# Supplementary Materials: Using the Singly <br> Deprotonated Triethanolamine to Prepare Dinuclear Lanthanide(III) Complexes: Synthesis, Structural Characterization and Magnetic Studies 

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Figure S1. X-ray powder diffraction patterns of complexes $\mathbf{3}$ (blue), $\mathbf{2}$ (red) and $\mathbf{4}$ (black).


Figure S2. The IR spectrum $\left(\mathrm{KBr}, \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ of complex 3 .


Figure S3. The IR spectrum (liquid between CsI disks, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the free teaH3 ligand.


Figure S4. Partially labeled plot of the molecule $\left[\operatorname{Pr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\operatorname{teaH}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]$ that is present in the structure of $1 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}$. Symmetry operation used to generate equivalent atoms: (') $-x+1,-y,-z+1$. Only the H atoms at O 2 and O 3 (and their centrosymmetric equivalents) are shown.


Figure S5. Partially labeled plot of the molecule $\left[\mathrm{Gd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{teaH}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]$ that is present in the structure of $2 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}$. Symmetry operation used to generate equivalent atoms: (') $-x+1,-y,-z+1$. Only the H atoms at O 2 and O 3 (and their centrosymmetric equivalents) are shown.


Figure S6. The spherical capped square antiprismatic coordination geometry of Dy1 in the structure of $4 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}$. The plotted polyhedron is the ideal, best-fit polyhedron using the program SHAPE. Primed and unprimed atoms are related by the symmetry operation (') $-x+1,-y,-z+1$.


Figure S7. The Johnson tricapped trigonal prismatic coordination geometry of Gd1 in the structure of $2 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}$. The plotted polyhedron is the ideal, best-fit polyhedron using the program SHAPE. Primed and unprimed atoms are related by the symmetry operation (') $-x+1,-y,-z+1$.


Figure S8. The spherical-relaxed capped cubic coordination geometry of Pr1 in the structure of $1 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}$. The plotted polyhedron is the ideal, best-fit polyhedron using the program SHAPE. Primed and unprimed atoms are related by the symmetry operation (') $-x+1,-y,-z+1$.

Table S1. Continuous Shape Measures (CShM) values for the potential coordination polyhedra of $\mathrm{Dy} 1 / \mathrm{Dy} 1^{\prime}$ in the structure of complex $\left[\mathrm{Dy}_{2}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{teaH}_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}(4 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH})^{a}$.

| Polyhedron | CShM |
| :---: | :---: |
| Enneagon | 34.494 |
| Octagonal pyramid | 22.687 |
| Heptagonal bipyramid | 14.572 |


| Johnson triangular cupola | 14.848 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Capped cube | 5.168 |
| Spherical-relaxed capped cube | 4.016 |
| Capped square antiprism | 3.864 |
| Spherical capped square antiprism | 3.263 |
| Tricapped trigonal prism | 4.165 |
| Spherical tricapped trigonal prism | 3.830 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The coordination polyhedron with the lowest CShM value, i.e., the spherical capped square antiprism, defines the best polyhedron for Dy1 and its centrosymmetric equivalent ( $\mathrm{Dy} 11^{\prime}$ ). Chemically significant distortions give CShM values of 0.1 or higher, while values larger than about 3 (as in the present case) indicate important distortions. This polyhedron is shown in Figure S6.

Table S2. Continuous Shape Measures (CShM) values for the potential coordination polyhedra of $\mathrm{Gd} 1 / \mathrm{Gd} 1^{\prime}$ in the structure of complex $\left[\mathrm{Gd}_{2}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{teaH}_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}(2 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH})^{a}$.

| Polyhedron | CShM |
| :---: | :---: |
| Enneagon | 41.574 |
| Octagonal pyramid | 29.759 |
| Heptagonal bipyramid | 30.829 |
| Johnson triangular cupola | 22.420 |
| Capped cube | 22.032 |
| Spherical-relaxed capped cube | 22.233 |
| Capped square antiprism | 21.832 |
| Spherical capped square antiprism | 22.269 |
| Tricapped trigonal prism | 21.255 |
| Spherical tricapped trigonal prism | 22.787 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The coordination polyhedron with the lowest CShM value, i.e., the tricapped trigonal prism, defines the best polyhedron for Gd1 and its centrosymmetric equivalent (Gd1'). Chemically significant distortions give CShM values of 0.1 or higher, while values larger than about 3 (as in the present case) indicate important distortions. This polyhedron is shown in Figure S7.

Table S3. Continuous Shape Measures (CShM) values for the potential coordination polyhedra of $\operatorname{Pr} 1 / \operatorname{Pr} 1^{\prime}$ in the structure of complex $\left[\operatorname{Pr}_{2}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\mathrm{teaH}_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}(1 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH})^{\text {a }}$.

| Polyhedron | CShM |
| :---: | :---: |
| Enneagon | 34.283 |
| Octagonal pyramid | 22.036 |
| Heptagonal bipyramid | 14.161 |
| Johnson triangular cupola | 15.074 |
| Capped cube | 4.901 |
| Spherical-relaxed capped cube | 3.639 |
| Capped square antiprism | 4.743 |
| Spherical capped square antiprism | 4.100 |
| Tricapped trigonal prism | 4.922 |
| Spherical tricapped trigonal prism | 4.507 |

a The coordination polyhedron with the lowest CShM value, i.e., the spherical -relaxed capped cube, defines the best polyhedron for $\operatorname{Pr} 1$ and its centrosymmetric equivalent $\left(\operatorname{Pr} 1^{\prime}\right)$. Chemically significant distortions give CShM values of 0.1 or higher, while values larger than about 3 (as in the present case) indicate important distortions. This polyhedron is shown in Figure S8.

Table S4. Continuous Shape Measures (CShM) values for the potential coordination polyhedra of Pr1 in the structure of $\left[\operatorname{Pr}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)\left(\text { teaH }_{3}\right)_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}(6)^{\text {a }}$.

| Polyhedron | CShM |
| :---: | :---: |
| Decagon | 37.851 |
| Enneagonal pyramid | 25.260 |
| Octagonal bipyramid | 13.586 |
| Pentagonal prism | 12.635 |
| Pentagonal antiprism | 13.757 |
| Bicapped cube | 12.903 |
| Bicapped square antiprism | 5.148 |
| Metabidiminished icosahedron | 9.469 |
| Augmented tridiminished icosahedron | 18.800 |
| Sphenocorona | 1.893 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ The coordination polyhedron with the lowest CShM value, i.e., the sphenocorona, defines the best polyhedron for Pr1. Chemically significant distortions give CShM values of 0.1 or higher, while values larger than about 3 indicate important distortions. The Pr1 polyhedron is shown in Figure $4 \mathbf{b}$.

Table S5. H bonds in the crystal structure of complex $\left[\mathrm{Dy}_{2}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{4}\left(\text { teaH2 }_{2}\right)_{2}\right] \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH}(4 \cdot 2 \mathrm{MeOH})$.

| $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{H}(\AA \AA)$ | $\mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A})$ | $\mathbf{D} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A})$ | $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | Symmetry Code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 2) \cdots \mathrm{O} 1 \mathrm{M}$ | $0.74(3)$ | $1.92(3)$ | $2.646(2)$ | $169(3)$ | $x, y, z$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 3) \cdots \mathrm{O} 6$ | $0.68(3)$ | $2.11(3)$ | $2.778(2)$ | $167(3)$ | $-x+2,-y,-z+1$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 3) \cdots \mathrm{O} 4$ | $0.68(3)$ | $2.70(3)$ | $3.248(2)$ | $140(3)$ | $-x+2,-y,-z+1$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 1 \mathrm{M}) \cdots \mathrm{O} 3$ | $0.68(4)$ | $2.34(4)$ | $2.971(2)$ | $154(4)$ | $x-1, y, z$ |
| C 2 a $-\mathrm{HB}(\mathrm{C} 2) \cdots \mathrm{O} 8$ | $1.01(3)$ | $2.53(3)$ | $3.411(3)$ | $145(2)$ | $x, y-1, z$ |

${ }^{a} \mathrm{C} 2$ is the carbon atom of teaH2- that is connected to the nitrogen atom ( N 1 ); atom C 2 is not labelled in Figure 2. $\mathrm{D}=$ donor, $\mathrm{A}=$ acceptor.

Table S6. H bonds in the crystal structure of complex $\left[\operatorname{Pr}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)(\text { teaH3 })_{2}\right]\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{2}(6)$.

| $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{A})$ | $\mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{A})$ | $\mathbf{D} \cdot \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{( \AA )}$ | $\mathbf{D}-\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | Symmetry Code |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 1) \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $0.74(2)$ | $1.96(2)$ | $2.702(2)$ | $178(2)$ | $-x+1, y,-z+3 / 2$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 2) \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $0.71(2)$ | $1.99(2)$ | $2.693(2)$ | $168(3)$ | $x, y, z-1$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{H}(\mathrm{O} 3) \cdots \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{a}}$ | $0.72(2)$ | $2.00(2)$ | $2.714(2)$ | $173(2)$ | $x+1 / 2,-y+1 / 2, z-1 / 2$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{H} 2(\mathrm{C} 2 \mathrm{~A}) \cdots \mathrm{O}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ | $0.99(2)$ | $2.58(2)$ | $3.537(2)$ | $162(2)$ | $x+1,-y, z-1 / 2$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{HA}(\mathrm{C} 6) \cdots \mathrm{O} 8 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b}$ | $0.99(2)$ | $2.58(2)$ | $3.533(2)$ | $163(2)$ | $-x+1 / 2,-y+1 / 2, z-1 / 2$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{HB}(\mathrm{C} 3) \cdots \mathrm{O} 4$ | $0.95(2)$ | $2.65(2)$ | $3.376(2)$ | $133(2)$ | $-x+1,-y,-z$ |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Atoms O6, O7 and O8 (not shown in Figure 4) belong to the nitrate counterion; ${ }^{\mathbf{b}}$ These H bonds are very weak and they might not be taken into account.

