# **Supporting Information**

# Luminescent Alkyne-Bearing Terbium(III) Complexes and their Application to Bioorthogonal Protein Labeling

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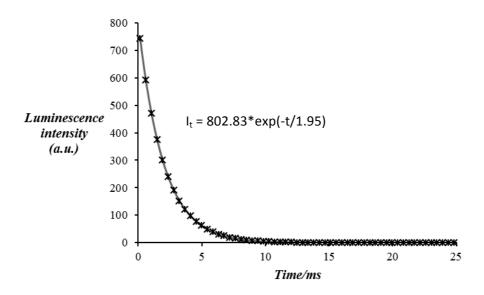
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#### **Luminescence lifetime measurements**

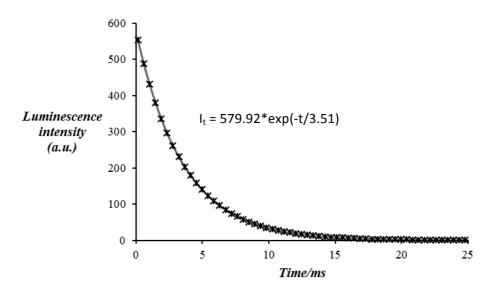
Lifetime measurements were performed on a Varian Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer using a 1 cm path length quartz cuvette and the following settings: total decay time = 30 ms, number of flashes = 1, delay time = 0.1 ms, gate time = 0.1 ms, excitation slit width = 5 nm, emission slit width = 5 nm, number of cycles = 100. Samples were prepared at 10  $\mu$ M concentration in both H<sub>2</sub>O and D<sub>2</sub>O. Samples were excited at their respective  $\lambda_{max}$ : 287 nm for Tb-L¹ and 300 nm for "clicked" Tb-L¹. Emission intensity was recorded at 543 nm. The resulting luminescence decay curves were fitted to following equation using the SigmaPlot software:

$$I_t = I_0 * \exp(-t/\tau)$$

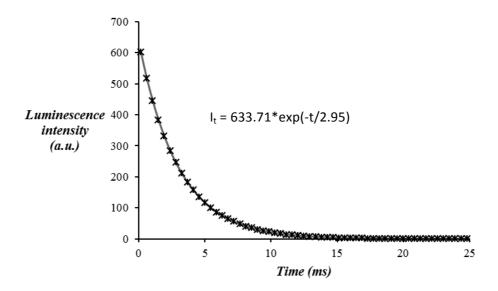
where  $I_t$  is the intensity at time t after the excitation flash,  $I_0$  is the initial intensity at t = 0, and  $\tau$  is the luminescence lifetime.



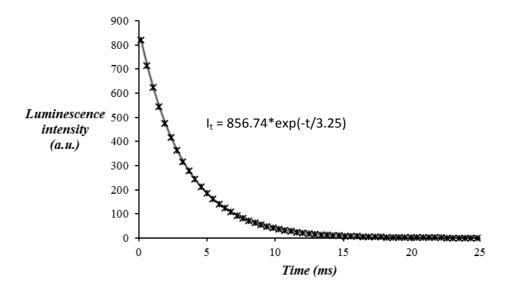
**Figure S1.** Luminescence decay for Tb- $L^1$  in H<sub>2</sub>O;  $\tau$  = 1.95 ms. Experimental data points are marked by crosses (with only one in every four data points shown to aid clarity) and the fitted curve is shown as a solid gray line.



**Figure S2.** Luminescence decay for Tb- $L^1$  in D<sub>2</sub>O;  $\tau$  = 3.51 ms. Experimental data points are marked by crosses (with only one in every four data points shown to aid clarity) and the fitted curve is shown as a solid gray line.

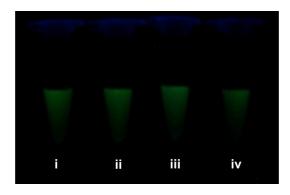


**Figure S3.** Luminescence decay for clicked Tb- $L^1$  in H<sub>2</sub>O;  $\tau$  = 2.95 ms. Experimental data points are marked by crosses (with only one in every four data points shown to aid clarity) and the fitted curve is shown as a solid gray line.

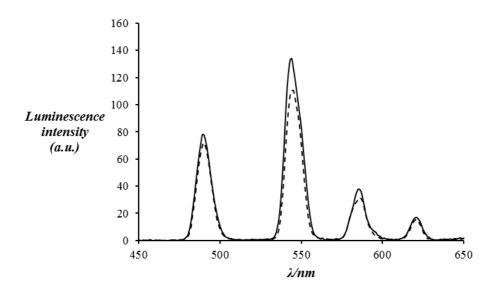


**Figure S4.** Luminescence decay for clicked Tb- $L^1$  in D<sub>2</sub>O;  $\tau$  = 3.25 ms. Experimental data points are marked by crosses (with only one in every four data points shown to aid clarity) and the fitted curve is shown as a solid gray line.

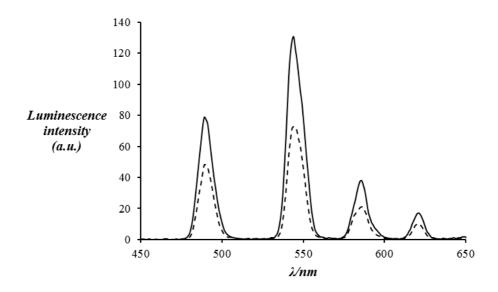
#### **Luminescence of labeled protein samples**



**Figure S5.** Photograph of spin-dialyzed solutions of labelled DEBP samples (*ca.* 10 μM in  $H_2O$ ) irradiated with a common laboratory TLC lamp (254 nm): (i) DEBP-Q80AzF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^1$ , (ii) DEBP-Q80AzF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^2$ , (iii) DEBP-Q80AzMF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^1$ , (iv) DEBP-Q80AzMF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^2$ .



**Figure S6.** Luminescence emission spectra of DEBP-Q80AzF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^1$  (*ca.* 10  $\mu$ M in H<sub>2</sub>O) excited at 300 nm (dashed line) and DEBP-Q80AzF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^2$  (*ca.* 10  $\mu$ M in H<sub>2</sub>O) excited at 274 nm (solid line).



**Figure S7.** Luminescence emission spectra of DEBP-Q80AzMF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^1$  (*ca.* 10  $\mu$ M in H<sub>2</sub>O) excited at 300 nm (dashed line) and DEBP-Q80AzMF+Tb- $\mathbf{L}^2$  (*ca.* 10  $\mu$ M in H<sub>2</sub>O) excited at 274 nm (solid line).

### NMR spectra of reported compounds

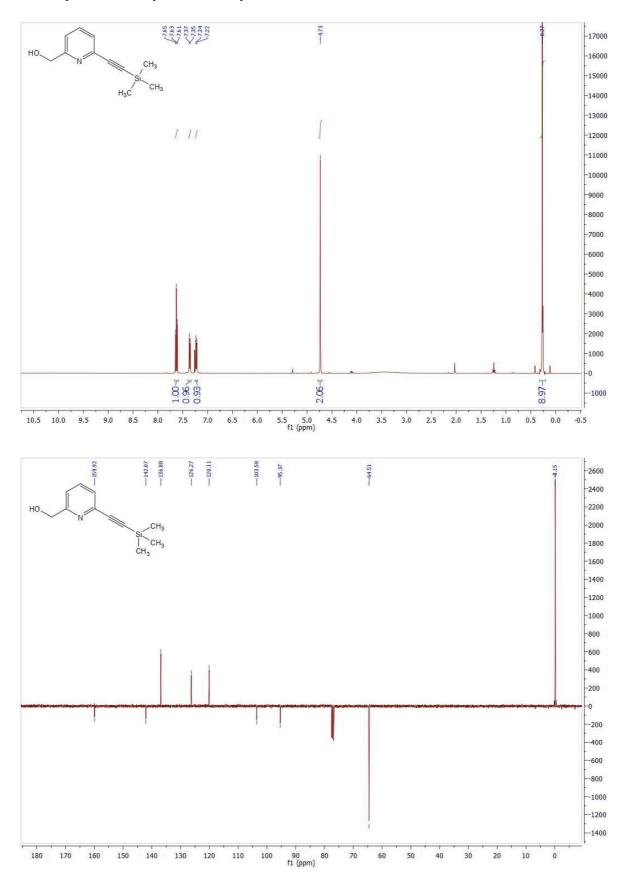


Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

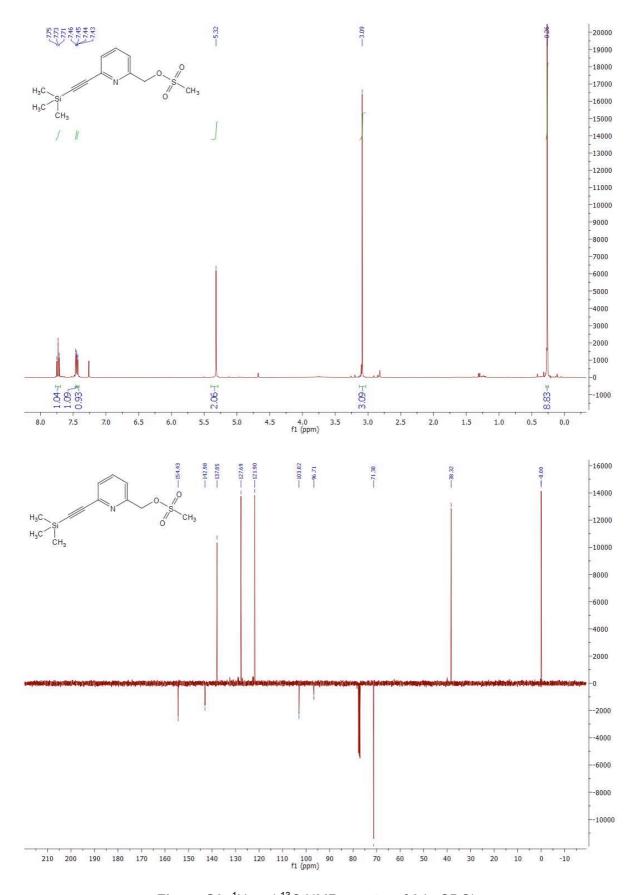


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

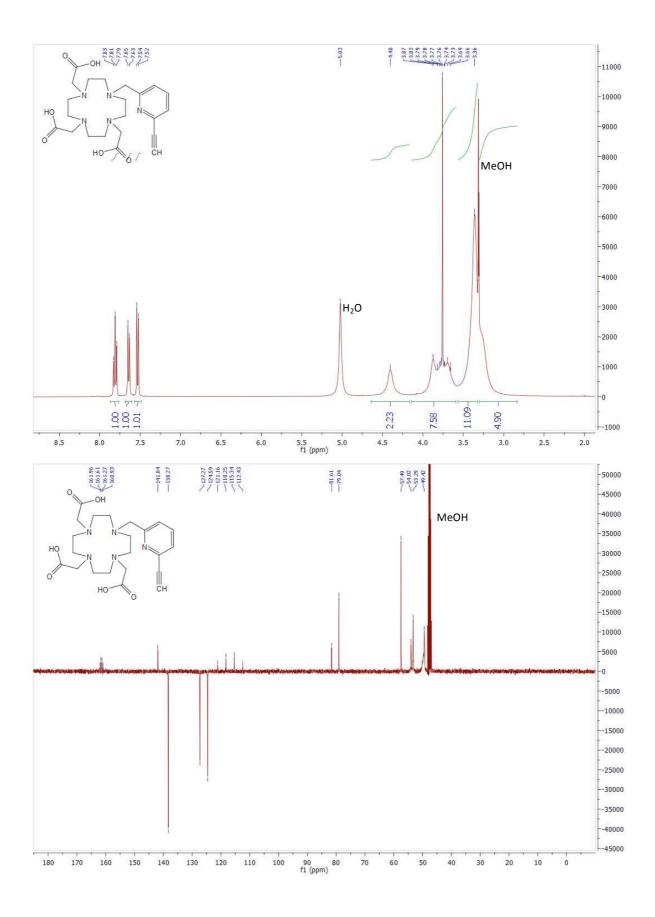


Figure S10.  $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of  $H_{3}L^{1}$  in MeOD.

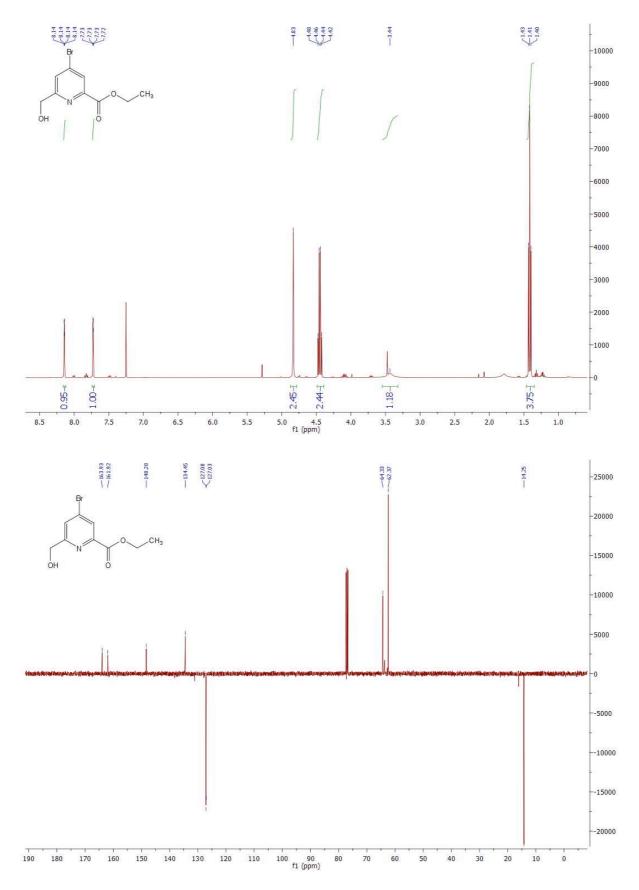


Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

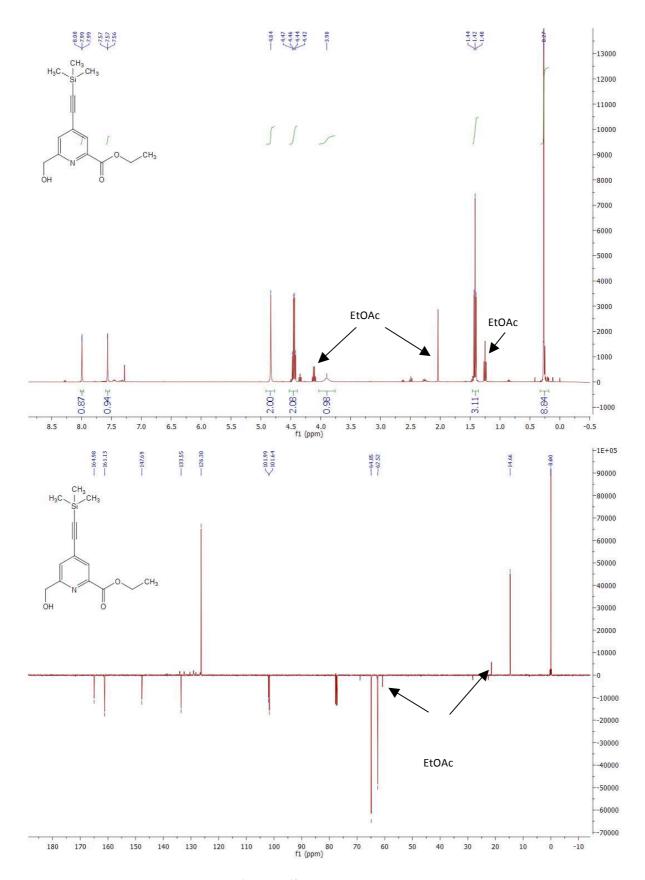


Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 6 in CDCI<sub>3</sub>.

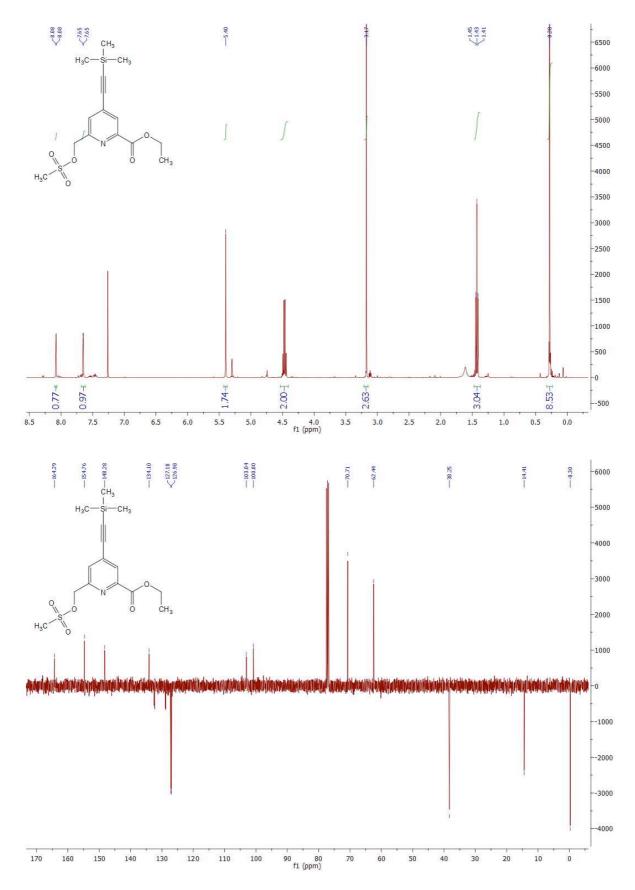


Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **7** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

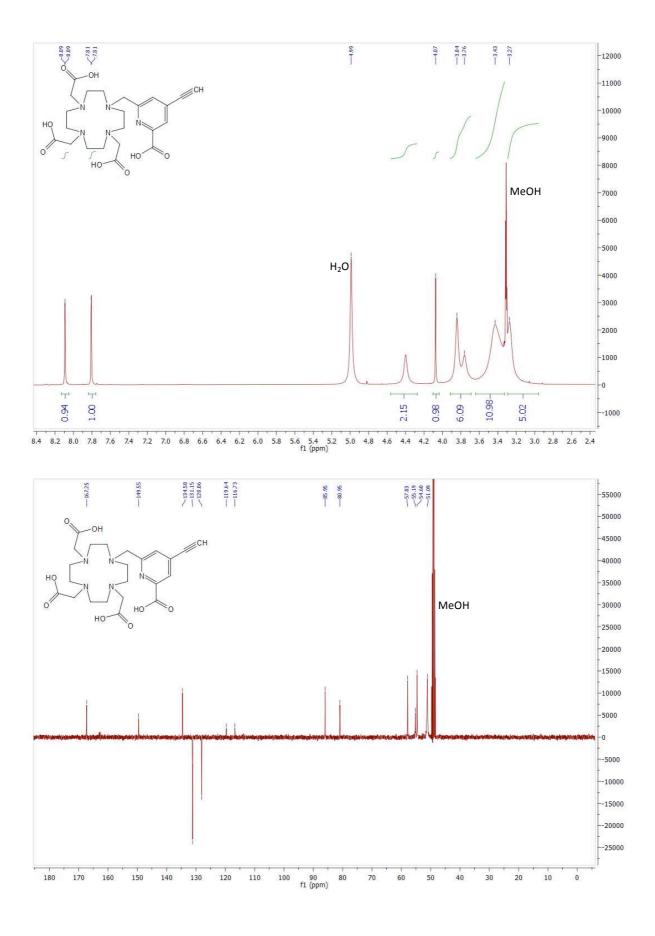


Figure S14.  $^{1}$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of  $H_{4}L^{2}$  in MeOD.

# LC traces for ligands

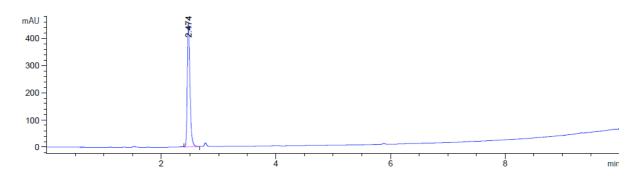


Figure S15. LC trace for  $H_3L^1$ .

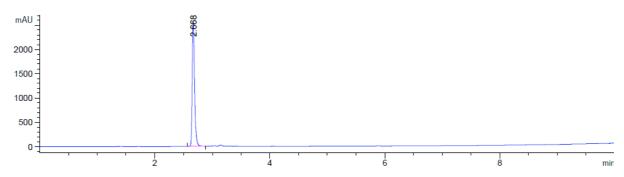


Figure S16. LC trace for H<sub>4</sub>L<sup>2</sup>.

## LC traces for terbium(III) complexes

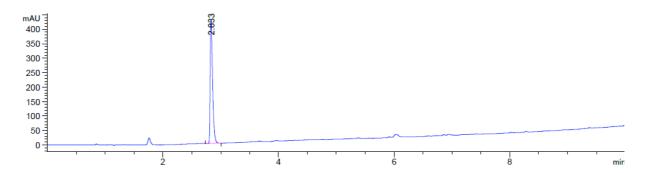


Figure S17. LC trace for Tb-L1.

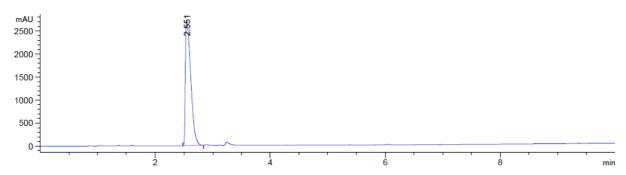


Figure S18. LC trace for Tb-L<sup>2</sup>.

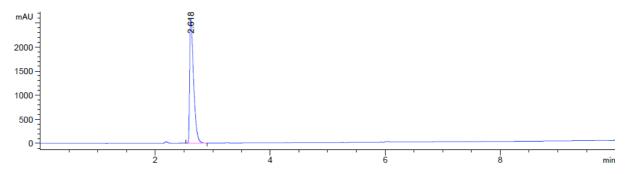


Figure S19. LC trace for clicked Tb-L1.

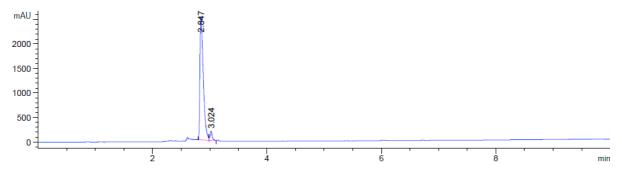


Figure S20. LC trace for clicked Tb-L2.