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# Supplementary file

Yttrium and lanthanide complexes of  $\beta$ -dialdehydes: synthesis, characterization, luminescence and electrochemistry of coordination compounds with the conjugate base of bromomalonaldehyde

### Characterization data for the complexes

### Characterization of **6**<sup>Y</sup>

C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>28</sub>AsBr<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Y: calcd. C 40.3, H 2.63, Br 29.8; found C 40.5, H 2.65, Br 30.0.  $\Lambda_{M}(H_{2}O)$ : 63 Ω<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>. IR (KBr): v<sub>CO</sub> = 1588-1561 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 274. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K, δ): 8.56 (s, 8H, *BrMA-H*); 8.00-7.55 (m, 20H, *AsPh*<sub>4</sub>).

## Characterization of 6<sup>Eu</sup>

C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>28</sub>AsBr<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Eu: calcd. C 38.1, H 2.49, Br 28.2; found C 38.3, H 2.50, Br 28.4. Λ<sub>M</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O): 64 Ω<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>. IR (KBr): v<sub>CO</sub> = 1587-1560 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 277. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, δ): 8.26 (s, 8H, *BrMA-H*); 7.80-7.45 (m, 20H, *AsPh*<sub>4</sub>). PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm, 298 K, nm): 586, 592 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>1</sub>); 611, 621 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>2</sub>); 650, 657 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>3</sub>); 692, 702 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>4</sub>); 400-750 (*ligand emission*). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K): τ<sub>1</sub> = 0.383 ms ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 613 nm). Q<sub>i</sub> = 9 %. τ<sub>2</sub> = 58 μs.

### Characterization of 6<sup>Tb</sup>

C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>28</sub>AsBr<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Tb: calcd. C 37.9, H 2.47, Br 28.0; found C 38.0, H 2.50, Br 27.9. Λ<sub>M</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O): 59 Ω<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>. IR (KBr): v<sub>CO</sub> = 1587-1559 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 276. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, δ): 9.67 (s, slightly br, 8H, *BrMA-H*); 7.85-7.30 (m, 20H, *AsPh*<sub>4</sub>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (D<sub>2</sub>O, 333 K, δ): 11.29 (s, slightly br, 8H, *BrMA-H*); 8.45-7.45 (m, 20H, *AsPh*<sub>4</sub>). PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm, 298 K, nm): 488, 493 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>6</sub>); 542, 548 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>5</sub>); 582, 592 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>4</sub>); 617, 621 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>3</sub>); 400-750 (*ligand emission*). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K): τ<sub>1</sub> = 97 μs ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 377 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 544 nm). τ<sub>2</sub> = 58 μs.

C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Y: calcd. C 31.4, H 1.94, N 3.85, Br 33.0; found C 31.5, H 2.00, N 3.85. IR (KBr):  $v_{CO} = 1547 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 276. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K, δ): 8.66 (s, 6H, *BrMA-H*); 8.43 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 5.9 Hz, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>6</sub>-H<sub>6</sub>'); 7.83-7.52 (m, 6H, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>3</sub>'-H<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>4</sub>'-H<sub>5</sub>-H<sub>5</sub>').

## Characterization of 7<sup>Eu</sup>

C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Eu: calcd. C 28.9, H 1.79, N 3.55, Br 30.3; found C 29.1, H 1.80, N 3.55, Br 30.4. IR (KBr): v<sub>CO</sub> = 1549 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 275. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K, δ): 8.29 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>'); 7.75 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9 Hz, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>4</sub>-*H*<sub>4</sub>'); 7.60-7.40 (m, 4H, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>'-*H*<sub>5</sub>-*H*<sub>5</sub>'); 4.77 (s, br, 6H, *BrMA*-*H*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 314 K, δ): 8.32 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 6.4 Hz, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>'); 7.70 (t, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.9 Hz, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>4</sub>-*H*<sub>4</sub>'); 7.60-7.40 (m, 4H, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>-*H*<sub>5</sub>'); 5.15 (s, br, 6H, *BrMA*-*H*). PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm, 298 K, nm): 584, 591 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>1</sub>); 611, 616 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>2</sub>); 649, 653 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>3</sub>); 690, 699 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>4</sub>). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 611 nm, 298 K, nm): 325 (*ligand excitation*); 393, 415, 438, 464 (*Eu*<sup>3+</sup> *excitation*). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K): τ = 0.096 ms ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 613 nm). Q<sub>i</sub> = 5%.

## Characterization of 7<sup>Tb</sup>

C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Tb: calcd. C 28.6, H 1.77, N 3.52, Br 30.1; found C 28.7, H.1.80, N 3.55, Br 30.1. IR (KBr): v<sub>CO</sub> = 1549 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 277. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K, δ): 53.0 (s, very br, 6H, *BrMA-H*); 17.0 (s, br, 2H, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>'); 7.88, 7.44, 7.34 (3s, slightly br, 6H, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>'- *H*<sub>4</sub>-*H*<sub>4</sub>'-*H*<sub>5</sub>-*H*<sub>5</sub>'). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 314 K, δ): 48.2 (s, very br, 6H, *BrMA-H*); 14.9 (s, br, 2H, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>'); 8.00, 7.69, 7.52 (3s, slightly br, 6H, *bipyO*<sub>2</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>'- *H*<sub>4</sub>-*H*<sub>4</sub>'-*H*<sub>5</sub>-*H*<sub>5</sub>'). PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 286 nm, 298 K, nm): 488, 494 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>6</sub>); 544, 547 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>5</sub>); 581, 588 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>4</sub>); 617, 621 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>3</sub>). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K): τ = 18 μs ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 544 nm).

## Characterization of 8<sup>4</sup>

 $C_{21}H_{14}Br_{3}N_{2}O_{6}Y$ : calcd. C 35.1, H 1.96, N 3.90, Br 33.3; found C 35.3, H 2.00, N 3.90, Br 33.5. IR (KBr):  $v_{CO} = 1541 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 264. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 306 K,  $\delta$ ): 9.13 (dd, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.5 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.8 Hz, *phen-H*<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>9</sub>); 8.66 (s, 6H, *BrMA-H*); 8.52 (dd, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.2 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.8 Hz, *phen-H*<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>9</sub>); 7.79 (m, dd, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.2 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.5 Hz, *phen-H*<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>8</sub>).

C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Eu: calcd. C 32.3, H 1.80, N 3.58, Br 30.7; found C 32.5, H 1.80, N 3.60, Br 30.8. IR (KBr): v<sub>CO</sub> = 1540 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 274. UV-VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, nm, max): 264. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K, δ): 8.95 (s, very br, 2H, *phen-H<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>9</sub>*); 8.55 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *phen-H<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>7</sub>*); 8.01 (s, 2H, *phen-H<sub>5</sub>-H<sub>6</sub>*); 7.64 (m, slightly br, 2H, *phen-H<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>8</sub>*); 4.47 (s, slightly br, 6H, *BrMA-H*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 324 K, δ): 8.51 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.3 Hz, *phen-H<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>7</sub>*); 8.48 (s, very br, 2H, *phen-H<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>9</sub>*); 7.97 (s, 2H, *phen-H<sub>5</sub>-H<sub>6</sub>*); 7.63 (dd, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.3 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.3 Hz, *phen-H<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>8</sub>*); 5.01 (s, slightly br, 6H, *BrMA-H*). PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc}$  =320 nm, 298 K, nm): 589, 593 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>1</sub>); 611, 621 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>2</sub>); 651 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>3</sub>); 696, 700-702 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>0</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>4</sub>). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau$  = 0.224 ms ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 613 nm). Q<sub>i</sub> = 12 %.

## Characterization of 8<sup>Tb</sup>

C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Tb: calcd. C 32.0, H 1.79, N 3.55, Br 30.4; found C 32.1, H 1.80, N 3.55, Br 30.5. IR (KBr): v<sub>C0</sub> = 1540 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 275. UV-VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 298 K, nm, max): 268. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K, δ): 60.7 (s, very br, 6H, *NMA-H*); 10.65-6.05 (m, very br, 8H, *phen*). <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 328 K, δ): 52.1 (s, very br, 6H, *NMA-H*); 9.65-4.00 (m, very br, 8H, *phen*). PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm, 298 K, nm): 489, 495 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{6}$ ); 543, 549 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{5}$ ); 581, 585 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ); 617, 621 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau$  = 51 µs ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 544 nm).

### Characterization of **9**<sup>Y</sup>

 $C_{24}H_{17}Br_{3}N_{3}O_{6}Y$ : calcd. C 37.3, H 2.22, N 5.44, Br 31.1; found C 37.4, H 2.25, N 5.45, Br 31.2. IR (KBr):  $v_{CO} = 1553 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 278. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K,  $\delta$ ): 8.72 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>6</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>"); 8.70 (s, 6H, *BrMA-H*); 8.61 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>3</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>"); 8.44 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>3</sub>'-*H*<sub>5</sub>'); 8.09 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>4</sub>'); 8.00 (td, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>4</sub>-*H*<sub>4</sub>"); 7.48 (dd, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.0 Hz, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>5</sub>-*H*<sub>5</sub>").

### Characterization of 9<sup>Eu</sup>

 $C_{24}H_{17}Br_3N_3O_6Eu:$  calcd. C 34.5, H 2.05, N 5.03, Br 28.7; found C 34.7, H 2.05, N 5.05, Br 28.8. IR (KBr):  $v_{CO} = 1550 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 278. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K,  $\delta$ ): 8.72 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 4.8 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>6</sub>-*H*<sub>6</sub>"); 8.62 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 8.0 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>3</sub>-*H*<sub>3</sub>"); 8.45 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>3</sub>'-*H*<sub>5</sub>'); 8.10 (t, 1H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>4</sub>'); 8.00 (td, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.8 Hz, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 1.7 Hz, *terpy-H*<sub>4</sub>-

 $H_4''$ ); 7.49 (dd, 2H,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 8.0$  Hz,  ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 4.8$  Hz,  $terpy-H_5-H_5''$ ); 4.92 (s, 6H, *BrMA-H*). *BrMA-H* signal fall at 5.33 ppm at 320 K. PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc} = 320$  nm, 298 K, nm): 592 ( ${}^{5}D_0 \rightarrow {}^{7}F_1$ ); 614, 618 ( ${}^{5}D_0 \rightarrow {}^{7}F_2$ ); 649 ( ${}^{5}D_0 \rightarrow {}^{7}F_3$ ); 688, 693-698 ( ${}^{5}D_0 \rightarrow {}^{7}F_4$ ). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 0.772$  ms ( $\lambda_{exc} = 320$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 613$  nm). Q<sub>i</sub> = 34%.

### Characterization of 9<sup>™</sup>

C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Br<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Eu: calcd. C 34.2, H 2.03, N 4.99, Br 28.5; found C 34.4, H 2.05, N 5.00, Br 28.6. IR (KBr): v<sub>CO</sub> = 1545 cm<sup>-1</sup>. UV-VIS (H<sub>2</sub>O, 298 K, nm, max): 278. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ((CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 298 K, δ): 65.7 (s, very br, 6H, *BrMA-H*); 9.05-8.72 (m, slightly br, 4H, *terpy*); 8.59 (d, 2H, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>HH</sub> = 7.4 Hz, *terpy*); 8.32-7.97 (m, 3H, *terpy*); 7.64 (m, slightly br, 2H, *terpy*). *BrMA-H* signal fall at 52.7 ppm at 333 K. PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm, 298 K, nm): 488, 492 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>6</sub>); 542, 548 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>5</sub>); 582, 589 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>4</sub>); 619, 622 (<sup>5</sup>D<sub>4</sub>→<sup>7</sup>F<sub>3</sub>). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K): τ = 11 μs ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 320 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 544 nm).

#### Characterization data for the ionic liquids

## Characterization of [P<sub>8</sub>, 8, 8, 1][BrMA]

C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>56</sub>BrO<sub>2</sub>P: calcd. C 62.8, H 10.5, Br 14.9; found C 62.9, H 10.6, Br 14.8. IR: v<sub>CO</sub> = 1567 cm<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K, δ): 8.81 (s, 2H, *BrMA-H*); 2.23 (m, 6H, *P-CH*<sub>2</sub>); 1.91 (d, 3H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 13.2 Hz, *P-CH*<sub>3</sub>); 1.47, 1.25, 0.86 (3m, 45H, *octyl*). <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K, δ): 32.1. PL (ionic liquid,  $\lambda_{exc}$  = 350 nm, 298 K, nm): 400-650, max 478. PLE (ionic liquid,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 480 nm, 298 K, nm): max 422. Emission decay time (ionic liquid, 298 K):  $\tau$  = 1.6 ns ( $\lambda_{exc}$  = 373 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$  = 535 nm).

# Characterization of Eu@[P<sub>8,8,8,1</sub>][BrMA]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K, δ): 8.68 (s, slightly br, 2H, *BrMA-H*); 2.27 (m, 6H, *P-CH*<sub>2</sub>); 1.95 (d, 3H, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>PH</sub> = 13.2 Hz, *P-CH*<sub>3</sub>); 1.47, 1.24, 0.85 (3m, 45H, *octyl*). <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K, δ): 32.0.

## Characterization of Tb@[P<sub>8,8,8,1</sub>][BrMA]

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K, δ): 9.04 (s, br, 2H, *BrMA-H*); 2.70-0.60 (m, 54H, *phosphonium hydrogen atoms*). <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 298 K, δ): 32.0.

### Characterization data for the plastic materials

## Characterization of 7<sup>Eu</sup>@PMMA

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc} = 320 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 591 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{1}$ ); 611, 617 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{2}$ ); 650, 653 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ); 691, 700 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{em} = 611 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): max 279 (*ligand excitation*); 393, 415, 464 ( $Eu^{3+}$  excitation). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 0.127 \text{ ms}$  ( $\lambda_{exc} = 320 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{em} = 613 \text{ nm}$ ).  $Q_{i} = 5\%$ .

# Characterization of 7<sup>Tb</sup>@PMMA

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc} = 280 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 489, 494 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{6}$ ); 544 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{5}$ ); 581, 588 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ); 617, 621 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{em} = 544 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): max 280 (*ligand excitation*). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 11 \text{ } \mu \text{s}$  ( $\lambda_{exc} = 320 \text{ } \text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{em} = 544 \text{ } \text{nm}$ ).

### Characterization of 8<sup>Eu</sup>@PMMA

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 320 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 579 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{0}$ ); 589, 593 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{1}$ ); 611, 621 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{2}$ ); 650, 654 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ); 689, 696-700 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 611 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): max 334 nm (*ligand excitation*); 393, 400, 464 ( $Eu^{3+}$  excitation). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 0.254 \text{ ms} (\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 320 \text{ nm}, \lambda_{\text{em}} = 613 \text{ nm})$ . Q<sub>i</sub> = 13 %.

## Characterization of 8<sup>Tb</sup>@PMMA

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc} = 280 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 490 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{6}$ ); 542, 549 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{5}$ ); 581, 585 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ); 612, 621 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{em} = 543 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): max 334 (*ligand excitation*). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 56 \text{ } \mu \text{s}$  ( $\lambda_{exc} = 320 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{em} = 544 \text{ nm}$ ).

# Characterization of 9<sup>Eu</sup>@PMMA

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 335 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 579 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{0}$ ); 592 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{1}$ ); 614, 618 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{2}$ ); 650 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ); 688, 694-698 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 614 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): max 330 (*ligand excitation*); 394, 416, 464 ( $Eu^{3+}$  excitation). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 0.783 \text{ ms}$  ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 325 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 613 \text{ nm}$ ).  $Q_{\text{i}} = 30 \%$ .

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 310 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 488, 492 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{6}$ ); 542, 548 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{5}$ ); 582, 589 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ); 620, 622 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 12 \text{ } \mu \text{s}$  ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 320 \text{ } \text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 544 \text{ } \text{nm}$ ).

## Characterization of Eu-BrMA@PVP

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{exc} = 330 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 584, 591 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{1}$ ); 614 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{2}$ ); 652 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ); 688-700 ( ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{em} = 613 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm):  $\leq 340 \text{ nm}$  (*ligand excitation*); 394, 417, 464 ( $Eu^{3+}$  excitation). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 0.365 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$  ( $\lambda_{exc} = 320 \text{ }nm$ ,  $\lambda_{em} = 613 \text{ }nm$ ). Q<sub>i</sub> = 23 %.

# Characterization of Tb-BrMA@PVP

PL (solid sample,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 320 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm): 488, 492 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{6}$ ); 545 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{5}$ ); 582, 589 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{4}$ ); 618, 621 ( ${}^{5}D_{4} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{3}$ ). PLE (solid sample,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 544 \text{ nm}$ , 298 K, nm):  $\leq 340 \text{ nm}$  (*ligand excitation*). Emission decay time (solid sample, 298 K):  $\tau = 14 \text{ } \mu \text{s}$  ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 320 \text{ } \text{nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 544 \text{ } \text{nm}$ ).