

## Supplementary Materials

### Molecules

# Heterometallic Zn<sup>II</sup>–Ln<sup>III</sup>–Zn<sup>II</sup> Schiff base complexes with linear or bent conformation – synthesis, crystal structures, luminescent and magnetic characterization

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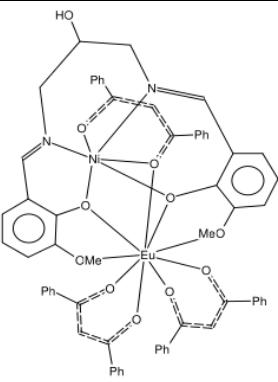
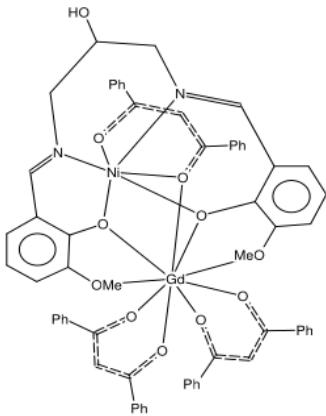
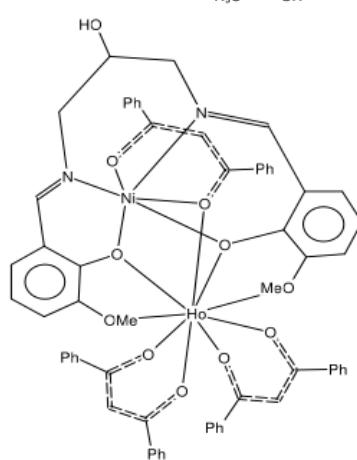
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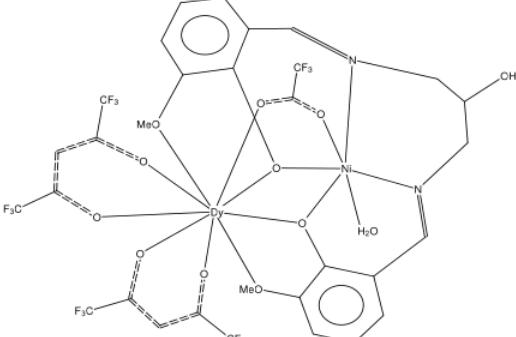
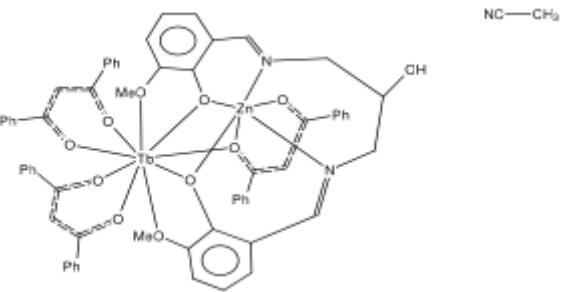
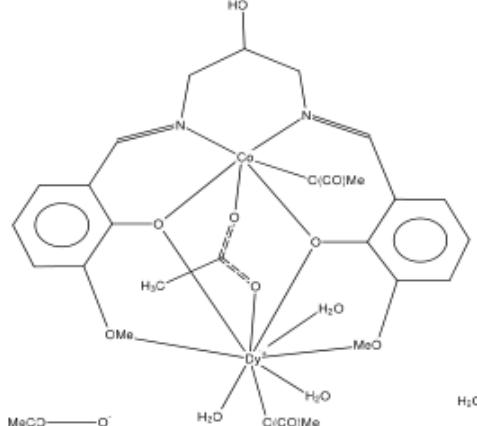
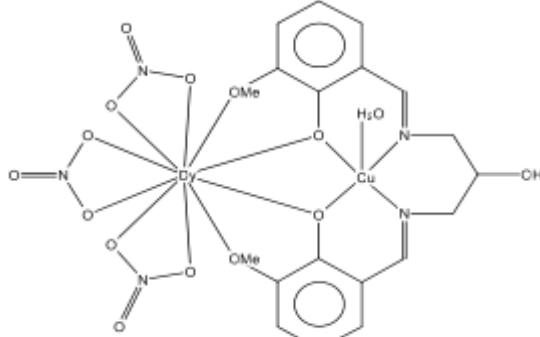
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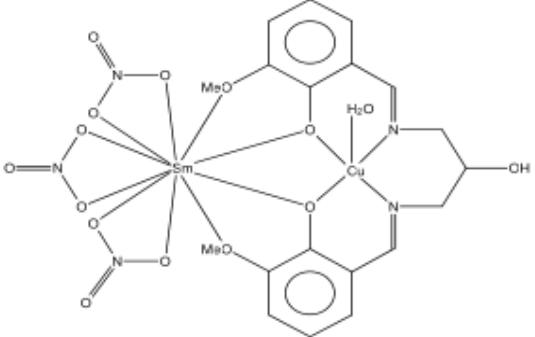
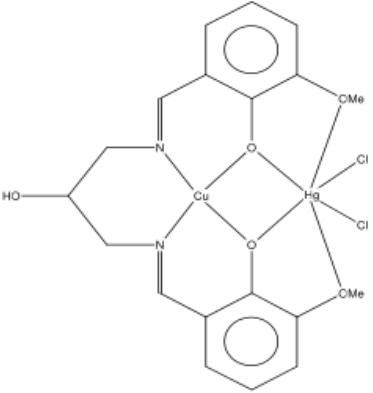
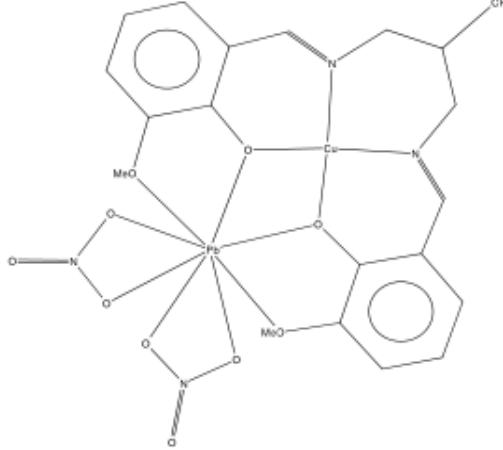
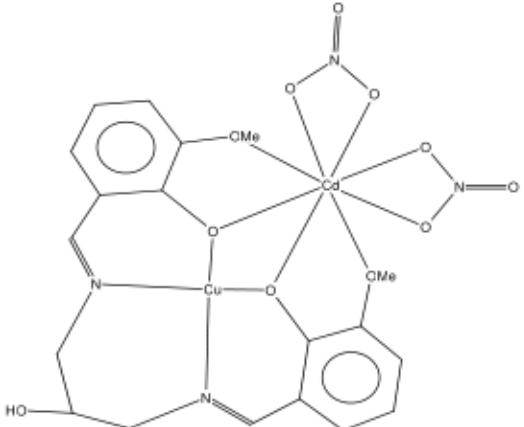
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Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
	ABOZUP	1	V	No	[1]
	BEGHEB	1	V	No	[2]
	FEKHEJ	1	V	Yes	[3]
	FEKHIN	1	V	Yes	[3]
	TIYYUX	2	CuNa	No	[4]

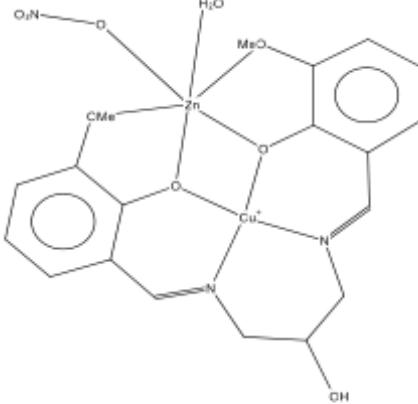
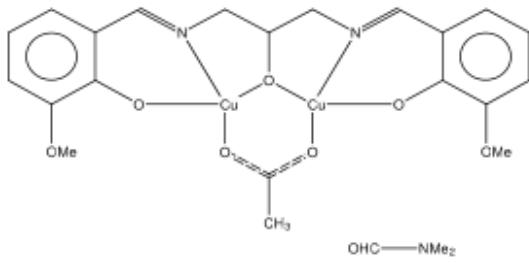
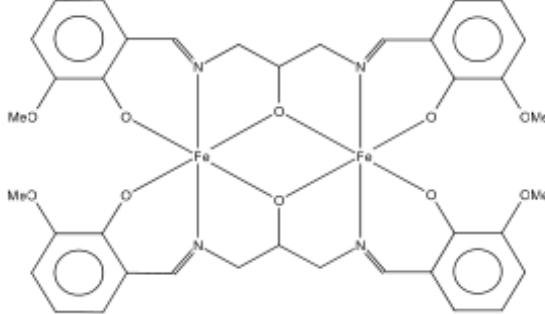
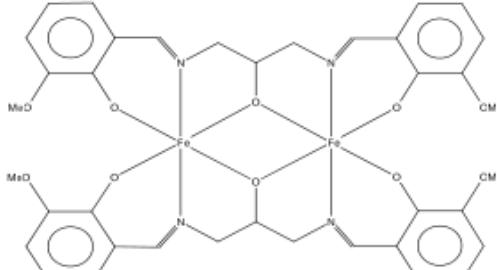
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	JAZFOI01	2	NiGd	No	[5]
	JAZFUO01	2	NiTb	No	[5]
	JAZGAV01	2	NiEu	No	[5]
	YECKOJ	2	NiTb	No	[5]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.	
	YECKUP	2	NiEu	No	[5]	
Cl—CH <sub>2</sub> —Cl      H <sub>3</sub> C—OH		YECLAW	2	NiGd	No	[5]
Cl—CH <sub>2</sub> —Cl      H <sub>3</sub> C—OH		YECLEA	2	NiHo	No	[5]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
	YECLIE	2	NiDy	No	[5]
	CANDUT	2	ZnTb	No	[6]
	YUFKUH	2	CoDy	Yes	[7]
	YUFWIH	2	CuDy	No	[7]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
	KEZYIZ	2	CuSm	No	[8]
	KEZYOF	2	CuHg	No	[8]
	KEZYUL	2	CuPb	No	[8]
	KEZZAS	2	CuCd	No	[8]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
	KEZZEW	2	CuBi	No	[8]
	LUXBOX	2	CuGd	No	[9]
	LUXBUD	2	CuTb	No	[9]
	LUXCAK	2	CuDy	No	[9]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
	VEYLES	2	CuZn	No	[8]
	IWIHEB	2	Cu <sub>2</sub>	Yes	[10]
	BOQLOJ	2	Fe <sub>2</sub>	Yes	[11]
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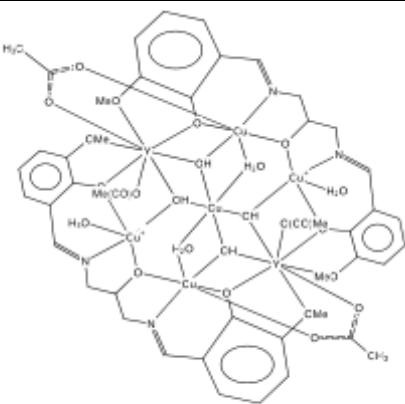
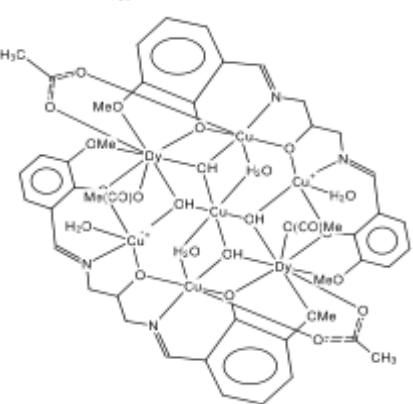
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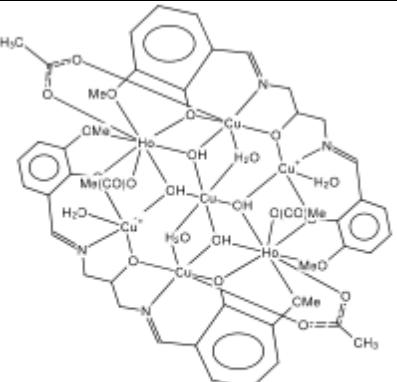
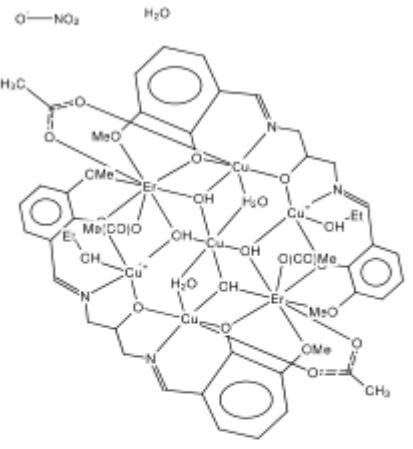
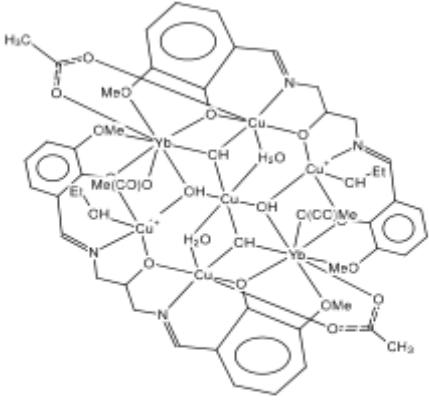
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	JASTUV01	4	Ni2Dy <sub>2</sub>	No	[5]
	YECJUO	4	Ni2Ho <sub>2</sub>	No	[5]
	YECKAV	4	Ni2Er <sub>2</sub>	No	[5]
	YECKEZ	4	Ni2Tm <sub>2</sub>	No	[5]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
	YECKID	4	Ni <sub>2</sub> Yb <sub>2</sub>	No	[5]
	YECLOK	4	Ni <sub>2</sub> Tb <sub>2</sub>	No	[5]
	ENEZEE	4	Co <sub>4</sub>	Yes	[13]
	ENEZOO	4	Co <sub>4</sub>	Yes	[13]
	ENEZUU	4	Zn <sub>4</sub>	Yes	[13]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
	ENEZII	4	Ni <sub>4</sub>	Yes	[13]
	ENICOV	4	Ni <sub>4</sub>	Yes	[13]
	ENICUB	4	Ni <sub>4</sub>	Yes	[13]
	XASDAZ	4	Zn <sub>2</sub> Dy <sub>2</sub>	No	[15]
	XASDED	4	Zn <sub>2</sub> Tb <sub>2</sub>	No	[15]
	XASDIH	4	Zn <sub>2</sub> Eu <sub>2</sub>	No	[15]

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	BOQMEA	6	Cu <sub>6</sub>	Yes	[11]
	DAVZOR	6	Nd <sub>6</sub>	Yes	[16]
	DAVZUX	6	Tb <sub>6</sub>	Yes	[16]

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	CONZAI	7	Cu <sub>5</sub> V <sub>2</sub>	Yes	[17]
	CONZEM	7	Cu <sub>5</sub> Lu <sub>2</sub>	Yes	[17]
	CONZIQ	7	Cu <sub>5</sub> Dy <sub>2</sub>	Yes	[17]

Structure	Refcode	Nuclearity	Metals	OH group <sup>1</sup>	Ref.
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	CONZUC	7	Cu <sub>5</sub> Er <sub>2</sub>	Yes	[17]
	COPBAM	7	Cu <sub>5</sub> Yb <sub>2</sub>	Yes	[17]

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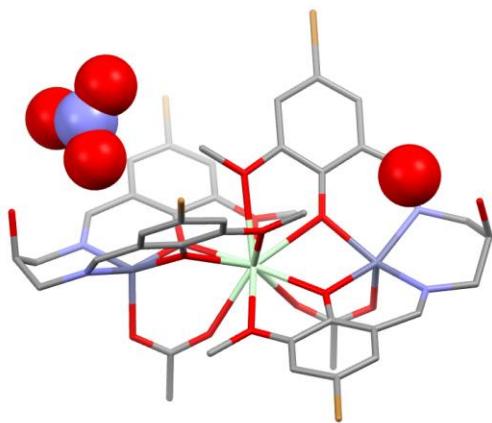
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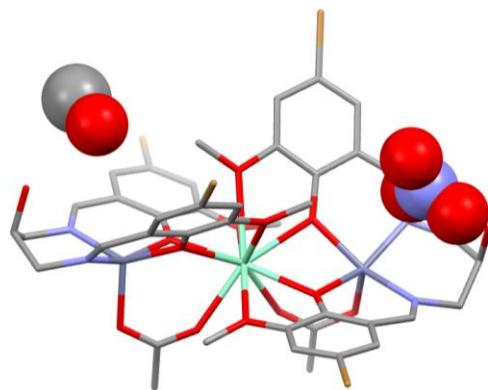
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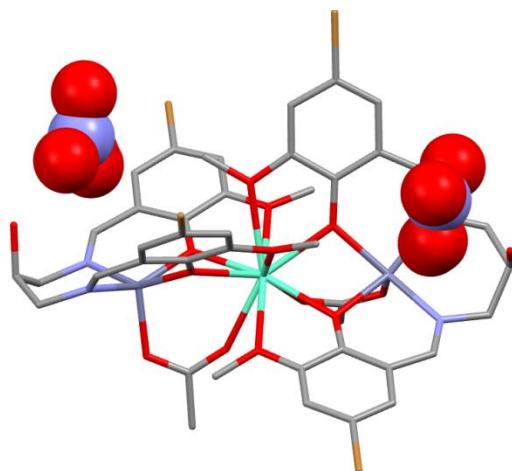
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Formula weight	1537.47	1591.07	1587.23	1594.19	1597.77
Temperature/K	293.0	120(1)	120(1)	293.0	120(1)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	trigonal	trigonal	trigonal
Space group	P <sub>2</sub> <sub>1</sub> /n	P <sub>2</sub> <sub>1</sub> /n	R-3c	R-3c	R-3c
<i>a</i> /Å	9.9805(4)	10.2675(2)	19.8962(4)	20.0572(5)	19.8706(5)
<i>b</i> /Å	24.132(1)	23.8581(3)	19.8962(4)	20.0572(5)	19.8706(5)
<i>c</i> /Å	22.9091(7)	22.5353(3)	76.655(2)	76.388(3)	76.007(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90	90	90	90	90
$\beta/^\circ$	91.55(1)	91.261(1)	90	90	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	90	90	120	120	120
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	5515.4(4)	5518.9(1)	26279.2(9)	26613(1)	25990(1)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	18	18	18
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$	1.852	1.915	1.7976	1.790	1.838
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	4.763	12.967	12.414	4.765	11.701
<i>F</i> (000)	3020	3136.0	13720.0	14100.0	14118.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.25 × 0.12 × 0.02	0.4 × 0.35 × 0.02	0.47 × 0.29 × 0.07	0.30 × 0.30 × 0.20	0.59 × 0.34 × 0.08
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	Cu K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )	Cu K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	Cu K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )
2 $\Theta$ range /°	5.3 to 50.48	7.42 to 152.88	8.88 to 135.34	4.8 to 50.48	8.9 to 135.36
Reflections collected	41616	38779	58409	70659	35163
Independent reflections	9953 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0806$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0852$ ]	11370 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0548$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0444$ ]	5291 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.1573$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0539$ ]	5349 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0860$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0376$ ]	5229 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0842$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0405$ ]
Data/restr./parameters	9953/0/659	11370/0/699	5291/6/350	5349/6/352	5229/6/350
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.042	1.083	1.034	1.107	1.039
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma (I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0593$ , $wR_2 = 0.1250$	$R_1 = 0.0481$ , $wR_2 = 0.1314$	$R_1 = 0.0785$ , $wR_2 = 0.2180$	$R_1 = 0.0561$ , $wR_2 = 0.1505$	$R_1 = 0.0610$ , $wR_2 = 0.1621$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1121$ , $wR_2 = 0.1544$	$R_1 = 0.0540$ , $wR_2 = 0.1384$	$R_1 = 0.0817$ , $wR_2 = 0.2254$	$R_1 = 0.0789$ , $wR_2 = 0.1704$	$R_1 = 0.0661$ , $wR_2 = 0.1699$
Larg. diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.21/-1.72	2.29/-1.59	2.76/-1.73	2.08/-0.82	2.07/-1.24
CCDC No.	1849667	1849666	1849668	1849669	1849665



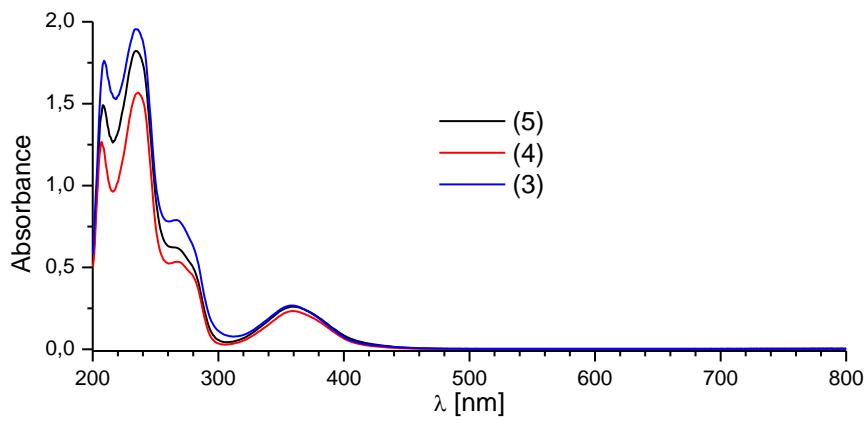
**Figure S1.** Location of hydrogen bonded NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> anion and water molecule in pockets formed by 2-hydroxypropyl groups in complex Zn<sup>II</sup>-Nd<sup>III</sup>-Zn<sup>II</sup> (**1**).



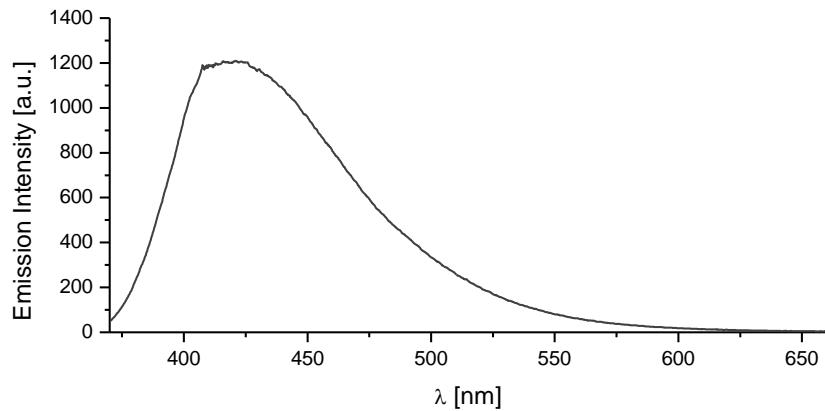
**Figure S2.** Location of hydrogen bonded NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> anion and methanol molecule in pockets formed by 2-hydroxypropyl groups in complex Zn<sup>II</sup>-Sm<sup>III</sup>-Zn<sup>II</sup> (**2**).



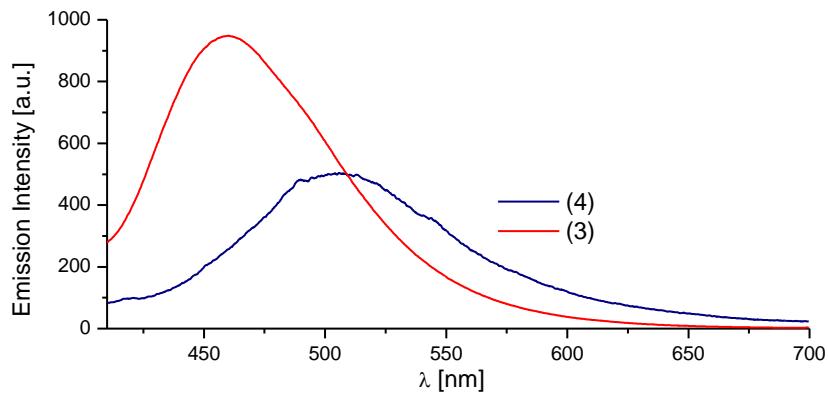
**Figure S3.** Location of disordered hydrogen bonded NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> anion and water molecule in pockets formed by 2-hydroxypropyl groups in complex Zn<sup>II</sup>-Eu<sup>III</sup>-Zn<sup>II</sup> (**3**).



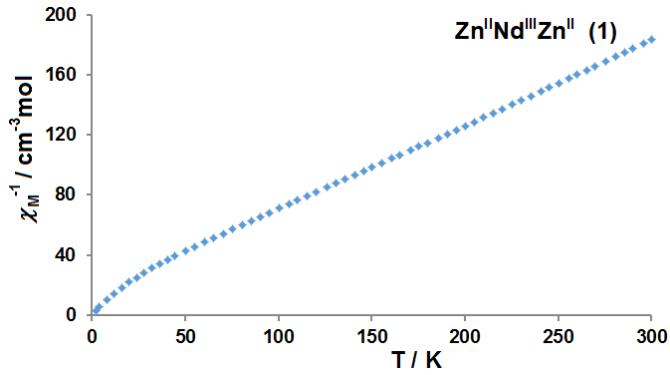
**Figure S4.** The absorbance spectra of compounds  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{--Eu}^{\text{III}}\text{--Zn}^{\text{II}}$  (**3**),  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{--Tb}^{\text{III}}\text{--Zn}^{\text{II}}$  (**4**) and  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{--Dy}^{\text{III}}\text{--Zn}^{\text{II}}$  (**5**) in methanol solution ( $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M).



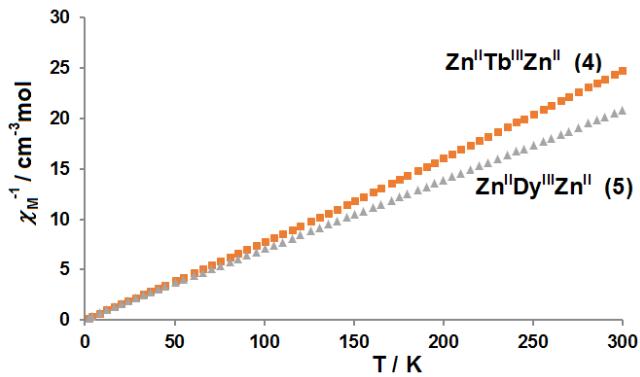
**Figure S5.** Luminescence spectrum of complex **1** ( $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{--Nd}^{\text{III}}\text{--Zn}^{\text{II}}$ ) in methanol solution ( $\sim 2 \cdot 10^{-5}$  M).



**Figure S6.** Solid state emission spectra of complexes **3** ( $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{--Eu}^{\text{III}}\text{--Zn}^{\text{II}}$ ) and **4** ( $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{--Tb}^{\text{III}}\text{--Zn}^{\text{II}}$ ).



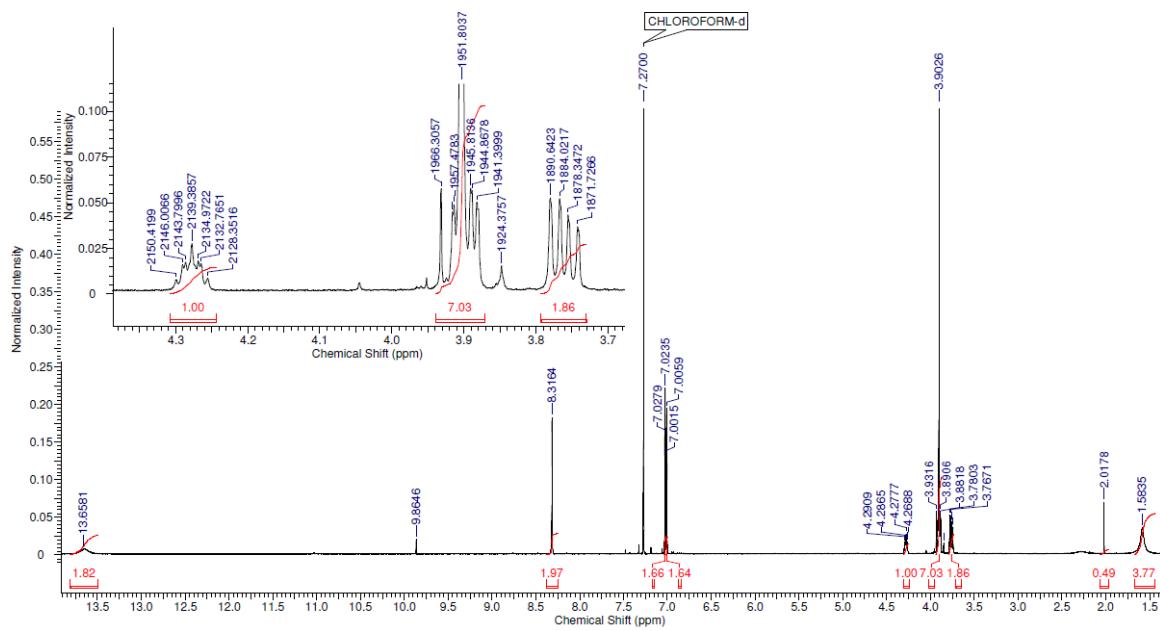
**Figure S7.** Temperature dependence of the experimental  $\chi_M^{-1}$  versus  $T$  for  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{-Nd}^{\text{III}}\text{-Zn}^{\text{II}}$  (**1**).



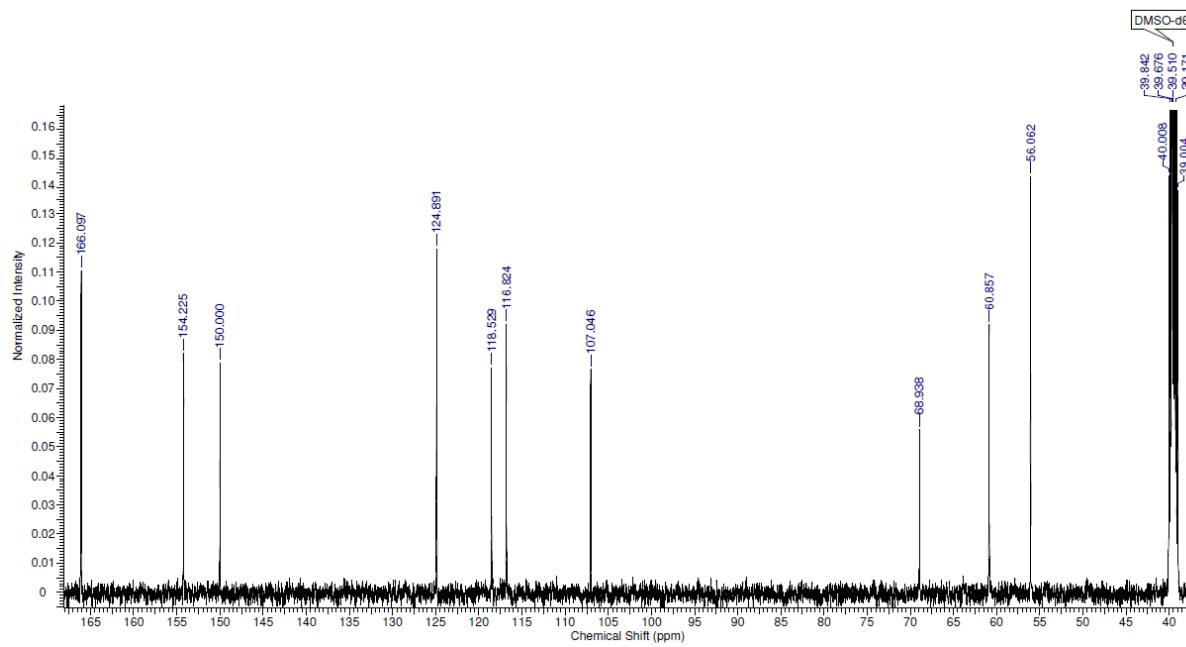
**Figure S8.** Temperature dependence of the experimental  $\chi_M^{-1}$  versus  $T$  for  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{-Tb}^{\text{III}}\text{-Zn}^{\text{II}}$  (**4**) and  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{-Dy}^{\text{III}}\text{-Zn}^{\text{II}}$  (**5**).

**Table S3.** Theoretical and experimental values of the  $\chi_M T$  product for compounds **1**, **4**, **5** at the room temperature.

Complex	No. of <i>f</i> electrons	Ground state free ion symbol ( $^{2S+1}L_J$ )	$g_{Ln}$	$\chi_M T_{\text{theor/}} / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{K}$ ( $\text{Ln}^{\text{III}}$ )	$\chi_M T_{\text{exp/}} / \text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{K}$ ( $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}_2\text{Ln}^{\text{III}}$ )
<b>1</b> ( $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{-Nd}^{\text{III}}\text{-Zn}^{\text{II}}$ )	3	$^4I_{9/2}$	8/11	1.64	1.62
<b>4</b> ( $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{-Tb}^{\text{III}}\text{-Zn}^{\text{II}}$ )	8	$^6F_6$	3/2	11.82	12.10
<b>5</b> ( $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}\text{-Dy}^{\text{III}}\text{-Zn}^{\text{II}}$ )	9	$^4H_{15/2}$	4/3	14.17	14.39



**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of ligand  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solution.



**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of ligand  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  solution.