Supporting Information

Comparison of Solution Properties of Polymethylated DOTA-like Lanthanide Complexes with Opposite Chirality of the Pendant Arms

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Tb-4S4R-M4DOTMA

Figure S1. Proton NMR spectra of Ln-4S4R-M4DOTMA at 400 MHz and 25 °C. Peak assignments for La- to Eu-4S4R-M4DOTMA and Lu-4S4R-M4DOTMA were based on 2D COSY. From these assignments, proton peaks for Er- to Yb-4S4R-M4DOTMA were patterned. Yb-4S4R-M4DOTMA assignments matched the proton assignments from Ranganathan, et al.⁷



Figure S2. 2D COSY spectrum of Pr-4S4R-M4DOTMA at 400 MHz and 25 °C.



Figure S3. 2D NOESY spectrum of Pr-4S4R-M4DOTMA at 25°C and 400 MHz (mixing time = 100 ms). To the left are the optimized structures of Pr-4S4R-M4DOTMA in SAP (top) and TSAP (bottom) form.



Figure S4. 2D COSY spectrum of Eu-4S4R-M4DOTMA at 400 MHz and 25 °C.



Figure S5. 2D NOESY spectrum of Eu-4S4R-M4DOTMA at 25°C and 400 MHz (mixing time = 5 ms).



Figure S6. Variable temperature ¹H NMR spectra of (a) Pr-4S4R-M4DOTMA, (b) Eu-4S4R-M4DOTMA, and (c) Yb-4S4R-M4DOTMA at 400 MHz. The inset on Eu-4S4R-M4DOTMA shows a clearer view of the shift of the CH₃ ring protons as temperature is increased.



Figure S7. Normalized metal based emission spectrum of Tb-8S-M4DOTMA (top) and Tb-4S4R-M4DOTMA (bottom) with direct excitation of Tb(III) at 271 nm.



Figure S8. Proton NMR spectra showing the axial 1 protons of (a) Pr-4S4R-M4DOTMA, (b) Eu-4S4R-M4DOTMA, and (c) Yb-4S4R-M4DOTMA at increasing NaF concentrations ($\rho = [NaF]/[Ln-M4DOTMA]$). The vertical line guides the eye to show the change in the chemical shift as the ionic strength increases.



Figure S9. Proton NMR spectra showing the axial 1 protons of (a) Pr-8S-M4DOTMA, (b) Eu-8S-M4DOTMA, and (c) Yb-8S-M4DOTMA at increasing NaF concentrations ($\rho = [NaF]/[Ln-M4DOTMA]$). The inset shows a close-up of the axial 1 protons of the TSAP isomer of Pr-8S-M4DOTMA at $\rho=0$ and $\rho=38$.



Figure S10. ¹H-NMR of Pr-8S-M4DOTMA at 400 MHz and 298 K at increasing NaF concentration ($\rho = [NaF]/[Ln-M4DOTMA]$). The insets show the disappearance of the ax₁ of the SAP isomer (minor) and the appearance of a new peak at -19 ppm as the NaF concentration increases.



Figure S11. ¹H-NMR of Pr-8S-M4DOTMA with NaF ($\rho = [NaF]/[Ln-M4DOTMA] = 38$) at 298 K (top) and 278 K (bottom) at 600 MHz. The dotted lines underneath the spectrum indicate the couplings

determined from 2D COSY at 278 K. The inset provides a closer view of the peaks from the minor TSAP isomer.



Figure S12. ¹H-NMR EXSY spectrum of Pr-8S-M4DOTMA with NaF ($\rho = [NaF]/[Ln-M4DOTMA] =$ 38) at 278 K and 600 MHz (mixing time = 25 ms). The dashed lines link two resonances that are connected by exchange cross peaks.



Figure S13. ¹H-NMR showing the axial 1 protons of (a) Pr-8S-M4DOTMA and (b) Yb-8S-M4DOTMA at increasing NaCl concentration ($\rho = [NaCl]/[Ln-8S-M4DOTMA]$). The vertical line guides the eye to show the change in the chemical shift as the ionic strength increases.



Figure S14. ¹H-NMR showing the axial 1 protons of (a) Pr-4S4R-M4DOTMA, (b) Eu-4S4R-M4DOTMA, and (c) Yb-4S4R-M4DOTMA at increasing NaCl concentration ($\rho = [NaCl]/[Ln-4S4R-M4DOTMA]$). The vertical line guides the eye to show the change in the chemical shift as the ionic strength increases.