

Supporting information

A novel near-infrared ytterbium complex [Yb(DPPDA)₂](DIPEA) with $\phi = 0.46\%$ and $\tau_{\text{obs}} = 105 \mu\text{s}$

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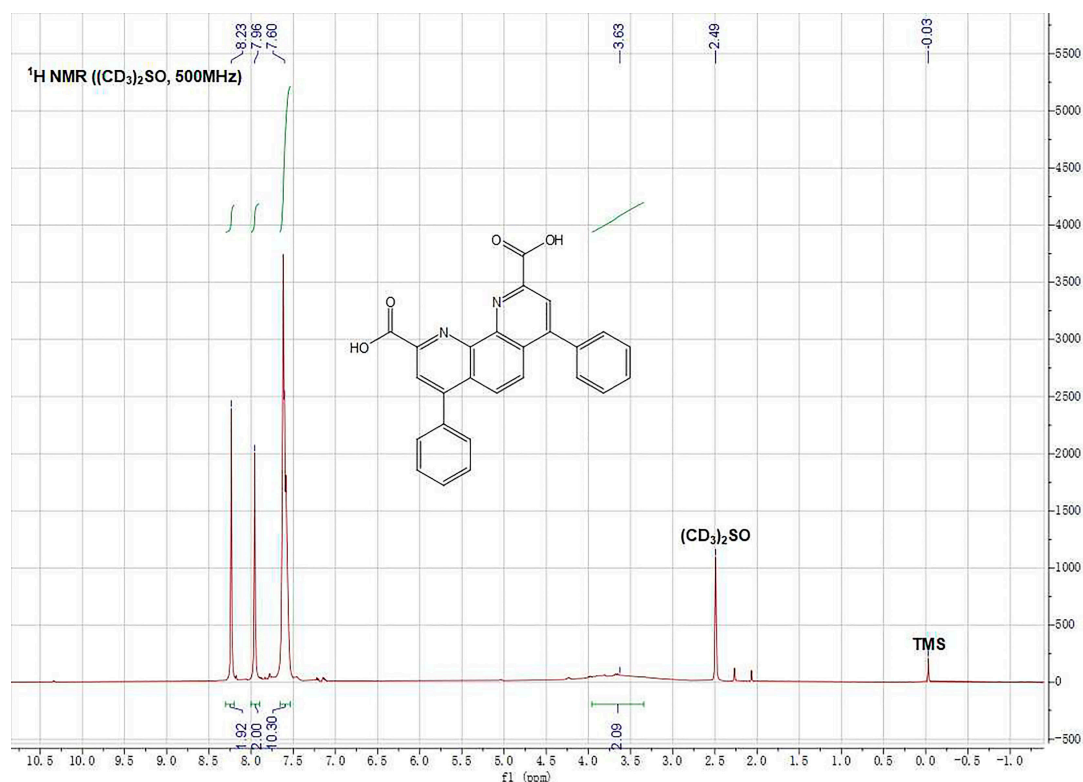


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of 4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline-2,9-dicarboxylic acid (DPPDA).

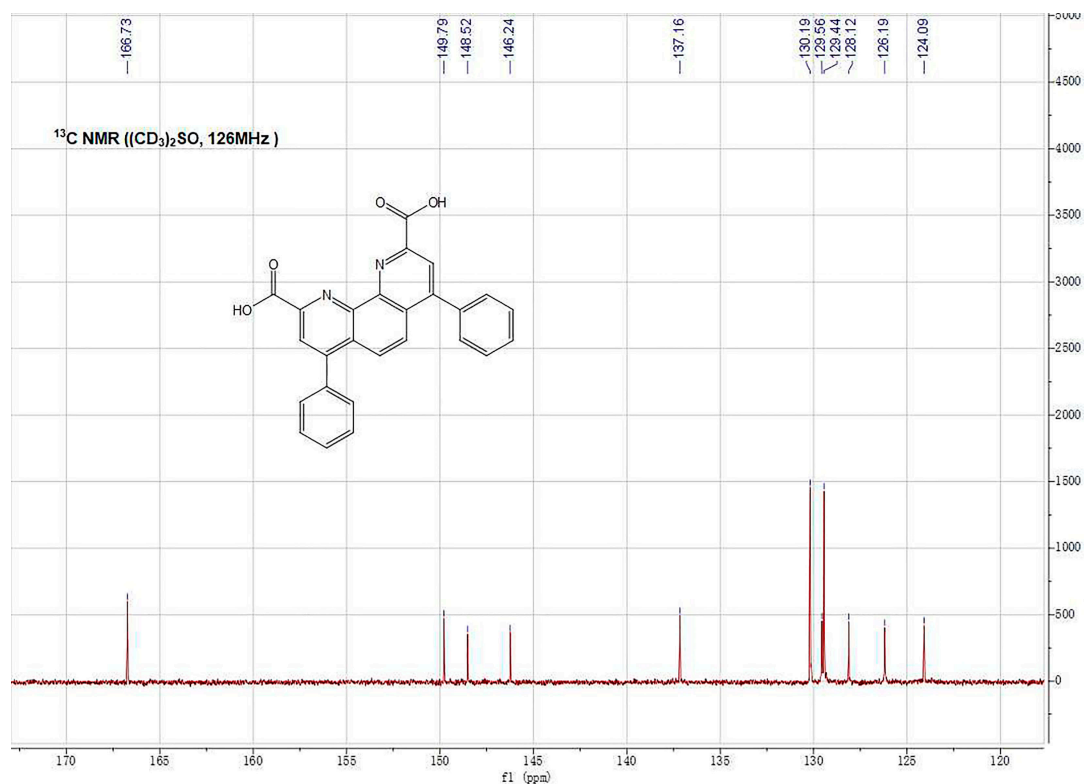


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum of DPPDA.

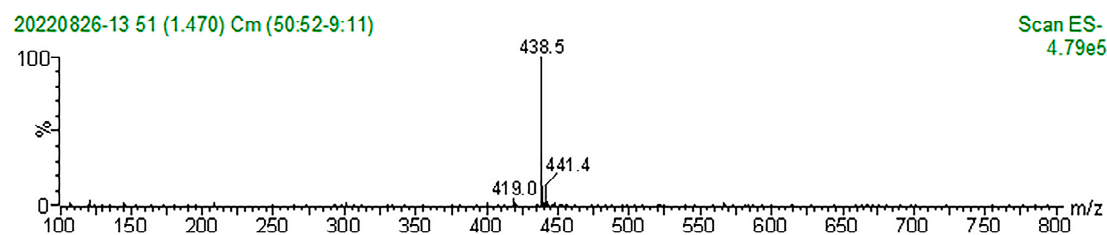


Figure S3. ESI-MS spectrum of DPPDA (CH₃CH₂OH negative mode).

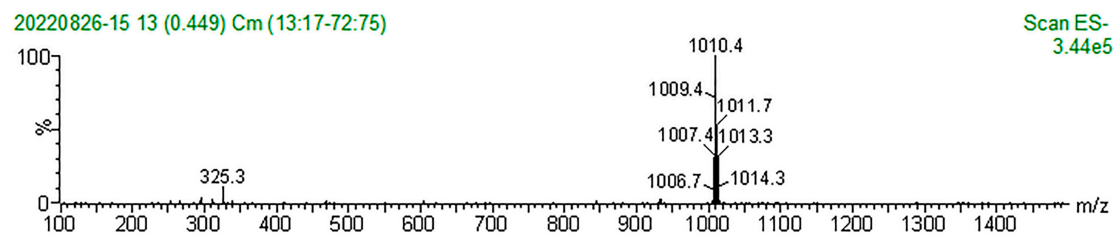


Figure S4. ESI-MS spectrum of [Yb(DPPDA)₂](DIPEA) (CHCl₃ negative mode).

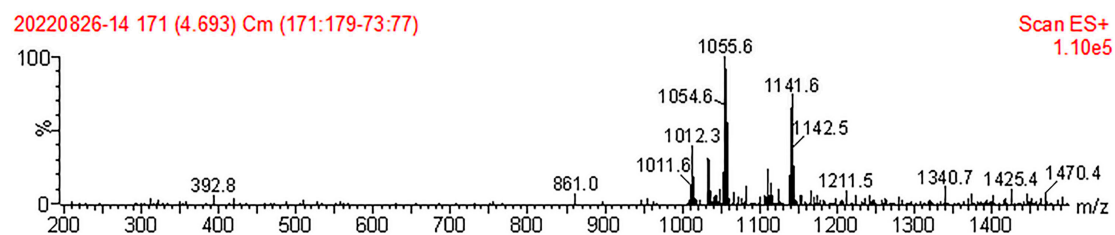


Figure S5. ESI-MS spectrum of $[\text{Yb}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ (CHCl_3 positive mode).

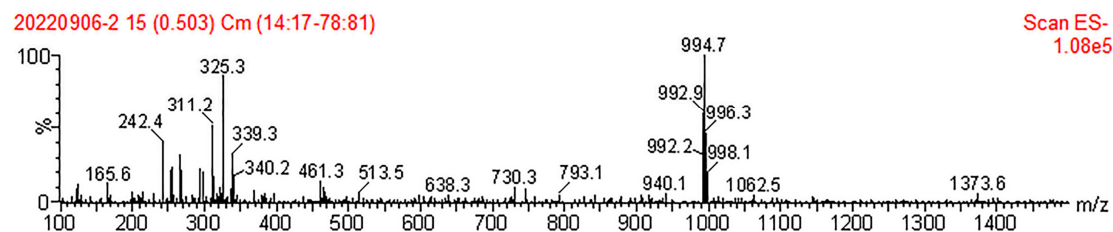


Figure S6. ESI-MS spectrum of $[\text{Gd}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ (CHCl_3 negative mode).

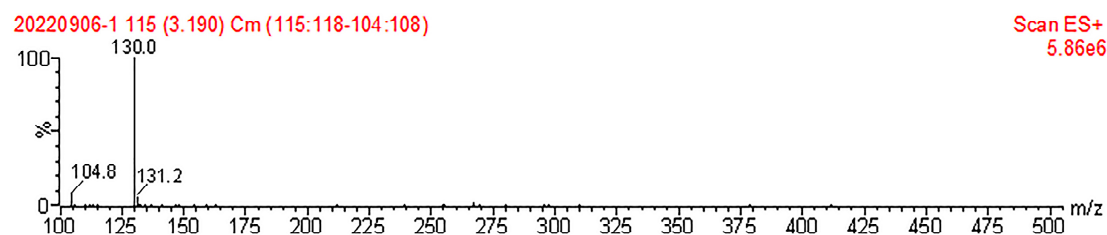


Figure S7. ESI-MS spectrum of $[\text{Gd}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ (CHCl_3 positive mode).

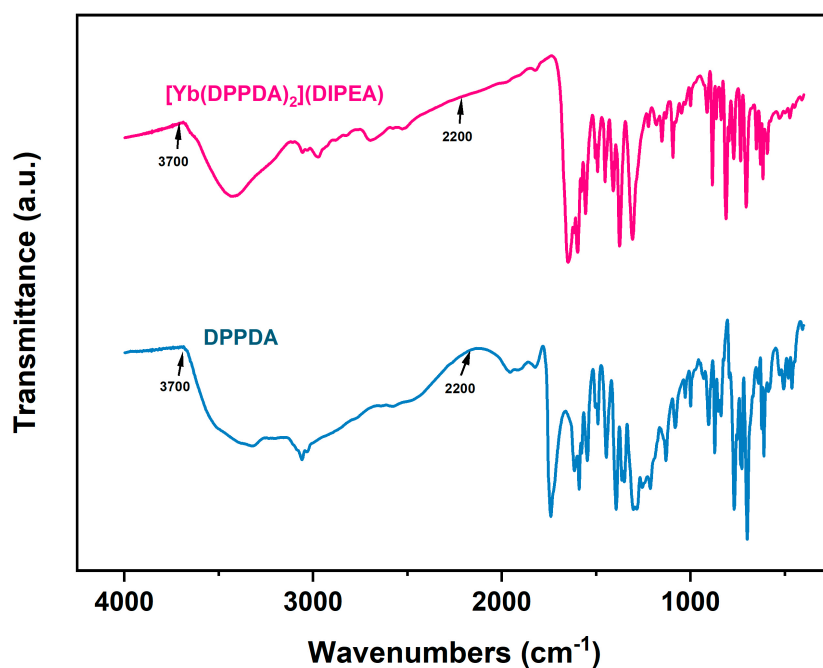


Figure S8. FT-IR spectra of DPPDA and $[\text{Yb}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ in the range of $4000\sim 400\text{ cm}^{-1}$.

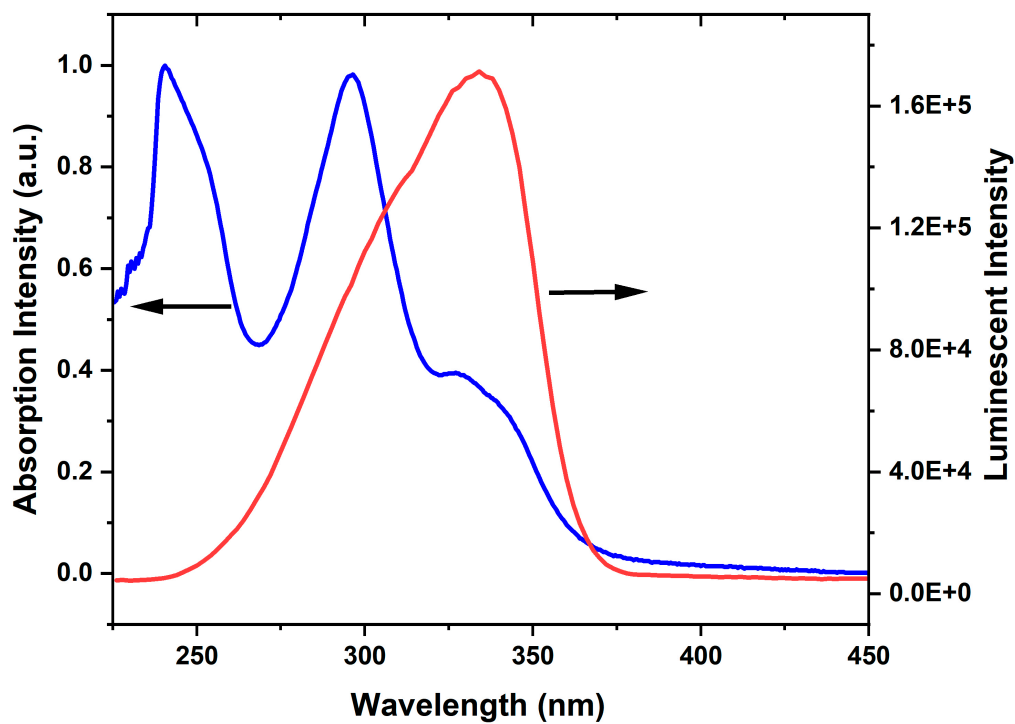


Figure S9. UV-Vis absorption spectrum and excitation spectrum ($\lambda_{\text{monitor}} = 1011 \text{ nm}$) of $[\text{Yb}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ at room temperature.

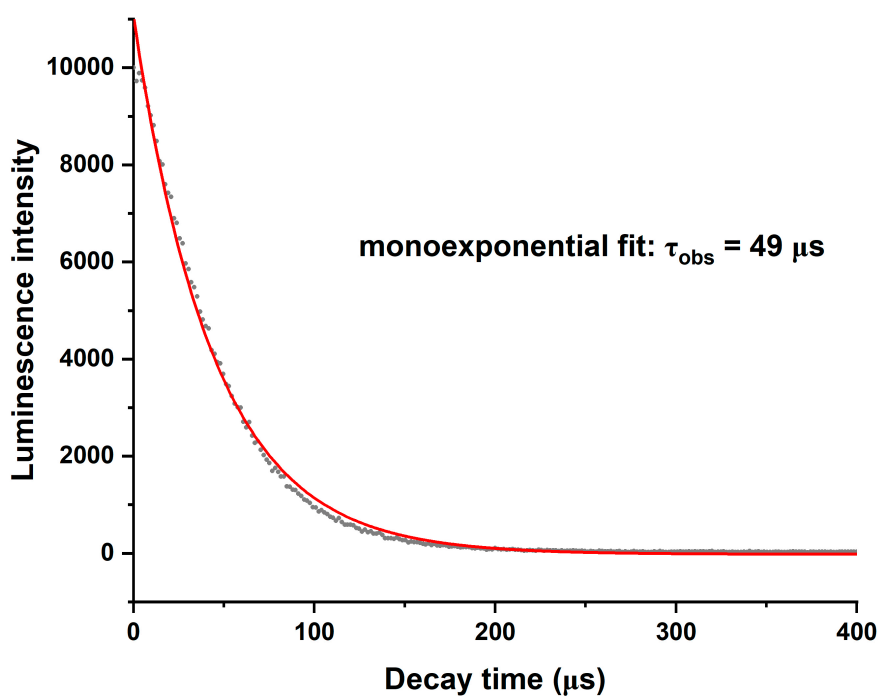


Figure S10. Luminescence decay profile of the transition $^2F_{5/2} \rightarrow ^2F_{7/2}$ ($\lambda_{em} = 1011$ nm) in $[Yb(DPPDA)_2](DIPEA)$ ($CHCl_3$, $\lambda_{ex} = 335$ nm, monoexponential fit in red) at room temperature.

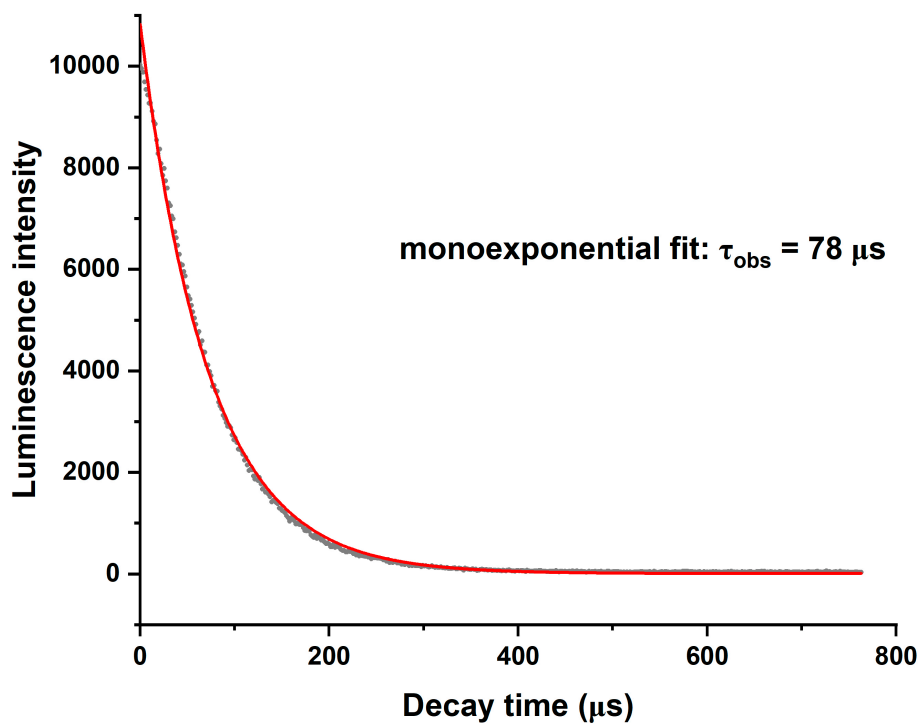


Figure S11. Luminescence decay profile of the transition $^2F_{5/2} \rightarrow ^2F_{7/2}$ ($\lambda_{em} = 1011$ nm) in $[Yb(DPPDA)_2](DIPEA)$ ($CDCl_3$, $\lambda_{ex} = 335$ nm, monoexponential fit in red) at room temperature.

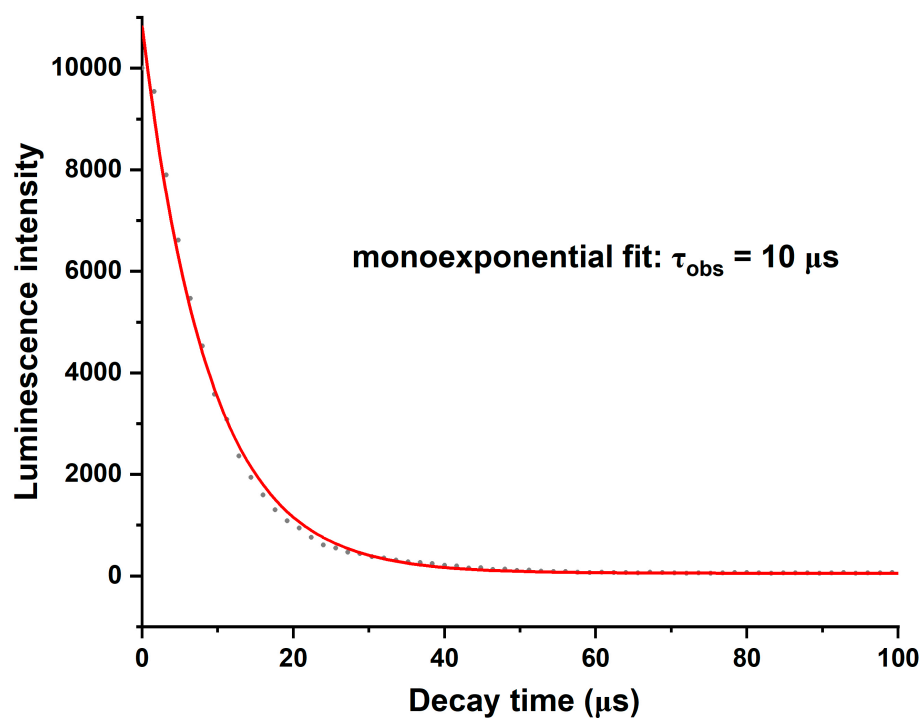


Figure S12. Luminescence decay profile of the transition $^2F_{5/2} \rightarrow ^2F_{7/2}$ ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 1011 \text{ nm}$) in $[\text{Yb}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ (CH_3OH , $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 335 \text{ nm}$, monoexponential fit in red) at room temperature.

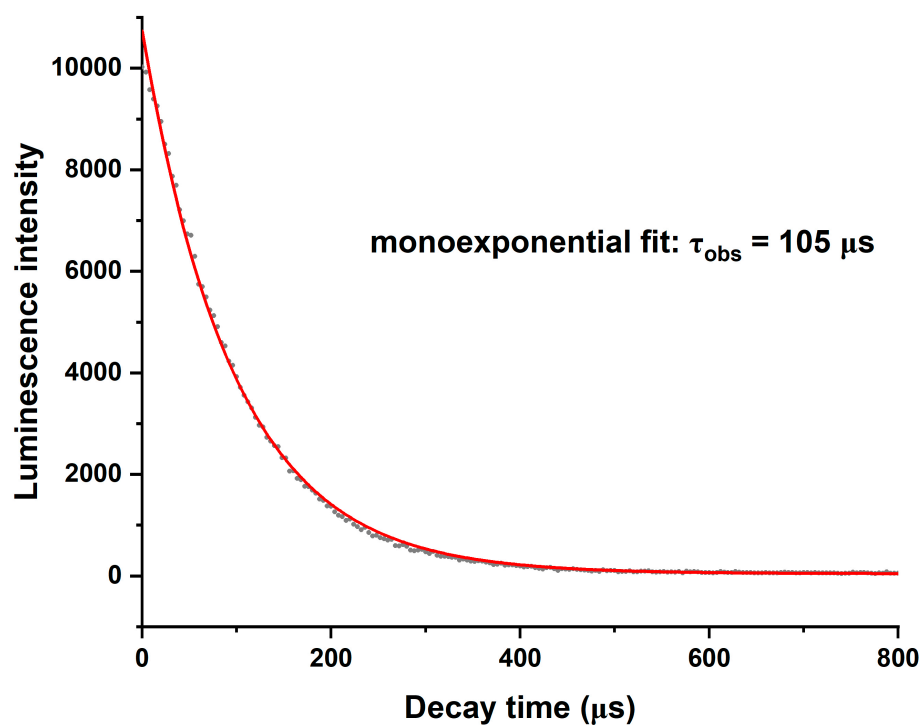


Figure S13. Luminescence decay profile of the transition $^2F_{5/2} \rightarrow ^2F_{7/2}$ ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 1011 \text{ nm}$) in $[\text{Yb}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ (CD_3OD , $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 335 \text{ nm}$, monoexponential fit in red) at room temperature.

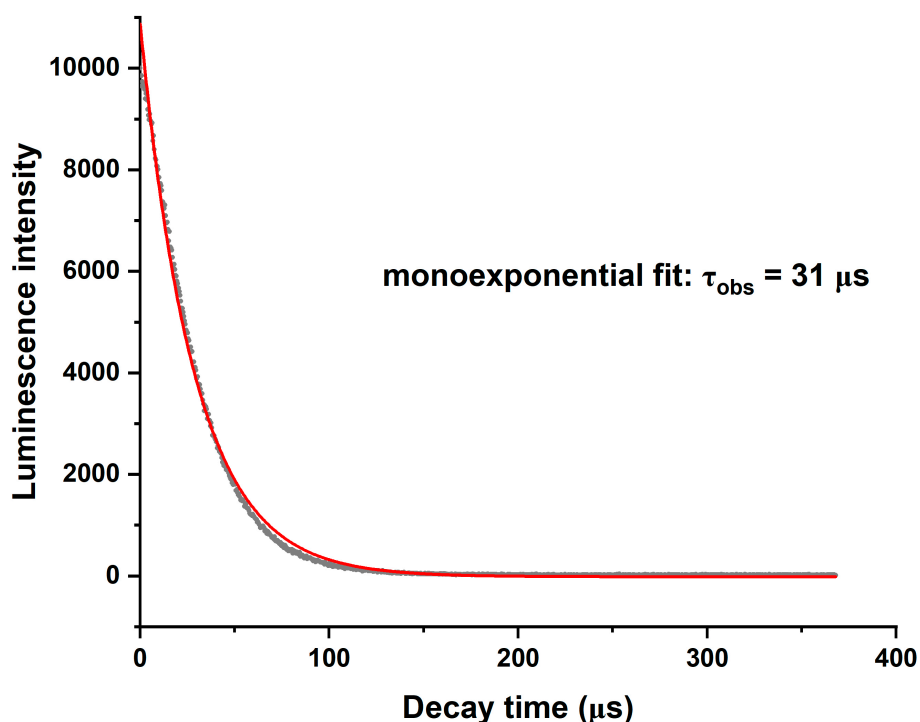


Figure S14. Luminescence decay profile of the transition $^2F_{5/2} \rightarrow ^2F_{7/2}$ ($\lambda_{em} = 1011$ nm) in $[Yb(DPPDA)_2](DIPEA)$ (solid, $\lambda_{ex} = 335$ nm, monoexponential fit in red) at room temperature.

Solvent ¹	S_R^2	S_S^3	E_S^4	QYs ⁵ (%)
solid	9.26E+08	8.10E+07	1.31E+05	0.06
CH ₃ OH	1.04E+09	3.18E+07	3.98E+04	0.02
CD ₃ OD	4.95E+08	1.56E+07	5.58E+05	0.46
CHCl ₃	4.89E+08	1.66E+07	2.69E+05	0.22
CDCl ₃	4.31E+08	2.63E+07	3.87E+05	0.37

¹Measuring condition: $\lambda_{ex} = 335$ nm, $\lambda_{em} = 1011$ nm, 1×10^{-4} mol/L, 298 K. ² S_R = Integrated scattering intensity of reference cell. ³ S_S = Integrated scattering intensity of sample. ⁴ E_S = Integrated emission intensity of sample. ⁵The calculation formula of QYs is: $(F \cdot E_S) / (S_R - S_S)$, F is correction factor aimed to eliminate the influence of different sensitivity between UV-Vis detector (180 nm—900 nm) and NIR detector (600 nm—1700 nm). By measuring and contrasting detected light intensity of the spectral overlapping region (700 nm—800 nm) of two detectors, F is calculated to be 3.91.

Table S1. The measuring data of absolute quantum yields of $[Yb(DPPDA)_2](DIPEA)$ in different solutions and solid state at room temperature.

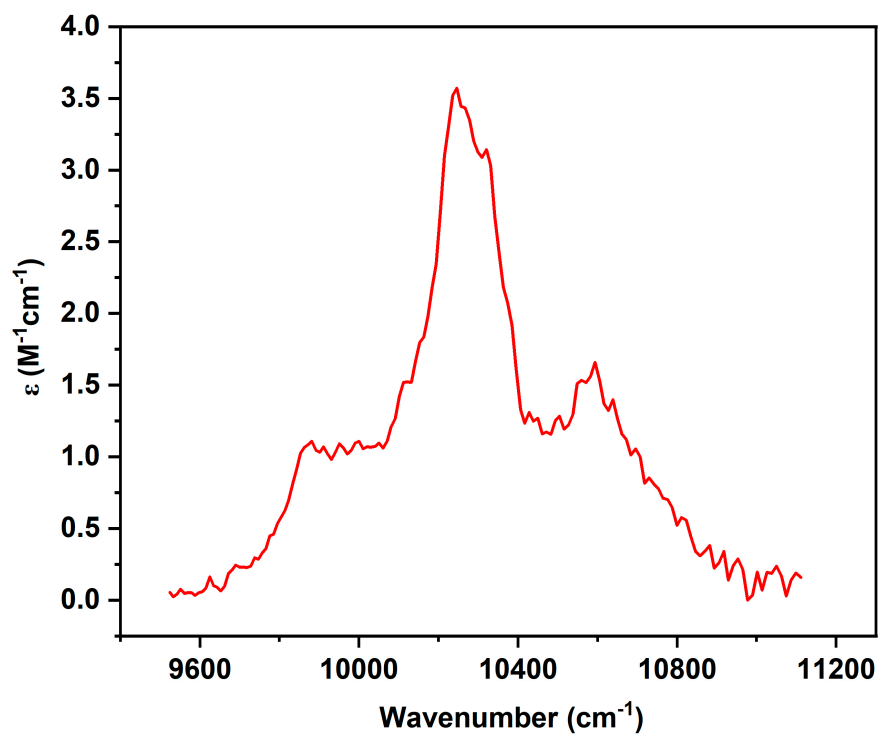


Figure S15. NIR absorption spectrum of the f-f transition ${}^2F_{7/2} \rightarrow {}^2F_{5/2}$ in $[Yb(DPPDA)_2](DIPEA)$ (in 4×10^{-4} mol/L CD_3OD solution).

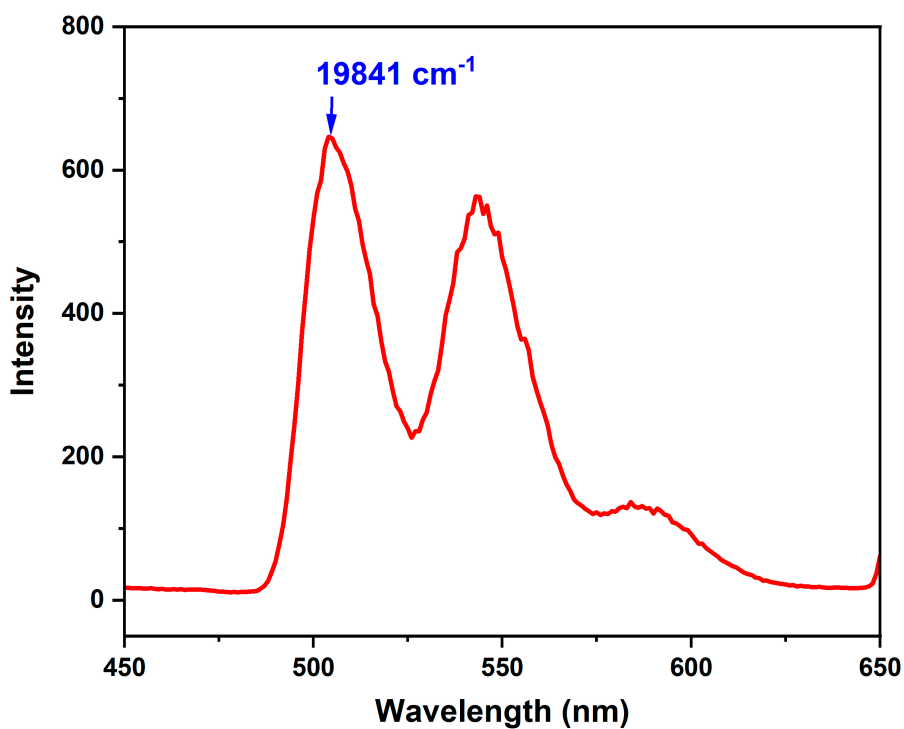


Figure S16. Low temperature fluorescence spectrum of [Gd(DPPDA)₂](DIPEA) ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 335$ nm, in 1×10^{-4} mol/L CHCl₃ solution).

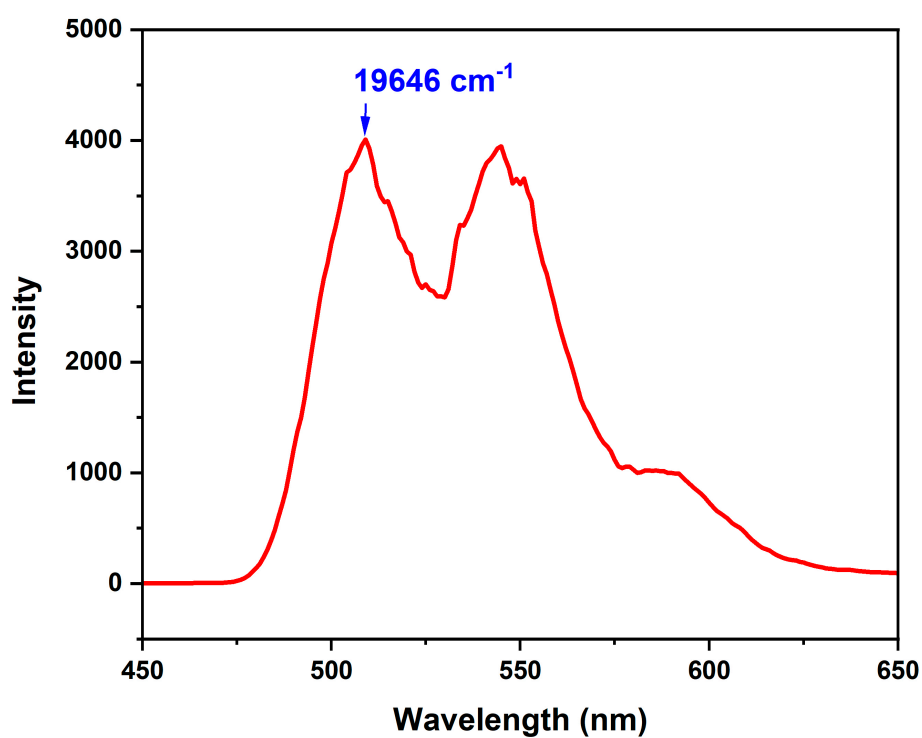


Figure S17. Low temperature phosphorescence spectrum of $[\text{Gd}(\text{DPPDA})_2](\text{DIPEA})$ ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 335 \text{ nm}$, in $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol/L CHCl}_3$ solution).

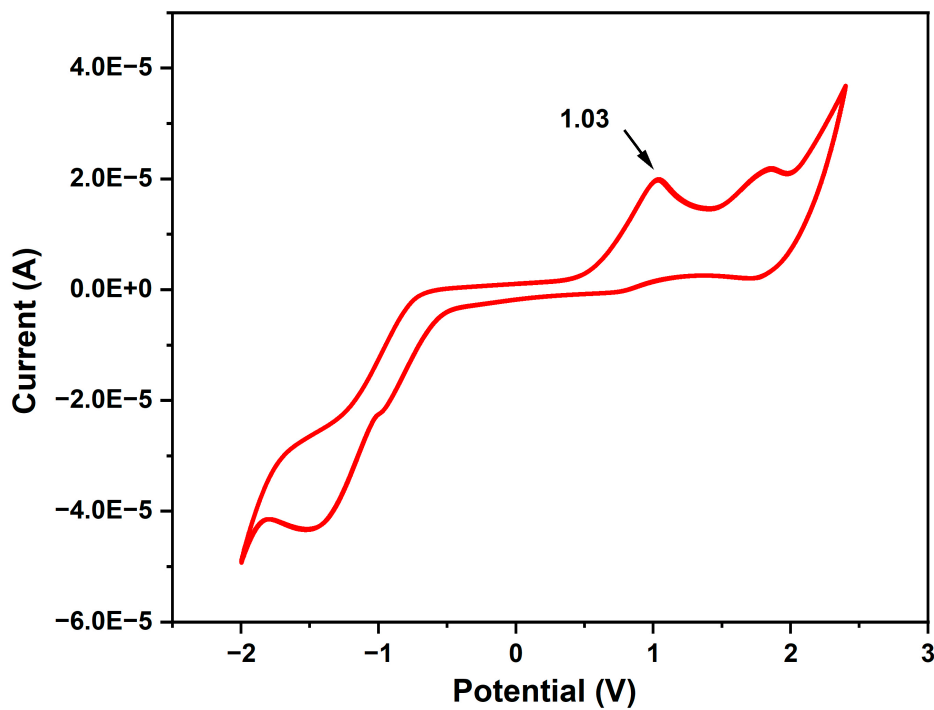


Figure S18. Cyclic voltammogram of $\text{DPPDA}(\text{DIPEA})_2$ (with Ag/AgCl reference electrode in $1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/L CHCl}_3$ solution).

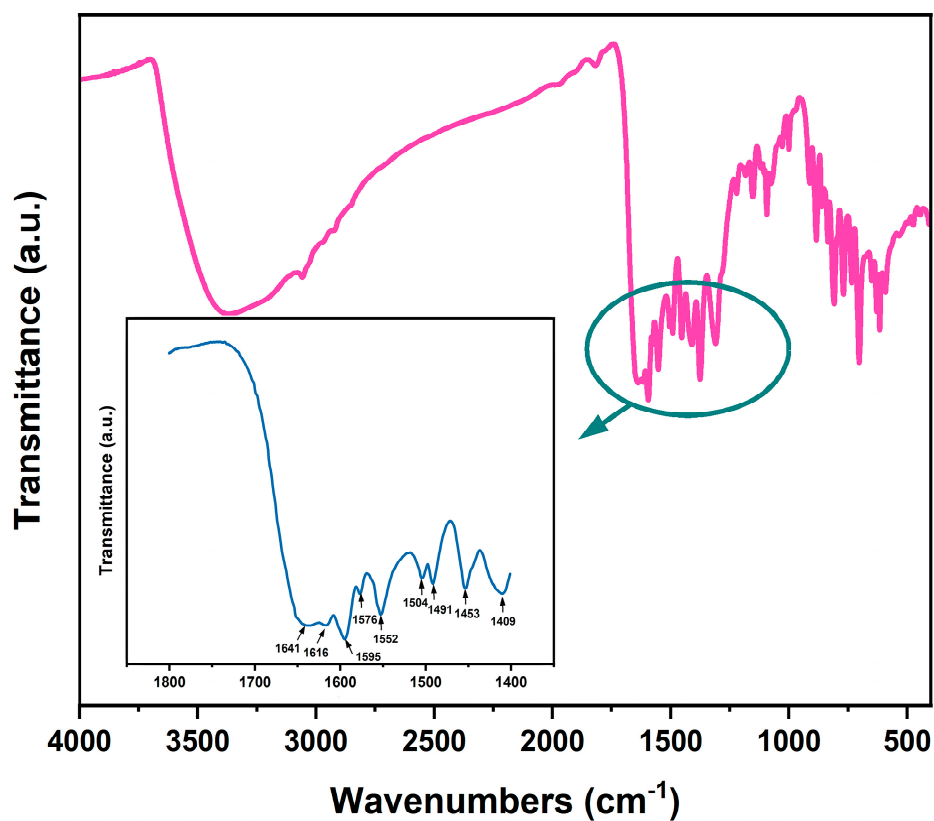


Figure S19. FT-IR spectrum of [Gd(DPPDA)₂](DIPEA) in the range of 4000~400 cm⁻¹ (The illustration is enlarged FT-IR spectrum in the range of 1800~1400 cm⁻¹).