Supplementary Information For

Tailoring Photoluminescence and Multifunctionalities of Lanthanide Coordination Complexes Employing the Ligand-Controlled Aggregation States

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The synthetic routes of reference ligand (**RL**, N'-([2,2':6',2''-terpyridin]-4'-yl)propane-1,3-diamine) and target ligand (**TL**, 2-(3-([2,2':6',2''-terpyridin]-4'-ylamino)propyl)- 1H-benzo[de]isoquinoline-1,3(2H)-dione) are listed in **Scheme S1**.

Scheme S1. The synthetic routes of **RL** and **TL**

Synthesis of RL: **RL** was synthesized according to a previously reported synthetic procedure [S1].

Synthesis of TL: the detailed synthesis of **TL** was described as follows according to McCluskey's report [S2]. Using anhydrous potassium carbonate as a catalyst, a mixture of **RL** (100 mg, 0.33 mmol), 1,8-naphthaleneanhydride (70 mg, 0.35 mmol), and 60 mL absolute ethanol was stirred under 80 ℃ overnight. After the solvent was cooled to room temperature, the precipitate filter was washed with hot water and dried. The residue was purified by recrystallization from ethanol and water to obtain **TL** as a white powder. Yield: 105 mg (66%). **TL** was well characterized by NMR, HRMS, and IR spectra. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz) δ 8.68-8.59 (m, 6H), 8.24-8.22 (d, 2H), 7.85-7.73 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.29 (t, 2H), 5.28-5.25 (t, 1H), 4.37-4.34 (t, 2H), 3.49-3.44 (q, 2H), 2.16- 2.10 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl3, 100 MHz) δ 164.70, 157.01, 156.01, 155.40, 148.97, 136.83, 134.29, 131.73, 131.62, 128.33, 127.15, 123.58, 122.60, 121.48, 104.89, 39.77, 37.72, 27.60; HRMS-ESI m/z (%): Calculated for $C_{30}H_{23}N_5O_2$ [M + H]⁺: 486.1925;

Found: 486.1900; IR: 3372 cm⁻¹ (Ar-NH-); 3057 cm⁻¹ (Ar-H); 2963, 2846 cm⁻¹ (-CH₂-); 1699 cm⁻¹ (-C=O); 1653 cm⁻¹ (C=N), 1582 cm⁻¹ (C=C), 1265 cm⁻¹ (C-C-N).

Scheme S2. The synthetic routes of **TL-Ln (Ln = Eu/Tb/Gd)**

Synthesis of TL-Eu/Tb/Gd and RL-Eu/Tb (Scheme S2): To a stirred 0.11 mmol **TL/RL** in 30 mL ethyl acetate, 0.05 mmol $Ln(NO₃)₃·6H₂O (Ln = Eu³⁺, Tb³⁺, Gd³⁺)$ in 6 mL ethyl acetate was added and reacted for 24 h at 40 ℃. White precipitates were obtained by filtration and washed with excess ethyl acetate. ICP and EA (%) calculated for $[C_{60}H_{46}N_{13}O_{13}Eu]$: Eu 11.68; C 54.99; H 3.54; N 13.90. Found: Eu 11.81; C 52.68; H 3.72; N 13.78. ICP and EA (%) calculated for $[C_{60}H_{46}N_{13}O_{13}Tb]$: Tb 12.08; C 54.76; H 3.52; N 13.84. Found: Tb 12.68; C 53.21; H 3.37; N 13.11. ICP and EA (%) calculated for $[C_{60}H_{46}N_{13}O_{13}Gd]$: Gd 11.96; C 54.83; H 3.53; N 13.85. Found: Gd 12.04; C 52.94; H 3.26; N 12.54.

Determination of the association constant

The association constant (K_a) value was calculated based on the fluorescent titration data. K_a for the formation of a complex between **TL** and Eu^{3+}/Tb^{3+} or other metal ions (*Mi*) can be described by following expression (3):

$$
K_a = \frac{[2TL \cdot Mi]}{[TL]^2 [Mi]}
$$
 (3)

where [**TL**], [Mi], [2TL ∙ Mi] are the equilibrium concentration of **TL**, metal ions including Eu³⁺/Tb³⁺ and 2TL ∙ Mi, K_a can be obtained according to the reported method [S3] by the equation (4).

$$
y = \frac{x}{2 \times a \times b \times (1 - x)^2} + \frac{x \times b}{2} \qquad (4)
$$

Here, x is $(A - A_0)/(A_{max} - A_0)$, y is the concentration of metal ions, a is the K_a , and b is the concentration of **TL**, respectively.

The calculation for the limit of detection

The limit of detection (LOD) was calculated by the following equation (5) according to the previous literature [S4].

$$
LOD = (3 \times \sigma) / Slope \tag{5}
$$

Where LOD and σ represent the limit of detection and standard deviation of the blank (**S**).

$$
\sigma = \sqrt{\sum (A(I) - A1(I1))^2 / (N-1)}
$$

Where A/I is the absorbance/intensity of **TL/TL-Eu** in the absence of analytes, **A1/I1** is the average of A/I. $N = 10$.

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Figure S50 (a) Fluorescence consecutive titration of **TL-Eu** (50 μ M) with Co²⁺ in $CHCl₃-CH₃CN (7:3, V/V) solution, and (b) the calculation of LOD.$

Figure S51 (a) UV-Vis consecutive titration of **TL** (40 μ M) with Co²⁺ in CHCl₃-CH₃CN (7:3, V/V) solution, and (b) the result of calculation of K_a by non-linear least square fitting, respectively.

The addition of Zn^{2+} , Fe²⁺ and Cr³⁺ induced the turning off of Eu-centered emission at 618 nm, resulting in the blue emission only (Zn^{2+}) -induced redshift also can be found). Correspondingly, their solution color changed from pink to blue. Besides, Co^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Hg^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Ni^{2+} and Cd^{2+} extremely triggered the quenching of red and blue emissions to a different extent. Whereas, other cations $(Mg^{2+}, Ca^{2+}, K^+$ and $Na^+)$ brought negligible spectral responses. Thus, the visual sensing of **TL-Eu** solution toward multiple heavy metal ions was well conducted, which was further demonstrated with the help of detailed spectroscopy titration experiments, from Fig. S32 to S51. The association constants (K_a) were obtained from absorption spectral titration, while the LOD were received based on emission spectral titration, respectively. The Benesi-Hildebrand plots gave the corresponding stoichiometry $(2:1)$ between ligand and heavy metal ions (**TL**-**M**). Table S6 represents these physical parameters including the CIE coordinates at the endpoint of the titration, showing the K_a values of TL-M are more than that of **TL-Eu** (1.36 \times 10¹³ M⁻¹). Therefore, we can reasonably confirm that the **TL**-**Eu** complex will be dissociated and heavy metal complexes are formed, due to the competition coordination, leading to the quenching of red emission. By the way, the LODs of these cations were found to be in the range of 0.12-0.65 *μ*M for emission spectral titration experiments, respectively.

Figure S52 (a) The words "Colorful Guizhou" are encryption by scrambled letters, and (b) The pattern of colorful painting. Notes: the (a), (b) patterns are invisible in daylight, visible at 254 nm, while the right information is extracted under 365 nm irradiation, and eliminated when they were immersed in Zn^{2+} solution (20 μ M).

3. Supporting tables

Table S1. The excitation-dependent CIE (x, y) coordinates, CCT and CRI values of **TL**-

Table S2. The emission parameters of single Eu³⁺-doped WLE materials.

constitute	λ_{ex} (nm)	CIE	QY (%)	τ (ms)	CCT(K)	CRI	Ref.
TL-Eu	354-360	$(0.34, 0.33)$ ^a	6.4	0.56	5261-5388	$62 - 64$	This work
10%Eu-doped SMOF-1	394	$(0.30, 0.34)$ ^a	4.3		3606-6839	63-93	[S5]
$[Eu2L4(HFAC)](O2CCF3)·2H2O$	368	$(0.34, 0.33)^{b}$	$_{\rm e}$	0.13	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	[S6]
${Eu(L2)3(H2O)}\cdot H2O1$	320	$(0.34, 0.31)$ ^a	11.9	0.27	\blacksquare	\blacksquare	[S7]
$Eu(TTA)$ ₃ -Phen-Fl-TPA-DPA	380	$(0.34, 0.33)^{b}$	15.3	$\overline{}$	5152	$\overline{}$	[S8]
$[EuL(NO3)3]n·2C4H8O2$ $[EuL(NO3)3]n$ 2C ₄ H ₈ O ₂ @PMMA	285	$(0.33, 0.35)$ ^a					
	345	$(0.34, 0.32)$ ^a					[S9]
	296	$(0.33, 0.31)$ ^c					
AIE/Eu ³⁺ -Doped WLE Ion Gel	254	$(0.31, 0.32)$ ^d	\blacksquare	$\overline{}$	\blacksquare	\overline{a}	[S10]
$[Eu(tta)3L1] (1)$	343	$(0.31, 0.33)^{b}$	2.6	0.65			[S11]
[Eu(tta) ₃ L ₂] (3)	344	$(0.33, 0.31)^{b}$	1.8	0.65			
EuL	334	$(0.33, 0.32)$ ^a					
EuL@PMMA	275	$(0.33, 0.33)$ ^c					[S12]
$Eu(TTA)$ ₃ -TPA-DPA-mCF ₃	345	$(0.35, 0.34)$ ^a	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	4645	\blacksquare	[S13]
$Eu^{3+}(QPY-DPA-CB[8])$	302	$(0.34, 0.31)^{b}$	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	\blacksquare	$\overline{}$	[S14]
Eu(1)	275	$(0.32, 0.29)$ ^a $(0.33, 0.28)^{b}$					[S15]
	250						
	$(270 -$						
	272)	$(0.33, 0.28)$ ^c					

a) Solid state; b) Solvent state; c) film; d) gel; e) No available date.

Table S3. Relative intensities (contributions) of the ligand-centered bands at 483 nm and Eu(III)-centered ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_J$ (J = 1-4) transitions normalized to the ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_2$ band in the emission spectra of solid-state **TL-Eu** under excitation at 354-360 nm.

	354 nm	356 nm	358 nm	360 nm
483 nm	16.10%	16.20%	16.29%	16.41%
580 nm	5.59%	5.59%	5.50%	5.34%
593 nm	24.32%	24.24%	24.27%	24.14%
618 nm	44.91%	44.87%	44.84%	45.01%
650 nm	1.42%	1.45%	1.45%	1.44%
686 nm	7.65%	7.65%	7.66%	7.66%

constitute	CIE	CCT(K)	CRI	Ref.
TL-Eu	(0.32, 0.34)	6192	94	This work
TL-Eu ₁ Tb ₉ @PMMA	(0.32, 0.37)	5937	80	This work
$Eu0.5 Tb0.5$ -Ln-nanopaper($@FB$	(0.34, 0.36)	5536	86	[S16]
$Eu0.045 Tb0.955CPOMBA$	(0.33, 0.34)	5733	73	[S17]
$CGB-a:(MOF-Eu)_{3.5}$	(0.42, 0.38)	3020	92	[S18]
$Eu(DBM)3L-pCH3$	(0.36, 0.35)	4234	75	[S19]
$CMCh-Eu3+/Tb3+(3/7)$	(0.36, 0.40)	4705	88.6	[^{S20}]
Tb/Eu@bio-MOF-1(0.06/0.5)	(0.36, 0.40)	4725	86.2	[S21]
$Eu(TTA)3$ -Phen-Fl-TPA-DPA	(0.34, 0.33)	5152	\mathbf{a}	[S8]
$Eu0.03Tb0.03La0.94-MOF$	(0.31, 0.32)	6516	90	[S22]
Poly-Eu-Tb-CNFs	(0.39, 0.32)	3347	84	[S23]
$Eu(TTA)_{3}$ -TPA-DPA-mCF ₃	(0.35, 0.34)	4645	86	[S24]
$Eu-3$	(0.37, 0.34)	3955	83	[S25]
poly-Eu(TTA) ₃ (2)	(0.32, 0.34)	6201	86.1	[S26]
CQDs-N:Eu ³⁺ @MOF-Gd:Eu ³⁺ /Tb ³⁺	(0.38, 0.38)	4035	95 ^b	[S27]
GGTO:0.6Eu ³⁺ +(Ba,Sr) ₂ SiO ₄ :Eu ²⁺ + $BAM:Eu^{2+}$	(0.38, 0.41)	4331	91.9	[S28]
$Ca_2Gd_{0.5}Nb_{0.95}W_{0.04}O_6:0.5Eu^{3+}$	L^a	5386	91	[S29]
" $G+R+B"$ WLED	(0.34, 0.31)	5308	81.5	[S30]
$CaLa4Ti4O15:Eu3+, Gd3+ +$ $BSS:Eu^{2+} + BAM:Eu^{2+}$	(0.35, 0.35)	4761	93.1	[S31]
KSGO:0.08Eu ³⁺ +BAM:Eu ²⁺ + $Sr2SiO4:Eu2+$	(0.34, 0.33)	4963	84.7	[S32]
$Sr_2SiO_4Eu^{2+}+BaMgAl_{10}O_7$: Eu ²⁺ + $CSO:0.15Eu^{3+},0.03Sm^{3+}$	(0.34, 0.35)	5348	81	[^{S33}]
$K_2MgGeO_4:Eu^{3+}/BaMgAl_{10}O_{17}:Eu^{2+}$ $/$ (Sr,Ba) ₂ SiO ₄ :Eu ²⁺ = 10/1/3	(0.31, 0.34)	6648	91.7	[S34]

Table S4. The emission parameters (CIE, CCT and CRI) of WLED in this work and previously reported ones.

a) No available date; ^{b)} The reported highest CRI value.

		$\tau_{(L)}/\text{ns}$	$\tau_{(Ln)}/ms$	QY
Samples	$\lambda_{\rm ex}(nm)$	$(\lambda_{\rm em}/\rm{nm})$	(λ_{em}/nm)	$(\%)$
TL	355	14.48 (422)		
TL-Eu	356	10.39(483)	0.56(618)	6.40
TL-Eu@PMMA	350	4.95(402)	1.11(617)	5.09
TL-Tb@PMMA	350	2.53(400)	0.66(543)	2.33
TL -Eu ₁ Tb ₉ @PMMA			Eu: 1.02 (617)	3.98
	361		Tb: $0.89(543)$	1.52

Table S5 Excitation wavelength-dependent luminescence lifetimes (τ) and absolute fluorescence quantum efficiencies (QY).

	K_a/M	$LOD/\mu M$	CIE (end)
Eu^{3+}	1.36×10^{13}		
Tb^{3+}	1.13×10^{14}		
Zn^{2+}	3.02×10^{14}	0.41	(0.16, 0.07)
$Fe2+$	3.50×10^{13}	0.17	(0.17, 0.04)
Cr^{3+}	1.42×10^{13}	0.32	(0.26, 0.09)
Hg^{2+}	3.22×10^{14}	0.22	(0.16, 0.03)
Pb^{2+}	6.71×10^{13}	0.25	(0.16, 0.02)
Cd^{2+}	2.00×10^{15}	0.65	(0.15, 0.07)
$Ni2+$	9.89×10^{14}	0.19	(0.17, 0.00)
$Fe3+$	3.13×10^{14}	0.20	(0.17, 0.02)
$Cu2+$	1.12×10^{16}	0.13	(0.17, 0.01)
$Co2+$	6.46×10^{15}	0.12	(0.17, 0.01)

ions, and CIE coordinates of corresponding solutions at the endpoint of the titration.

a) $\lambda_{\rm ex}$ and $\lambda_{\rm em}$ represent excitation and emission wavelengths, b) $\tau_{\rm (L)}$ and $\tau_{\rm (Ln)}$ represent ligand and Ln3+-centered lifetimes of corresponding samples.

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