Supplementary Information

Triply phenoxo bridged Eu(III) and Sm(III) complexes with 2,6-diformyl-4-methylphenol di(benzoylhydrazone) : Emission, EPR, antimicobacterial and cytotoxicity study on different human cell lines

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Synthesis of 2,6-diformyl-4-methylphenol-di(benzoylhydrazone), H₃L

The ligand was synthesized according to literature procedure ^[19] (Scheme 1). 4-Methylphenol in glacial acetic acid was reacted with *p*-formaldehyde and hexamethylene tetraamine to synthesize 2,6-diformyl-4-methylphenol. It was then condensed with benzhydrazide in methanol to isolate 2,6-diformyl-4-methylphenol-di(benzoylhydrazone) (H₃L) in good yield (80%).

¹H NMR, 300 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO: 12.31 (1-OH s); 7.55 (4,6-H s); 8.7 (8,8'-H s); 12.13 (10,10'-NH s); 7.93 (13,13',17,17'-H d, J = 7.2); 7.59 (15,15'-H e); 7.51 (14,14',16,16'-H e); 2.31(5-CH₃ s) (s, singlet; d, doublet; e, multiplet).



Step 2:





Figure S1



