Supporting Information

Ru (II) Sensitized Lanthanide Luminescence: Synthesis, Photophysical Properties, and Near-Infrared Luminescent Determination of AlphaFetal Protein (AFP)

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Solution Behavior of Ru-Ln Complexes: UV-Vis Titrations Spectra, Luminescece Titrations, and Association Constants.

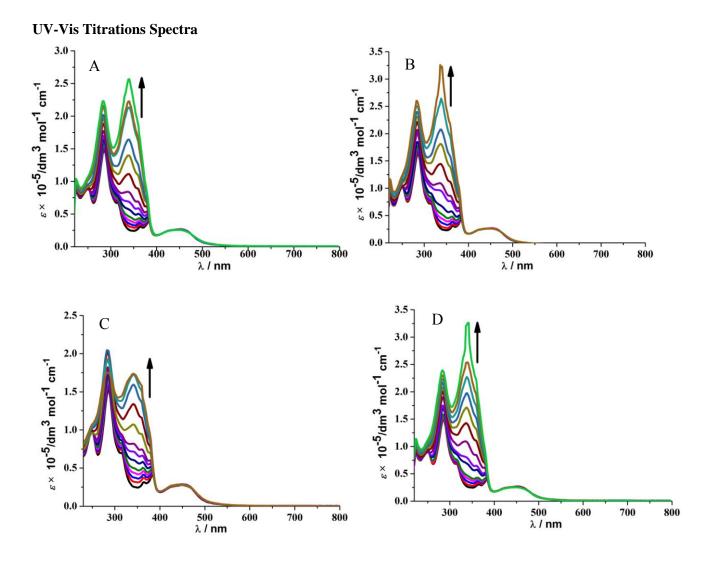
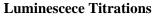


Fig. S1 Changes in UV-Vis absorption spectra of $[Ru(bpy)_2(tpphz)](PF_6)_2$ in CH_2Cl_2 on titration with $[Ln(TTA)_3(H_2O)_2]$ (Ln = Gd (III) (A); Er (III) (B); Nd (III) (C), and Yb (III) (D)).



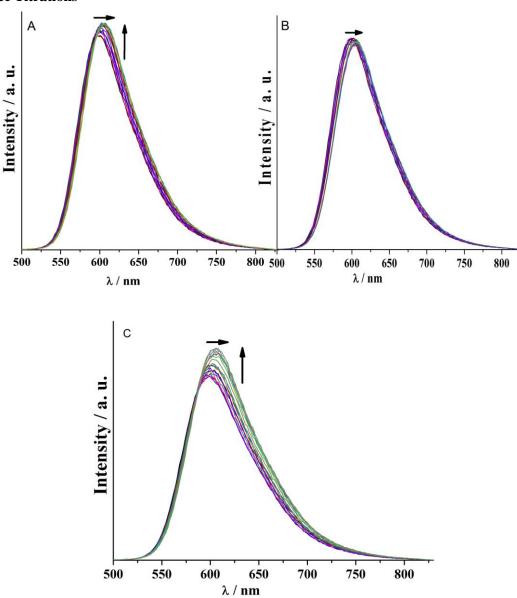


Fig. S2 Changes in the ${}^{3}MLCT$ luminescence spectra of $[Ru(bpy)_{2}(tpphz)](PF_{6})_{2}$ in $CH_{2}Cl_{2}$ on titration with $[Ln(TTA)_{3}(H_{2}O)_{2}]$ (Ln = Gd (III) (A); Er (III) (B); and Yb (III) (C)).

Photophysical Properties

UV-Vis Absorption Spectra

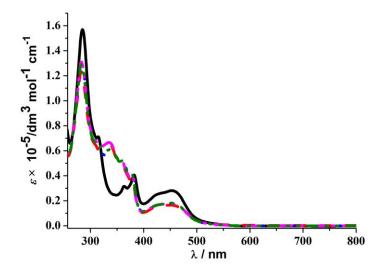


Fig. S3 UV-Vis absorption spectra of [Ru(bpy)₂(tpphz)](PF₆)₂ (black solid), **Ru-Er** (red dash), **Ru-Nd** (blue dot), **Ru-Yb** (magenta dash dot), and **Ru-Gd** (olive dash dot dot) in CH₂Cl₂ solution at room temperature. The **Ru-Ln** complexes undergo partial dissociation; therefore, the spectra reflect a mixture of dissociated and undissociated sample.

³MLCT Emission Spectra

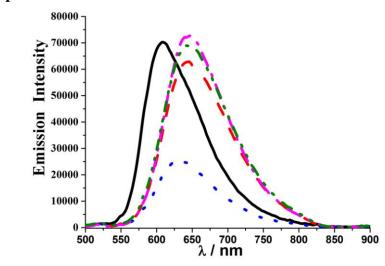


Fig. S4 The 3MLCT emission spectra of $[Ru(bpy)_2(tpphz)](PF_6)_2$ (black solid), **Ru-Er** (red dash), **Ru-Nd** (blue dot)), **Ru-Yb** (magenta dash dot) and **Ru-Gd** (olive dash dot dot) in solid state at 298K, $\lambda_{ex} = 468$ nm.

Near-infrared Emission Spectra

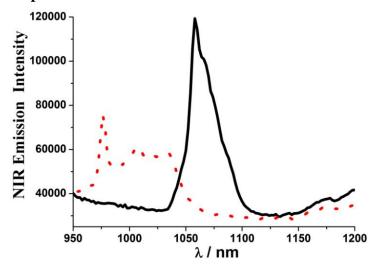


Fig. S5 The NIR luminescence of Ru-Nd (black solid), and Ru-Yb (red dot) in CH_2Cl_2 solution at 298K, $\lambda_{ex} = 468$ nm.

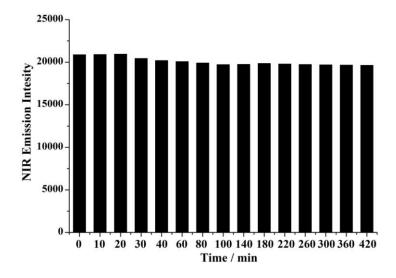


Fig. S6 The NIR luminescence of Ru-Nd complex in Tris-HCl buffer solution (pH 6.8) over 7 hours.