

Supplementary Information

for

**Tetramethylcyclopentadienyl Samarium(II) Chemistry: Isolation of a Bimetallic
Sm(II)/Sm(II) Complex**

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NMR Spectroscopy

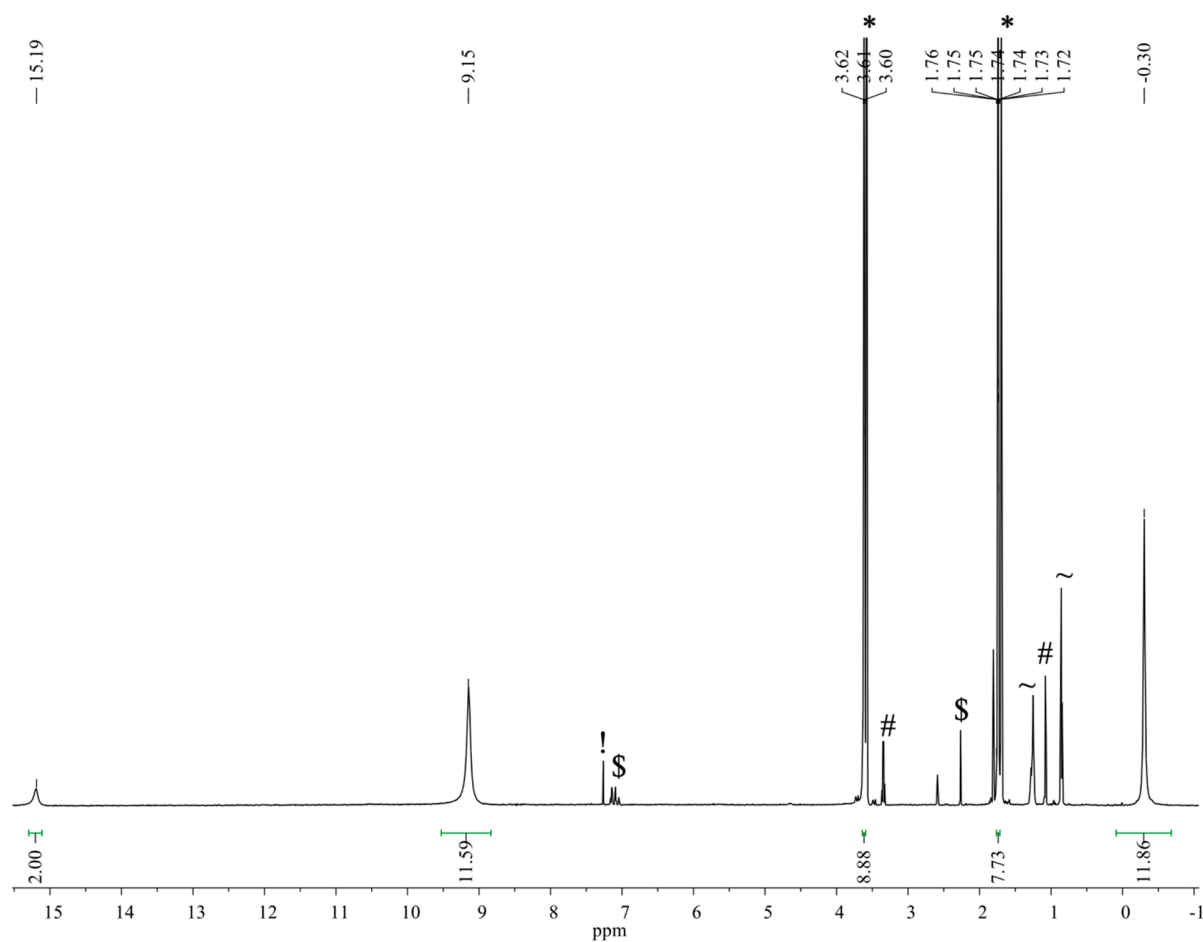


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectrum of $(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})_2\text{Sm}(\text{THF})_2$ in $\text{THF-}d_8$. Assignable solvent impurities include residual benzene labelled (!), toluene labelled (\$), diethyl ether labelled (#), hexanes labelled (~) in the sample as well as residual solvent signals for $\text{THF-}d_8$ labelled (*).

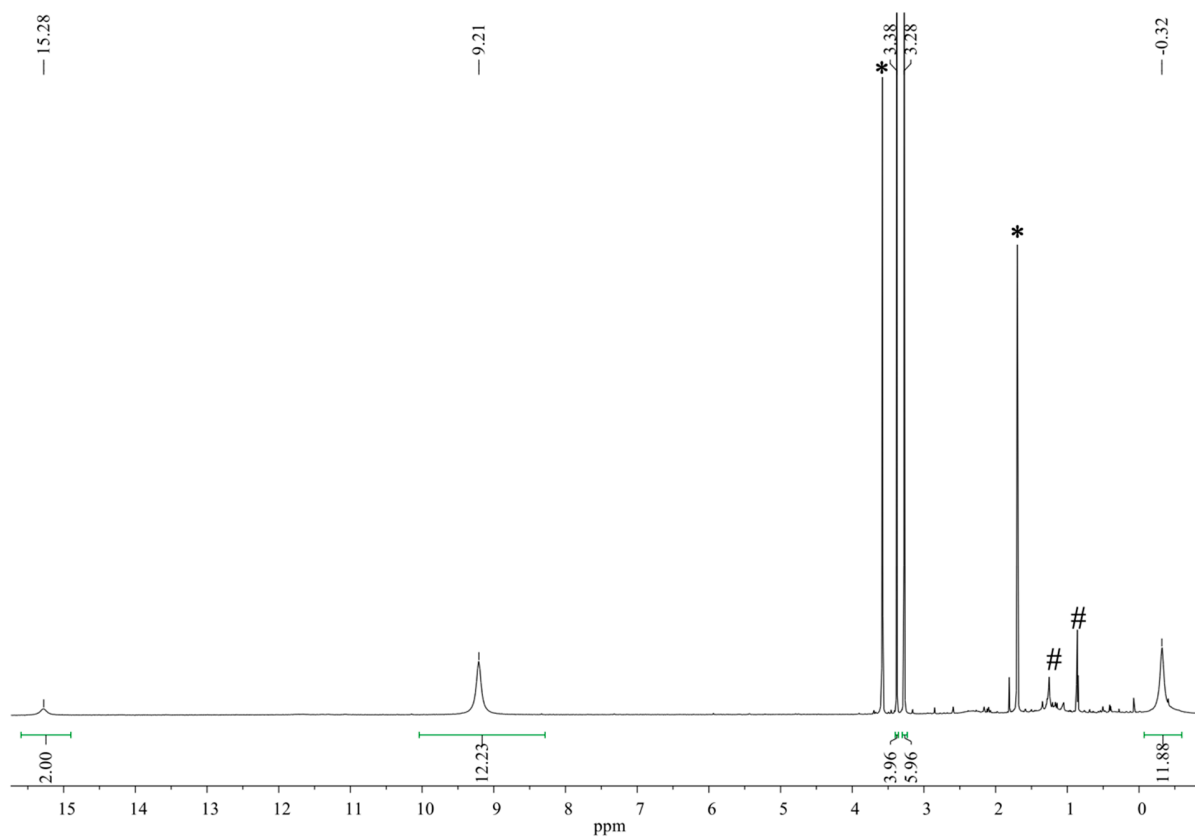


Figure S2. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **2** in $\text{THF-}d_8$. Assignable solvent impurities include residual hexanes labelled (#) in the sample and the solvent residual signals of $\text{THF-}d_8$ labelled (*).

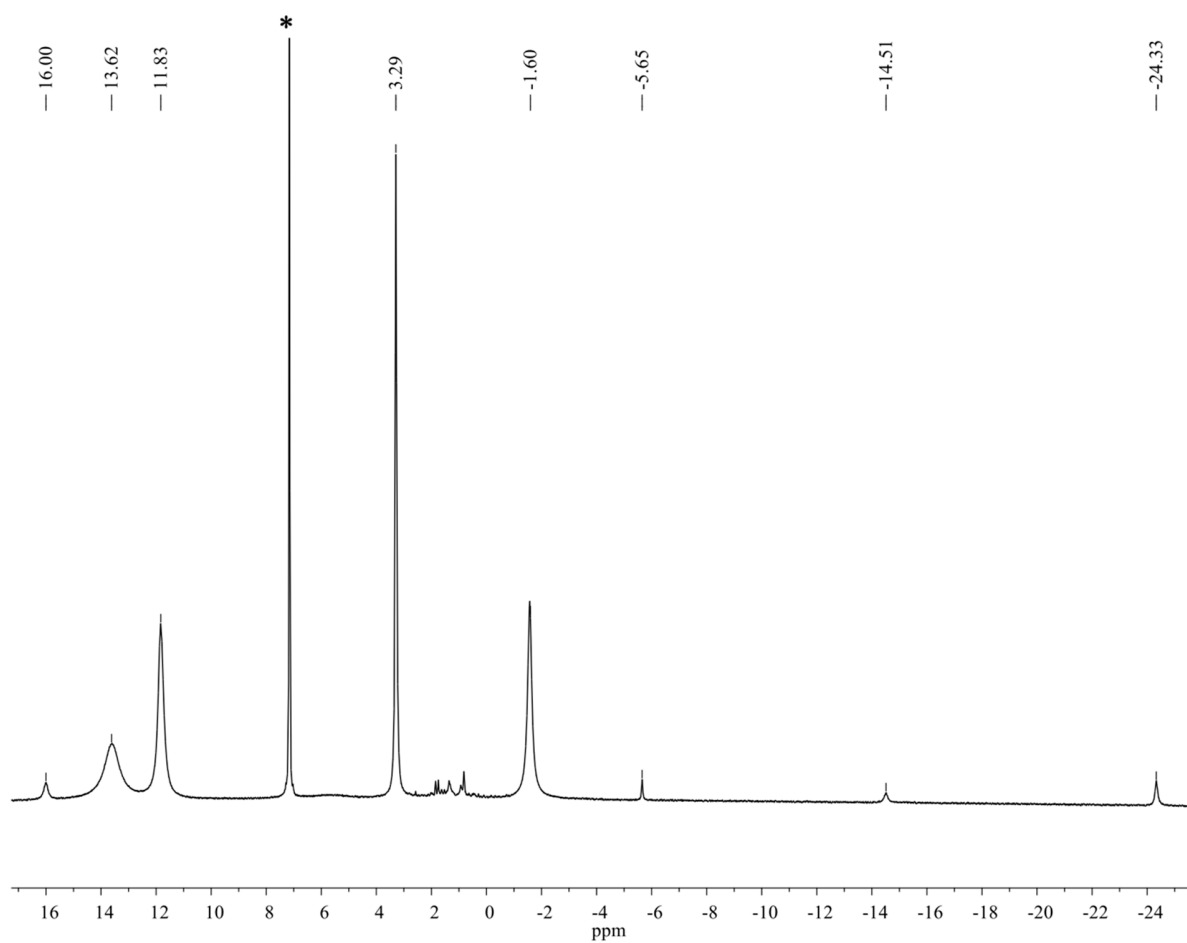


Figure S3. ^1H NMR spectrum of complex **3** in C_6D_6 . The resonance labelled with (*) was assigned to the solvent residual signal of C_6D_6 . The paramagnetism of $\text{Sm}(\text{II})$ precluded a definitive assignment.

Infrared Spectroscopy

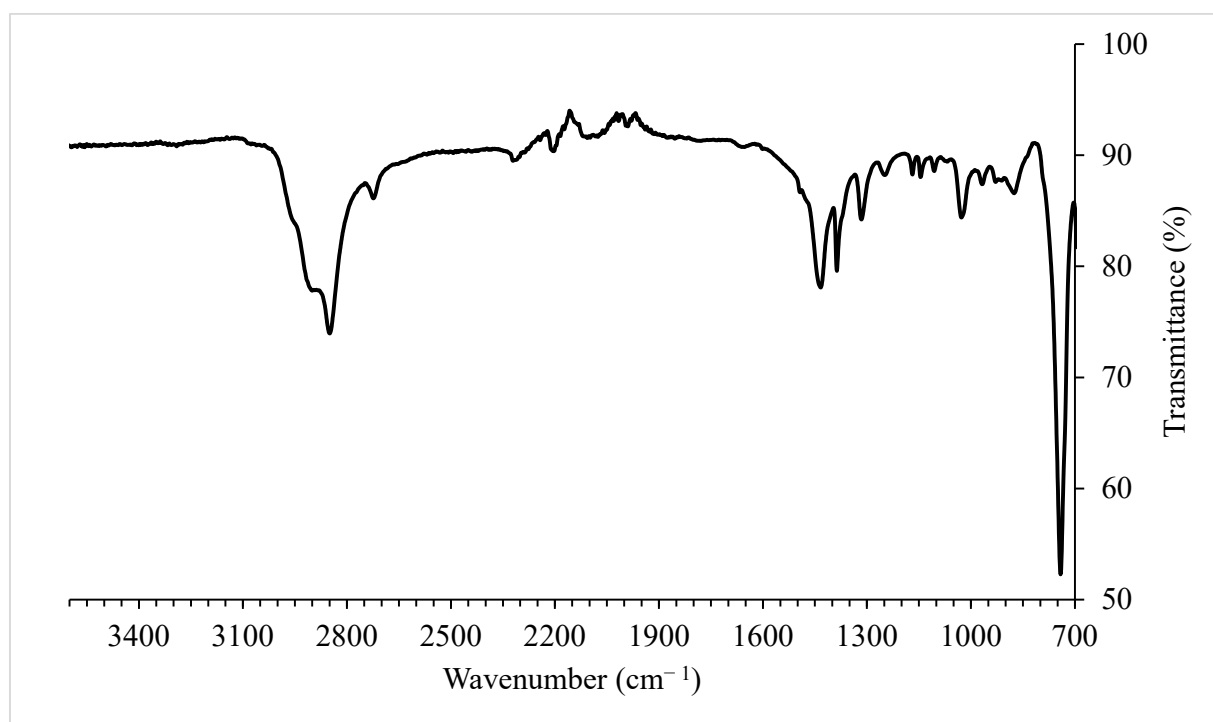


Figure S4. Infrared spectrum of the purple, toluene insoluble solids, **1**.

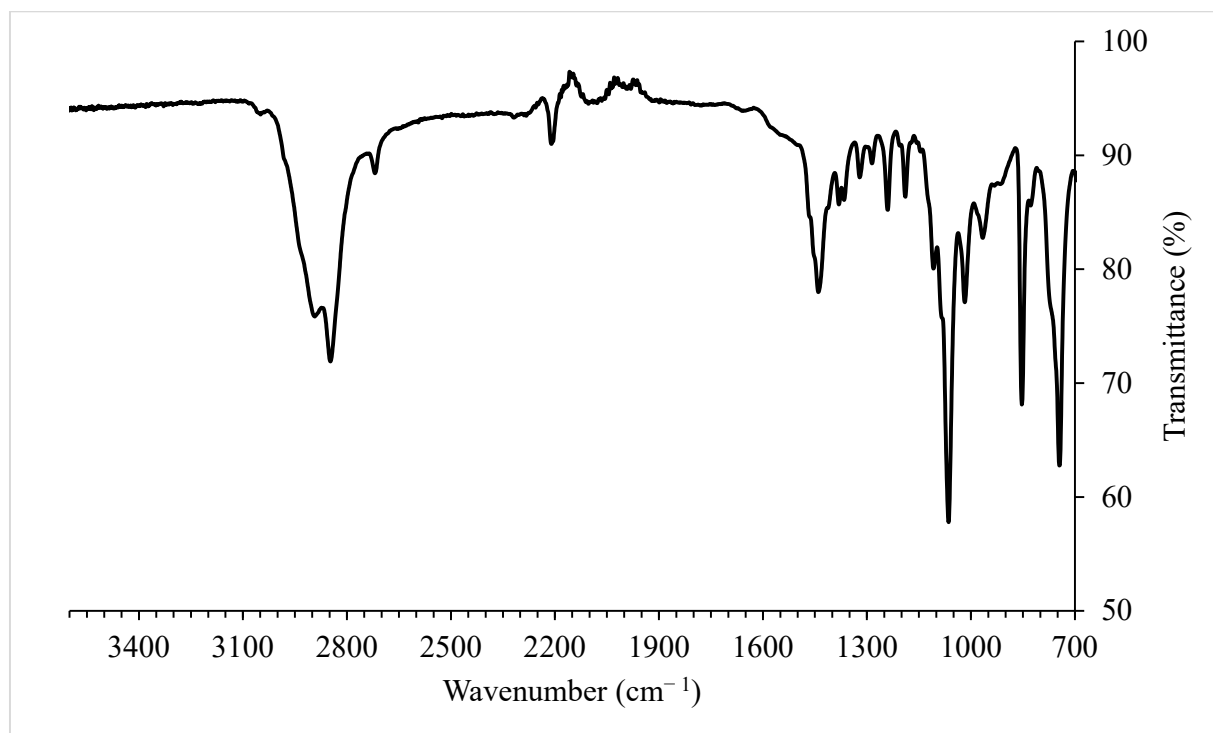


Figure S5. Infrared spectrum of $(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})_2\text{Sm}^{\text{II}}(\text{DME})$, **2**.

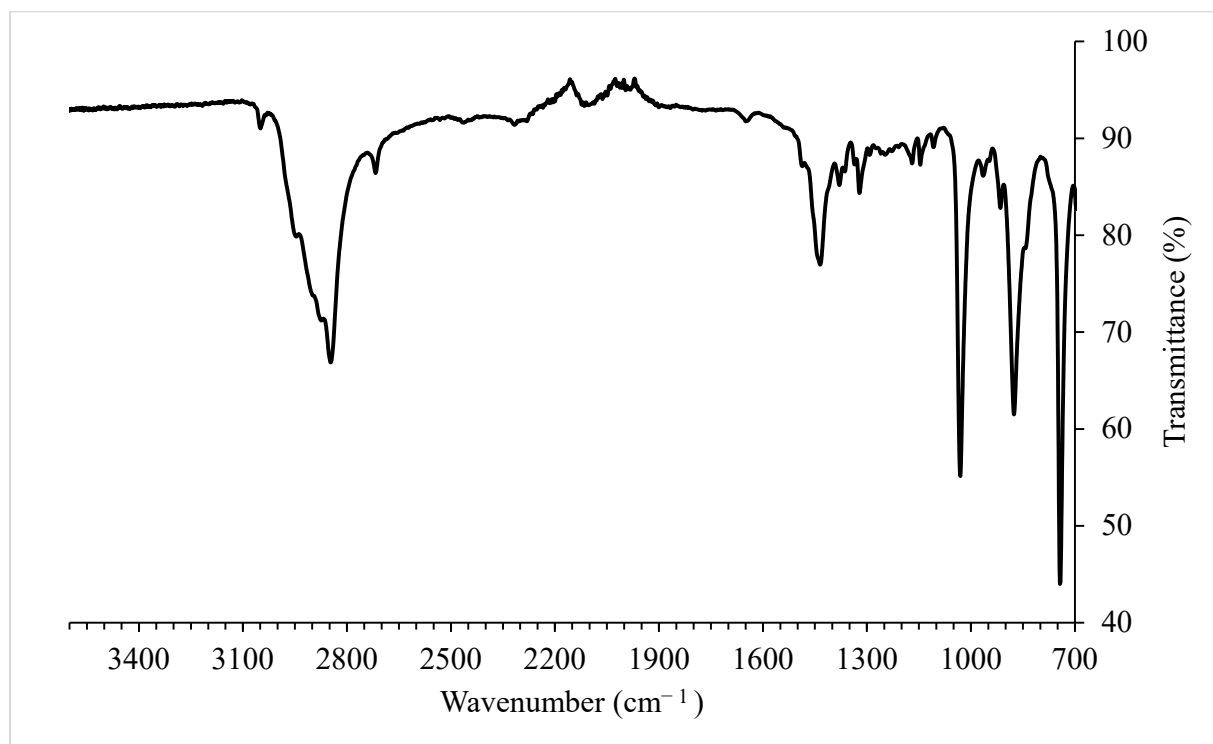


Figure S6. Infrared spectrum of $(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})_2\text{Sm}^{\text{II}}(\mu\text{-}\eta^3\text{:}\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})\text{Sm}^{\text{II}}(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})(\text{THF})_2$, **3**.

UV-Visible Spectroscopy

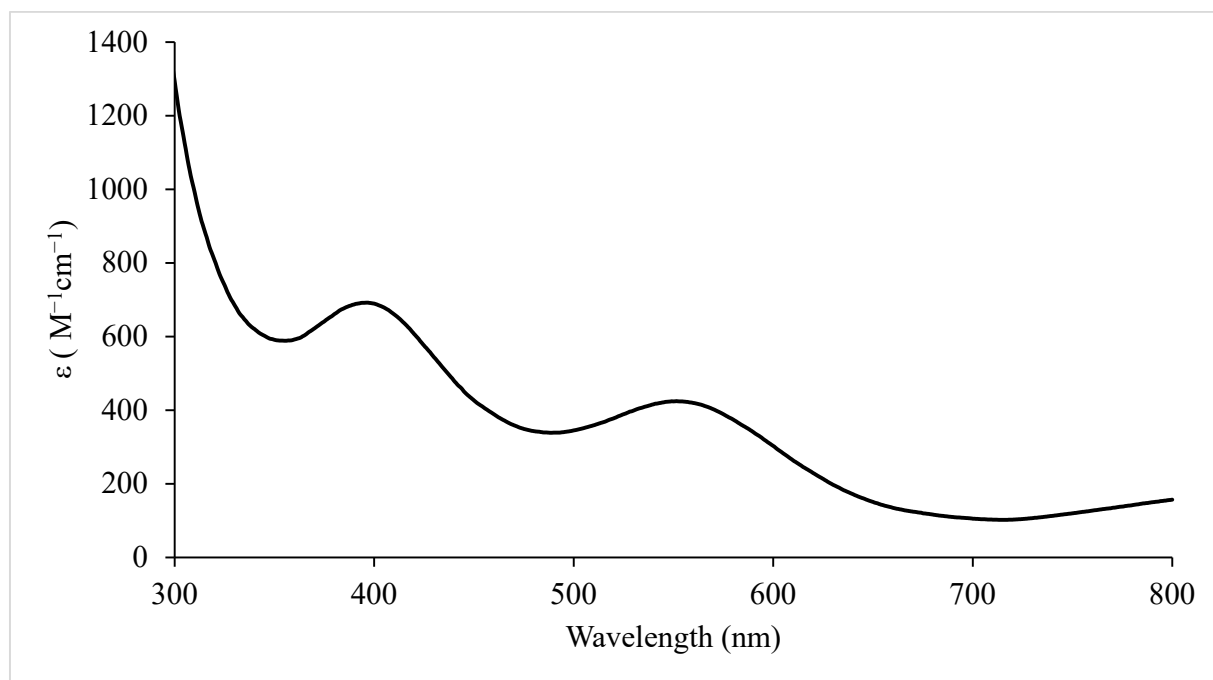


Figure S7. UV-visible spectrum of **1**, presumed to be $[(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})_2\text{Sm}]_n$ as a solid and $(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})_2\text{Sm}(\text{THF})_2$ in THF solution, in THF at room temperature.

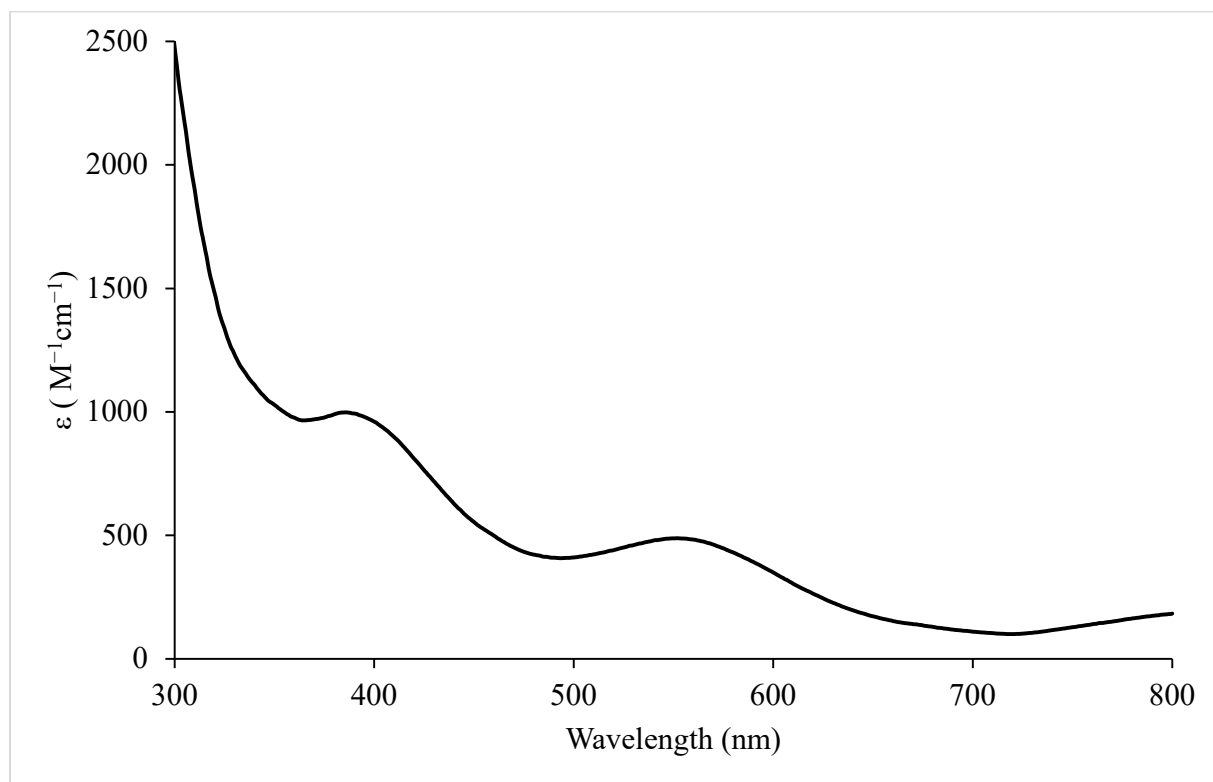


Figure S8. UV-visible spectrum of **2** in THF at room temperature.

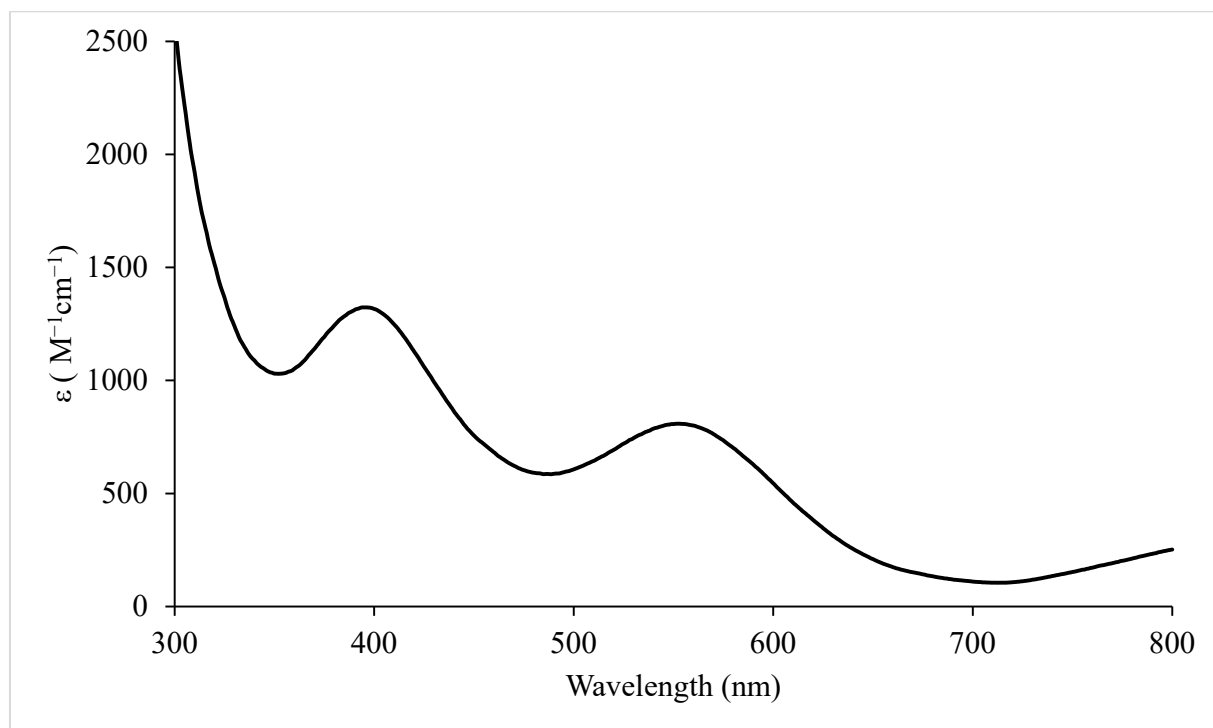


Figure S9. UV-visible spectrum of **3** in THF at room temperature.

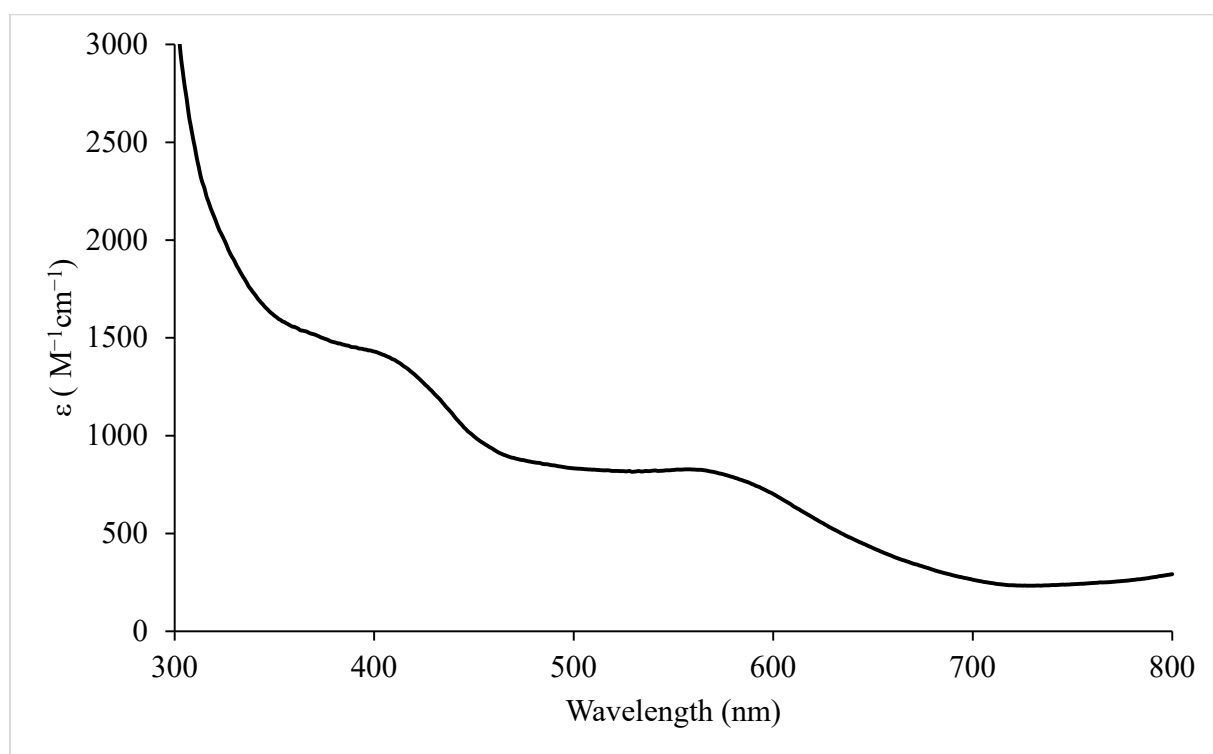


Figure S10. UV-visible spectrum of **3** in toluene at room temperature.

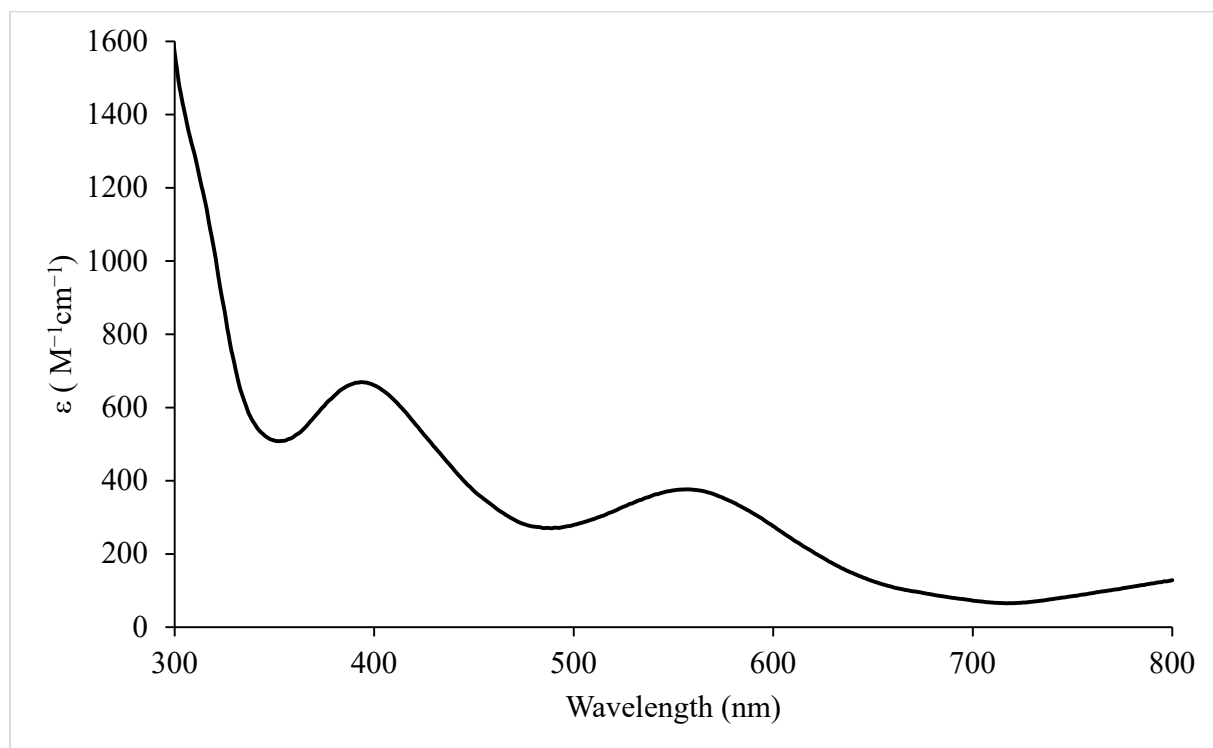


Figure S11. UV-visible spectrum of $(C_5Me_5)_2Sm(THF)_2$ in THF at room temperature.

X-ray Data Collection, Structure Determination, and Refinement for (C₅Me₄H)₂Sm(DME), 2.

A green crystal of approximate dimensions 0.114 x 0.209 x 0.481 mm was mounted in a cryoloop and transferred to a Bruker SMART APEX II diffractometer system. The APEX2¹ program package was used to determine the unit-cell parameters and for data collection (30 sec/frame scan time). The raw frame data was processed using SAINT² and SADABS³ to yield the reflection data file. Subsequent calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL⁴ program package. The diffraction symmetry was *mmm* and the systematic absences were consistent with the orthorhombic space group *Pbca* that was later determined to be correct.

The structure was solved by direct methods and refined on F² by full-matrix least-squares techniques. The analytical scattering factors⁵ for neutral atoms were used throughout the analysis. Hydrogen atoms were included using a riding model. There were two molecules of the formula unit present.

Least-squares analysis yielded wR2 = 0.0470 and Goof = 1.039 for 469 variables refined against 12415 data (0.72 Å), R1 = 0.0195 for those 10938 data with I > 2.0σ(I).

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for jqn48.

Identification code	jqn48 (Joseph Nguyen)
Empirical formula	C ₄₄ H ₇₂ O ₄ Sm ₂
Formula weight	965.71
Temperature	93(2) K

Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	<i>Pbca</i>	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 17.435(4) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	b = 16.479(3) Å	$\beta = 90^\circ$.
	c = 30.782(6) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	8845(3) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.450 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	2.667 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	3936	
Crystal color	green	
Crystal size	0.481 x 0.209 x 0.114 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.323 to 29.575°	
Index ranges	-24 ≤ h ≤ 24, -22 ≤ k ≤ 22, -42 ≤ l ≤ 42	
Reflections collected	211448	
Independent reflections	12415 [R(int) = 0.0439]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.4330 and 0.3062	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	12415 / 0 / 469	

Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.039
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$ = 10938 data]	R1 = 0.0195, wR2 = 0.0443
R indices (all data, 0.72 Å)	R1 = 0.0255, wR2 = 0.0470
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.616 and -0.483 e.Å ⁻³

Table S2. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for jqn48.

Sm(1)-Cnt1	2.534
Sm(1)-Cnt2	2.527
Sm(1)-O(1)	2.5906(13)
Sm(1)-O(2)	2.6174(13)
Sm(1)-C(14)	2.7408(19)
Sm(1)-C(10)	2.7465(18)
Sm(1)-C(5)	2.7868(18)
Sm(1)-C(4)	2.7962(18)
Sm(1)-C(3)	2.8072(18)
Sm(1)-C(1)	2.8130(18)
Sm(1)-C(13)	2.8189(18)
Sm(1)-C(11)	2.8207(18)
Sm(1)-C(2)	2.8214(18)
Sm(1)-C(12)	2.8666(18)
Sm(2)-Cnt3	2.528
Sm(2)-Cnt4	2.544

Sm(2)-O(4)	2.6014(13)
Sm(2)-O(3)	2.6116(13)
Sm(2)-C(27)	2.7600(18)
Sm(2)-C(26)	2.7859(19)
Sm(2)-C(36)	2.7866(18)
Sm(2)-C(23)	2.7942(19)
Sm(2)-C(32)	2.8101(18)
Sm(2)-C(35)	2.8191(18)
Sm(2)-C(25)	2.824(2)
Sm(2)-C(33)	2.8263(17)
Sm(2)-C(24)	2.830(2)
Sm(2)-C(34)	2.8335(18)
O(1)-C(19)	1.423(2)
O(1)-C(20)	1.439(2)
O(2)-C(22)	1.423(2)
O(2)-C(21)	1.433(2)
O(3)-C(41)	1.427(2)
O(3)-C(42)	1.432(2)
O(4)-C(44)	1.425(2)
O(4)-C(43)	1.441(2)
C(1)-C(5)	1.412(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.413(3)
C(1)-C(6)	1.507(3)

C(2)-C(3)	1.417(3)
C(2)-C(7)	1.506(3)
C(3)-C(4)	1.414(3)
C(3)-C(8)	1.508(3)
C(4)-C(5)	1.418(3)
C(4)-C(9)	1.503(3)
C(10)-C(14)	1.414(3)
C(10)-C(11)	1.415(3)
C(10)-C(15)	1.502(3)
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C(12)-C(17)	1.505(3)
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C(20)-C(21)	1.494(3)
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C(23)-C(28)	1.508(3)
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C(25)-C(26)	1.423(3)
C(25)-C(30)	1.502(3)

C(26)-C(27)	1.409(3)
C(26)-C(31)	1.503(3)
C(32)-C(36)	1.415(3)
C(32)-C(33)	1.417(2)
C(32)-C(37)	1.503(3)
C(33)-C(34)	1.419(3)
C(33)-C(38)	1.508(2)
C(34)-C(35)	1.417(2)
C(34)-C(39)	1.503(2)
C(35)-C(36)	1.414(3)
C(35)-C(40)	1.508(3)
C(42)-C(43)	1.500(3)
Cnt1-Sm(1)-O(1)	111.3
Cnt1-Sm(1)-O(2)	112.6
Cnt2-Sm(1)-O(1)	112.5
Cnt2-Sm(1)-O(2)	107.0
Cnt1-Sm(1)-Cnt2	130.2
O(1)-Sm(1)-O(2)	63.92(4)
O(1)-Sm(1)-C(14)	130.80(5)
O(2)-Sm(1)-C(14)	129.21(5)
O(1)-Sm(1)-C(10)	133.49(5)
O(2)-Sm(1)-C(10)	100.90(5)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(10)	29.85(5)

O(1)-Sm(1)-C(5)	136.01(5)
O(2)-Sm(1)-C(5)	124.13(5)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(5)	80.91(5)
C(10)-Sm(1)-C(5)	89.76(5)
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C(10)-Sm(1)-C(3)	136.40(6)
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C(4)-Sm(1)-C(3)	29.23(6)
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O(2)-Sm(1)-C(1)	95.53(5)
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C(10)-Sm(1)-C(13)	48.70(5)
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C(4)-Sm(1)-C(13)	98.91(6)
C(3)-Sm(1)-C(13)	121.85(6)
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O(1)-Sm(1)-C(11)	104.66(5)
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O(1)-Sm(1)-C(12)	87.85(5)
O(2)-Sm(1)-C(12)	95.24(5)
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C(10)-Sm(1)-C(12)	48.10(5)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(12)	128.91(5)
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O(3)-Sm(2)-C(25)	93.23(5)
C(27)-Sm(2)-C(25)	48.12(6)
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C(26)-Sm(2)-C(24)	48.27(7)
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C(26)-Sm(2)-C(34)	122.00(6)
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C(19)-O(1)-Sm(1)	123.00(12)
C(20)-O(1)-Sm(1)	115.61(10)
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C(4)-C(3)-C(8)	126.24(18)
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C(4)-C(3)-Sm(1)	74.95(10)
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C(5)-C(4)-C(9)	125.64(18)
C(3)-C(4)-Sm(1)	75.81(10)
C(5)-C(4)-Sm(1)	74.92(10)
C(9)-C(4)-Sm(1)	117.21(13)
C(1)-C(5)-C(4)	108.70(16)
C(1)-C(5)-Sm(1)	76.43(10)
C(4)-C(5)-Sm(1)	75.66(10)
C(14)-C(10)-C(11)	107.96(16)
C(14)-C(10)-C(15)	126.64(18)
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)	125.34(18)
C(14)-C(10)-Sm(1)	74.85(10)
C(11)-C(10)-Sm(1)	78.21(10)
C(15)-C(10)-Sm(1)	111.35(12)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	107.82(15)
C(10)-C(11)-C(16)	126.81(17)
C(12)-C(11)-C(16)	125.34(17)
C(10)-C(11)-Sm(1)	72.39(10)
C(12)-C(11)-Sm(1)	77.35(10)
C(16)-C(11)-Sm(1)	117.59(12)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	108.24(16)
C(13)-C(12)-C(17)	125.81(17)

C(11)-C(12)-C(17)	125.84(17)
C(13)-C(12)-Sm(1)	73.71(10)
C(11)-C(12)-Sm(1)	73.76(10)
C(17)-C(12)-Sm(1)	121.52(12)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	107.54(16)
C(14)-C(13)-C(18)	126.43(17)
C(12)-C(13)-C(18)	125.92(17)
C(14)-C(13)-Sm(1)	72.21(10)
C(12)-C(13)-Sm(1)	77.45(10)
C(18)-C(13)-Sm(1)	119.27(12)
C(10)-C(14)-C(13)	108.44(16)
C(10)-C(14)-Sm(1)	75.30(10)
C(13)-C(14)-Sm(1)	78.32(10)
O(1)-C(20)-C(21)	108.34(15)
O(2)-C(21)-C(20)	109.03(15)
C(24)-C(23)-C(27)	107.80(18)
C(24)-C(23)-C(28)	126.0(2)
C(27)-C(23)-C(28)	126.2(2)
C(24)-C(23)-Sm(2)	77.04(11)
C(27)-C(23)-Sm(2)	73.94(10)
C(28)-C(23)-Sm(2)	117.30(13)
C(23)-C(24)-C(25)	108.37(19)
C(23)-C(24)-C(29)	124.8(2)

C(25)-C(24)-C(29)	126.7(2)
C(23)-C(24)-Sm(2)	74.18(11)
C(25)-C(24)-Sm(2)	75.21(11)
C(29)-C(24)-Sm(2)	120.01(13)
C(24)-C(25)-C(26)	107.78(18)
C(24)-C(25)-C(30)	125.5(2)
C(26)-C(25)-C(30)	126.7(2)
C(24)-C(25)-Sm(2)	75.70(11)
C(26)-C(25)-Sm(2)	73.83(11)
C(30)-C(25)-Sm(2)	116.76(14)
C(27)-C(26)-C(25)	107.08(19)
C(27)-C(26)-C(31)	124.7(2)
C(25)-C(26)-C(31)	128.2(2)
C(27)-C(26)-Sm(2)	74.27(11)
C(25)-C(26)-Sm(2)	76.80(11)
C(31)-C(26)-Sm(2)	115.02(15)
C(26)-C(27)-C(23)	108.97(19)
C(26)-C(27)-Sm(2)	76.31(11)
C(23)-C(27)-Sm(2)	76.63(10)
C(36)-C(32)-C(33)	107.39(16)
C(36)-C(32)-C(37)	125.18(17)
C(33)-C(32)-C(37)	127.38(18)
C(36)-C(32)-Sm(2)	74.44(10)

C(33)-C(32)-Sm(2)	76.07(10)
C(37)-C(32)-Sm(2)	117.45(12)
C(32)-C(33)-C(34)	108.07(15)
C(32)-C(33)-C(38)	127.30(17)
C(34)-C(33)-C(38)	124.63(16)
C(32)-C(33)-Sm(2)	74.81(10)
C(34)-C(33)-Sm(2)	75.76(10)
C(38)-C(33)-Sm(2)	116.13(11)
C(35)-C(34)-C(33)	108.26(15)
C(35)-C(34)-C(39)	126.11(17)
C(33)-C(34)-C(39)	125.55(16)
C(35)-C(34)-Sm(2)	74.92(10)
C(33)-C(34)-Sm(2)	75.20(10)
C(39)-C(34)-Sm(2)	118.79(12)
C(36)-C(35)-C(34)	107.29(16)
C(36)-C(35)-C(40)	125.76(17)
C(34)-C(35)-C(40)	126.82(17)
C(36)-C(35)-Sm(2)	74.12(10)
C(34)-C(35)-Sm(2)	76.04(10)
C(40)-C(35)-Sm(2)	118.95(13)
C(35)-C(36)-C(32)	108.99(16)
C(35)-C(36)-Sm(2)	76.67(10)
C(32)-C(36)-Sm(2)	76.28(10)

O(3)-C(42)-C(43)	109.24(15)
O(4)-C(43)-C(42)	108.94(15)

X-ray Data Collection, Structure Determination, and Refinement for (C₅Me₄H)₂Sm(μ - η^3 : η^5 -C₅Me₄H)Sm(C₅Me₄H)(THF)₂, 3.

A purple crystal of approximate dimensions 0.170 x 0.191 x 0.306 mm was mounted in a cryoloop and transferred to a Bruker SMART APEX II diffractometer system. The APEX2¹ program package was used to determine the unit-cell parameters and for data collection (20 sec/frame scan time). The raw frame data was processed using SAINT² and SADABS³ to yield the reflection data file. Subsequent calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL⁴ program package. The diffraction symmetry was $2/m$ and the systematic absences were consistent with the monoclinic space group $P2_1/n$ that was later determined to be correct.

The structure was solved by direct methods and refined on F^2 by full-matrix least-squares techniques. The analytical scattering factors⁵ for neutral atoms were used throughout the analysis. Hydrogen atoms were included using a riding model.

Least-squares analysis yielded $wR2 = 0.0536$ and $Goof = 1.021$ for 449 variables refined against 12542 data (0.70 Å), $R1 = 0.0239$ for those 10610 data with $I > 2.0\sigma(I)$.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for jqn20.

Identification code	jqn20 (Joseph Nguyen)
Empirical formula	C ₄₄ H ₆₈ O ₂ Sm ₂
Formula weight	929.68
Temperature	133(2) K

Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	$P2_1/n$	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.4458(8)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	$b = 15.6042(11)$ Å	$\beta = 92.6546(12)^\circ$.
	$c = 23.3099(17)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	4158.7(5) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.485 Mg/m ³	
Absorption coefficient	2.829 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1888	
Crystal color	purple	
Crystal size	0.306 x 0.191 x 0.170 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	1.571 to 30.539°	
Index ranges	$-16 \leq h \leq 16, -21 \leq k \leq 22, -33 \leq l \leq 33$	
Reflections collected	101857	
Independent reflections	12542 [R(int) = 0.0529]	
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	100.0 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.7461 and 0.5948	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	12542 / 0 / 449	

Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.021
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$ = 10610 data]	R1 = 0.0239, wR2 = 0.0496
R indices (all data, 0.70 Å)	R1 = 0.0339, wR2 = 0.0536
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.923 and -0.477 e.Å ⁻³

Table S4. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for jqn20.

Sm(1)-Cnt1	2.584
Sm(1)-Cnt2	2.581
Sm(1)-C(14)	2.748(2)
Sm(1)-C(5)	2.751(2)
Sm(1)-C(13)	2.791(2)
Sm(1)-C(4)	2.810(2)
Sm(1)-C(1)	2.819(2)
Sm(1)-C(10)	2.831(2)
Sm(1)-C(32)	2.842(2)
Sm(1)-C(12)	2.919(2)
Sm(1)-C(2)	2.931(2)
Sm(1)-C(3)	2.932(2)
Sm(1)-C(11)	2.940(2)
Sm(1)-C(31)	2.955(2)
Sm(2)-Cnt3	2.537
Sm(2)-Cnt4	2.586

Sm(2)-O(1)	2.5770(15)
Sm(2)-O(2)	2.5970(16)
Sm(2)-C(23)	2.799(2)
Sm(2)-C(21)	2.804(2)
Sm(2)-C(20)	2.806(2)
Sm(2)-C(32)	2.807(2)
Sm(2)-C(22)	2.811(2)
Sm(2)-C(19)	2.814(2)
Sm(2)-C(28)	2.8346(19)
Sm(2)-C(31)	2.864(2)
Sm(2)-C(29)	2.872(2)
Sm(2)-C(30)	2.888(2)
O(1)-C(37)	1.447(3)
O(1)-C(40)	1.448(3)
O(2)-C(44)	1.444(3)
O(2)-C(41)	1.455(3)
C(1)-C(5)	1.409(3)
C(1)-C(2)	1.414(3)
C(1)-C(6)	1.514(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.415(3)
C(2)-C(7)	1.503(3)
C(3)-C(4)	1.409(3)
C(3)-C(8)	1.506(3)

C(4)-C(5)	1.413(3)
C(4)-C(9)	1.510(3)
C(10)-C(11)	1.409(3)
C(10)-C(14)	1.412(3)
C(10)-C(15)	1.503(3)
C(11)-C(12)	1.416(3)
C(11)-C(16)	1.507(3)
C(12)-C(13)	1.413(3)
C(12)-C(17)	1.505(3)
C(13)-C(14)	1.410(3)
C(13)-C(18)	1.506(3)
C(19)-C(20)	1.403(3)
C(19)-C(23)	1.414(3)
C(19)-C(24)	1.510(3)
C(20)-C(21)	1.421(3)
C(20)-C(25)	1.498(3)
C(21)-C(22)	1.409(3)
C(21)-C(26)	1.501(3)
C(22)-C(23)	1.411(3)
C(22)-C(27)	1.499(3)
C(28)-C(32)	1.412(3)
C(28)-C(29)	1.413(3)
C(28)-C(33)	1.505(3)

C(29)-C(30)	1.421(3)
C(29)-C(34)	1.502(3)
C(30)-C(31)	1.416(3)
C(30)-C(35)	1.503(3)
C(31)-C(32)	1.421(3)
C(31)-C(36)	1.504(3)
C(37)-C(38)	1.513(3)
C(38)-C(39)	1.515(4)
C(39)-C(40)	1.515(3)
C(41)-C(42)	1.515(4)
C(42)-C(43)	1.507(4)
C(43)-C(44)	1.505(4)

Cnt1-Sm(1)-Cnt2	122.8
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(5)	122.82(7)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(13)	29.48(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(13)	105.96(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(4)	135.21(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(4)	29.41(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(4)	130.99(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(1)	133.88(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(1)	29.27(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(1)	106.65(6)

C(4)-Sm(1)-C(1)	48.06(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(10)	29.27(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(10)	102.34(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(10)	48.12(6)
C(4)-Sm(1)-C(10)	106.76(6)
C(1)-Sm(1)-C(10)	125.39(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(32)	115.82(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(32)	121.25(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(32)	128.02(6)
C(4)-Sm(1)-C(32)	100.75(6)
C(1)-Sm(1)-C(32)	104.71(6)
C(10)-Sm(1)-C(32)	129.32(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(12)	47.29(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(12)	78.76(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(12)	28.54(6)
C(4)-Sm(1)-C(12)	102.45(6)
C(1)-Sm(1)-C(12)	87.10(6)
C(10)-Sm(1)-C(12)	46.92(6)
C(32)-Sm(1)-C(12)	156.20(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(2)	160.97(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(2)	47.12(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(2)	131.66(6)
C(4)-Sm(1)-C(2)	46.90(6)

C(1)-Sm(1)-C(2)	28.39(6)
C(10)-Sm(1)-C(2)	149.40(6)
C(32)-Sm(1)-C(2)	77.50(6)
C(12)-Sm(1)-C(2)	115.42(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(3)	162.70(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(3)	47.10(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(3)	152.02(6)
C(4)-Sm(1)-C(3)	28.31(6)
C(1)-Sm(1)-C(3)	46.87(6)
C(10)-Sm(1)-C(3)	133.44(6)
C(32)-Sm(1)-C(3)	75.22(6)
C(12)-Sm(1)-C(3)	125.86(6)
C(2)-Sm(1)-C(3)	27.93(6)
C(14)-Sm(1)-C(11)	46.98(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(11)	76.94(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(11)	46.92(6)
C(4)-Sm(1)-C(11)	90.13(6)
C(1)-Sm(1)-C(11)	97.33(6)
C(10)-Sm(1)-C(11)	28.18(6)
C(32)-Sm(1)-C(11)	157.38(6)
C(12)-Sm(1)-C(11)	27.96(6)
C(2)-Sm(1)-C(11)	123.31(6)
C(3)-Sm(1)-C(11)	118.27(6)

C(14)-Sm(1)-C(31)	98.23(6)
C(5)-Sm(1)-C(31)	131.47(6)
C(13)-Sm(1)-C(31)	121.78(6)
C(4)-Sm(1)-C(31)	103.08(6)
C(1)-Sm(1)-C(31)	127.42(6)
C(10)-Sm(1)-C(31)	102.98(6)
C(32)-Sm(1)-C(31)	28.30(6)
C(12)-Sm(1)-C(31)	145.44(6)
C(2)-Sm(1)-C(31)	99.04(6)
C(3)-Sm(1)-C(31)	86.12(6)
C(11)-Sm(1)-C(31)	129.88(6)
Cnt3-Sm(2)-Cnt4	130.2
O(1)-Sm(2)-O(2)	97.82(5)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(23)	90.21(6)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(23)	130.17(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(21)	104.72(6)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(21)	82.77(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(21)	47.84(7)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(20)	130.02(6)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(20)	93.69(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(20)	47.83(7)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(20)	29.35(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(32)	118.68(6)

O(2)-Sm(2)-C(32)	120.72(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(32)	96.75(6)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(32)	124.33(6)
C(20)-Sm(2)-C(32)	95.45(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(22)	81.87(6)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(22)	103.54(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(22)	29.13(6)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(22)	29.07(6)
C(20)-Sm(2)-C(22)	48.17(6)
C(32)-Sm(2)-C(22)	125.18(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(19)	119.17(6)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(19)	122.58(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(19)	29.18(7)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(19)	48.04(6)
C(20)-Sm(2)-C(19)	28.90(7)
C(32)-Sm(2)-C(19)	79.69(6)
C(22)-Sm(2)-C(19)	48.20(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(28)	126.61(6)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(28)	91.86(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(28)	121.72(6)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(28)	128.61(6)
C(20)-Sm(2)-C(28)	101.24(6)
C(32)-Sm(2)-C(28)	28.99(6)

C(22)-Sm(2)-C(28)	145.78(6)
C(19)-Sm(2)-C(28)	97.78(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(31)	89.68(5)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(31)	130.33(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(31)	98.61(6)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(31)	142.29(6)
C(20)-Sm(2)-C(31)	118.17(6)
C(32)-Sm(2)-C(31)	29.01(6)
C(22)-Sm(2)-C(31)	126.13(6)
C(19)-Sm(2)-C(31)	94.44(6)
C(28)-Sm(2)-C(31)	47.66(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(29)	100.76(5)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(29)	83.17(6)
C(23)-Sm(2)-C(29)	143.38(6)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(29)	152.30(6)
C(20)-Sm(2)-C(29)	128.91(6)
C(32)-Sm(2)-C(29)	47.39(6)
C(22)-Sm(2)-C(29)	172.48(6)
C(19)-Sm(2)-C(29)	125.25(6)
C(28)-Sm(2)-C(29)	28.67(6)
C(31)-Sm(2)-C(29)	47.28(6)
O(1)-Sm(2)-C(30)	79.69(5)
O(2)-Sm(2)-C(30)	104.97(6)

C(23)-Sm(2)-C(30)	124.83(6)
C(21)-Sm(2)-C(30)	170.67(6)
C(20)-Sm(2)-C(30)	142.70(6)
C(32)-Sm(2)-C(30)	47.25(6)
C(22)-Sm(2)-C(30)	147.77(6)
C(19)-Sm(2)-C(30)	122.64(6)
C(28)-Sm(2)-C(30)	47.22(6)
C(31)-Sm(2)-C(30)	28.49(6)
C(29)-Sm(2)-C(30)	28.57(6)
C(37)-O(1)-C(40)	109.09(16)
C(37)-O(1)-Sm(2)	126.29(13)
C(40)-O(1)-Sm(2)	124.14(13)
C(44)-O(2)-C(41)	107.98(18)
C(44)-O(2)-Sm(2)	127.91(14)
C(41)-O(2)-Sm(2)	123.53(14)
C(5)-C(1)-C(2)	107.6(2)
C(5)-C(1)-C(6)	127.8(2)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	124.6(2)
C(5)-C(1)-Sm(1)	72.71(12)
C(2)-C(1)-Sm(1)	80.22(12)
C(6)-C(1)-Sm(1)	115.30(14)
C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	108.0(2)
C(1)-C(2)-C(7)	124.7(2)

C(3)-C(2)-C(7)	126.8(2)
C(1)-C(2)-Sm(1)	71.39(12)
C(3)-C(2)-Sm(1)	76.06(12)
C(7)-C(2)-Sm(1)	124.29(14)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	108.17(19)
C(4)-C(3)-C(8)	125.4(2)
C(2)-C(3)-C(8)	125.9(2)
C(4)-C(3)-Sm(1)	71.03(12)
C(2)-C(3)-Sm(1)	76.01(12)
C(8)-C(3)-Sm(1)	125.54(14)
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	107.6(2)
C(3)-C(4)-C(9)	125.7(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(9)	126.7(2)
C(3)-C(4)-Sm(1)	80.66(12)
C(5)-C(4)-Sm(1)	73.00(12)
C(9)-C(4)-Sm(1)	115.57(15)
C(1)-C(5)-C(4)	108.6(2)
C(1)-C(5)-Sm(1)	78.02(12)
C(4)-C(5)-Sm(1)	77.59(12)
C(11)-C(10)-C(14)	107.44(18)
C(11)-C(10)-C(15)	125.3(2)
C(14)-C(10)-C(15)	127.2(2)
C(11)-C(10)-Sm(1)	80.21(12)

C(14)-C(10)-Sm(1)	72.12(11)
C(15)-C(10)-Sm(1)	116.42(15)
C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	108.38(19)
C(10)-C(11)-C(16)	125.3(2)
C(12)-C(11)-C(16)	126.0(2)
C(10)-C(11)-Sm(1)	71.60(12)
C(12)-C(11)-Sm(1)	75.21(12)
C(16)-C(11)-Sm(1)	124.37(15)
C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	107.82(18)
C(13)-C(12)-C(17)	125.7(2)
C(11)-C(12)-C(17)	126.2(2)
C(13)-C(12)-Sm(1)	70.69(11)
C(11)-C(12)-Sm(1)	76.83(12)
C(17)-C(12)-Sm(1)	123.33(14)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	107.65(18)
C(14)-C(13)-C(18)	126.53(19)
C(12)-C(13)-C(18)	125.81(19)
C(14)-C(13)-Sm(1)	73.57(12)
C(12)-C(13)-Sm(1)	80.78(12)
C(18)-C(13)-Sm(1)	111.04(13)
C(13)-C(14)-C(10)	108.69(18)
C(13)-C(14)-Sm(1)	76.95(12)
C(10)-C(14)-Sm(1)	78.62(12)

C(20)-C(19)-C(23)	107.55(19)
C(20)-C(19)-C(24)	125.9(2)
C(23)-C(19)-C(24)	126.1(2)
C(20)-C(19)-Sm(2)	75.22(12)
C(23)-C(19)-Sm(2)	74.81(12)
C(24)-C(19)-Sm(2)	121.87(14)
C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	108.16(19)
C(19)-C(20)-C(25)	125.2(2)
C(21)-C(20)-C(25)	126.5(2)
C(19)-C(20)-Sm(2)	75.88(12)
C(21)-C(20)-Sm(2)	75.28(12)
C(25)-C(20)-Sm(2)	118.27(15)
C(22)-C(21)-C(20)	108.13(19)
C(22)-C(21)-C(26)	124.6(2)
C(20)-C(21)-C(26)	127.1(2)
C(22)-C(21)-Sm(2)	75.71(12)
C(20)-C(21)-Sm(2)	75.37(12)
C(26)-C(21)-Sm(2)	118.68(14)
C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	107.34(19)
C(21)-C(22)-C(27)	125.7(2)
C(23)-C(22)-C(27)	126.8(2)
C(21)-C(22)-Sm(2)	75.22(12)
C(23)-C(22)-Sm(2)	74.96(12)

C(27)-C(22)-Sm(2)	118.68(15)
C(22)-C(23)-C(19)	108.8(2)
C(22)-C(23)-Sm(2)	75.91(13)
C(19)-C(23)-Sm(2)	76.01(12)
C(32)-C(28)-C(29)	107.80(18)
C(32)-C(28)-C(33)	126.25(19)
C(29)-C(28)-C(33)	125.93(19)
C(32)-C(28)-Sm(2)	74.40(11)
C(29)-C(28)-Sm(2)	77.13(11)
C(33)-C(28)-Sm(2)	113.57(14)
C(32)-C(28)-Sm(1)	71.21(11)
C(29)-C(28)-Sm(1)	84.59(12)
C(33)-C(28)-Sm(1)	111.80(13)
Sm(2)-C(28)-Sm(1)	133.52(7)
C(28)-C(29)-C(30)	107.97(18)
C(28)-C(29)-C(34)	125.88(19)
C(30)-C(29)-C(34)	126.04(19)
C(28)-C(29)-Sm(2)	74.20(11)
C(30)-C(29)-Sm(2)	76.35(11)
C(34)-C(29)-Sm(2)	112.61(13)
C(31)-C(30)-C(29)	108.32(18)
C(31)-C(30)-C(35)	126.16(19)
C(29)-C(30)-C(35)	125.48(19)

C(31)-C(30)-Sm(2)	74.80(12)
C(29)-C(30)-Sm(2)	75.09(12)
C(35)-C(30)-Sm(2)	114.63(13)
C(30)-C(31)-C(32)	107.20(18)
C(30)-C(31)-C(36)	126.61(19)
C(32)-C(31)-C(36)	126.19(19)
C(30)-C(31)-Sm(2)	76.70(12)
C(32)-C(31)-Sm(2)	73.26(11)
C(36)-C(31)-Sm(2)	115.60(14)
C(30)-C(31)-Sm(1)	84.54(12)
C(32)-C(31)-Sm(1)	71.42(11)
C(36)-C(31)-Sm(1)	110.64(13)
Sm(2)-C(31)-Sm(1)	132.54(7)
C(28)-C(32)-C(31)	108.70(18)
C(28)-C(32)-Sm(2)	76.61(11)
C(31)-C(32)-Sm(2)	77.73(11)
C(28)-C(32)-Sm(1)	80.73(12)
C(31)-C(32)-Sm(1)	80.28(12)
Sm(2)-C(32)-Sm(1)	141.17(8)
O(1)-C(37)-C(38)	105.27(19)
C(37)-C(38)-C(39)	101.7(2)
C(40)-C(39)-C(38)	102.66(19)
O(1)-C(40)-C(39)	106.13(19)

O(2)-C(41)-C(42)	106.7(2)
C(43)-C(42)-C(41)	103.3(2)
C(44)-C(43)-C(42)	101.8(2)
O(2)-C(44)-C(43)	105.6(2)

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