-2.96653000	-2.11742800	-2.19037400
O	-2.27559400	-0.73389400	-3.33053800
H	-2.60467000	-0.31249900	-4.13765500
H	-1.51989100	-1.31907500	-3.60790900
O	-2.33253000	3.12178700	-1.59043200
H	-2.01700000	3.67775300	-2.31830400
H	-2.02283100	3.58945400	-0.77317700
Gd	0.36226800	-0.05090000	0.43259600

E = -1996.118593 Hartree

Zero-point correction =0.525138 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies =-1995.548325 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1995.547381 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1995.670645 Hartree

**Table S30:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O40(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	-0.34875000	-2.46773100	0.58622000
N	2.38404500	-1.37382700	0.03968900
C	0.88532200	-3.00599400	1.20829100
C	2.08816400	-2.80784100	0.28600900
C	-0.70009400	-3.25879300	-0.62462400
C	3.19864400	-0.80855700	1.13992100
C	-0.17939200	-2.65467400	-1.93802000
C	2.37666600	-0.28122300	2.32095200
O	-0.02298800	-3.40944900	-2.90982800
O	2.93293800	-0.11572500	3.41278500
O	1.14185100	0.03308000	2.05535200
O	0.01018000	-1.37739500	-1.92810500
C	3.08073300	-1.16981600	-1.25270700
C	3.00098800	0.31586500	-1.63639100
C	-1.48080700	-2.47745800	1.54304500
O	4.02623400	0.89831300	-2.05722400
O	1.85278000	0.87150600	-1.48384900
C	-2.65736300	-1.74371300	0.92866900
C	-3.99307400	-2.08419200	1.16829700
C	-4.99939700	-1.33295400	0.55634200
C	-4.64994000	-0.26309800	-0.27028000
C	-3.29490100	0.00858100	-0.46235400
N	-2.33027400	-0.72235300	0.12018300
H	-6.04259600	-1.58132100	0.72268600
H	-4.23505700	-2.92207800	1.81330500
H	-5.39104400	0.35822100	-0.75868200
C	-2.81725900	1.19727600	-1.27448800
O	-3.65796000	2.04149800	-1.64693300
O	-1.54264300	1.26911200	-1.46130100
H	1.03483200	-2.49185800	2.16017500
H	0.77596200	-4.08103500	1.41912700
H	2.96062400	-3.31575400	0.72200500
H	1.89350300	-3.28532300	-0.67808600

H	4.12753700	-1.49743000	-1.21853500
H	2.54895500	-1.74186100	-2.01827600
H	3.94651100	-1.52764900	1.49928200
H	3.74862900	0.05647500	0.75100300
H	-1.77202600	-3.49767300	1.82942500
H	-1.15781500	-1.95522900	2.45180200
O	1.37441400	3.15445100	0.44637900
H	0.70907700	3.43376500	-0.22875200
H	2.24767200	3.18719800	-0.01830700
O	-1.20407700	1.50475900	1.50134000
H	-0.61192500	1.99693500	2.13767200
H	-1.94046900	2.12130000	1.26276900
H	-1.79007800	-3.29234400	-0.71777700
H	-0.35594100	-4.29583100	-0.52869400
O	3.77637300	3.35329700	-0.89697500
H	4.49420700	3.27196800	-0.25201700
H	3.84459200	2.52031000	-1.43484400
O	0.69937400	2.63759900	2.98915800
H	1.02924800	1.71414100	3.00935600
H	1.05522500	2.96192400	2.12041300
O	-3.27258400	3.23699700	0.90675900
H	-3.56092800	3.02843900	-0.00664100
H	-4.02426900	2.97991600	1.46134700
O	-0.49021500	3.78890100	-1.48173800
H	-0.92974300	2.90938600	-1.59901500
H	-0.02459500	3.94492900	-2.31633200
Gd	0.11145900	0.09187700	-0.09164000

E = -1841.785306 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.457987 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1841.288869 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1841.287925 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1841.397226 Hartree

**Table S31:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O43(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/LCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	-0.24500500	-2.45498300	0.53957000
N	2.50789000	-1.43486100	-0.01320300
C	0.97570200	-3.02882000	1.15303800
C	2.18105000	-2.86123500	0.23239600
C	-0.64487500	-3.24709500	-0.65414300
C	3.27565800	-0.86940300	1.12166200

C	-0.12586400	-2.68309100	-1.98612900
C	2.40114000	-0.34120100	2.26548300
O	-0.00337200	-3.45765000	-2.94543500
O	2.87983300	-0.24366900	3.39887100
O	1.20208900	0.04152800	1.92146400
O	0.09440100	-1.40797700	-2.00857800
C	3.27479600	-1.26798900	-1.27202700
C	3.21924700	0.21067800	-1.67654100
C	-1.35138800	-2.41877300	1.52305100
O	4.27324900	0.83200300	-1.94244000
O	2.04564700	0.73311000	-1.67712000
C	-2.51946800	-1.65003700	0.94369700
C	-3.85438500	-1.95957800	1.22765400
C	-4.86300600	-1.17356600	0.66779500
C	-4.51333100	-0.09674800	-0.14924300
C	-3.15978800	0.14208500	-0.38499300
N	-2.19083300	-0.62613000	0.13955300
H	-5.90573300	-1.39816200	0.86746600
H	-4.09233300	-2.80174200	1.86854800
H	-5.25360600	0.55426000	-0.59859300
C	-2.68930100	1.33200600	-1.19037100
O	-3.52116300	2.19710300	-1.53212000
O	-1.42093200	1.38325400	-1.43000800
H	1.14220100	-2.52665000	2.10875400
H	0.83796500	-4.10114400	1.36179600
H	3.04253100	-3.38850300	0.66800600
H	1.97435100	-3.33190200	-0.73264100
H	4.31424300	-1.60538600	-1.17374000
H	2.77606200	-1.85270200	-2.05002000
H	4.00444200	-1.59010200	1.51485900
H	3.84209100	-0.00516700	0.75467400
H	-1.66805600	-3.42611400	1.82830400
H	-0.98517200	-1.89832200	2.41617500
O	0.98676400	2.56818000	0.10556500
H	0.45733500	3.16809200	-0.49230600
H	1.93594500	2.70758300	-0.17966000
O	-1.80783700	1.63970200	2.04091700
H	-1.03440500	2.12085000	2.41628100
H	-2.41680100	2.33181700	1.70180300
H	-1.73703400	-3.23712900	-0.72968100
H	-0.34092000	-4.29616400	-0.55157000
O	3.51164700	3.14664800	-0.68523900
H	4.13078700	3.14815500	0.05946100
H	3.81476200	2.39409500	-1.25841400
O	0.64558400	2.61188600	2.84017300
H	0.88689500	1.65940700	2.83054400
H	0.81216100	2.83281200	1.89450800
O	-3.68404300	3.48900500	0.96793300
H	-3.74790800	3.15785700	0.04617400
H	-4.51199200	3.19973200	1.37915000

O	-0.53414100	3.91824500	-1.64300700
H	-0.99406700	3.04975000	-1.77416800
H	-0.02698500	4.05891100	-2.45644500
Gd	0.27581600	0.10108200	-0.24014300

E = -1841.780614 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.457826 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -1841.284112 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -1841.283168 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -1841.393598 Hartree

**Table S32:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O36(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.87103100	-0.29148200	1.35675300
C	3.83972600	0.19465800	0.34408300
H	4.87569400	-0.04991700	0.61492200
H	3.76784600	1.28790600	0.31492000
C	3.06992000	-1.75432000	1.64267700
C	1.71805000	-2.30978700	2.13301200
O	0.71251600	-2.03261300	1.38393100
O	1.64894500	-2.97563400	3.19088300
N	1.41827400	2.02411600	1.52336400
C	2.49421600	1.93456900	2.32150300
C	-0.46041200	3.16566100	0.56274500
O	-0.92547200	1.98239900	0.37522800
O	-0.99607000	4.23415600	0.19591000
O	-0.25897700	-1.42496600	-1.44772000
N	2.21511200	-0.60962000	-1.25318600
C	3.51283400	-0.35042300	-1.02306800
C	2.99584300	0.53399200	2.58003400
H	2.35997800	0.08556700	3.35197800
H	4.02524100	0.56332400	2.95932600
C	3.05930500	3.06569300	2.92135600
C	2.48365300	4.31561400	2.68488500
C	1.34451500	4.39896200	1.88206900
C	0.83562300	3.22135600	1.33563200
C	4.49336200	-0.57434400	-1.99706300
C	4.10767500	-1.06347100	-3.24507700
C	2.76040600	-1.35054300	-3.47517900
C	1.85224700	-1.12513300	-2.44348900
C	0.39488800	-1.48923700	-2.55132900

O	-0.06505800	-1.83625900	-3.66212900
H	5.53529900	-0.37280800	-1.77318100
H	4.84929200	-1.23813800	-4.01761000
H	2.40508000	-1.75649200	-4.41456900
H	3.93216600	2.96376600	3.55706600
H	2.91155200	5.20767700	3.13062500
H	0.84124100	5.33783700	1.68432200
O	-0.75837200	1.32099500	-2.54745000
H	-1.40215200	0.68245800	-2.91209800
H	-1.32384200	2.07905700	-2.27714600
O	-0.19668200	0.16374100	2.75050500
H	-0.36161300	-0.66060000	3.27087000
H	-0.98254100	0.75492700	2.90496500
H	3.23316200	-2.21640400	0.66267100
C	4.24082900	-2.10122100	2.56188300
H	4.36030200	-3.18709400	2.58644500
H	5.17803200	-1.66748000	2.19944600
H	4.06470400	-1.76559800	3.58648200
O	-1.96897900	-0.65157800	0.60959500
H	-2.41661200	-1.15173500	-0.13177500
H	-2.33268000	-1.02211000	1.45259100
O	-0.71194100	-2.18627900	4.10875700
H	-0.56686600	-2.10261000	5.06236400
H	0.08961400	-2.66932200	3.74487000
O	-2.56641300	1.42933600	2.73933600
H	-2.43269900	1.50195700	1.77355300
H	-3.00555400	0.56255100	2.86098300
O	-3.01858700	-1.37208500	2.98556000
H	-2.28268500	-1.82567800	3.46733800
H	-3.75897900	-1.99407500	2.95048000
O	-2.86529000	-2.21370000	-1.35524900
H	-1.88815500	-2.27753000	-1.45888000
H	-3.08086300	-1.67283700	-2.14876400
O	-2.51175700	-0.72954600	-3.62141000
H	-2.93376200	-0.64871900	-4.48851600
H	-1.67897400	-1.25592100	-3.76505100
O	-2.46662800	3.51076400	-1.97889800
H	-2.14927700	4.16413300	-2.61950400
H	-2.04707000	3.79570300	-1.12630000
Gd	0.31865600	-0.02542800	0.40072300

E = -2725.557573 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.527198 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2724.986319 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2724.985375 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2725.106814 Hartree

**Table S33:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O39(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.77720800	-0.20113000	1.22221700
C	3.75006600	0.28689200	0.21681300
H	4.78918500	0.07691900	0.50578200
H	3.64772200	1.37751300	0.16640500
C	2.92218800	-1.66756200	1.49782800
C	1.57766800	-2.14995200	2.07898600
O	0.53017700	-1.76771700	1.44461800
O	1.55825400	-2.87802100	3.09720200
N	1.28875900	2.08589400	1.52580400
C	2.40299100	1.98739900	2.26819300
C	-0.61448600	3.25011000	0.66058200
O	-1.08940400	2.07058300	0.46921100
O	-1.14414300	4.31835200	0.28240400
O	-0.23098200	-1.64332400	-1.46833600
N	2.17371800	-0.63810200	-1.35514700
C	3.45682800	-0.30705200	-1.13670200
C	2.92692800	0.58972800	2.46312300
H	2.30362400	0.12531500	3.23498700
H	3.96645100	0.61488500	2.81505500
C	2.98256900	3.10362400	2.88272800
C	2.38390600	4.35401200	2.72250200
C	1.21125800	4.45062400	1.97155800
C	0.69281000	3.28639300	1.40657900
C	4.45089500	-0.53490700	-2.09573200
C	4.09518200	-1.11679200	-3.31250300
C	2.76788000	-1.49936500	-3.51993500
C	1.84605300	-1.25912800	-2.50380000
C	0.41553500	-1.72220800	-2.57542500
O	-0.03927100	-2.13308000	-3.66856300
H	5.48059200	-0.26896100	-1.88252300
H	4.84679700	-1.29521900	-4.07445800
H	2.44025700	-1.99010500	-4.42841800
H	3.88533100	2.98748900	3.47279200
H	2.82096900	5.23438800	3.18246800
H	0.69136400	5.38976900	1.82428300
O	-0.58705500	0.97389100	-1.92257200
H	-1.16270200	0.41068600	-2.49376100
H	-1.04770600	1.85741400	-1.90989400
O	-0.01697500	0.40624500	3.51074700
H	-0.26165900	-0.48307400	3.83749400
H	-0.88107900	0.86009000	3.38048000
H	3.00069900	-2.14522300	0.51510800

C	4.12859600	-2.07356600	2.34577400
H	4.18748700	-3.16405900	2.37689800
H	5.06294300	-1.69702200	1.91775400
H	4.04013400	-1.71846800	3.37519300
O	-2.01038800	-0.61580700	0.50002000
H	-2.44721800	-1.15424600	-0.22129200
H	-2.29311400	-1.02465900	1.36036400
O	-0.77095800	-2.27892000	4.20847200
H	-0.74776900	-2.56124300	5.13302800
H	0.04621000	-2.65410200	3.76209000
O	-2.56487300	1.38012400	2.87300500
H	-2.31022300	1.51972100	1.93872100
H	-2.90282300	0.46092400	2.90103800
O	-2.89732900	-1.42455800	2.88820400
H	-2.16529600	-1.85515000	3.41044200
H	-3.64335100	-2.04018200	2.87982100
O	-2.88828800	-2.21722800	-1.43400600
H	-1.91206400	-2.33555200	-1.52061400
H	-3.05885200	-1.63459400	-2.20437900
O	-2.23346400	-0.59580200	-3.54694300
H	-2.53358000	-0.20016900	-4.37786100
H	-1.53649500	-1.26248400	-3.78557200
O	-1.97733900	3.31243900	-2.11702500
H	-1.48141300	3.89166600	-2.71455000
H	-1.85822700	3.72995400	-1.22605000
Gd	0.22514500	0.09103300	0.19169200

E = -2725.554928 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.527388 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2724.983888 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2724.982944 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2725.104848 Hartree

**Table S34:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O47(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.91378600	-0.13385700	1.22054500
C	3.82068600	0.33565400	0.14431800
H	4.87821900	0.16610000	0.38850700
H	3.68176600	1.41843300	0.04104000
C	3.12554800	-1.59328100	1.51633500
C	1.79248100	-2.13907900	2.05731500

O	0.75867000	-1.81932300	1.37131300
O	1.76703500	-2.84718900	3.09123300
N	1.40800200	2.15138700	1.54769900
C	2.53614400	2.06997600	2.26988600
C	-0.52298500	3.29141600	0.68560800
O	-0.95303800	2.11641600	0.41911200
O	-1.06940800	4.36778700	0.34755600
O	-0.32892000	-1.52473500	-1.32652800
N	2.16912900	-0.67476600	-1.29498400
C	3.46577000	-0.35073400	-1.15327900
C	3.10553700	0.68308900	2.43866300
H	2.55831500	0.19266400	3.25308800
H	4.15983100	0.74083400	2.73807200
C	3.09631500	3.19057700	2.89405600
C	2.45817800	4.42513500	2.76594900
C	1.27203000	4.50223100	2.03395900
C	0.77638300	3.33655900	1.45214400
C	4.41555600	-0.66868200	-2.13026900
C	4.00125200	-1.34103500	-3.28084000
C	2.65949600	-1.70480400	-3.40942600
C	1.77978600	-1.36189200	-2.38420800
C	0.32191400	-1.74551900	-2.41316800
O	-0.15615400	-2.21449800	-3.47156300
H	5.45665200	-0.40390900	-1.98119800
H	4.71870600	-1.59621800	-4.05378800
H	2.28506100	-2.24986300	-4.26738700
H	4.01308800	3.09120300	3.46512000
H	2.87812300	5.30974700	3.23360800
H	0.72680700	5.42988800	1.90726800
O	-0.23105900	1.10204900	-1.94345600
H	-0.87597900	0.58462800	-2.48116400
H	-0.61797100	2.01807300	-1.95117700
O	-0.54395100	0.22441400	2.50281500
H	-0.51977600	-0.61269200	3.02624600
H	-1.44320300	0.62350200	2.66716700
H	3.25302500	-2.07320200	0.54081200
C	4.33382400	-1.93235300	2.38973200
H	4.44903100	-3.01838700	2.42082500
H	5.25549900	-1.50738200	1.97963100
H	4.20793800	-1.58520200	3.41791100
O	-3.04959100	-0.66252600	0.73081100
H	-3.21563500	-1.12469300	-0.12853100
H	-3.08504800	-1.34742500	1.42903900
O	-0.59749500	-2.10740800	4.03013400
H	-0.41272400	-1.91893800	4.96155500
H	0.22391500	-2.55919500	3.66995400
O	-3.12973300	0.90013300	2.89672300
H	-3.28399400	0.65712100	1.95426100
H	-3.30769100	0.03471500	3.32533700
O	-3.16392200	-1.87717200	3.24343000

H	-2.26448200	-2.13198300	3.56470000
H	-3.77986500	-2.53139400	3.60034200
O	-3.06178700	-2.03534200	-1.59969700
H	-2.08332400	-2.06525200	-1.47805000
H	-3.12532100	-1.38299500	-2.32660300
O	-2.08302300	-0.31778200	-3.54043200
H	-2.28789900	0.08370800	-4.39729900
H	-1.49303000	-1.09020300	-3.73089000
O	-1.50540900	3.51739400	-2.21261400
H	-0.92245700	4.13368100	-2.68015700
H	-1.54095300	3.87710400	-1.29033200
Gd	0.33419100	0.15544200	0.28522100

E = -2725.549625 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.527535 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2724.978198 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2724.977254 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2725.098641 Hartree

**Table S35:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O43(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	-0.24826300	-2.55373600	0.46464800
N	2.47051100	-1.41634500	-0.00215100
C	0.98342600	-3.10122300	1.08345400
C	2.19972400	-2.86192400	0.19783100
C	-0.66268800	-3.37195000	-0.70524600
C	3.11257300	-0.81015100	1.19537200
C	-0.18330300	-2.81498500	-2.05449100
C	2.11468700	-0.17980300	2.18095600
O	-0.17291200	-3.57120300	-3.03499200
O	2.55417500	0.33050800	3.22736000
O	0.87721100	-0.16987500	1.81803600
O	0.13158200	-1.55918900	-2.06160100
C	3.31700400	-1.20058400	-1.20297000
C	3.16714300	0.25882200	-1.64685500
C	-1.33451500	-2.49620700	1.46970400
O	4.18163600	0.94906000	-1.89771800
O	1.95836500	0.68596300	-1.70499400
C	-2.50261300	-1.71302400	0.91644400
C	-3.83670500	-1.98310000	1.24108100
C	-4.83747600	-1.16130100	0.71925800
C	-4.48158900	-0.08899800	-0.10155800
C	-3.13083700	0.10455300	-0.38555900

N	-2.17042500	-0.69773100	0.10286300
H	-5.87949500	-1.35361500	0.95356000
H	-4.08022900	-2.81993400	1.88666400
H	-5.21509500	0.59128900	-0.51727700
C	-2.63549700	1.27498600	-1.20175700
O	-3.43288800	2.19035900	-1.49285900
O	-1.38112400	1.25377900	-1.50440300
H	1.11542000	-2.61372300	2.05123400
H	0.88000400	-4.18217500	1.26307400
H	3.07313100	-3.36393200	0.64000200
H	2.03471300	-3.30934200	-0.78610800
H	4.36910200	-1.45354200	-1.02432100
H	2.92661600	-1.83382200	-2.00490800
H	3.74765000	-1.53492800	1.72243100
H	3.77107100	0.00002600	0.86409700
H	-1.65529100	-3.49609600	1.79410400
H	-0.94101900	-1.96384400	2.34345500
O	0.85857400	2.34626500	0.20119400
H	0.27080900	2.98120700	-0.29066900
H	1.76475500	2.58164500	-0.15189400
O	-1.72559400	1.68342500	2.00822400
H	-0.89879900	2.00005700	2.43277600
H	-2.15189600	2.48651000	1.64423700
H	-1.75666200	-3.38373100	-0.75349600
H	-0.33928600	-4.41477400	-0.59720100
O	3.21688500	3.24885700	-0.80161500
H	3.85586100	3.36141900	-0.08245000
H	3.58546600	2.49818600	-1.33910200
O	0.77436000	2.64524800	2.96829900
H	1.25203500	1.83052600	3.23305600
H	0.88721100	2.63945100	1.98878300
O	-3.24579800	3.81615900	0.80184200
H	-3.35628400	3.37576200	-0.06848800
H	-4.08454700	3.64135000	1.25377500
O	-0.58208100	3.85078000	-1.53507600
H	-0.99153600	2.98231600	-1.77355900
H	0.10361800	3.98786900	-2.20630400
Gd	0.23766400	-0.07375400	-0.36084500

E = -2571.207447 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.458374 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2570.710493 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2570.709549 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2570.821214 Hartree

**Table S36:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(peada)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>.4H<sub>2</sub>O complex, corresponding to Gd-O40(w) bond optimized at TPSSh/SCRECP/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (1 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	-0.33604500	-2.43598500	0.74901100
N	2.30464900	-1.27107700	-0.00073700
C	0.94073900	-2.91729500	1.33227200
C	2.09768700	-2.70078500	0.35859900
C	-0.76292400	-3.31150800	-0.37550700
C	3.09631900	-0.55154400	1.03008100
C	-0.39879600	-2.75800100	-1.76129100
C	2.23443400	0.02568900	2.16403800
O	-0.40730600	-3.53826200	-2.72584700
O	2.80363300	0.58989200	3.11764500
O	0.95935400	-0.06521000	2.01232500
O	-0.14954800	-1.49298600	-1.80734400
C	2.96273600	-1.15426300	-1.32550200
C	2.77257500	0.25916900	-1.89030700
C	-1.39976500	-2.36217900	1.77890700
O	3.72836500	0.82568600	-2.46399700
O	1.60276600	0.76720600	-1.72055000
C	-2.60807500	-1.65879400	1.19458300
C	-3.93141000	-1.96291000	1.53132000
C	-4.96106800	-1.21627800	0.95286000
C	-4.64701800	-0.18160000	0.06858700
C	-3.30356400	0.05209500	-0.22422400
N	-2.31879300	-0.68229200	0.31956900
H	-5.99567400	-1.43693500	1.19507500
H	-4.14668400	-2.76682300	2.22687500
H	-5.40778000	0.44129900	-0.38643300
C	-2.83876400	1.20597600	-1.09002900
O	-3.66427100	2.09058000	-1.40259200
O	-1.58360000	1.21247700	-1.37277100
H	1.10928800	-2.37497900	2.26269300
H	0.87900200	-3.99120500	1.56643800
H	3.01533000	-3.12719500	0.78903200
H	1.89665900	-3.24663100	-0.56736800
H	4.03017300	-1.40308100	-1.28437200
H	2.46188000	-1.84499300	-2.01004400
H	3.89168500	-1.18470000	1.44674900
H	3.58795600	0.30371200	0.55413600
H	-1.67611000	-3.35300900	2.16521000
H	-1.00877000	-1.76819100	2.61354300
O	1.49789700	2.59281700	0.38370400
H	0.96744800	3.01741200	-0.33516000
H	2.42492700	2.69069000	0.04722400

O	-1.03582200	1.65591700	1.39055800
H	-0.40275200	1.97218000	2.08723800
H	-1.46359300	2.46491900	1.01604800
H	-1.85367800	-3.40388600	-0.35739800
H	-0.35996300	-4.32514500	-0.26076700
O	3.94074800	2.98990600	-0.81573800
H	4.72897800	2.75790500	-0.30368800
H	3.90945400	2.31562600	-1.53909500
O	0.89574700	2.76968100	3.01379500
H	1.43572700	1.99484100	3.28390900
H	1.22320200	2.92057800	2.09259400
O	-2.33274900	3.87364900	0.30638600
H	-2.84811600	3.44307400	-0.41238800
H	-3.00334200	4.11958600	0.96098600
O	0.27908400	3.18347800	-2.01722300
H	-0.56794200	2.69660500	-1.90954700
H	0.89780100	2.44952800	-2.22641300
Gd	0.05312500	0.02291200	-0.10324700

E = -2571.216702 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.460896 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -2570.718522 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -2570.717578 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -2570.824669 Hartree

**Table S37:** Cartesian coordinates (Å) of [Gd(cbda)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O complex, optimized at TPSSh/SARC-ZORA/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	2.85851000	-0.22740300	1.27704100
C	3.80423200	0.26014500	0.24946000
H	4.85119100	0.06285900	0.52193800
H	3.69191800	1.34937900	0.19084800
C	3.04186800	-1.68782700	1.56125900
C	1.68982400	-2.23163700	2.06837500
O	0.68301700	-1.98482800	1.31180500
O	1.62158200	-2.87110000	3.14447100
N	1.37009900	2.10314300	1.53990700
C	2.48741800	1.99406100	2.27556900
C	-0.55441300	3.28476900	0.72354500
O	-1.08961400	2.12064200	0.61940000
O	-1.06159900	4.35571700	0.31965900

O	-0.22082500	-1.64928200	-1.51940800
N	2.21764400	-0.66378300	-1.32719000
C	3.50123700	-0.34088400	-1.10077600
C	2.99720900	0.59053100	2.49817200
H	2.38039500	0.12998200	3.27834000
H	4.03335100	0.62321800	2.86171500
C	3.09184300	3.11002700	2.86773700
C	2.51530100	4.36848400	2.68855500
C	1.33464300	4.47404700	1.95100400
C	0.78748300	3.30898500	1.41303400
C	4.49978700	-0.56250500	-2.05761100
C	4.14713700	-1.11877300	-3.28708700
C	2.81569500	-1.47445500	-3.51282000
C	1.88968900	-1.24661500	-2.49589400
C	0.44837000	-1.67114700	-2.61359300
O	0.00355900	-2.00278300	-3.73934500
H	5.53041900	-0.30771800	-1.83415200
H	4.90189800	-1.29208500	-4.04719000
H	2.48686000	-1.93295100	-4.43769000
H	3.99579300	2.98807000	3.45511800
H	2.97277100	5.24860100	3.12870400
H	0.82824900	5.42009100	1.80025800
O	-0.76642900	1.00100000	-1.85376200
H	-1.29570600	0.42129200	-2.45232400
H	-1.29141900	1.84493200	-1.78866600
O	-0.25552800	0.16936100	2.74892900
H	-0.43420900	-0.68059000	3.21794100
H	-1.02630900	0.76026800	2.95750300
H	3.18767400	-2.15651900	0.58224000
C	4.22341200	-2.04814200	2.46418400
H	4.33750200	-3.13486500	2.48437700
H	5.15695700	-1.61908900	2.08624900
H	4.06777800	-1.71221000	3.49200100
O	-2.12833300	-0.70116600	0.49389100
H	-2.50223300	-1.30357900	-0.21132100
H	-2.50723000	-0.99794400	1.35917600
O	-0.80051200	-2.23797900	4.03541700
H	-0.65528700	-2.13204000	4.98703400
H	0.03959200	-2.65250800	3.67174200
O	-2.60940500	1.48258600	2.95717400
H	-2.46604900	1.72372800	2.01994900
H	-3.04624900	0.60552000	2.93900100
O	-3.10246100	-1.31544800	2.93523500
H	-2.36132600	-1.78763100	3.38991300
H	-3.86871700	-1.90631800	2.95823700
O	-2.84635500	-2.34592600	-1.47831500
H	-1.86429300	-2.39821000	-1.57069600
H	-3.05243400	-1.74353300	-2.22558900
O	-2.28874900	-0.63485900	-3.54307700
H	-2.61812100	-0.25414100	-4.36985600

H	-1.53731900	-1.24085100	-3.78788900
O	-2.23401700	3.30655000	-1.90812400
H	-1.81430300	3.84659200	-2.59455200
H	-1.96827500	3.74707000	-1.05948000
Gd	0.17767100	0.04781600	0.28230200

E = -12776.596791 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.526044 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -12776.026084 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -12776.025140 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -12776.147777 Hartree

**Table S38:** Cartesian coordinates ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of  $[\text{Gd}(\text{peada})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  complex, optimized at TPSSh/SARC-ZORA/6-31G(d,p), aqueous solution (0 Imaginary Frequency).

Atoms	X	Y	Z
N	-0.33356800	-2.46543100	0.54037500
N	2.43049500	-1.38593300	0.05428800
C	0.88237600	-2.99301900	1.20227800
C	2.11554200	-2.80967300	0.32150700
C	-0.66241100	-3.26204400	-0.66842200
C	3.19022900	-0.76336800	1.16596500
C	-0.15659600	-2.64175400	-1.97968700
C	2.30178500	-0.03159500	2.18191400
O	0.01969400	-3.38447600	-2.95824000
O	2.84074900	0.60001200	3.11252000
O	1.03282800	-0.08147800	1.97348900
O	-0.00219000	-1.35931700	-1.96753200
C	3.16900600	-1.22683900	-1.21899900
C	3.08842400	0.23995100	-1.65957200
C	-1.47639200	-2.45904400	1.47852800
O	4.12837500	0.84360900	-2.01727600
O	1.92289700	0.77132200	-1.60333200
C	-2.64491300	-1.71957600	0.86111600
C	-3.98083600	-2.06263200	1.09995500
C	-4.99017600	-1.29176200	0.51910000
C	-4.64185800	-0.19506600	-0.27180400
C	-3.28657900	0.07286100	-0.46970900
N	-2.31781800	-0.68224000	0.07378700
H	-6.03296900	-1.54127200	0.68635200
H	-4.21972600	-2.91686500	1.72464500
H	-5.38371400	0.45068200	-0.72634000
C	-2.81496600	1.29533900	-1.22871400
O	-3.65117100	2.17164100	-1.53319700

O	-1.54471500	1.36738600	-1.44491600
H	1.00413200	-2.46222500	2.14818100
H	0.76750600	-4.06699100	1.42162300
H	2.97006800	-3.31519900	0.79665400
H	1.95186300	-3.30229400	-0.64111400
H	4.21604600	-1.54781100	-1.13959800
H	2.66676200	-1.83186600	-1.97938700
H	3.81176500	-1.50231500	1.69178800
H	3.87666100	-0.01820500	0.75125700
H	-1.77913100	-3.47588800	1.76951400
H	-1.15903500	-1.93428000	2.38762300
O	1.06789300	2.63067600	0.24448600
H	0.48723900	3.19973300	-0.32990500
H	1.98082100	2.75655200	-0.13733800
O	-1.20167600	1.40502200	1.63172300
H	-0.52939300	1.83173500	2.22390800
H	-1.88015200	2.09397100	1.43177800
H	-1.75165100	-3.32074800	-0.76556000
H	-0.29568100	-4.29222700	-0.57668800
O	3.54475400	3.18495000	-0.75531100
H	4.18614100	3.13266100	-0.03114600
H	3.77472000	2.41371200	-1.33971200
O	0.83195500	2.72068300	2.96998800
H	1.43494600	1.97778800	3.19670400
H	1.03907400	2.87645900	2.01693200
O	-3.20879000	3.26539900	1.07746300
H	-3.49047300	3.08382100	0.15640900
H	-3.95960600	2.97360700	1.61618500
O	-0.55090700	3.88393600	-1.53462300
H	-1.03009500	3.02495800	-1.66574400
H	-0.01596700	3.99072100	-2.33567000
Gd	0.13694300	0.13208000	-0.17114700

E = -12622.251105 Hartree

Zero-point correction = 0.457961 Hartree/particle

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies = -12621.754059 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies = -12621.753115 Hartree

Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies = -12621.865748 Hartree

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