

# **Ln(III)-cored Complexes Based on Boron Dipyrrromethene (Bodipy) Ligands for NIR Emission**

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## **Supplementary Information**

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## Reagents

Pyrrole, 1,3-dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, tributylamine ( $Bu_3N$ ), sodium hydride (NaH, 60% in mineral oil), trifluoroacetic acid (TPA), boron trifluoride diethyl etherate ( $BF_3 \cdot Et_2O$ ), *N*-bromosuccinimide (NBS ), 2,2':6',2''-terpyridine, erbium(III) chloride (anhydrous, 99%), gadolinium(III) chloride (anhydrous, 99%), ytterbium(III) chloride (anhydrous, 99%) were used as received from Sigma-Aldrich. Methyl 4-formylbenzoate was purchased from Fluka, Inc. Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0), 2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ), *p*-toluenesulfonyl chloride, were purchased from TCI Co.  $NaHCO_3$ , NaOH,  $MgSO_4$ , 2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN), triethylamine, and  $Na_2CO_3$  were purchased from Samchun pure chemical Co. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was freshly distilled from sodium-benzophenone under  $N_2$ . Diethyl ether ( $CH_3CH_2OCH_2CH_3$ ) and  $CH_2Cl_2$  were freshly distilled from  $CaH_2$  (Sigma-Aldrich, coarse granules, ~20mm, 95%) under a nitrogen atmosphere.

## Characterization

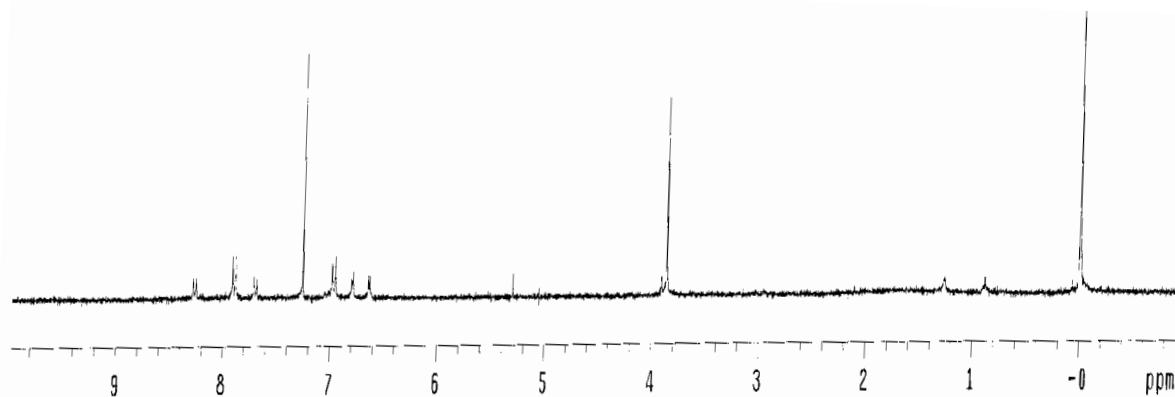


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **L1**.

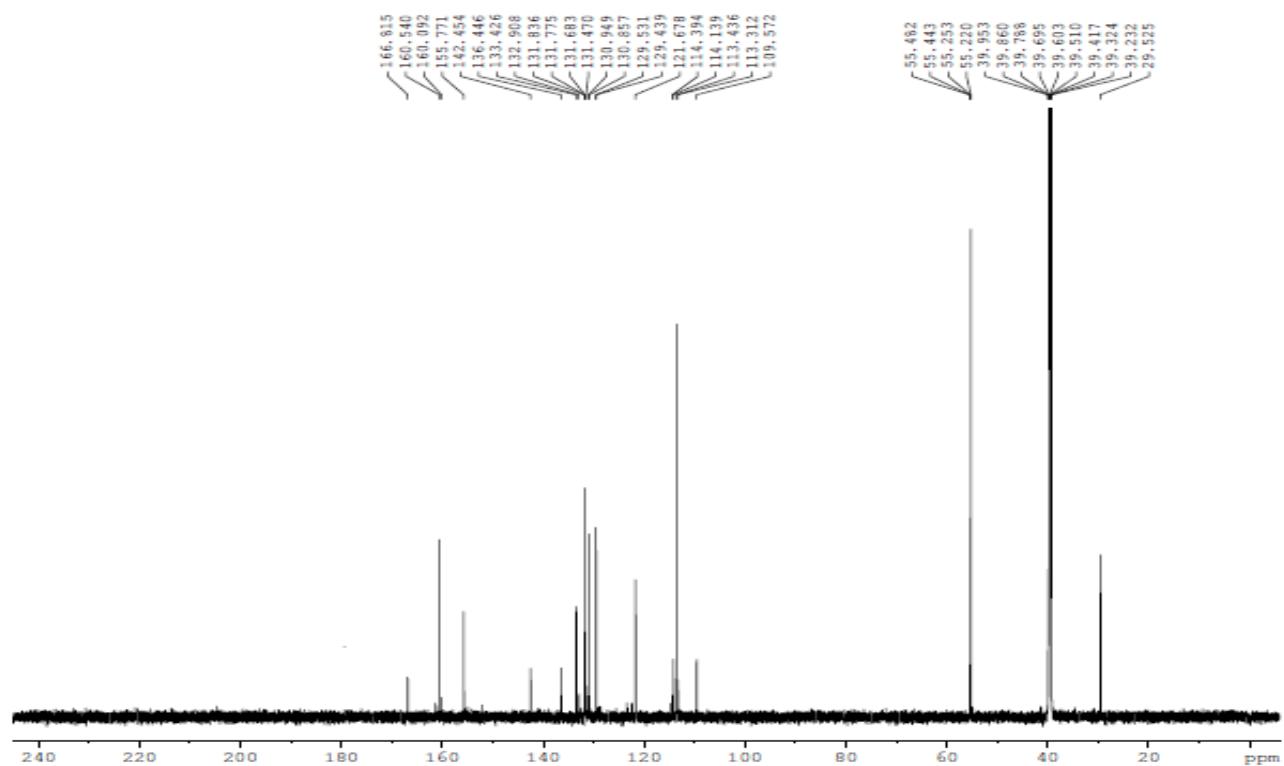


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **L1**.

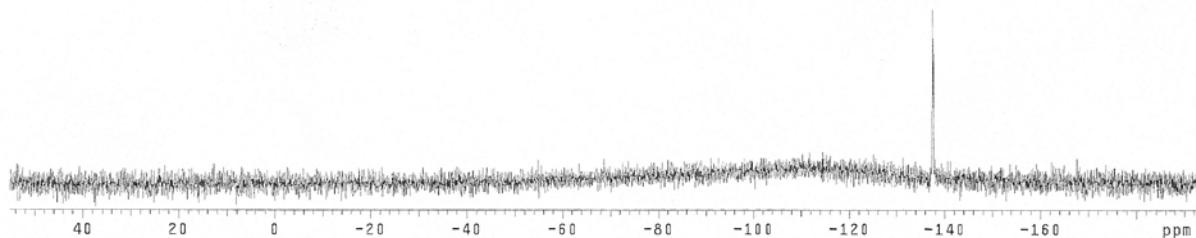


Figure S3. <sup>19</sup>F-NMR spectrum of **L1**.

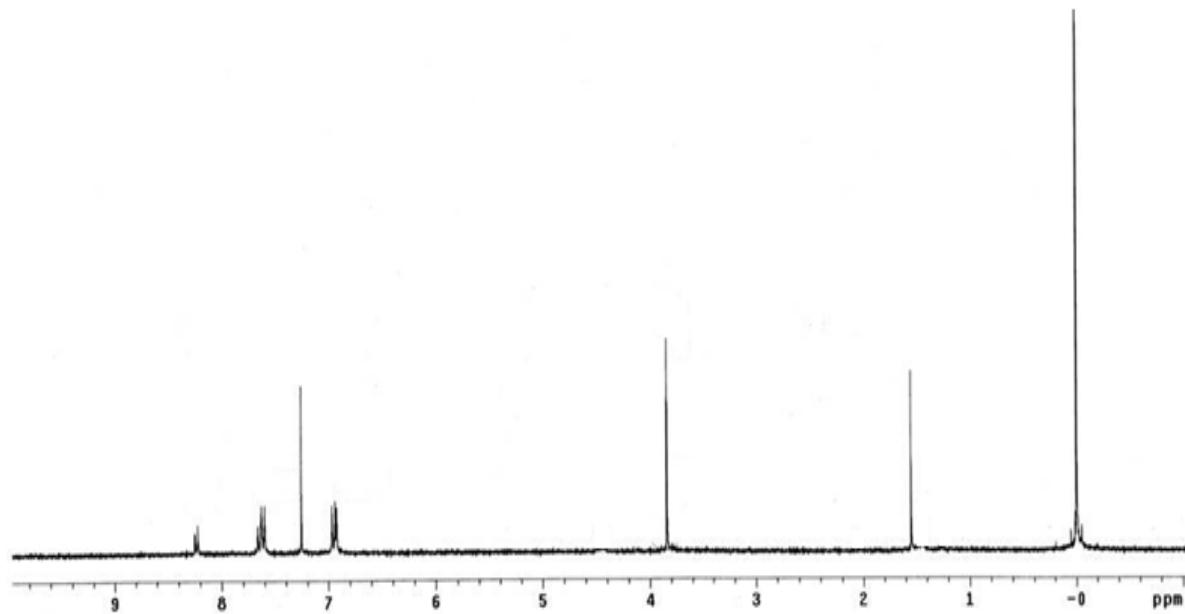


Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of **L2**.

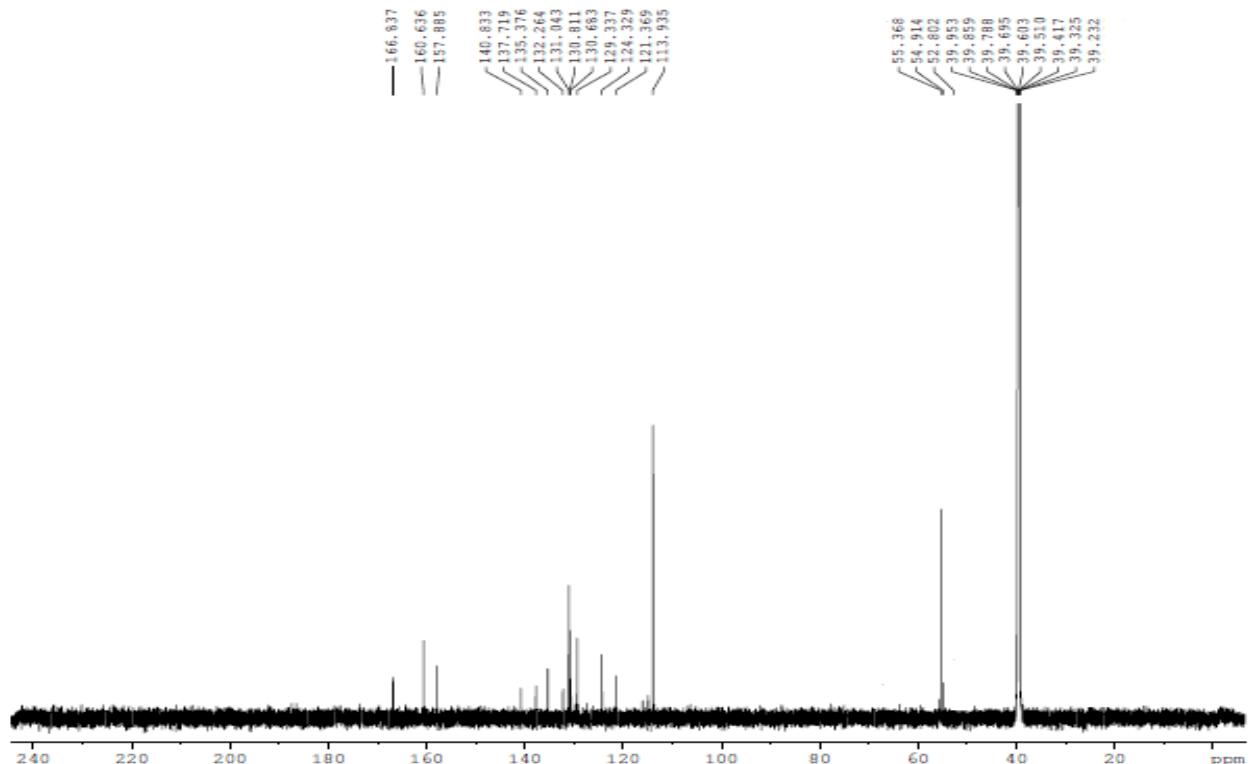


Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of **L2**.

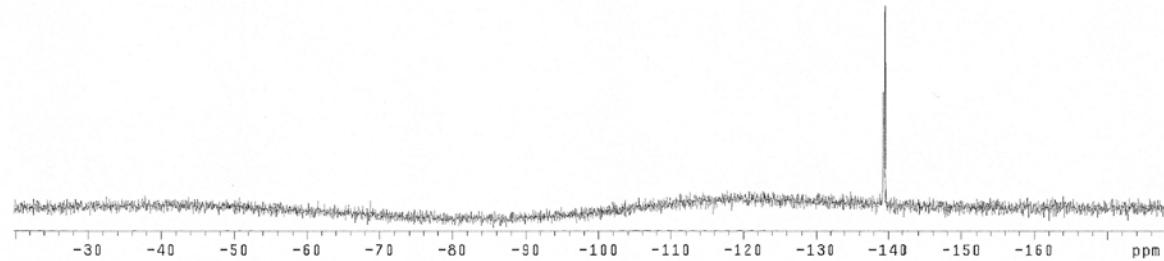


Figure S6. <sup>19</sup>F-NMR spectrum of **L2**.

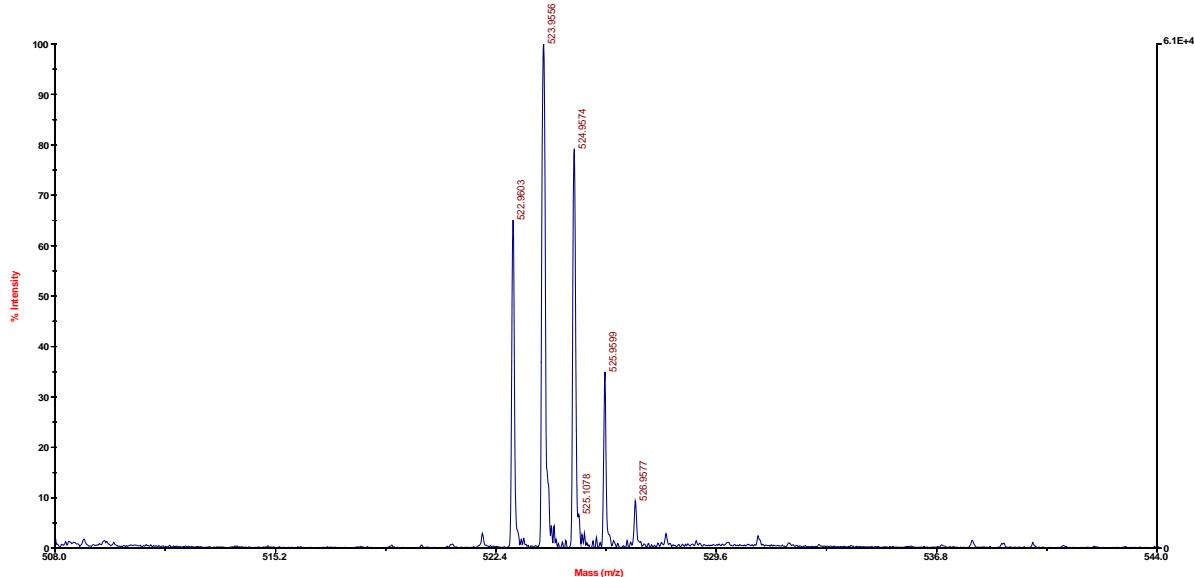


Figure S7. EI-mass spectrum of **L1**.

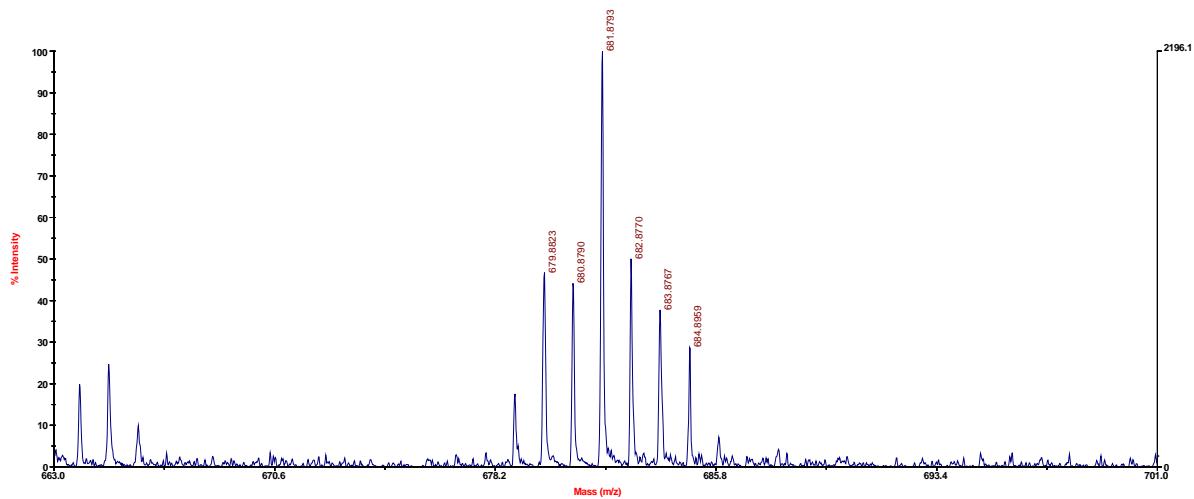


Figure S8. EI-mass spectrum of **L2**.

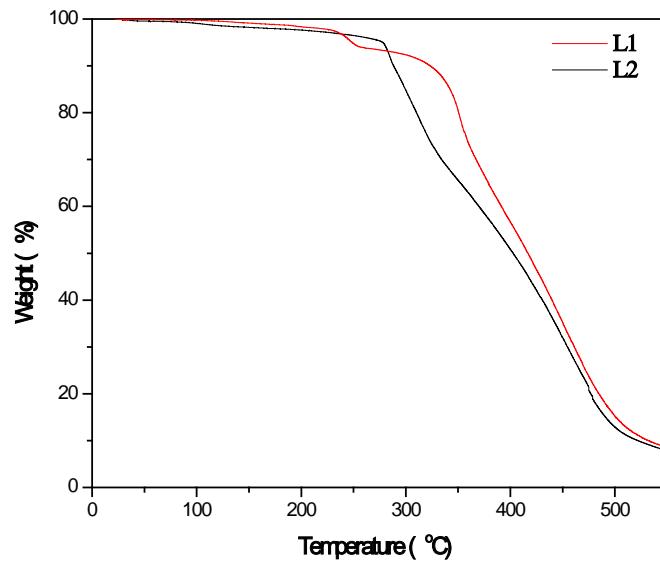


Figure S9. Thermogravimetric analysis of the ligands

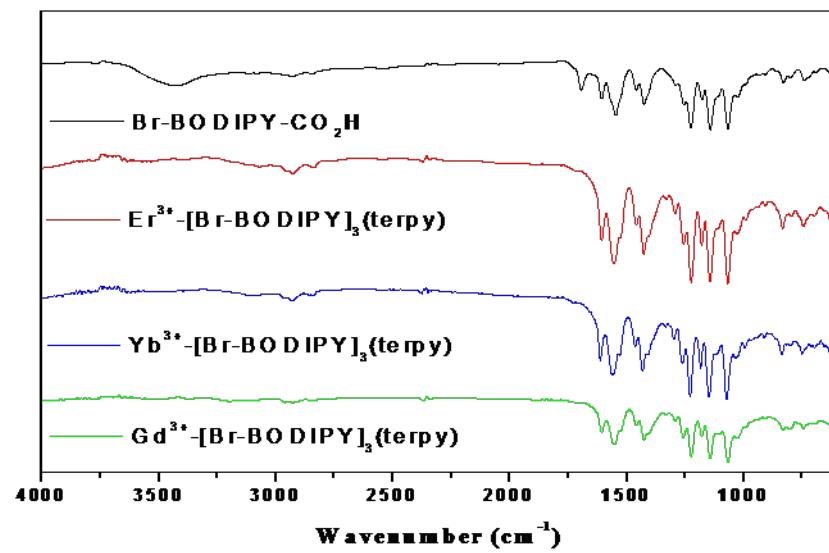
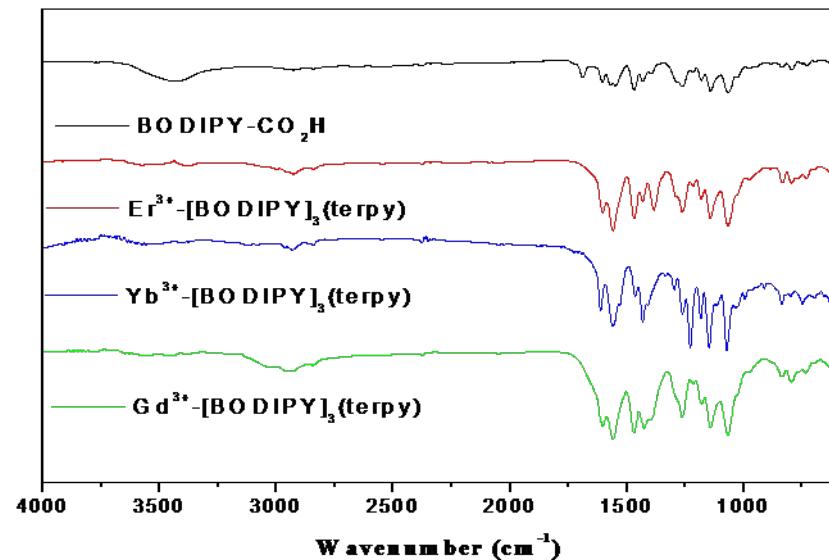


Figure S10. FT-IR spectra of the ligands and their complexes with Gd, Er, and Yb.

## Photophysical data

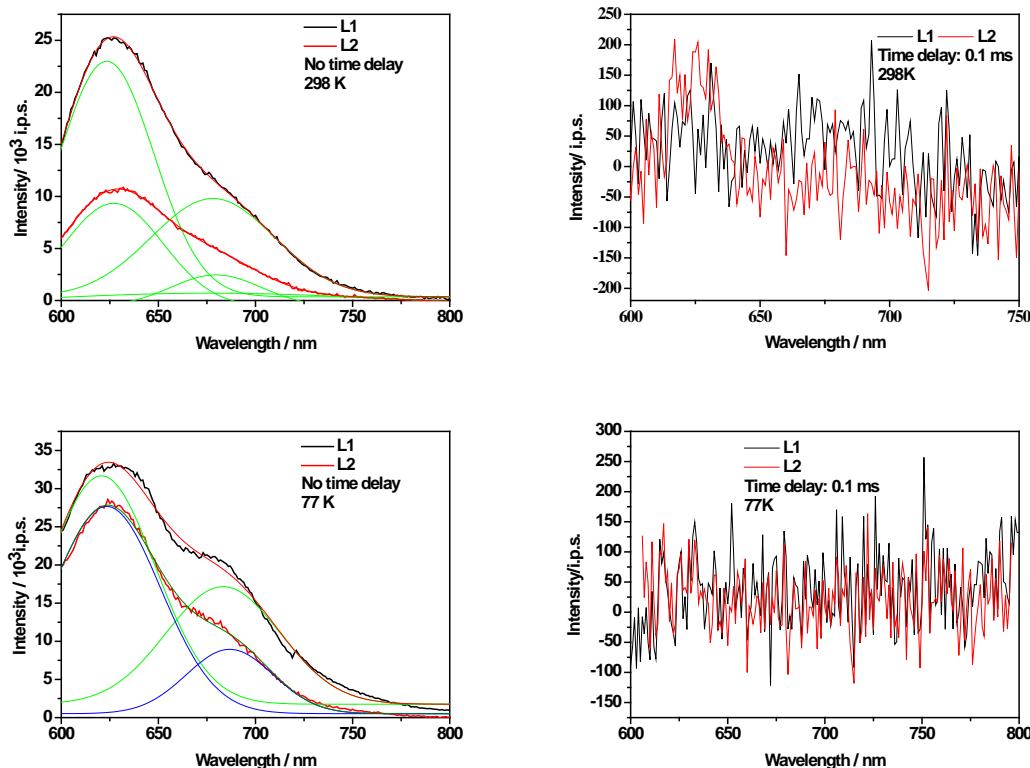


Figure S11. Fluorescence (left, with Gaussian analysis) and phosphorescence (right) spectra of the ligands in *m*-THF.

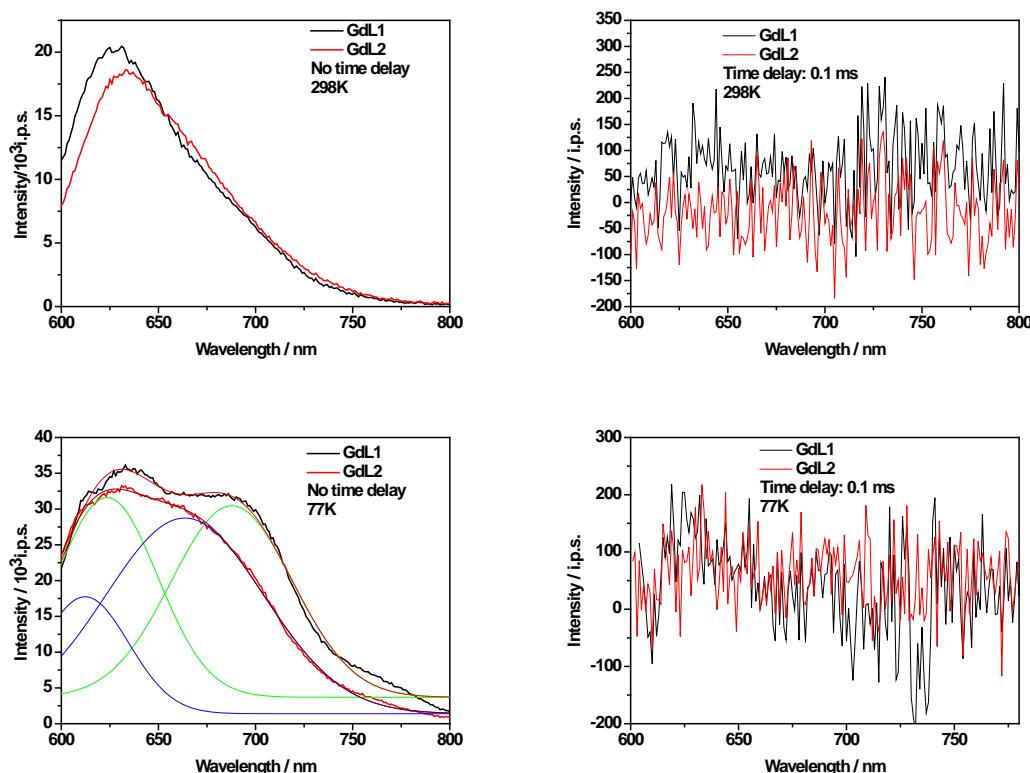


Figure S12. Fluorescence (left, with Gaussian analysis) and phosphorescence (right) spectra of the Gd<sup>III</sup> complexes in *m*-THF.

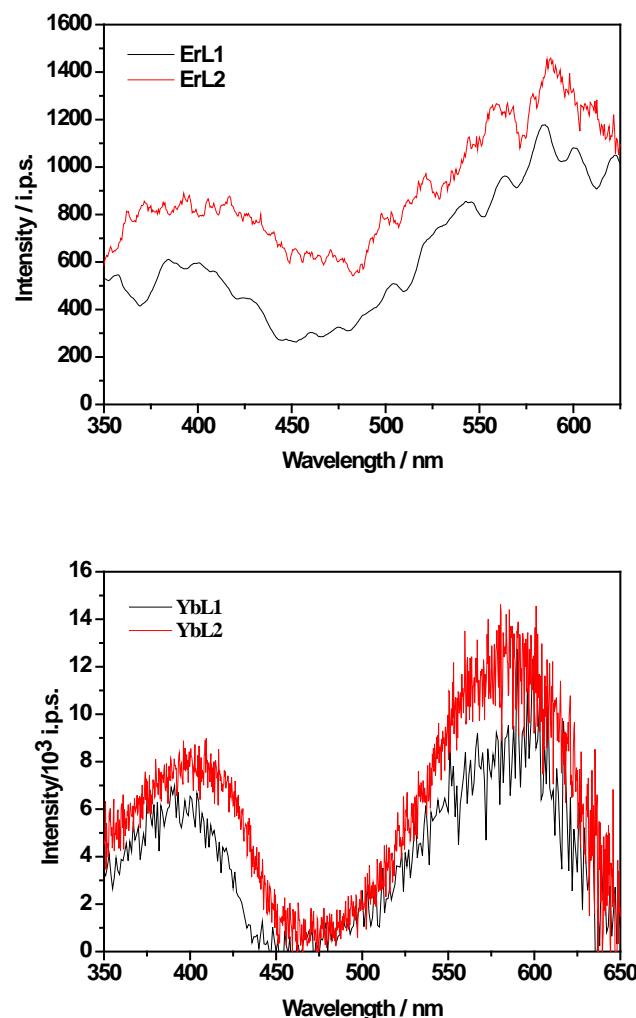


Figure S13. Excitation spectra of **ErLi** (top,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 1530 \text{ nm}$ ) and **YbLi** (bottom,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 978 \text{ nm}$ ) with the concentration of  $1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$  in THF at room temperature.