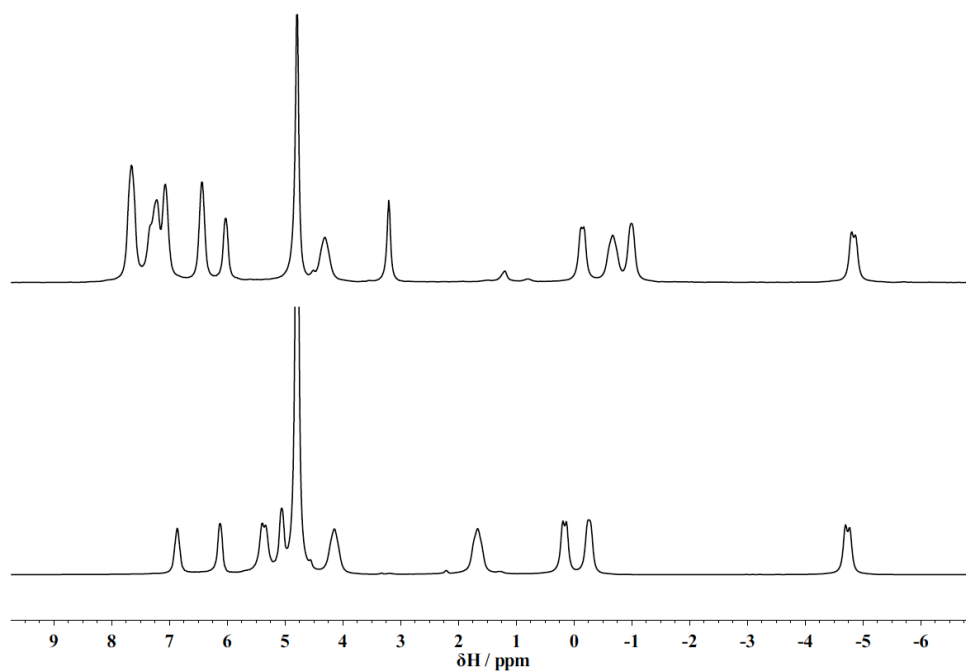


# An Isostructural Series of Chiral Nine-Coordinate Lanthanide Complexes Based on Triazacyclononane

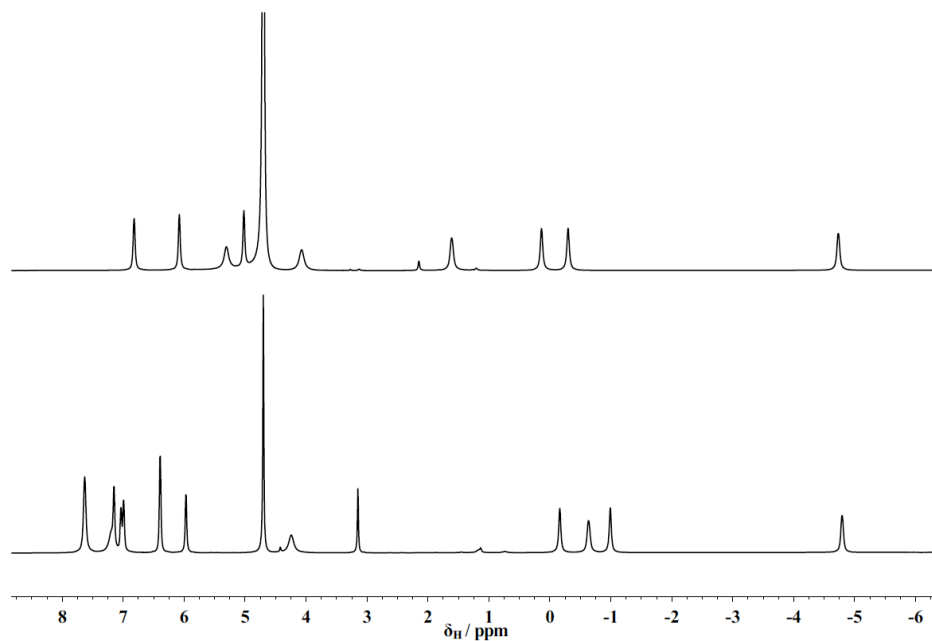
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**Figure S1**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for  $[\text{EuL}^3]$  (upper,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 4.7T) and  $[\text{EuL}^1]$  (lower,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ). See main text for assignments

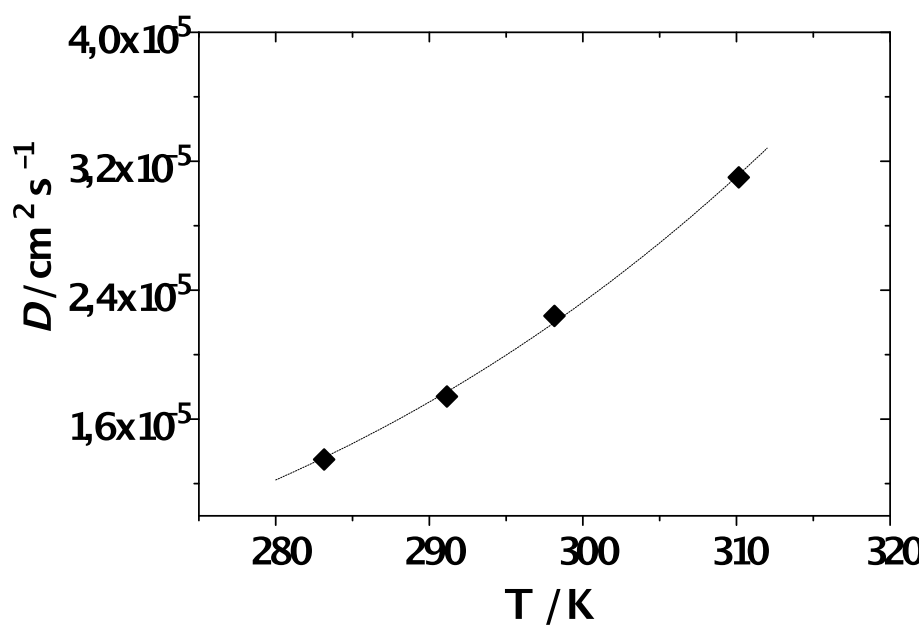


**Figure S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for  $[\text{EuL}^3]$  (upper,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 16.5T) and  $[\text{EuL}^1]$  (lower,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )

**Table S1** Best Fit parameters for the T dependence of NMRD profiles of [GdL<sup>2</sup>]

<b>“outer sphere” parameters</b>				
	<b>10°C</b>	<b>18°C</b>	<b>25°C</b>	<b>37°C</b>
$r_{1p}^{20}$ (mM <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	2.90	2.33	1.93	1.57
$\Delta^2$ (s <sup>-2</sup> ; ×10 <sup>19</sup> )	2.75*	2.75*	2.75±0.07	2.75*
$\tau_v$ (ps)	13±1	12±1	10±1	7.5±0.7
$q^*$	0	0	0	0
$a$ (Å)	4.3*	4.3*	4.3±0.1	4.3*
$D$ (cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ;×10 <sup>5</sup> )	1.35±0.02	1.74±0.01	2.24*	3.10±0.02

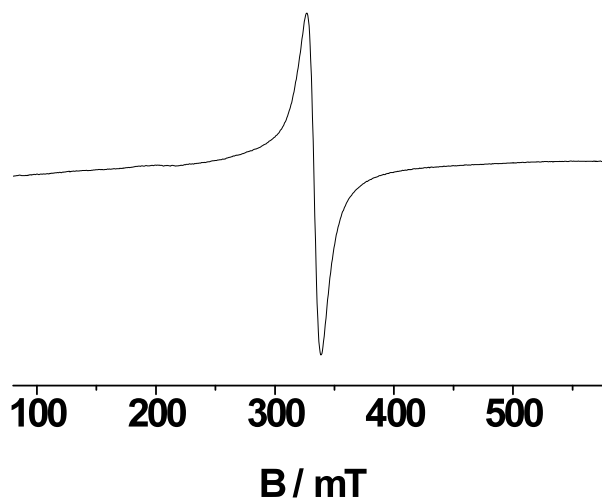
\* fixed during the fit



From the fit of the data a  $\Delta H_D^\circ$  value of -24.8 kJ/mol is calculated.

$$(D)^{-1} = \frac{(D_0^{-1})^{98,15}}{298.15} T \exp \left[ \frac{\Delta H_D}{R} \left( \frac{1}{298.15} - \frac{1}{T} \right) \right]$$

**Figure S3** ESR spectrum of [GdL<sup>2</sup>] recorded at 25 °C (0.9 mM solution)



Center field = 0.33 T (14 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H). The experiment was repeated at 4 temperatures and estimated the  $T_{2e}$  values from the bandwidth according to a simplified equation:<sup>a</sup>

$$1/T_{2e} = (g\beta\pi 3^{1/2}/h)\Delta H$$

<sup>a</sup> J. Reuben *The Journal of Physical Chemistry*, **1972**, Vol. **76**, N° **20**, 3164; D. H. Powell, A. Merbach, *Helvetica Chimica Acta*, (76) 2139 – 2146, **1993** (n.b: in this paper there is an error in the equation)

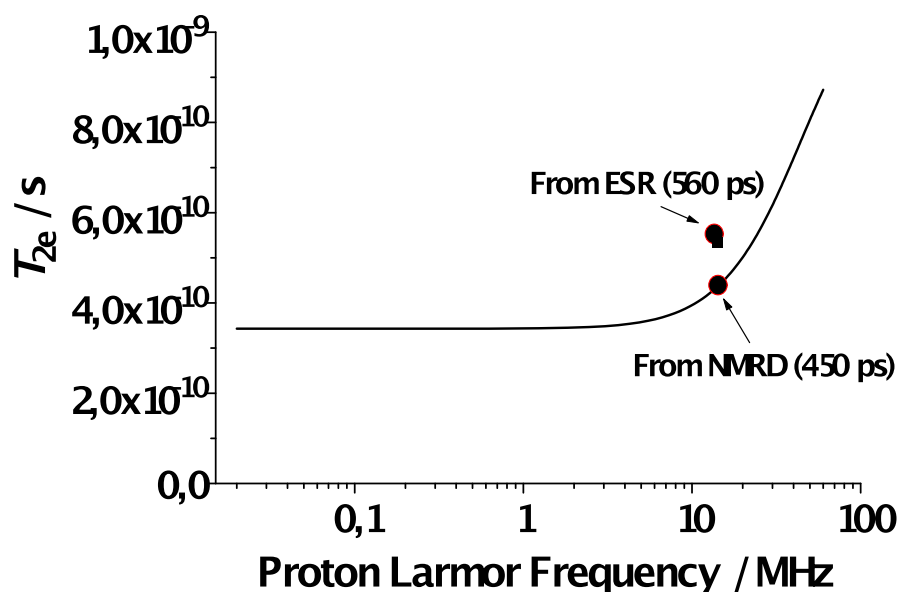
Temperature (K)	$\Delta H_{pp}$ (mT)	$T_{2e}$ (ps)
283,75	14,18	462,34
290,85	13,20	497,36
296,55	11,73	561,13
306,85	9,78	669,92

In comparison, these are correlated data for GdDOTA and GdDTPA, under the same conditions

GdDOTA		
Temperatura (K)	$\Delta H_{pp}$ (mT)	$T_{2e}$ (ps)
283,75	8,30	790,99
296,55	8,79	746,05
306,85	9,28	705,94

GdDTPA		
Temperatura (K)	$\Delta H_{pp}$ (mT)	$T_{2e}$ (ps)
283,75	64,02	102,55
296,55	63,54	103,34
306,85	63,54	103,34

The ESR bandwidths of [GdDOTA] and [GdL2] are similar, confirming their similar electronic relaxation times (in the former this has in the past often been interpreted as a result of high symmetry and rigidity)

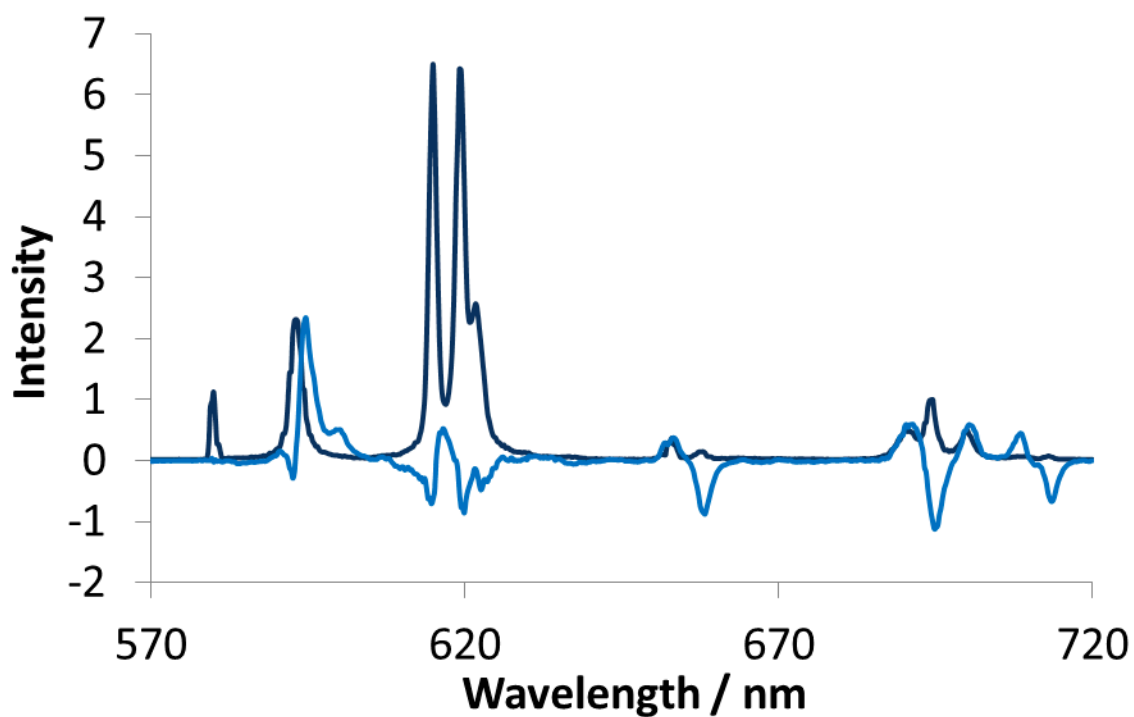


**Figure S4** A simulation of the field dependence of  $T_{2e}$  according to SBM theory, (Morgan equation) using the best-fit parameters from the reported NMRD data. The agreement is good considering the approximations of the equations for each technique.

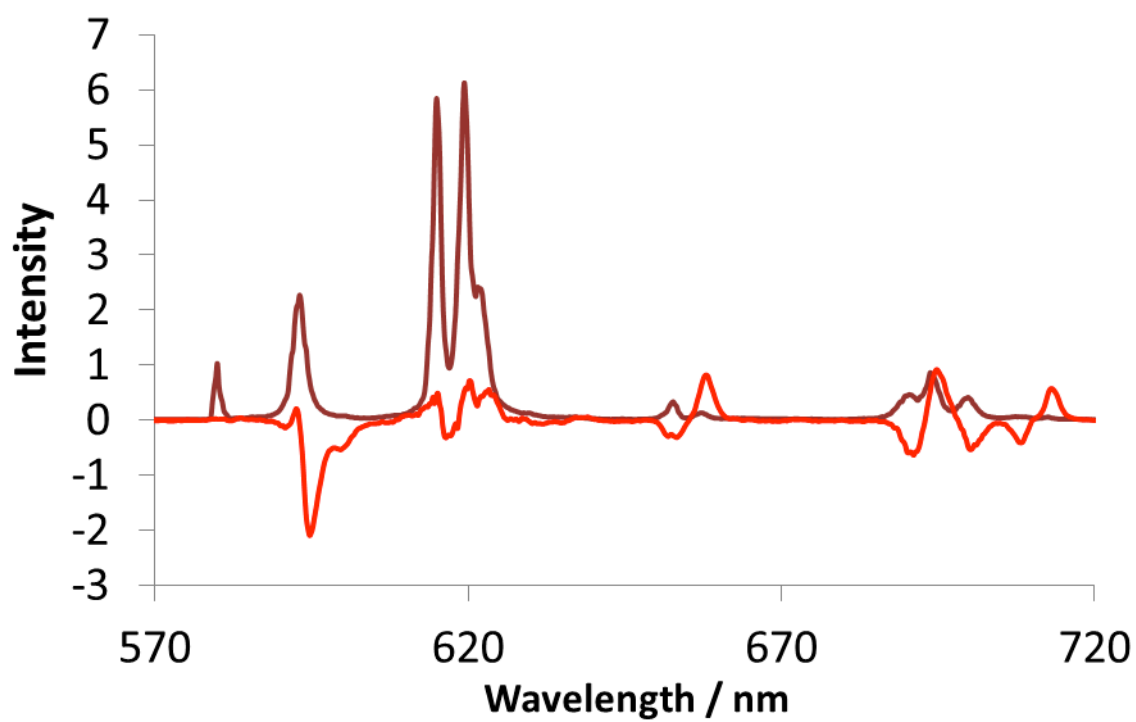
Morgan equation for  $T_{2e}$  in a form suitable for Gd(III):

$$\left( \frac{1}{T_{2e}} \right) = \Delta^2 \tau_v \left[ \frac{5.26}{1 + 0.372 \omega_S^2 \tau_v^2} + \frac{7.18}{1 + 1.24 \omega_S \tau_v} \right]$$

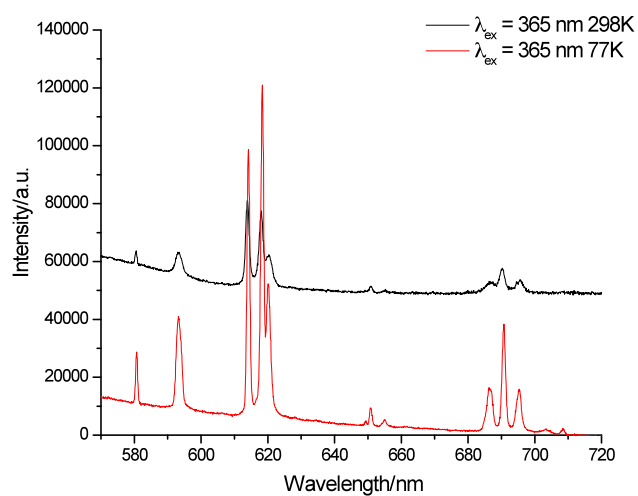
**Figure S5** CPL and total emission spectra for  $\Delta$  (blue) and  $\Lambda$  (red)-[EuL<sup>1</sup>].  
(The scale used in each CPL figure refers to  $(I_L - I_R)$  and is on a scale of x42 with respect to  $(I_L + I_R)$ .)



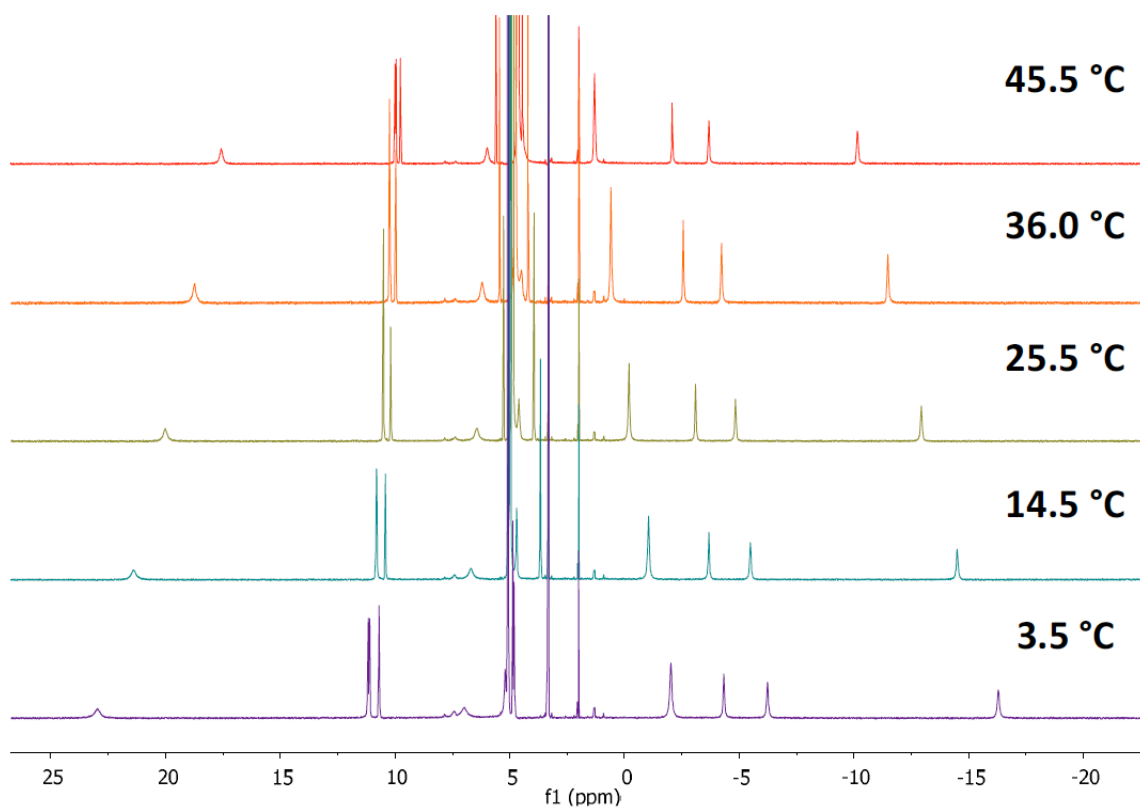
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**Figure S6** Emission spectra for [EuL<sup>1</sup>] at 298 and 77K in MeOH ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$  365 nm)



**Figure S7** Variable temperature <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for [YbL<sup>1</sup>] (CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 500MHz)



**Figure S9** Eu emission spectra for (*upper*) [EuL<sup>1</sup>] and (*lower*) [EuL<sup>3</sup>] ( $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$  272 nm, H<sub>2</sub>O, A = 0.1, 295K) showing the increase in the  $\Delta J = 2$  (ca 620 nm) :  $\Delta J = 1$  (ca 593 nm) ratio for [EuL<sup>3</sup>], (6.4 vs 5.2). (Increment 0.1 nm, integration time 0.5 s, excitation slits 2.5 nm, emission slits 1 nm)

