Supporting Information

Hierarchical Self-Assembly and Chiroptical Studies of Luminescent 4d-4f Cages

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1. Synthetic Procedures

The synthetic route of Ligand $1H^{R}$ and $1H^{S}$

Scheme S1 The synthetic route of the ligand 1H





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Figure S4. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 6^{R} (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K).



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 7^{R} (101 MHz, d_{6} -DMSO, 298 K).



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **8** (101 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 298 K).

Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 9^R (101 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K).

Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum of $1H^R$ (101 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 298 K).

Figure S14. ¹H NMR spectrum of 2^{R} •NO₃ (400 M Hz, d_6 -DMSO, 298K).

Figure S16. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR spectra of 2^{R} •NO₃ (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 298 K).

Figure S17. ESI-TOF-MS spectra of the self-assembly complex of $2^{R} \cdot NO_3$ with insets showing the observed and calculated isotopic patterns of the peaks at m/z 816.1716 and 1694.3299, corresponding to $[(bpy)_2Pd_2(1^R)_2]^{2+}$ and $[(bpy)_2Pd_2(1^R)_2(NO_3)]^+$, respectively.

Figure S18. ¹H DOSY spectra of $2^{R} \cdot NO_3$ (log D = -9.871, r = 8.310Å, 400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 298 K).

Figure S21. ESI-TOF-MS spectra of the self-assembly complex of $2^{R_{\bullet}}$ OTf with insets showing the observed and calculated isotopic patterns of the peaks at m/z 816.1705 corresponding to $[(bpy)_2Pd_2(1^R)_2]^{2+}$.

Figure S23. ¹H-¹H COSY NMR spectra of 3^{R} -Eu (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K).

Figure S24. ¹H DOSY spectra of 3^{R} -Eu (log D = -9.123, r = 8.443 Å, 400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K).

Figure S25. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of 3^{R} -Eu with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[Eu_{2}(bpy)_{6}Pd_{6}(1^{R})_{6}(OTf)_{5}]^{7+}$ and $[Eu_{2}(bpy)_{6}Pd_{6}(1^{R})_{6}(OTf)_{6}]^{6+}$, respectively.

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Figure S27. ¹H NMR spectra of 3^{R} -Eu (400 MHz, CD₃OD, 298 K).

Figure S29. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of 3^{R} -Nd with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[Nd_{2}(bpy)_{6}Pd_{6}(1^{R})_{6}(OTf)_{4}-2H]^{6+}$.

Figure S31. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of 3^{R} -Yb with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[Yb_{2}(bpy)_{6}Pd_{6}(1^{R})_{6}(OTf)_{7}]^{5+}$.

Figure S32. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Gd with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[\text{Gd}_2(\text{bpy})_6\text{Pd}_6(\mathbf{1}^{R})_6(\text{OTf})_4-3\text{H}]^{5+}$.

Figure S34. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of 4^{R} -Eu with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[Eu(1H^{R})_{3}]^{3+}$ and $[Eu(1H^{R})_{3}(OTf)]^{2+}$, respectively.

Figure S36. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of 4^{R} -Nd with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[Nd(1H^{R})_{3}]^{3+}$ and $[Nd(1H^{R})_{3}(OTf)]^{2+}$, respectively.

Figure S38. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of 4^{R} -Yb with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[Yb(1H^{R})_{3}]^{3+}$ and $[Yb(1H^{R})_{3}(OTf)]^{2+}$, respectively.

Figure S39. The ESI-TOF-MS spectra of 4^{R} -Gd with the observed and simulated isotopic patterns of the peaks corresponding to $[Gd(1H^{R})_{3}]^{3+}$ and $[Gd(1H^{R})_{3}-H]^{2+}$, respectively.

2. Single crystal X-ray diffraction studies

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Identification code	i213_sq	i213_sq	
Empirical formula	C261 H198 Eu2 F9 N48 O27 Pd6 S3	C261 H198 Eu2 F9 N48 O27 Pd6 S3	
Formula weight	5648.16		
Temperature	293(2) K		
Wavelength	1.54178 Å		
Crystal system	Cubic		
Space group	I2 ₁ 3		
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 49.4585(4) \text{ Å}$ $\alpha = 90$)°.	
	$b = 49.4585(4) \text{ Å}$ $\beta = 90$)°.	
	$c = 49.4585(4) \text{ Å}$ $\gamma = 90$)°.	
Volume	120983(3) Å ³		
Z	8		
Density (calculated)	0.620 Mg/m ³	0.620 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	3.053 mm ⁻¹	3.053 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	22776	22776	
Crystal size	0.120 x 0.120 x 0.100 mm ³	0.120 x 0.120 x 0.100 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	3.575 to 61.816°.	3.575 to 61.816°.	
Index ranges	-33<=h<=39, -23<=k<=54, -46<=l<=	-33<=h<=39, -23<=k<=54, -46<=l<=56	
Reflections collected	66753	66753	
Independent reflections	30983 [R(int) = 0.0809]	30983 [R(int) = 0.0809]	
Completeness to theta = 61.816°	99.1 %	99.1 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.78410	1.00000 and 0.78410	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	30983 / 1993 / 1071	30983 / 1993 / 1071	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.835	0.835	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0628, $wR2 = 0.1640$	R1 = 0.0628, wR2 = 0.1640	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.2116, $wR2 = 0.2677$	R1 = 0.2116, wR2 = 0.2677	
Absolute structure parameter	0.065(6)	0.065(6)	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.212 and -0.141 e.Å ⁻³	0.212 and -0.141 e.Å ⁻³	

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 3^{R} -Eu.

Figure S40. Ortep-drawing of the asymmetrical unit in the crystal structure of 3^{R} -Eu at 50% probability level.

3. Chiroptical Studies

Figure S41. UV-Vis absorption spectra of $Pd_2(bpy)_2 (1.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M in CH}_3\text{CN})$, $\mathbf{1H}^R (1.00 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M in DMSO})$, $\mathbf{2}^R (0.50 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M in CH}_3\text{CN})$, $\mathbf{3}^R$ -Eu (0.167 × 10^{-5} \text{ M in CH}_3\text{CN}), and CH_3OH), and **4**-Eu (0.33 × 10^{-5} \text{ M in CH}_3\text{CN}) at 298K.

Figure S42. The circular dichroism spectra of **1H** (3.00×10^{-5} M in DMSO), **2**•OTf (3.00×10^{-5} M in CH₃CN) and **3**-Eu (1×10^{-5} M in CH₃CN) at room temperature.

Figure S43. The excitation (black lines, $\lambda_{em} = 470$ nm) and emission (blue lines, $\lambda_{ex} = 280$ nm) spectra of $1H^{R}$ (1.00 × 10⁻⁵ M, slits = 5-10) in DMSO at room temperature.

Figure S44. The excitation (black lines, $\lambda_{em} = 440 \text{ nm}$) and emission (blue lines, $\lambda_{ex} = 280 \text{ nm}$) spectra of $2^{R} \cdot \text{NO}_3$ (5.00 × 10⁻⁶ M, slits = 5-10) in CH₃CN at room temperature.

Figure S45. The excitation (black lines, $\lambda_{em} = 440 \text{ nm}$) and emission (blue lines, $\lambda_{ex} = 280 \text{ nm}$) spectra of $2^{R} \cdot \text{OTf}$ (5.00 × 10⁻⁶ M, slits = 5-10) in CH₃CN at room temperature.

Figure S46. The excitation (black lines, $\lambda_{em} = 615$ nm) and emission (red lines, $\lambda_{ex} = 270$ nm) spectra of 4^{R} -Eu (3.33 × 10⁻⁶ M, slits = 2-5) in CH₃CN at room temperature.

Figure S47. The excitation (black lines, $\lambda_{em} = 615$ nm) and emission (red lines, $\lambda_{ex} = 332$ nm) spectra of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (1.67 × 10⁻⁶ M, slits = 2-5) in CH₃CN at room temperature.

Figure S48. The excitation (black lines, $\lambda_{em} = 615$ nm) and emission (red lines, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm) spectra of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (2.0 × 10⁻⁵ M, slits = 2-8) in CH₃OH at room temperature.

Figure S49. The emission spectra of $\mathbf{4}^{R}$ -Eu (dashed lines, 3.33×10^{-6} M) and $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (solid lines, 1.67×10^{-6} M) using different excitation wavelengths from 270 to 420 nm (inset is the partial enlarged views) (slits = 2-5 nm, in CH₃CN).

Figure S50. A) UV-vis absorption spectra of titrating $2^{R} \cdot OTf$ with Eu(OTf)₃. B) Absorbance variation with the addition of different amount of Eu(OTf)₃ at 309 nm. C) Luminescence emission spectra of titrating $2^{R} \cdot OTf$ with Eu(OTf)₃. D) Luminescence emission intensity variation with the addition of different amount of Eu(OTf)₃ at 614nm. ([$2^{R} \cdot OTf$] = 3×10^{-5} M in CH₃CN, $\lambda_{ex} = 337$ nm).

Figure S51. The excitation and emission spectra of $\mathbf{4}^{R}$ -Gd (solid, $\lambda_{em} = 500$ nm, $\lambda_{ex} = 370$ nm, 1.67×10^{-6} M, slits = 4-8) and $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Gd (solid, $\lambda_{em} = 520$ nm, $\lambda_{ex} = 370$ nm, 1.67×10^{-6} M, slits = 4-8) at 77K.

Figure S52. Circularly polarized luminescence spectra of both enantiomers and total luminescence spectra of **3**-Eu (2×10^{-5} M, $\lambda_{ex} = 350$ nm) in CH₃CN.

Figure S53. Excitated state decay curve(black line) with mono exponential fit (red line) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (3×10⁻⁵ M in CD₃OD, $\lambda_{ex} = 350$ nm, $\lambda_{em} = 615$ nm).

Figure S54. Excitated state decay curve (black line) with mono exponential fit (red line) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (3×10⁻⁵ M in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 350$ nm, $\lambda_{em} = 615$ nm).

The calculation of number of Coordinated Solvent Molecules^{S1}:

$$q=A(\tau_{\text{methanol}}^{-1} - \tau_{\text{deutero-methanol}}^{-1} - B) = 1.089$$
$$A = 2.1, B = 0$$

Figure S55. NIR luminescence excitation (dashed lines) and emission (solid lines) spectra of 3^{R} -Nd and 3^{R} -Yb (in solid state).

4. Detection of Antibiotics

Figure S56. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with PCL-Na; luminescence quenching efficiencies I₀/I (C) and I/I₀ (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of PCL-Na at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, λ_{ex} = 345 nm).

Figure S57. ¹H NMR spectra of titrating 3^{R} -Eu (0.5 mM) with PCL-Na: 3^{R} -Eu with the addition of A) 0 mM.; B) 0.25 mM; C) 0.5 mM; D) 1.0 mM; E) 1.5 mM PCL-Na F) further adding 0.5 mM Eu(OTf)₃ into E; and G) PCL-Na (400 MHz, CD₃OD, 298 K).

Figure S58. ¹H NMR spectra of A) the precipitation on adding 1.5 mM PCL-Na into the methanol solution of 3^{R} -Eu (0.5 mM) and B) 2^{R} •OTf (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K).

Figure S59. Partial ¹⁹F NMR spectra of A) $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (0.5 mM); B) the precipitation on adding 1.5 mM PCL-Na into the methanol solution of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (0.5 mM); C) $\mathbf{2}^{R}$ •OTf (400 MHz, CD₃CN, 298 K).

Figure S60. Partial ¹⁹F NMR spectra of the solution of A) $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (0.5 mM); B) adding 1.5 mM PCL-Na into A and C) further adding 0.5 mM Eu(OTf) into B with insets showing the photographs of solution A, B and C (400 MHz, CD₃OD, 298 K).

Figure S62. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with CZL-Na; luminescence quenching efficiencies I_0/I (C) and I/I_0 (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of CZL-Na at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, λ_{ex} = 345 nm).

Figure S63. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with SDZ; luminescence quenching efficiencies I₀/I (C) and I/I₀ (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of SDZ at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm).

Figure S64. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with CAP; luminescence quenching efficiencies I₀/I (C) and I/I₀ (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of CAP at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm).

Figure S65. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with DTZ; luminescence quenching efficiencies I₀/I (C) and I/I₀ (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of DTZ at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm).

Figure S66. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with RDZ; luminescence quenching efficiencies I₀/I (C) and I/I₀ (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of RDZ at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm).

Figure S67. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with MDZ; luminescence quenching efficiencies I₀/I (C) and I/I₀ (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of MDZ at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm).

Figure S68. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission (B) spectra of titrating $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with NZF; luminescence quenching efficiencies I₀/I (C) and I/I₀ (D) of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu with the addition of different amount of NZF at 614 nm. ([$\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm).

Figure S69. UV-vis absorption (A) and luminescence emission at 614 nm (B) spectra of cage $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu after addition of AcOK. ($[\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu] = 0.02 mM in CH₃OH, $\lambda_{ex} = 345$ nm).

Figure S70. ESI-TOF-MS of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu after addition of 4.0 equiv of different antibiotics. Corresponding signals assignable for $\mathbf{2}^{R}$ (\bullet), $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu (∇) and $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu•(CH₃OH)₂ (\blacklozenge) are labeled.

Figure S71. ESI-TOF-MS of $\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu after addition of 4.0 equiv of chloramphenicol (CAP) with insets showing the observed and simulated isotopic patterns corresponding to $[\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu(OTf)₆@CAP]⁶⁺, $[\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu(OTf)₅•(CH₃OH)₂@CAP-2H]⁵⁺, $[\mathbf{3}^{R}$ -Eu(OTf)₇•(CH₃OH)₂-H]⁴⁺.

5. DFT calculation:

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Ν	-11.2009	0.0414	-1.5445	
Ν	-11.7828	1.1239	-0.9746	
С	-10.7768	1.7565	-0.3848	
С	-9.5398	1.0823	-0.5624	
С	-9.8671	-0.0288	-1.3305	
С	-8.2433	1.5645	-0.0336	
0	-8.1143	2.7115	0.3786	
Ν	-7.227	0.6235	-0.0515	
С	-5.8865	0.7612	0.3618	
С	-5.4493	1.8678	1.07	
С	-4.115	1.9326	1.5122	
С	-3.2238	0.9172	1.2543	
С	-3.6174	-0.2201	0.4991	
С	-4.9749	-0.3056	0.034	
С	-5.3655	-1.4389	-0.7288	
С	-4.4763	-2.4551	-0.989	
С	-3.1448	-2.3956	-0.5371	
С	-2.7101	-1.291	0.175	
N	-1.3694	-1.163	0.5968	
С	-0.3501	-2.0958	0.5345	
0	-0.4603	-3.2308	0.1055	
Ν	2.0535	-1.9045	0.385	
С	0.9653	-1.5752	1.0883	
С	1.0183	-0.8485	2.287	
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С	3.243	-1.488	0.8323	
С	4.4399	-1.9009	-0.007	
0	4.5045	-2.9894	-0.5569	
Ν	5.4476	-0.9694	-0.0632	
С	6.6005	-1.1785	-0.9625	
С	7.6085	-2.1832	-0.3735	
С	7.2186	0.1546	-1.3642	
С	7.3102	0.4424	-2.713	

Table S2. Atomic coordinates of the optimized structure of ligand $\mathbf{1H}^{R}$

C	7.8935	1.639	-3.1886
С	8.3811	2.5644	-2.2991
С	8.3079	2.3284	-0.9006
С	7.7245	1.1078	-0.4131
С	7.6782	0.918	0.9994
С	8.1722	1.866	1.8692
С	8.7432	3.0636	1.3813
С	8.8069	3.2838	0.0252
Н	-11.7754	-0.595	-2.0776
Н	-10.9436	2.676	0.1583
Н	-9.2714	-0.8249	-1.7559
Н	-7.5158	-0.3155	-0.2777
Н	-6.1451	2.6638	1.2906
Н	-3.797	2.7967	2.0889
Н	-2.2236	0.9964	1.6687
Н	-6.3622	-1.5079	-1.1533
Н	-4.7922	-3.3145	-1.5735
Н	-2.4496	-3.1928	-0.7565
Н	-1.0783	-0.2309	0.8498
Н	0.113	-0.6416	2.85
Н	2.3476	0.1007	3.6992
Н	4.3863	-0.4655	2.3613
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Н	6.1988	-1.6429	-1.8706
Н	8.082	-1.8126	0.5392
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Н	7.9465	1.8204	-4.2584
Н	8.8285	3.4912	-2.6502
Н	7.2456	0.0089	1.4005
Н	8.1257	1.6892	2.9405
Н	9.13	3.8033	2.0768
Н	9.2447	4.2002	-0.3639
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