Supporting information

Syntheses, structures and photoluminescent properties of lanthanide

coordination polymers based on pyridyl functionalized imidazole

dicarboxylic acid

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Fig. S1 The coordination polyhedron of Sm(III) ions in 1.



Fig. S2 the coordination environments of Dy(III) ions in 3. Hydrogen atoms and uncoordinated water molecules were omitted for clarity.Symmetry codes: A, 1-*x*, 1-*y*, 1-*z*; B, 2-*x*, 1-*y*, -*z*.





Fig. S3 The coordination polyhedron of Dy(III) ions in 3.

Fig. S4 Carboxyl-connected chain of 3.



Fig. S5 The packing modes of complex 3 in 3D space.





Fig. S6 The coordination polyhedron of Dy(III) ions in 4.





Fig. S7 The coordination polyhedron of Dy(III) ions in 5.





Fig. S9 The coordination polyhedron of Yb(III) ions in 8.



Fig. S10 PXRD patterns of complex 1.



Fig. S11 PXRD patterns of complex 2.



Fig. S12 PXRD patterns of complex 3.

The crystal of complex 3 contains many solvent molecules. The single-crystal X-ray diffractions were performed using sealed-tube. However, the PXRD tests of the

powders were performed in the air, so the solvent molecules may be lost (See Fig. R1.), which may affected the flexible 2D layer structure (*ChemPlusChem*, 2012, 77, 743). The crystallinity of compound may change weak and the Bragg intensities in the PXRD changed poor. We randomly picked several crystals of **3**, to collect the single X-ray diffraction data, all crystals of **3** have the same unit cells, confirming the purity of **3**.



Fig. S13 PXRD patterns of complex 4.



Fig. S14 PXRD patterns of complex 5.



Fig. S15 PXRD patterns of complex 6.



Fig. S16 PXRD patterns of complex 7.



Fig. S17 PXRD patterns of complex 8.



Fig. S18 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 1.



Fig. S19 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 2.



Fig. S20 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 3.



Fig. S21 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 4.



Fig. S22 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 5.



Fig. S23 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 6.



Fig. S24 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 7.



Fig. S25 The DTG and TGA curves of complex 8.