

## Supporting Information *for*:

# Terpyridine-Functionalized Calixarenes: Synthesis, Characterization and Anion Sensing Applications

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## NMR Spectra of Compound 1

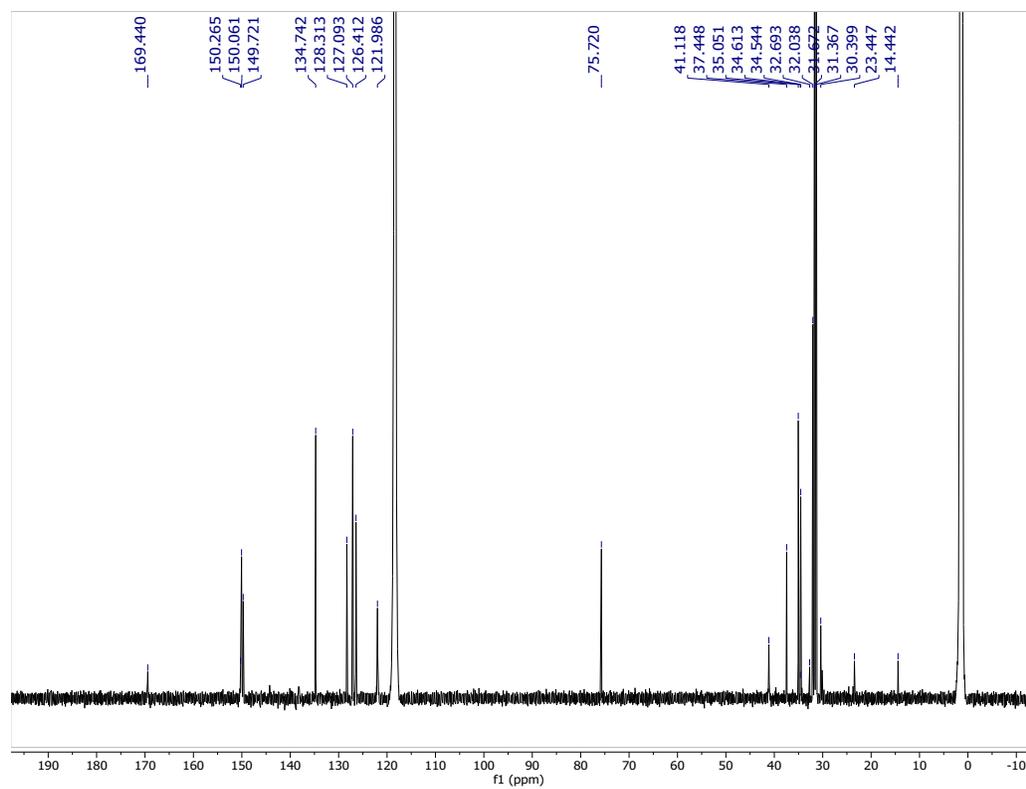
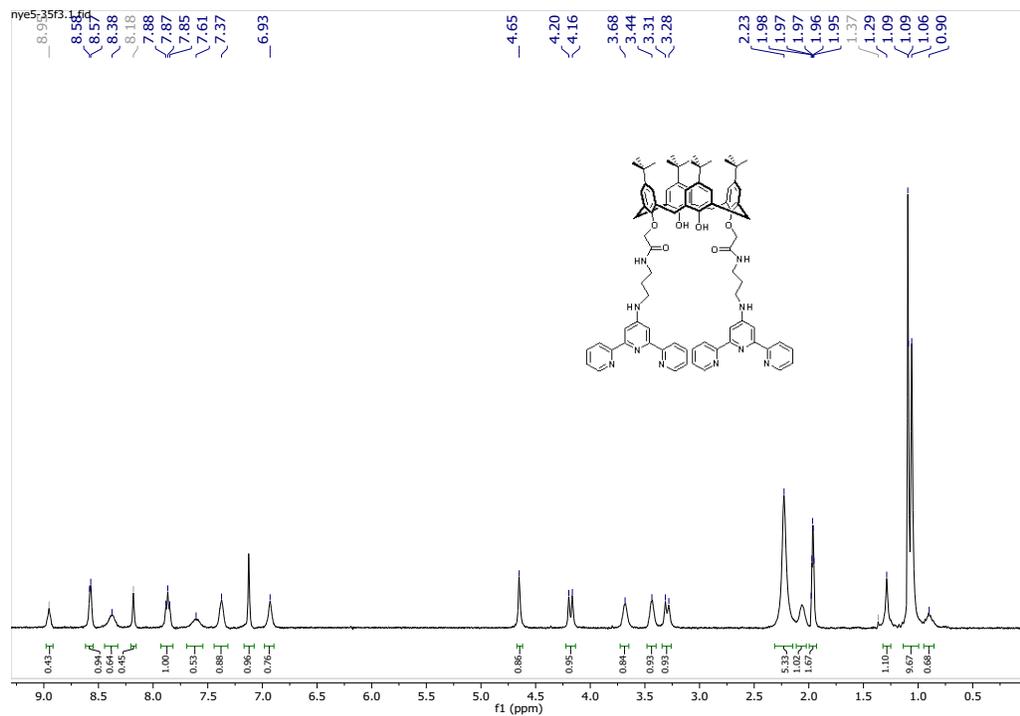


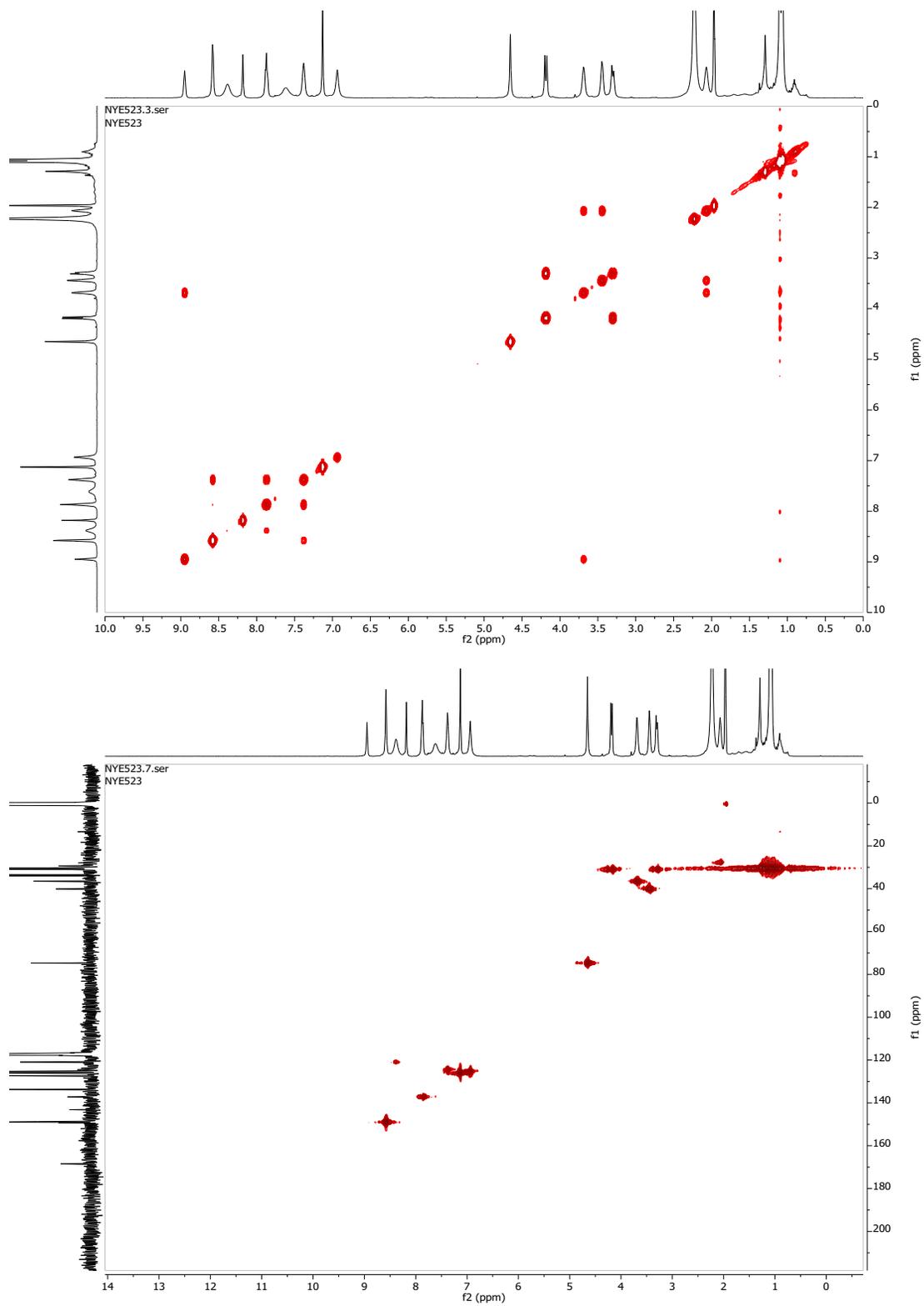
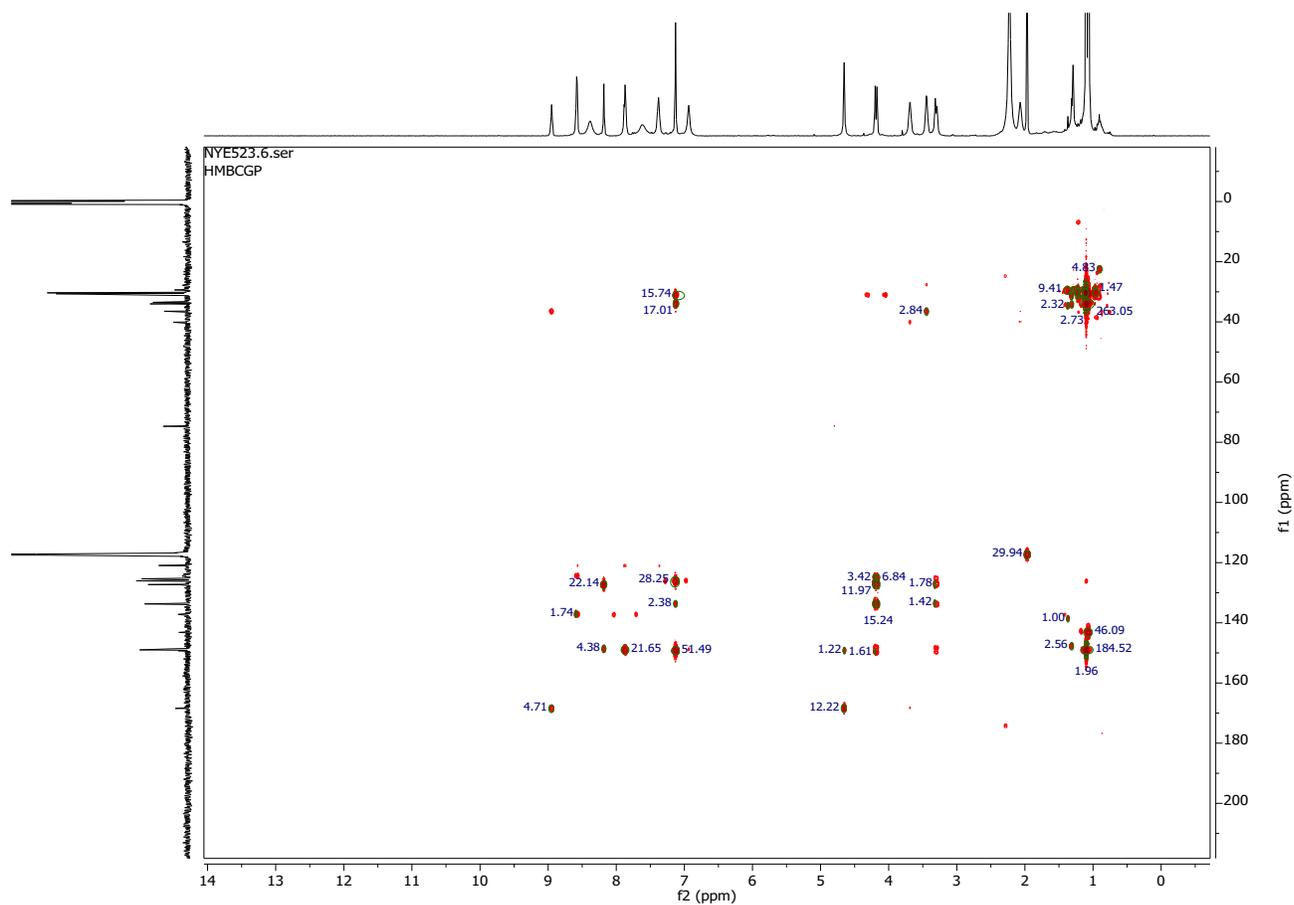
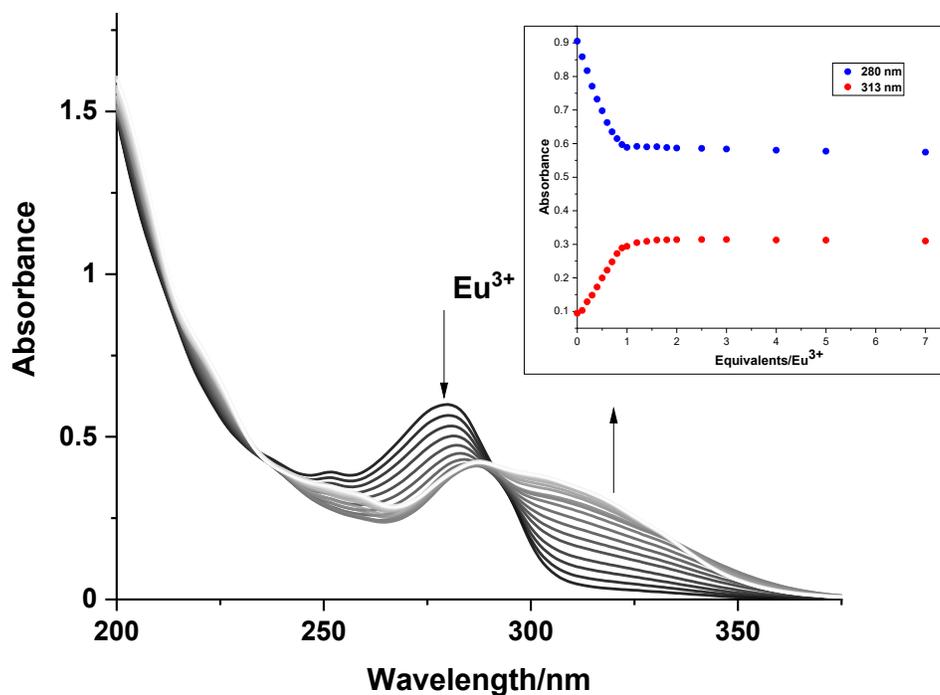
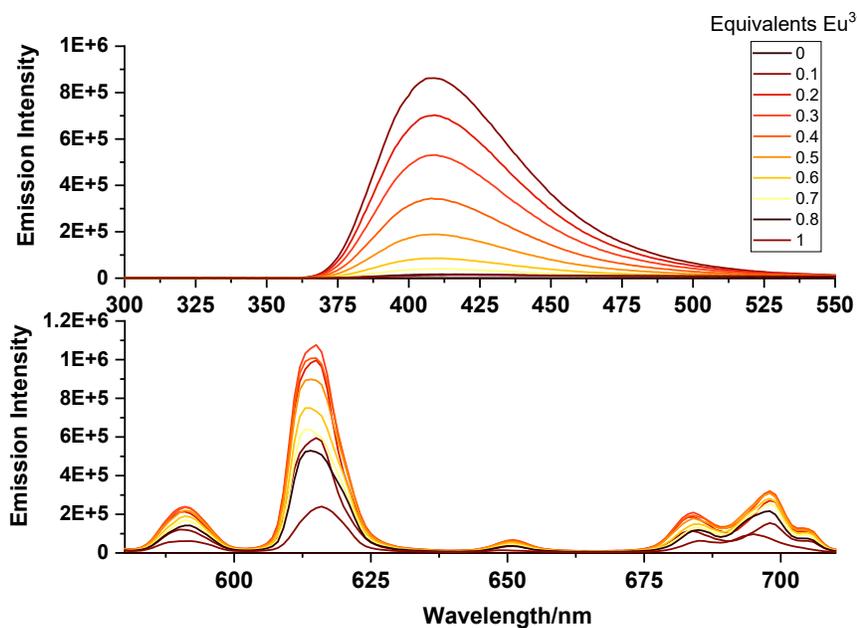
Figure S1.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  of Compound 1

Figure S2.  $^1\text{H}$  Cosy and HMQC in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  of Compound 1Figure S3. HMBC in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  of Compound 1

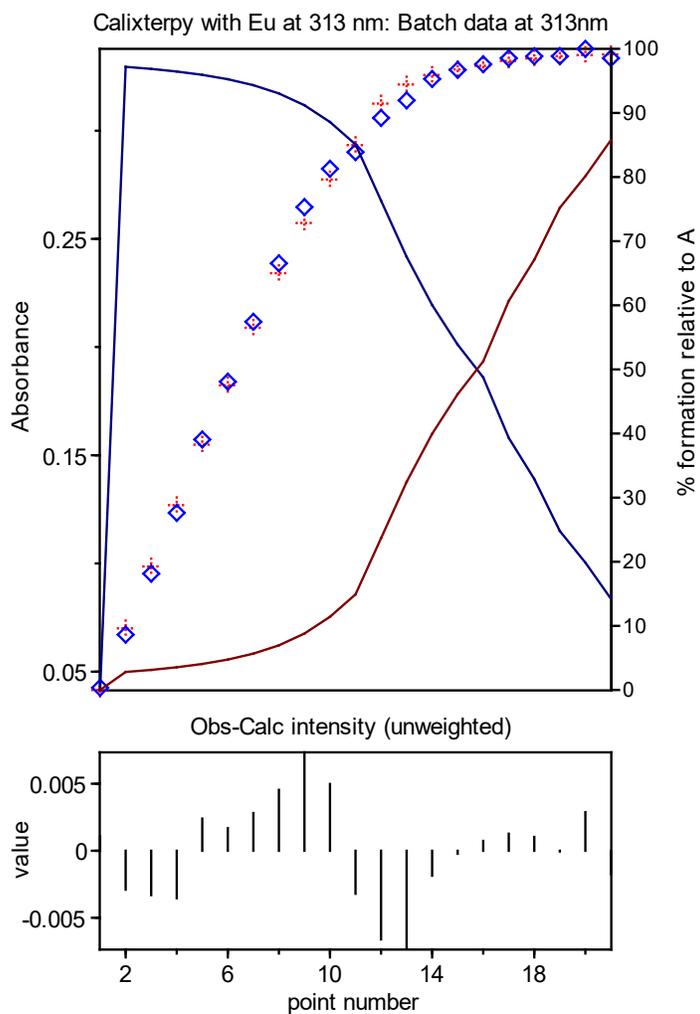


**Figure S4.** Absorption spectra representing the titration of ligand **1** (9.7 μM, acetonitrile) with Eu(OTf)<sub>3</sub>. Inset: Absorbance vs. Equivalents Eu<sup>3+</sup> at 280 nm and 313 nm.



**Figure S5.** Fluorescence spectra representing the titration of ligand **1** (9.7 μM, acetonitrile) with 0 to 1 equivalents of Eu(OTf)<sub>3</sub>. Excitation at 280 nm; excitation and emission slit widths were 3 nm. Integration time = 0.2s.

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Model is 1:1 ligand to metal		
Log $\beta$	value	standard deviation
AB	6.5966	0.0948



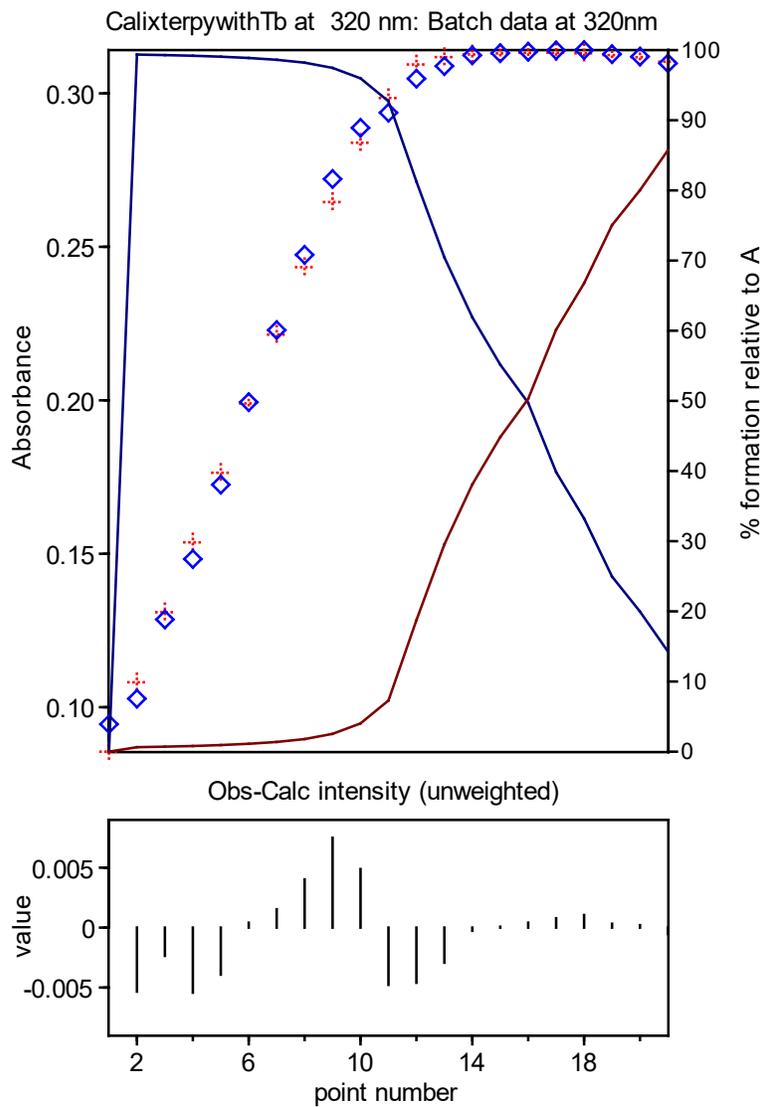
**Figure S6.** Observed and calculated intensities for the titration of ligand 1 with (9.7  $\mu\text{M}$ , acetonitrile) with 0 to 7 equivalents of  $\text{Eu}(\text{OTf})_3$  at 313 nm.

HYPESPEC 2014 Data

Model is 1:1 ligand to metal

Log  $\beta$  value standard deviation

AB 7.2552 0.2432



**Figure S7.** Observed and calculated intensities for the titration of ligand 1 with (9.7  $\mu\text{M}$ , acetonitrile) with 0 to 7 equivalents of  $\text{Tb}(\text{OTf})_3$  at 320 nm.

### Determination of Quantum Yields:

Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub> in degassed, neutral water ( $\phi_f$ : 0.042) and the cesium dipicolato lanthanide(III) salts in 0.1M, pH 7.45 aqueous tris buffer ( $\phi_{f, Tb}$ : 22%  $\pm$  2.5%,  $\phi_{f, Eu}$ : 24%  $\pm$  2.5%) were used as standards [1]. Cesium Europium (III) and Terbium (III) dipicolinate salt standards were prepared according to the published procedure [2]. The compounds were dried under vacuum overnight before use. The standard Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was commercially available and was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Solutions of Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were prepared in degassed DI water. Solutions of both Tb(dipic)<sup>-</sup> and Eu(dipic)<sup>-</sup> were prepared in pH 7.45, 0.1 M tris buffer. Solutions of Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> were prepared dry degassed CH<sub>3</sub>CN. Solution concentrations were chosen based on the literature molar extinction coefficient, such that the stock solution absorbance was *ca.* 0.1. These concentrations are as follows:

- Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>: 6.8 x10<sup>-6</sup> M
- Tb(dipic)<sup>-</sup>: 5.4 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M
- Eu(dipic)<sup>-</sup>: 5.4 x 10<sup>-3</sup> M
- Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub>: 1.5 x10<sup>-5</sup> M
- Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub>: 1.5 x10<sup>-5</sup> M

To minimize the potential for inner filter effects, dilutions were performed yielding solutions of approximate absorbance values of 0.08, 0.06, 0.04, and 0.02. For all solutions, the UV-vis spectrum was recorded (220-600 nm), noting the absorbance at the excitation wavelengths:

- Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>: 286 nm
- Tb(dipic), Eu(dipic): 279 nm
- Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub>: 289 nm

Subsequently, the full visible-range (330-700 nm) fluorescence spectrum was recorded using the noted excitation wavelength, below. The resultant fluorescence spectra were integrated across the emission range. The integration value was plotted against the absorbance of the solution at the excitation wavelength for all solutions. All solutions of each compound were plotted and fit to a linear trendline. The gradient of this trendline and reported standard error were used in order to calculate the quantum yield by the following:

$\phi_x = \phi_{st} \left( \frac{grad_x}{grad_{st}} \right) \left( \frac{\eta_x^2}{\eta_{st}^2} \right)$ , whereas  $\phi_x$ ,  $\eta_x$  and  $grad_x$  represent the fluorescence quantum yield, refractive index and gradient (slope) of the aforementioned linear trendline, respectively. Subscripts denote the identity of the solution, whether analyte (“x”) or standard (“st”).

The appropriate dipicolinate salt and Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> were used as standards for compounds sharing the same metal center. The standards were first cross calibrated against one another, ensuring that they afforded a calculated quantum yield within 10% of the literature value for the standard. Following cross calibration, the gradients of the compounds were compared to each of the two standard compounds, individually. The quantum yields of the compounds were then calculated. The two values were checked to ensure that they were within 1%, then a simple average of the two

was taken to yield the experimentally obtained quantum yield. The absolute standard error in the slope of the gradient, as reported by the least squares linear fitting tool in the OriginLab suite of software, was converted to relative error and propagated through the quantum yield calculation to afford an error analysis given a single determination of quantum yield.

### **Lifetime Measurements:**

Data were acquired using a Horiba Fluorolog 3 fluorimeter. Solutions of Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> with concentrations 10.3 μM and 18 μM respectively were prepared in dry and degassed CH<sub>3</sub>CN. Solutions were placed in a quartz cell and loaded into the instrument. A Xe flash lamp (25 Hz repetition rate) with a spectral range of 230 to 600 nm and a 3 μs pulse width was used to excite the samples. The subsequent luminescence decay was probed at the most intense emission peak for each type of sample (615 nm for and Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and 545 nm for Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub>). Two or three data sets were acquired for each sample. The data were analyzed using the data analysis software, DAS6 and in the OriginLab suite of software. The data were fit to a single exponential decay from which the rate constant and lifetime were extracted.

#### *Measurement Parameters:*

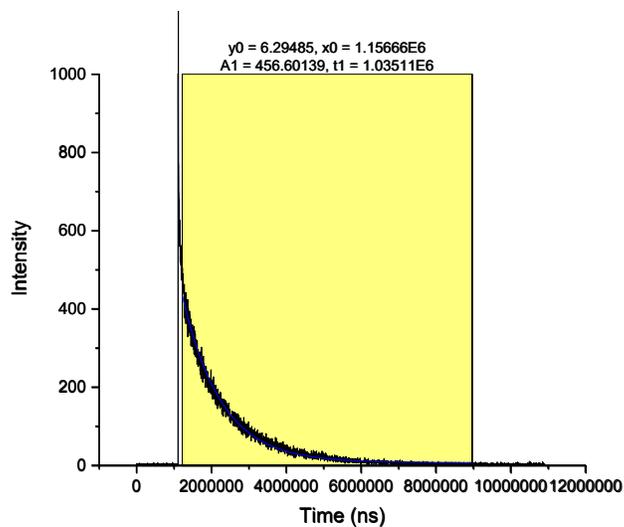
Excitation for Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and  
Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> : 280 nm, slit = 8 nm

Emission: 618 nm for Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and  
546 nm for Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub>, slit=6 nm

Preset: 5000 counts

Delay: 10%

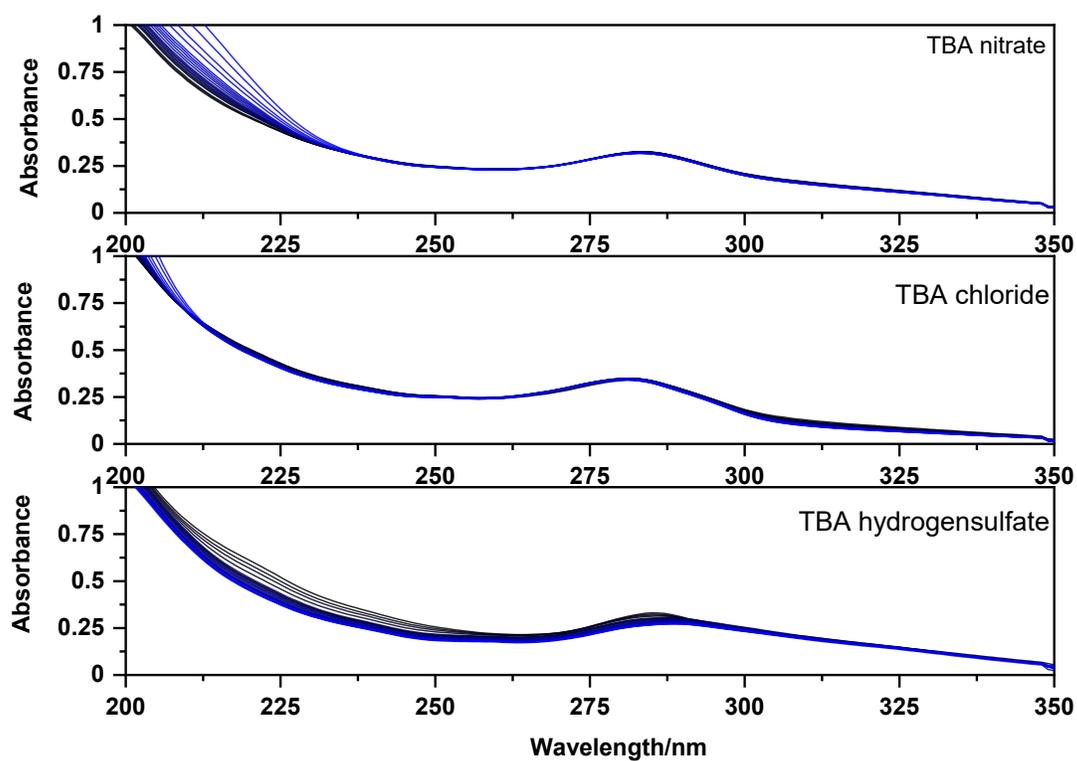
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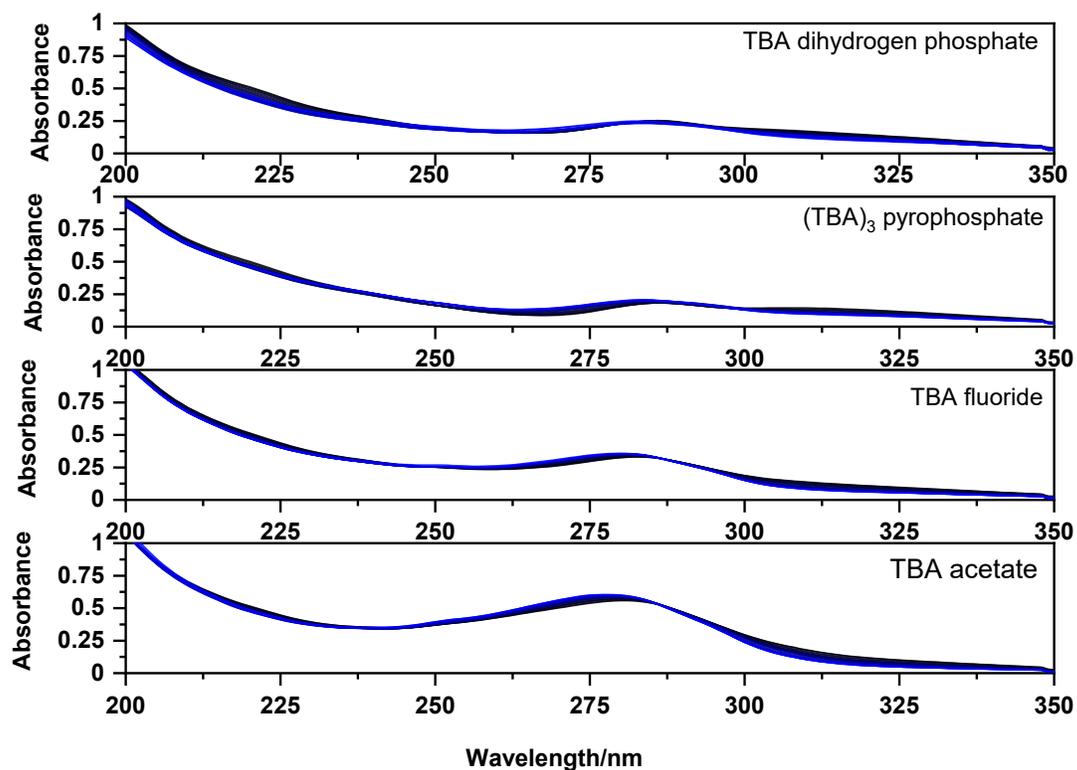
**Figure S8.** Example of Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub>: luminescence decay and fit

**Table S1:** Lifetime measurements of Eu.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> and Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> complexes

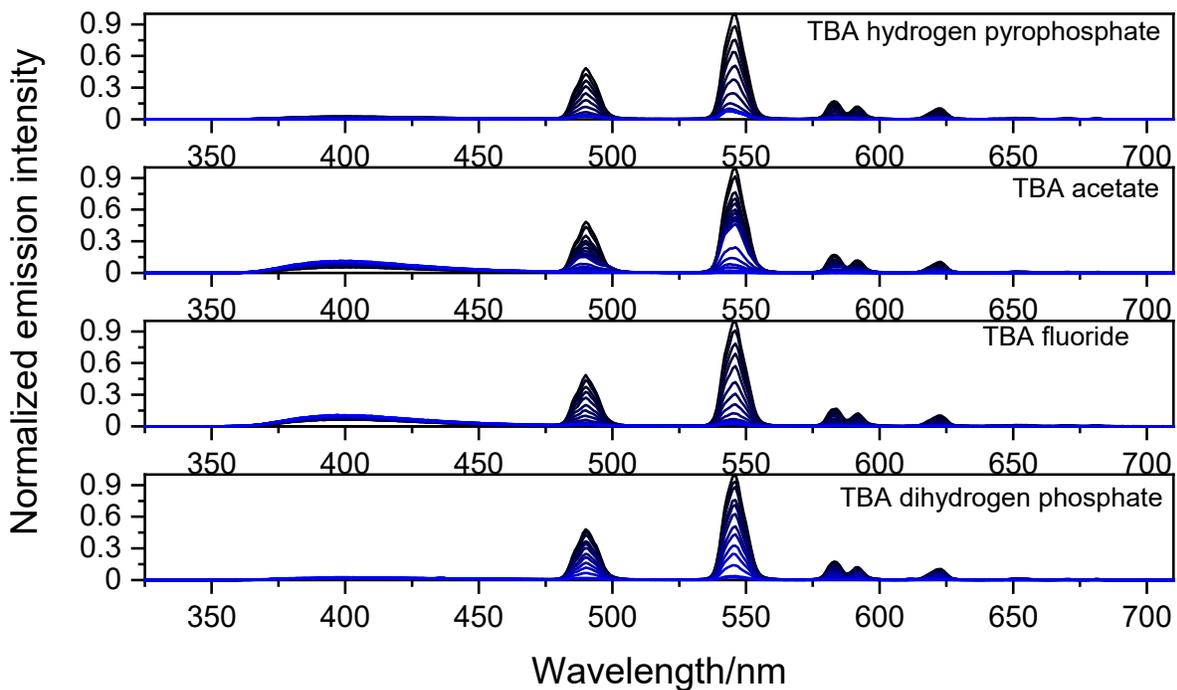
	Lifetime-Eu.1.(OTf) <sub>3</sub> (ms)	Lifetime-Tb.1.(OTf) <sub>3</sub> (ms)
<b>Run</b>	0.96	0.97
<b>Run</b>	0.96	0.97
<b>Run</b>	1.04	0.94
<b>Run</b>	1.05	0.93
<b>Average</b>	1.00	0.95
<b>Standard Deviation</b>	0.04	0.02



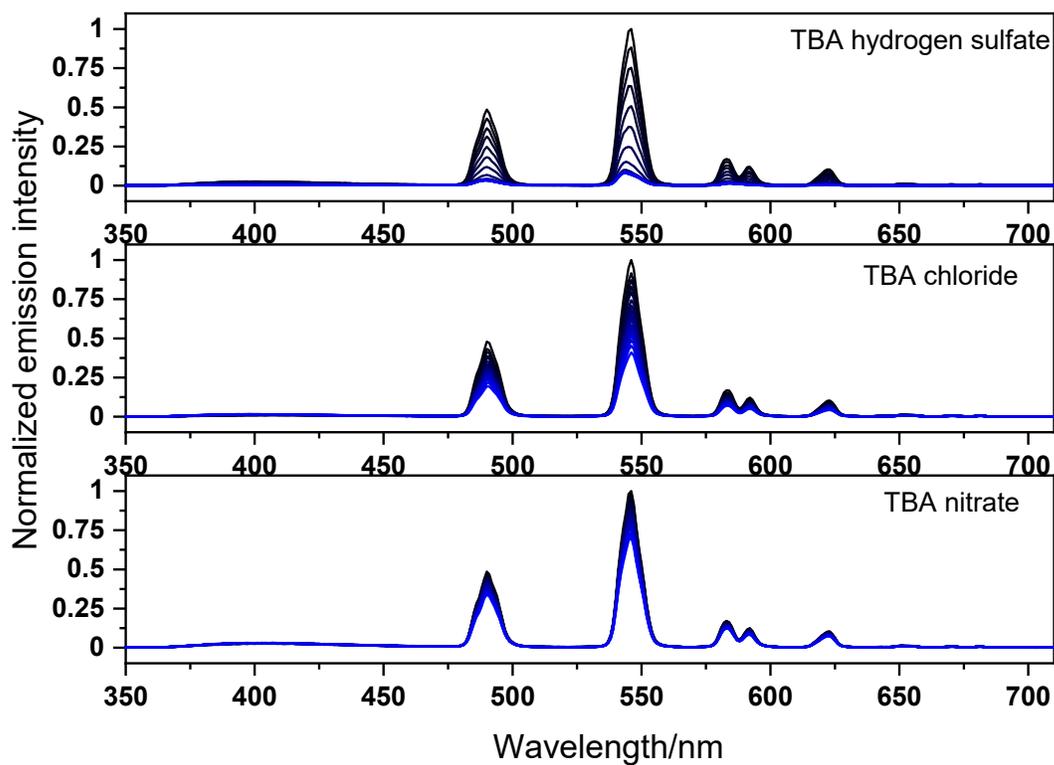
**Figure S9.** UV-vis spectra obtained from the titration of Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (9.9 μM) with 0 to 7 equivalents of various anions. Black spectra are at the beginning of the titration and blue spectra are at the end of the titration.



**Figure S10.** UV-vis spectra obtained from the titration of Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (9.9  $\mu$ M) with 0 to 7 equivalents of various anions. Black spectra are at the beginning of the titration and blue spectra are at the end of the titration.



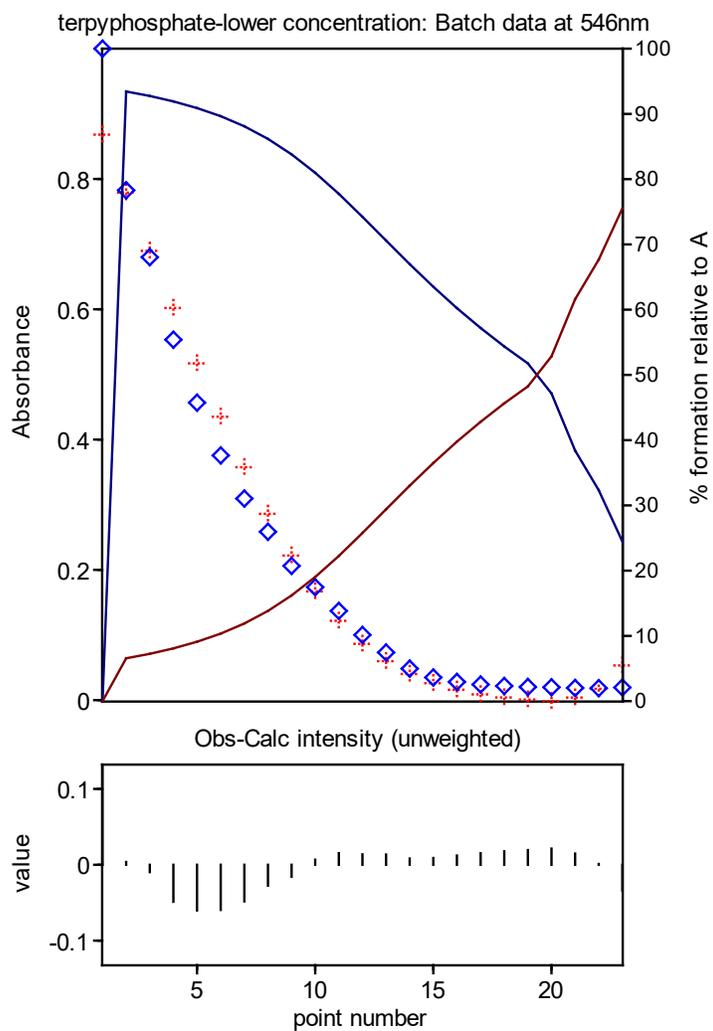
**Figure S11.** Fluorescence spectra obtained from the titration of Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (9.9 μM) with 0 to 7 equivalents of various anions. Black spectra are at the beginning of the titration and blue spectra are at the end of the titration.



**Figure S12.** Fluorescence spectra obtained from the titration of Tb.1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (9.9 μM) with 0 to 7 equivalents of various anions. Black spectra are at the beginning of the titration and blue spectra are at the end of the titration.

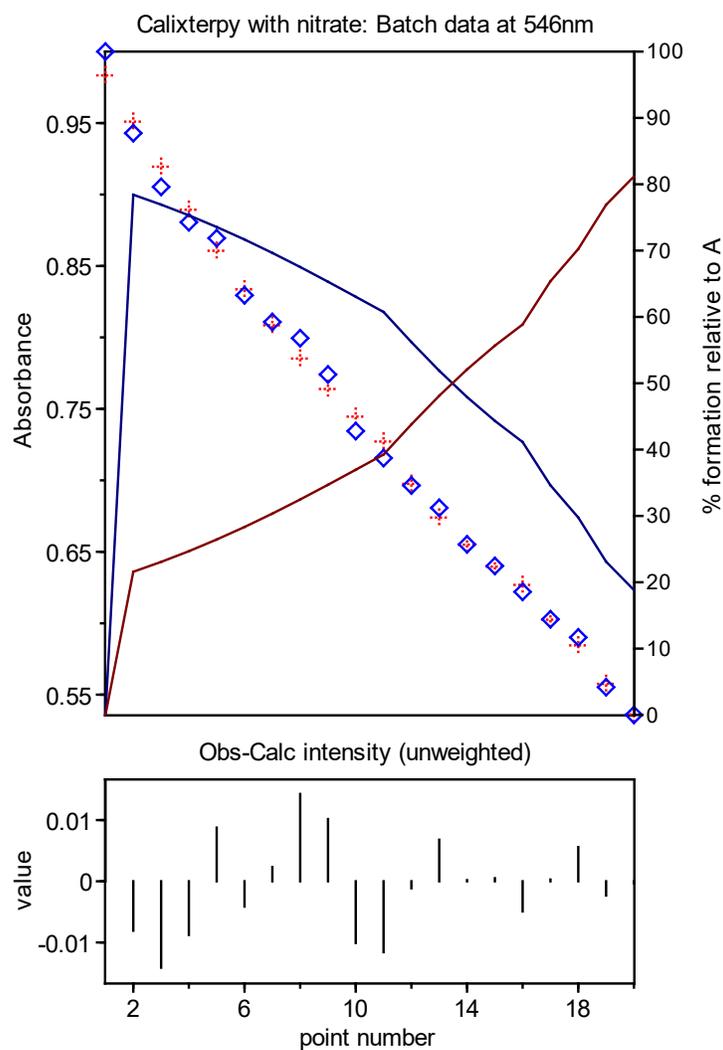
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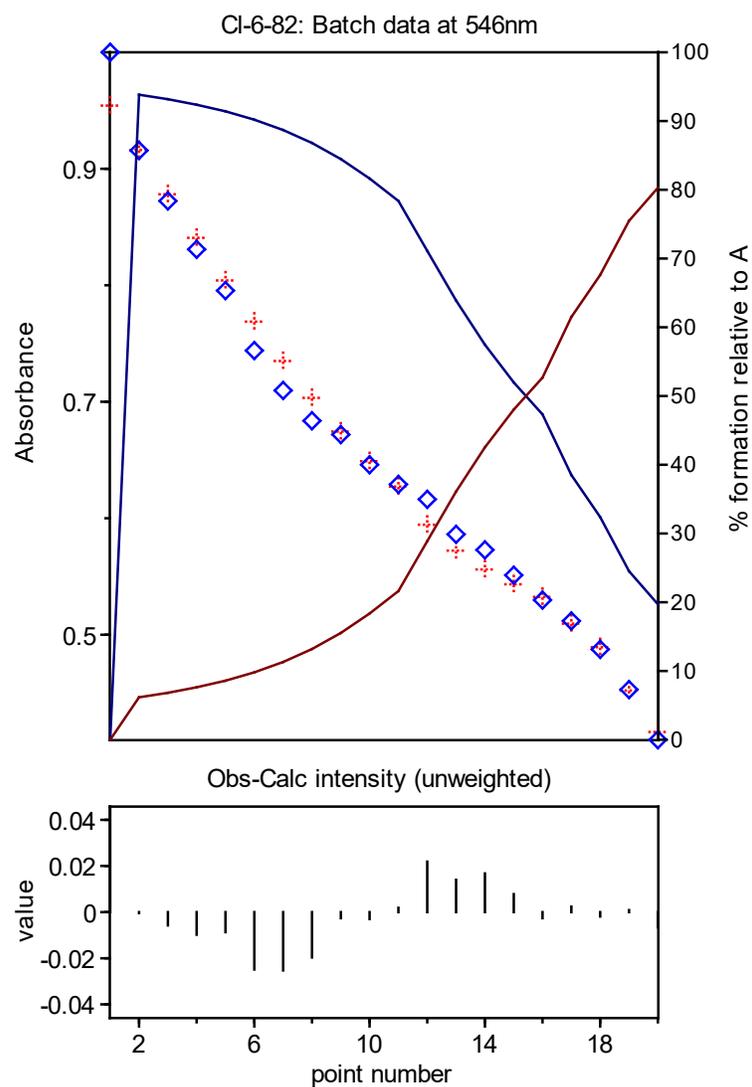
**Figure S13:** Observed and calculated intensities for the titration of Tb1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (4.95  $\mu$ M, acetonitrile) with 0 to 5 equivalents of TBA dihydrogen phosphate at 546 nm.

Model is 1:1 ligand to metal		
Log $\beta$	value	standard deviation
AB	5.60	0.33



**Figure S14:** Observed and calculated intensities for the titration of Tb1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (9.9  $\mu$ M, acetonitrile) with 0 to 5 equivalents of TBA nitrate.

Model is 1:1 ligand to metal		
Log $\beta$	value	standard deviation
AB	6.23	0.33



**Figure S15:** Observed and calculated intensities for the titration of Tb1.(OTf)<sub>3</sub> (9.9  $\mu$ M, acetonitrile) with 0 to 5 equivalents of TBA chloride at 546 nm.

## ABBREVIATIONS

Cesium Tris(6-carboxypyridine-2-carboxylato)terbium(III), Tb(dipic)<sup>-</sup>; Cesium Tris(6-carboxypyridine-2-carboxylato)Europium(III), Eu(dipic)<sup>-</sup>; tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane, Tris.

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