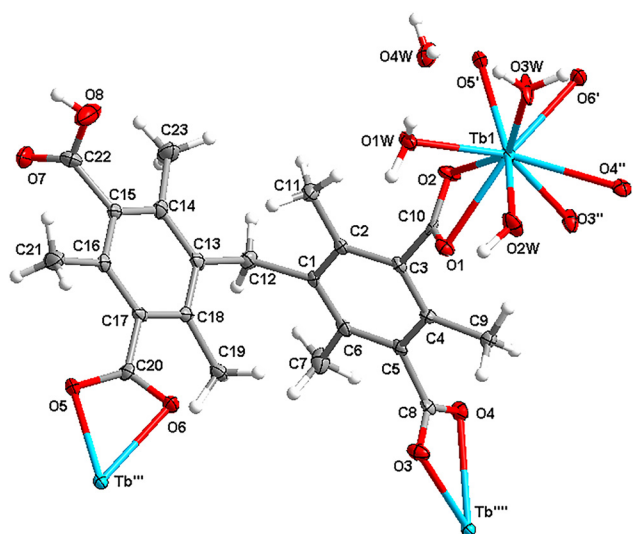


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# Crystal structure of poly[*diaqua-μ<sub>3</sub>-(5-(3,5-dicarboxy-2,4,6-trimethylbenzyl)-2,4,6-trimethylisophthalato)-κ<sup>6</sup>O,O':O'',O''':O''''',O''''''* terbium(III)-monohydrate], C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>TbO<sub>12</sub>



**Table 1:** Data collection and handling.

|                                                                            |                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal:                                                                   | Colourless rod                                                                      |
| Size:                                                                      | 0.35 × 0.10 × 0.10 mm                                                               |
| Wavelength:                                                                | Mo Kα radiation (0.71073 Å)                                                         |
| $\mu$ :                                                                    | 2.98 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                               |
| Diffractometer, scan mode:                                                 | Bruker APEX2, $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans                                          |
| $\theta_{\max}$ , completeness:                                            | 27.5°, 100 %                                                                        |
| $N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$ , $R_{\text{int}}$ : | 14354, 5506, 0.034                                                                  |
| Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$ :                    | $I_{\text{obs}} > 2\sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 5150                                   |
| $N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$ :                                       | 337                                                                                 |
| Programs:                                                                  | Bruker, <sup>1</sup> Olex2, <sup>2</sup> SHELX, <sup>3,4</sup> Diamond <sup>5</sup> |

The molecular structure is shown in the figure. Table 1 contains the crystallographic data and the list of the atoms including atomic coordinates and displacement parameters can be found in the cif-file attached to this article.

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## Abstract

C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>28</sub>TbO<sub>12</sub>, orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$  (no. 19),  $a = 8.5571(5)$  Å,  $b = 11.4427(7)$  Å,  $c = 24.8022(15)$  Å,  $V = 2428.5(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.0254$ ,  $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.0466$ ,  $T = 293(2)$  K.

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## 1 Source of materials

An aqueous solution (0.5 ml) containing Tb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (6.0 mg) and H<sub>3</sub>PW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>·xH<sub>2</sub>O (4.0 mg) was added into a glass tube. Then, the aqueous solution of tetrabutylammonium bromide (4 mg/ml) 0.25 ml was added. Next, a solution of 5,5'-methylenebis (2,4,6-trimethylisophthalic acid) (H<sub>4</sub>BTMIPA) (4.0 mg) in cyclohexanol and toluene (1:1 v/v, 0.5 ml) was layered on the aqueous solution. The glass tube was heated slowly to 363 K from room temperature in 300 min, kept at 363 K for 3 min and then cooled slowly to 303 K over a period of 600 min. Colourless rod-shaped crystals formed suitable for single crystal X-ray structure.

## 2 Experimental details

The structure was solved by Direct Methods with the SHELX.<sup>3</sup> All H-atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model with  $d(\text{C-H}) = 0.93$  Å,  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for

aromatic,  $0.97 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{iso} = 1.2U_{eq}(\text{C})$  for  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $0.96 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{iso} = 1.5U_{eq}(\text{C})$  for  $\text{CH}_3$  atoms and  $d(\text{O}-\text{H}) = 0.85 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $U_{iso} = 1.2U_{eq}(\text{O})$  for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

### 3 Comment

In recent years, metal-organic frameworks have attracted extensive attention due to their controllable structures and a wide variety of potential applications.<sup>6–9</sup> As one special type of MOF materials, the lanthanide MOFs have outstanding performances in fluorescent and photochromic materials<sup>10,11</sup> and many excellent Ln–MOFs were used for sensing metal ions or organic molecules.<sup>12</sup> Our team has also developed an europium-organic framework which can sense  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  through fluorescence quenching and enhancement, respectively.<sup>13</sup> The Ln–MOFs may have different properties depending on their ion centers. The  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  and Tb–MOFs usually exhibit strong fluorescence emission in the visible light region.<sup>14,15</sup> This property may endow it with unique application value in fields such as luminescent materials and fluorescence sensing. In this work, we report the crystal structure of a terbium-based framework.

The asymmetric unit cell was found to contain one  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  ion, an incompletely deprotonated HBTMIPA ligand, one hydroxyl group, two coordination water molecules and one lattice water molecule. The central  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  is located within a subtly distorted nine-coordination sphere. This sphere is defined by six oxygen atoms stemming from three distinct HBTMIPA ligands, one coordinated hydroxyl group and two coordinated water molecules. The lengths of the Tb–O bonds span a narrow range from  $2.303(3)$  to  $2.640(3) \text{ \AA}$ . Each BTMIPA ligand connects three  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  ions by means of its three carboxylate groups. Significantly, all these carboxylate groups assume a chelating coordination mode, which is different with the coordination mode in previously reported Ln-framework.<sup>13</sup> Consequently, the central  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  ions were interconnected via BTMIPA ligands, thereby generating a one-dimensional wavy structure oriented in the  $[010]$  direction. Adjacent wavy structures are linked to form a two-dimensional structure through  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds ( $\text{O1W}\cdots\text{O4}_{s1} = 2.8149(2) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{O1W}-\text{H1WB}\cdots\text{O4}_{s1} = 161.252(5)^\circ$ , symmetry code:  $\$1 = 1 + X, Y, Z$ ) in  $[100]$  direction. The extended three-dimensional supramolecular structure was formed by other  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds ( $\text{O8}\cdots\text{O2}_{s2} = 2.6657(1) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{O8}-\text{H8}\cdots\text{O2}_{s2} = 127.330(4)^\circ$ , symmetry code:  $\$2 = -1/2 + X, -1/2 - Y, -1 - Z$ ).

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