Supporting Information

Legend to the deposited figures

Figure S1. Spectrophotometric titration of the formed La(NMHA)²⁺, I = 2 M (NaClO₄) at 25 °C, pH = 6.52 (top) - 3.75 (bottom), [La(III)] = 0.004 M, [NMHA] = 0.00024 M.

Figure S2. Spectrophotometric titration of the formed Cu(NMHA) $^{+}$, I = 2 M (NaClO₄) at 25 °C, pH = 3.64 (top) - 0.85 (bottom), [Cu(II)] = 0.04 M, [NMHA] = 0.004 M.

Figure S3. Plot of k_{obs} vs. [HAc] for complexation of Cu(II) with NMHA at 25 °C, [Cu(II)] = 0.04 M, [NMHA] = 0.004 M, I = 2 M, (NaClO₄), pH = 4.55 in all cases.

Figure S4. Plot of k_{obs} vs. [Cu(II)] for complexation of Cu(II) with NMHA at 25 °C, [NMHA] = 0.004 M, pH = 4.35 (acetate buffer), I = 2 M, (NaClO₄).

Figure S5. Plot of k_{obs} vs. [La(III)] for complexation of La(III) with NMHA at 25 °C, [NMHA] = 0.002 M, pH = 7.55 (HEPES buffer), I = 2 M, (NaClO₄).

Figure S6. Plot of k_{obs} vs. pH for complexation of Cu(II) with NMHA at 25 °C, [Cu(II)] = 0.004 M, [NMHA] = 0.004 M, [HAc]=0.4 M, I = 2 M, (NaClO₄) (full circles), and k_{obs} vs.

pH, at 25 °C, [Cu(II)] = 0.05 M, $[H_4dfb^+] = 0.005$ M, [HAc] = 0.4 M, I = 2 M, $(NaClO_4)$ (empty circles).

Figure S7. Plot of k_{obs} vs. pH for complexation of La(III) with NMHA at 25 °C, [La(III)] = 0.01 M, [NMHA] = 0.001 M, [HEPES]= 0.01 M, I = 2 M, (NaClO₄) (full circles), and k_{obs} vs. pH at 25 °C, [La(III)] = 0.001 M, [H₄dfb⁺] = 0.0001 M, [HEPES]= 0.01 M, I = 2 M, (NaClO₄) (empty circles).

Figure S8. Eyring plots for complexation of La(III) (full circles) and Cu(II) (open circles) with NMHA. Conditions are: [La(III)] = 0.01 M, [NMHA] = 0.001 M, pH = 7.55 (HEPES buffer), I = 2 M, (NaClO₄) and [Cu(II)] = 0.04 M, [NMHA] = 0.004 M, pH = 4.35 (acetate buffer), I = 2 M, (NaClO₄).

Figure S9. Eyring plots for complexation of La(III) (full circles) and Cu(II) (open circles) with H_4dfb^+ . Conditions are: [La(III)] = 0.01 M, [H_4dfb^+] = 0.0005 M, pH = 7.55 (HEPES buffer), I = 2 M, (NaClO₄) and [Cu(II)] = 0.1 M, [H_4dfb^+] = 0.005 M, pH = 4.35 (acetate buffer), I = 2 M, (NaClO₄).

Figure S10. Eyring plots for the rotation about the hydroxamate C-N bond in NMHA (open circles) and H₄dfb⁺ (C-terminal, full circles).



















