Tuning White Light Emission in Dinuclear Phenoxo Bridged DyIII Complexes

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[Dy2(LCH3)2(NO3)2(MeOH)2] (I), [Dy2(LCH3)2(NO3)2(DMF)2]·2DMF (II),

[Dy2(LCI)2(NO3)2(DMF)2]-2DMF (III), and [Dy2(LCH3O)2(NO3)2(DMF)2] (IV), with

2,2?-[[(2-pyridinylmethyl)imino]di(methylene)]bis(4-R-phenol), where R = CH3, CI, and CH3O, were investigated as potential white light emitters. All octacoordinated dysprosium(III) are phenoxo-bridged species and have a similar coordination environment. Nevertheless, I has a MeOH ligand molecule, while for II-IV a DMF ligand replaces that of MeOH. The nature of the coordinated solvent molecule plays an important role in the behavior of the thermal dependence of the Y/B (yellow/blue) emission ratio of the DyIII complexes (Y: 4F9/2 ? 6H13/2, yellow and B: 4F9/2 ? 6H15/2, blue transitions), since for I the variation of this ratio is significant, while for the other DyIII complexes with DMF as ligand the ratio remains constant within experimental error. At room te