

# Supplementary Information

## Fluorescence Property and Density Functional Theory Calculation of Structurally Characterized Heterotetranuclear $[\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}_2\text{-Sm}^{\text{III}}_2]$ 4,4'-Bipy-Salamo-Constructed Complex

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### 1. X-ray Crystallography analysis

The diffraction intensity data of the  $[\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}_2\text{-Sm}^{\text{III}}_2]$  complex was collected by a Bruker APEX-II CCD surface detector diffractometer, and the Mo- $K\alpha$  ray radiation was monochromated with a graphite monochromator, and the diffraction radiation wavelength  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ . At a temperature of 273(2) K, several independent diffraction spots were scanned and collected by scanning with  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$ , and reduction and refinement of the obtained diffraction data were applied to the SAINT program [1]. The crystal structure was resolved using the ShelXTL 2015 program [2], reflections were merged by SHELXL according to the crystal class for the calculation of statistics and refinement. All non-hydrogen atoms were found by number theory Fourier synthesis, while hydrogen atoms were obtained by geometric hydrogenation. The crystallographic data of the  $[\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}_2\text{-Sm}^{\text{III}}_2]$  complex was collected and stored in the Cambridge Crystallography Data Center. The deposit number is CCDC 1959376, and specific data for this crystal structure can be obtained from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center at [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html).

### 2. IR Spectra

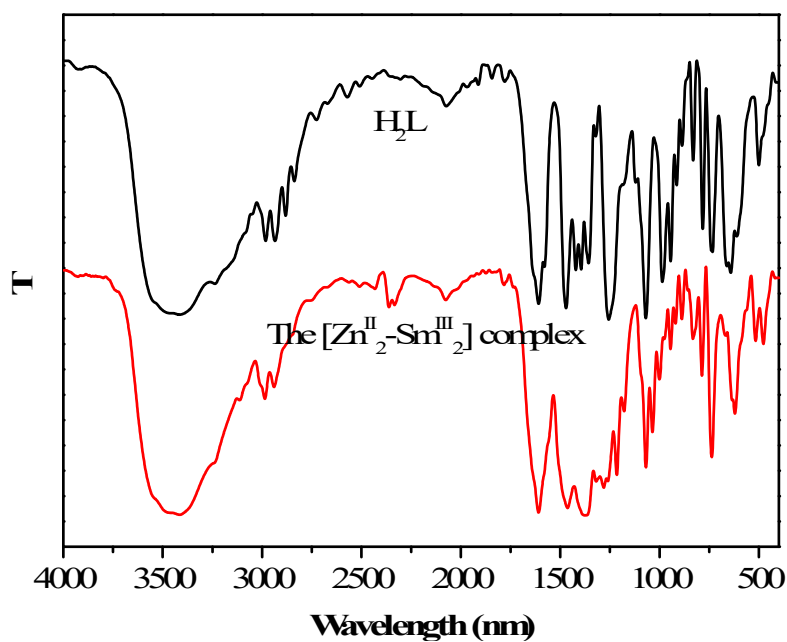


Figure S1. Infrared Spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L and the [Zn<sup>II</sup>-Sm<sup>III</sup>]<sub>2</sub> complex.

### 3. Crystal Structure and Supra-molecular Interactions

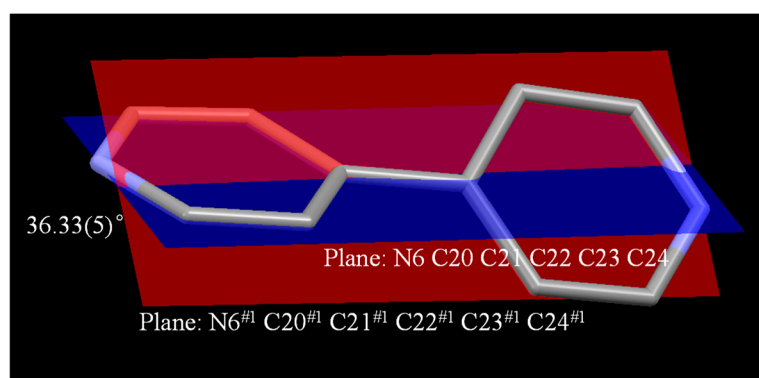


Figure S2. The dihedral angle between the planes of the two pyridine rings of the [Zn<sup>II</sup>-Sm<sup>III</sup>]<sub>2</sub> complex.

Table S1. Essential bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of the [Zn<sup>II</sup>-Sm<sup>III</sup>]<sub>2</sub> complex.

| Bond      | Lengths    | Bond        | Lengths    |
|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Sm1-O1    | 2.630(3)   | Sm1-O14     | 2.539(3)   |
| Sm1-O2    | 2.351(3)   | Sm1-N3      | 2.961(4)   |
| Sm1-O5    | 2.390(3)   | Sm1-N4      | 2.062(4)   |
| Sm1-O6    | 2.594(3)   | Zn1-O2      | 2.076(5)   |
| Sm1-O7    | 2.601(3)   | Zn1-O5      | 2.035(3)   |
| Sm1-O8    | 2.475(3)   | Zn1-N6      | 2.068(3)   |
| Sm1-O10   | 2.552(4)   | Zn1-N1      | 2.127(4)   |
| Sm1-O11   | 2.481(3)   | Zn1-N2      | 2.036(3)   |
| Sm1-O13   | 2.560(3)   |             |            |
| Bond      | Angles     | Bond        | Angles     |
| O1-Sm1-N2 | 132.20(11) | O8-Sm1-N4   | 71.49(12)  |
| O1-Sm1-N4 | 72.89(11)  | O10-Sm1-O1  | 70.36(11)  |
| O2-Sm1-O1 | 62.14(9)   | O10-Sm1-O6  | 133.49(11) |
| O2-Sm1-O5 | 66.19(9)   | O10-Sm1-O7  | 66.39(12)  |
| O2-Sm1-O6 | 127.36(10) | O10-Sm1-O13 | 143.75(12) |

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|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| O2-Sm1-O7  | 75.76(10)  | O10-Sm1-N3  | 66.42(12)  |
| O2-Sm1-O8  | 125.40(10) | O10-Sm1-N4  | 25.12(11)  |
| O2-Sm1-O10 | 93.34(10)  | O11-Sm1-O1  | 78.22(11)  |
| O2-Sm1-O11 | 134.31(11) | O11-Sm1-O6  | 97.97(11)  |
| O2-Sm1-O13 | 79.75(10)  | O11-Sm1-O7  | 105.08(11) |
| O2-Sm1-O14 | 121.07(11) | O11-Sm1-O10 | 50.07(11)  |
| O2-Sm1-N3  | 100.71(11) | O11-Sm1-O13 | 112.43(10) |
| O2-Sm1-N4  | 114.88(11) | O11-Sm1-O14 | 64.16(11)  |
| O5-Sm1-O1  | 122.09(10) | O11-Sm1-N3  | 89.08(12)  |
| O5-Sm1-O6  | 62.64(9)   | O11-Sm1-N4  | 24.96(11)  |
| O5-Sm1-O7  | 72.44(11)  | O13-Sm1-O1  | 75.08(11)  |
| O5-Sm1-O8  | 89.18(12)  | O13-Sm1-O6  | 73.63(11)  |
| O5-Sm1-O10 | 137.52(11) | O13-Sm1-O7  | 142.42(11) |
| O5-Sm1-O11 | 158.94(11) | O13-Sm1-N3  | 149.77(12) |
| O5-Sm1-O13 | 71.75(10)  | O13-Sm1-N4  | 131.08(11) |
| O5-Sm1-O14 | 112.57(11) | O14-Sm1-O1  | 75.75(12)  |
| O5-Sm1-N3  | 80.76(11)  | O14-Sm1-O6  | 70.74(12)  |
| O5-Sm1-N4  | 157.09(11) | O14-Sm1-O7  | 163.18(11) |
| O6-Sm1-O1  | 144.12(11) | O14-Sm1-O10 | 109.87(11) |
| O6-Sm1-O7  | 99.49(11)  | O14-Sm1-O13 | 49.53(10)  |
| O6-Sm1-N3  | 82.85(11)  | O14-Sm1-N3  | 138.17(12) |
| O6-Sm1-N4  | 116.93(11) | O14-Sm1-N4  | 86.99(12)  |
| O7-Sm1-O1  | 116.06(11) | N3-Sm1-N4   | 76.56(12)  |
| O7-Sm1-N3  | 25.03(10)  | O2-Zn1-N6   | 99.12(12)  |
| O7-Sm1-N4  | 85.48(12)  | O2-Zn1-N1   | 84.76(12)  |
| O8-Sm1-O1  | 142.55(12) | O2-Zn1-N2   | 156.41(13) |
| O8-Sm1-O6  | 65.86(12)  | O5-Zn1-O2   | 79.15(11)  |
| O8-Sm1-O7  | 49.99(10)  | O5-Zn1-N6   | 113.79(13) |
| O8-Sm1-O10 | 72.51(12)  | O5-Zn1-N1   | 145.34(13) |
| O8-Sm1-O11 | 74.46(12)  | O5-Zn1-N2   | 86.82(13)  |
| O8-Sm1-O13 | 139.48(12) | N6-Zn1-N1   | 98.88(14)  |
| O8-Sm1-O14 | 113.26(11) | N2-Zn1-N6   | 103.89(14) |
| O8-Sm1-N3  | 24.98(10)  | N2-Zn1-N1   | 96.66(14)  |

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