## Supporting information for

Molecular Ladders of lanthanide-3-phenyl-4-benzoyl-5-isoxazolonate and bis(2-(diphenylphosphino)phenyl) ether oxide complexes: Role of Ancillary Ligand in the Sensitization Process of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and Tb<sup>3+</sup> Luminescence

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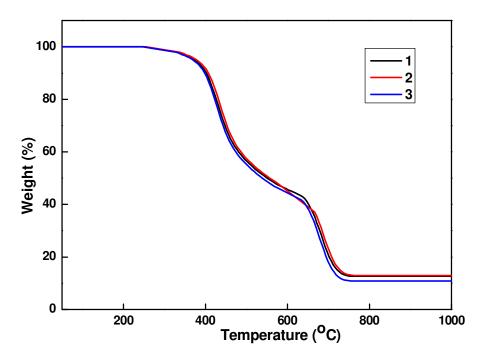
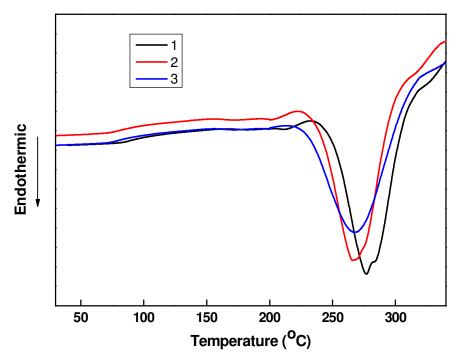
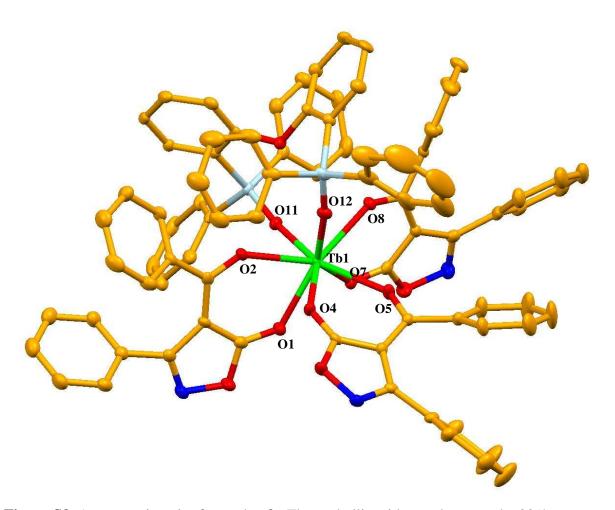


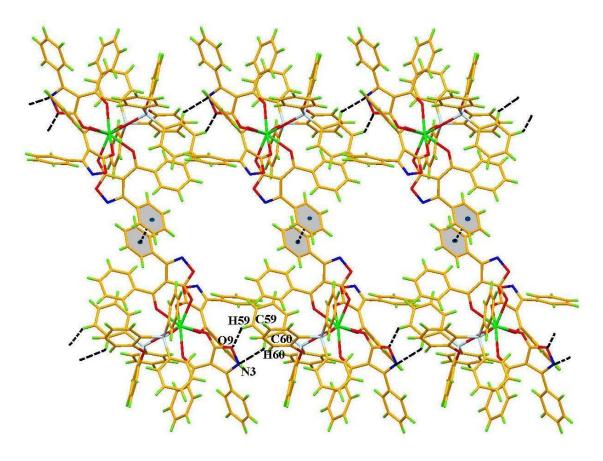
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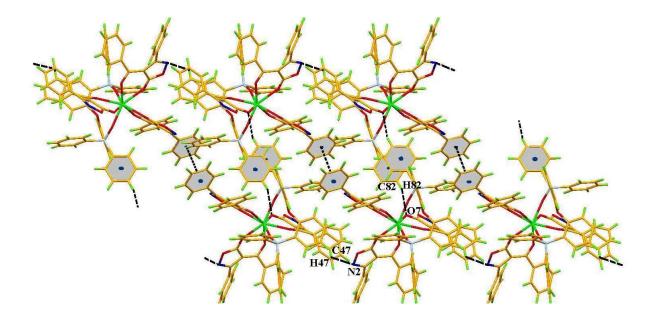
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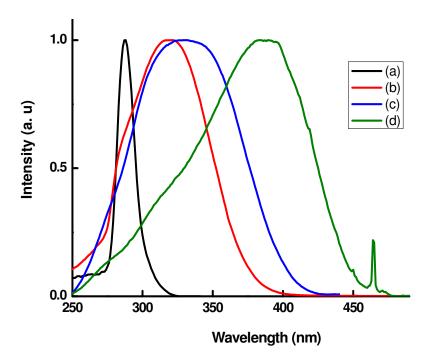
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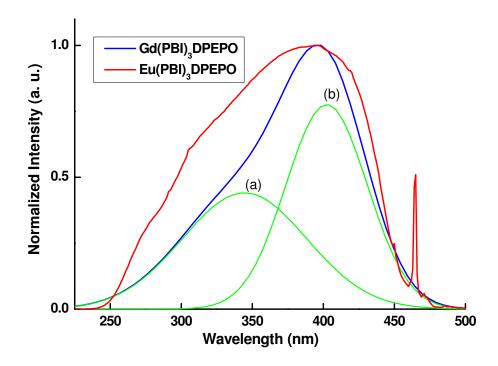
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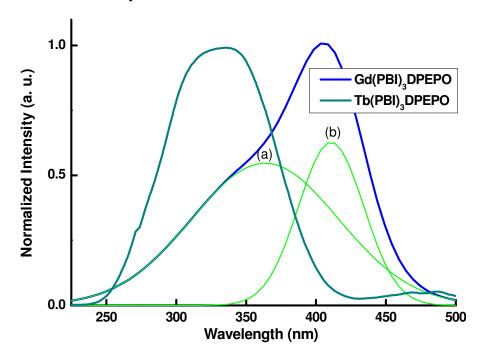
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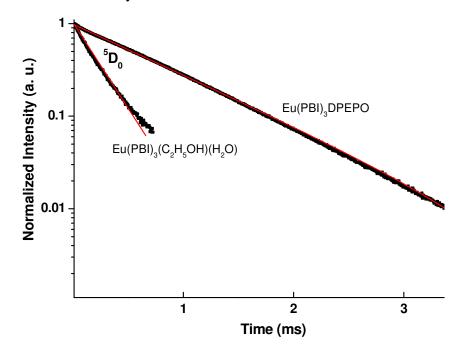
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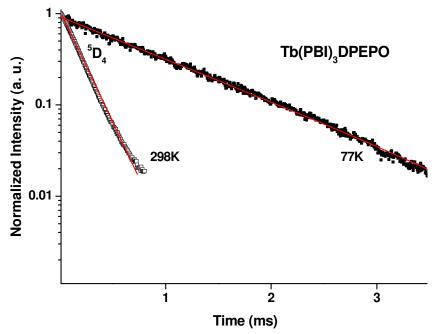
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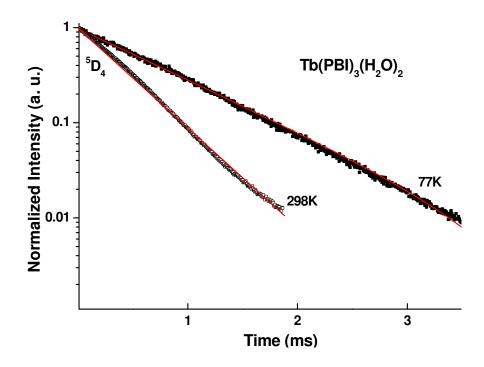
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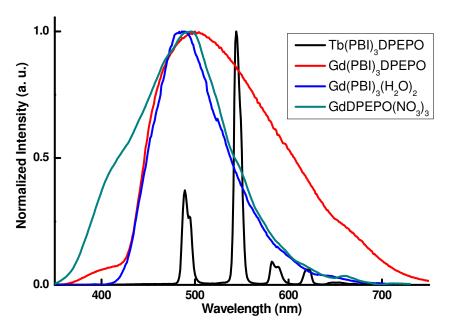
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