Supporting Information

Americium(III) and Europium(III) Complex Formation with Lactate at Elevated Temperatures Studied by Spectroscopy and Quantum Chemical Calculations

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