## **Supplementary Information**

## Ancillary ligand modulated stereoselective self-assembly of triple-stranded Eu(III) helicate featuring circularly polarized luminescence

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4,4'-diacetyldiphenyl sulphide in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S2. EI-MS of 4,4'-diacetyldiphenyl sulphide.







Figure S4. ESI-TOF-MS of  $Eu_2L_3(Phen)_2$ .



Figure S5. ESI-TOF-MS of Gd<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(Phen)<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S6. ESI-TOF-MS of Eu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(R-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S7. ESI-TOF-MS of Gd<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(R-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S8.**<sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of  $Eu_2L_3(R$ -BINAPO)<sub>2</sub> (red line) and R-BINAPO (black line) in THF- $d_8$ .



Figure S9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of Eu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(R-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub> (red line) and L (black line) in THF-d<sub>8</sub>.



Figure S10. The coordination polyhedron of  $Eu_2L_3(Phen)_2$ .

Complex	$Eu_2L_3(phen)_2$
CCDC number	994501
Empirical formula	$C_{94.5}H_{58}Eu_2F_{18}N_4O_{12}S_3$
color	Colorless
Formula weight	2183.55
Temperature/K	293.0
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	17.5629(7)
b/Å	18.0137(7)
c/Å	18.8460(6)
α/°	105.518(3)
β/°	96.587(3)
γ/°	118.352(4)
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4846.0(4)
Z	2
$ ho_{ m calc} g/ m cm^{-3}$	1.496
$\mu/\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$	1.441
F(000)	2170.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.015 \times 0.01 \times 0.01$
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )
$2\Theta$ range for data collection/°	6.03 to 50.00
Index ranges	$-20 \le h \le 19$
	$-21 \le k \le 21$
	$-22 \le l \le 22$
Reflections collected	34920
Completeness to theta	99.7%
Independent reflections	17033 [ $R_{int}$ = 0.0283, $R_{sigma}$ = 0.0482]
Data/restraints/parameters	17033/442/1312
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.044
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0470, wR_2 = 0.1242$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0716$ , $wR_2 = 0.1416$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.24/-0.57

Table S1. Crystallographic data for the Complex of Eu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(phen)<sub>2</sub>



**Figure S11.** Optimized structures of  $\Delta\Delta$ -Eu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(R-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub> and  $\Delta\Delta$ -Eu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(S-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub>, and the total energy of each possible helicate. The molecular mechanic modeling was built by using the MOPAC 2016 program implemented in the LUMPAC 3.0 software with a Sparkle/RM1 model.



Figure S12. Excitation spectra of  $Eu_2L_3(R$ -BINAPO)<sub>2</sub> (orange line) and  $Eu_2L_3(Phen)_2$  (blue line) recorded by monitoring the emission band of  $Eu^{3+}$  ions at 612 nm in THF ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$  M).



Figure S13. Emission spectra of the deconvolution analyses of  ${}^{5}D_{0} \rightarrow {}^{7}F_{2}$  transitions with the five peaks at 612 nm of Eu<sub>2</sub>L<sub>3</sub>(R-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub> in THF.



Figure S14. Luminescence decay curves of  $Eu_2L_3(Phen)_2$  (red line) and  $Eu_2L_3(R-BINAPO)_2$  (green line) in THF monitored at 613 nm.



Figure S15 Luminescence decay curves of  $Eu_2L_3$ (S-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub> (blue line) in THF monitored at 613 nm.



Figure S16. The screenshot of the luminescence quantum yield measurement of  $Eu_2L_3(Phen)_2$ .



Figure S17. The screenshot of the luminescence quantum yield measurement of  $Eu_2L_3(R-BINAPO)_2$ 



Figure S18. The screenshot of the luminescence quantum yield measurement of  $Eu_2L_3(S-BINAPO)_2$ 



Figure S19. Phosphorescence spectra of  $Gd_2L_3$ (Phen)<sub>2</sub> (black line)  $Gd_2L_3$ (R-BINAPO)<sub>2</sub> (red line) in THF at 77 K.