

*Inorganic Chemistry***Supporting Information****Smart grafting of lanthanides onto silica via *N,N*-dialkylcarbamato complexes**

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S1

Synthesis of [Tm(O₂CNBu₂)₃]. A solution of dibutylamine (12.6 mL, 74.8 mmol) in heptane (50 mL) was saturated with carbon dioxide and then added to 22.4 mL of an aqueous solution of thulium chloride (6.22 mmol) at 0 °C. After shaking for a few seconds at 0 °C, the organic layer was separated and evaporated at reduced pressure (1.0×10^{-3} Torr). A colorless oil was obtained which was dissolved in a few mL of heptane. The solution was evaporated again and the process was repeated twice. A colorless solid corresponding to [Tm(O₂CNBu₂)₃] was obtained (3.37 g; 4.92 mmol, 79 % yield). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₅₄N₃TmO₆: CO₂, 19.3; Tm, 24.6. Found: CO₂, 19.8; Tm: 24.0 %. ATR-FTIR: (1700–1300 cm⁻¹): 1588s, 1489s, 1424s, 1375m, 1314m.

S2

Reaction of [Tb(O₂CNBu₂)₃], with Hdbm and characterization of [NH₂Bu₂][Tb(dbm)₄], [Tbdbm₃], and [Tb(dbm)₃(DME)]. A colorless solution of [Tb(O₂CNBu₂)₃] (1.35 g 2.00 mmol) in dimethoxyethane (DME, 50 mL) was treated with 1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedione (dibenzoylmethane, Hdbm) (2.02 g; 9.01 mmol). A light yellow precipitate progressively formed with carbon dioxide evolution. After 4 h stirring the suspension was slowly evaporated to dryness (2 h) at 35 °C. The light yellow residue was suspended in DME, filtrated, washed with DME (2 × 15 mL) and dried *in vacuo* at RT (4 h). A light yellow solid was recovered 2.13 g (89.8 % yield). Anal. Calcd for TbC₆₈H₆₄O₈N: C, 69.1; H, 5.5; N, 1.2; Tb 13.4 Found: C, 68.7; H, 5.5; N, 1.2; Tb 13.5 %. ATR-FTIR (3100–2800 cm⁻¹): 3058w, 2957w, 2929w, 2871w; (1600–900 cm⁻¹): 1595s, 1551s, 1508s, 1470s, 1455s, 1422vs, 1307m, 1280m, 1217m, 1179w, 1154w, 1066m, 1022m, 940w.

Thermal treatment of the solid [NH₂Bu₂][Tb(dbm)₄] (1.59 g; 1.34 mmol) at 150 °C *in vacuo* for 6 h yielded the derivative [Tb(dbm)₃], (weight loss 0.49 g vs theoretical weight loss 0.48 g). Anal. Calcd for C₄₅H₃₃O₆Tb: Tb 19.2 Found: Tb 18.9 %. ATR-FTIR (3100–2800 cm⁻¹): 3058 d, 3026 d;

(1600–900 cm^{-1}): 1592s, 1543s, 1508s, 1476s, 1455s, 1422vs, 1307m, 1280m, 1217m, 1179w, 1154w, 1066m, 1022m, 940w. A portion of $[\text{Tb}(\text{dbm})_3]$ (0.59 g; 0.71 mmol) was dissolved in DME (50 mL) yielding the adduct $[\text{Tb}(\text{dbm})_3(\text{DME})]$. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-Ray diffraction studies were obtained by cooling the solution at $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. (0.46 g, 70.5 % yield). Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_8\text{Tb}$: Tb 17.3 Found: Tb 17.8 %. ATR-FTIR (3100–2800 cm^{-1}): 3060w, 3027w, 2940w, 2889w, 2832w, (1600–900 cm^{-1}): 1594s, 1549vs, 1518vs, 1478s, 1459vs, 1410vs, 1310m, 1285m, 1220m, 1182m, 1157w, 1110m, 1067s, 1023m, 941m.

S3

Single-Crystal X-ray Structure Determination of $[\text{Tb}(\text{dbm})_3(\text{DME})]$. The X-ray diffraction experiment was carried out at room temperature ($T = 293\text{ K}$) by means of a Bruker Smart Breeze CCD diffractometer operating with graphite-monochromated $\text{Mo-}K_\alpha$ radiation. A crystal of the product was glued at the end of a glass fibre. The intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarisation effects and for absorption by means of a multi-scan method.¹ Some relevant crystal parameters are listed in Table S1. The structure was readily solved by direct methods and subsequent difference Fourier techniques. The SHELXS-97^{1,2} software package was used for solution, and SHELXL-97^{2b} was used for the refinement. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed at the calculated positions and refined as riding atoms with isotropic displacement parameters. Other control calculations and preparation of publication material were performed with the programs contained in the suite WINGX.³ Some final reliability factors are listed in Table S1.

Table S1. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement details for $[\text{Tb}(\text{dbm})_3(\text{DME})]$

formula	$\text{C}_{49}\text{H}_{43}\text{O}_8\text{Tb}$
F_w	918.75
T (K)	296
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	$P2_1/c$
a (Å)	12.4350(6)
b (Å)	23.7780(13)
c (Å)	14.7265(8)
β ($^\circ$)	104.597(2)
V (Å ³)	4213.8(4)
Z	4
reflections collected ($2\theta_{\text{max}}$)	29.99
ρ (calcd) (g/cm ³)	1.448
unique refl.	12225
refl. [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	9564
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.732
λ (Å)	0.71073
$F(000)$	1864
$R1^a/\text{GOF}^b$	0.0395/1.087
$wR2^c$ [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	0.0968
no. of param./ restraints	523/0
residual density ($e\text{-}\text{Å}^3$)	1.914/-1.441

^a $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$, ^b $\text{GOF} = \{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / (N - P)\}^{1/2}$, ^c $wR2 = \{\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$, where $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aQ)^2 + bQ]$, $Q = (\text{MAX}(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2)/3$

The molecular structure of $[\text{Tb}(\text{dbm})_3(\text{DME})]$ is shown in Figure S1. The bond lengths and the more relevant bond angles around the metal are listed in Table S2. The coordination geometry may be described as distorted square antiprismatic, as it happens for the main part of octa-coordinated terbium complexes containing four bidentate oxygen ligands.⁴ The oxygen atoms of two dibenzoylmethanato (dbm) ligands define one square face of the antiprism and the other is defined by the oxygen atoms of the third dbm and of the dimethoxyethane unit. As it can be seen in Table S2, the Tb–O distances from dbm ligands are in the range 2.31–2.36 Å, while the Tb–O distances from dimethoxyethane are significantly longer (2.53 and 2.57 Å).

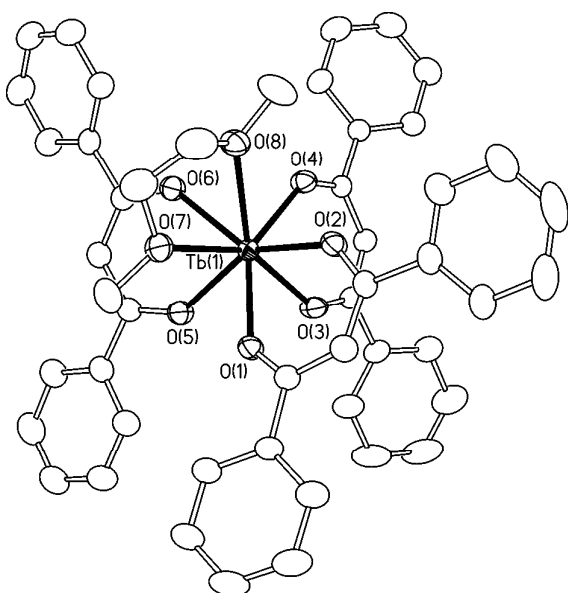


Figure S1. Molecular geometry of $[\text{Tb}(\text{dbm})_3(\text{DME})]$ (30% thermal ellipsoids; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).

Table S2. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] in $[\text{Tb}(\text{dbm})_3(\text{DME})]$

Tb(1)–O(1)	2.322(2)	Tb(1)–O(5)	2.310(2)
Tb(1)–O(2)	2.307(2)	Tb(1)–O(6)	2.357(2)
Tb(1)–O(3)	2.320(2)	Tb(1)–O(7)	2.528(2)
Tb(1)–O(4)	2.322(2)	Tb(1)–O(8)	2.570(2)
O(1)–Tb(1)–O(2)	73.00(7)	O(3)–Tb(1)–O(4)	72.29(8)
O(1)–Tb(1)–O(7)	71.73(8)	O(3)–Tb(1)–O(5)	77.65(8)
O(2)–Tb(1)–O(8)	72.78(8)	O(5)–Tb(1)–O(6)	70.46(7)
O(7)–Tb(1)–O(8)	63.55(8)	O(4)–Tb(1)–O(6)	75.20(8)
O(1)–Tb(1)–O(3)	78.65(8)	O(8)–Tb(1)–O(6)	71.01(8)
O(2)–Tb(1)–O(3)	86.50(8)	O(6)–Tb(1)–O(7)	78.85(8)
O(2)–Tb(1)–O(4)	86.93(8)	O(5)–Tb(1)–O(7)	84.43(8)
O(4)–Tb(1)–O(8)	78.46(8)	O(1)–Tb(1)–O(5)	75.40(7)

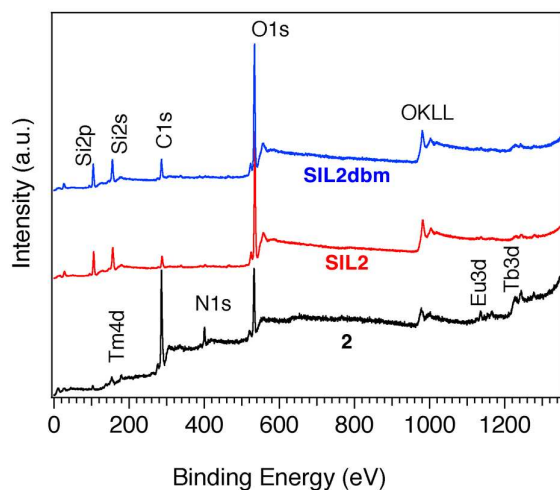


Figure S2. Survey spectra of **2**, **SIL2** and **SIL2dbm**. The principal bands are labeled in the figure.

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