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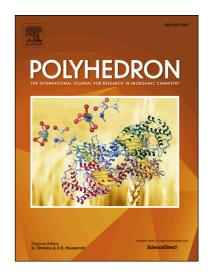
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#### **Abstract**

Mononuclear tetradentate Schiff base–europium(III) complexes with different counter cations,  $X[Eu(3,5-Clsalen)_2]$  { $X = (C_2H_5)_3NH^+$ ,  $(C_2H_5)_4N^+$ ,  $K^+$ ;  $H_2(3,5-Clsalen)$ :

N,N'-bis-3,5-dichlorosalicylideneethanediamine}, were prepared and photoluminescence properties of the europium(III) complexes in organic solvents (CH<sub>3</sub>CN, DMSO, DMF, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, N-methylformamide (NMF), CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) were investigated. All the emission spectra of the complexes displayed similar emission spectral patterns based on the f-f transitions by excitation with 365 nm in the solvents. In contrast, the emission intensities of the complexes varied greatly in the different solvents. All the complexes X[Eu(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>] { $X = (C_2H_5)_3NH^+$ ,  $(C_2H_5)_4N^+$ ,  $K^+$ } displayed strong emission intensities in polar aprotic solvents ( $\phi = 0.24$ –0.42 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN, DMF, DMSO, and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO), and weak emission intensities in polar protic solvents ( $\phi = 0.052$ –0.10 in CH<sub>3</sub>OH and NMF) at 298 K. The emission intensities of ( $C_2H_5$ )<sub>3</sub>NH[Eu(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>] and ( $C_2H_5$ )<sub>4</sub>N[Eu(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>] in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 298 K are significantly different ( $\phi = 0.016$  for ( $C_2H_5$ )<sub>4</sub>NH[Eu(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>] and  $\phi = 0.19$  for ( $C_2H_5$ )<sub>4</sub>N[Eu(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>]). Mononuclear yttrium(III) and gadolinium(III) complexes X[Y(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>] and X[Gd(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>] { $X = (C_2H_5)_3NH^+$ , ( $C_2H_5$ )<sub>4</sub>N<sup>+</sup>} were prepared. X-ray crystal structure analysis of ( $C_2H_5$ )<sub>3</sub>NH[Gd(3,5-Clsalen)<sub>2</sub>] was performed. Measurements of the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the

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