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Luminescent terbium contrast agent for microdamage bone detection

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1. Spectrophotometric Titrations

UV-Vis. Spectrophotometer settings

Scan: 200-800 nm
Ex. Slit: 1 nm
Em. Slit: 1 nm
Scan Rate: 600 nm min ⁻¹

Luminescence Settings: Fluorescence Emission

Mode: Fluorescence	Excitation: 225 nm
Start : 250 nm	Scan control : Medium
Stop: 450 nm	Ex. Slit: 20 nm
Emission Filter: 250-395 nm	Em. Slit: 10 nm
PMT Voltage: 800 V	

Luminescence settings: Lanthanide Luminescence

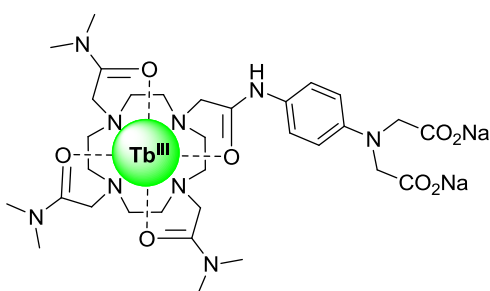
Mode: Phosphorescence	Excitation: 285 nm
Total Decay: 0.02 s	Scan: 450-650 nm
Flash: 1	Delay: 0.1 ms
Gate: 5 ms	PMT Voltage: High (900V)
Excitation slit width: 20 nm	Emission slit width: 10 nm

Luminescence settings: Lifetime studies

The technique employed to determine the hydration number (q) was to measure the excited state lifetimes (5D_4) of the Tb^{III} complex in H_2O (τ_{H_2O}) and D_2O (τ_{D_2O}), by indirect excitation of the Tb^{III} at 285 nm. The Horrocks modified equation developed by Parker *et al.* was then used to calculate the number of metal bound water molecules. Lifetimes were measured as an average of 5 measurements all agreeing to within 5% of each other. The general settings used are as stated below.

Indirect excitation: 285 nm	Total Decay: 30 ms
Emission: Tb^{III} – 545 nm	Delay 0.2 ms
No Cycles: 100	PMT Voltage: High
Flash: 1	Emission slit width: 10 nm
Gate: 0.1 ms	
Excitation slit width: 20 nm	

Complex 1.Tb.Na



The desired product was obtained as a pale yellow solid (0.080 g, 81% yield). M.P. decomposed above 250 °C; HRMS (m/z , ES^+): Calculated for $C_{34}H_{53}N_9O_{14}S_2F_6Tb$ m/z = 1148.2311 $[M+2(CF_3SO_3)-2Na+2H]^+$. Found m/z = 1148.2356; 1H NMR (400 MHz, D_2O , δ_H): 84.92, 79.51, 69.02,

67.04, 61.52, 58.42, 54.56, 53.79, 52.79, 49.04, 44.07, 44.38, 22.96, 21.53, 20.53, 16.67, 15.77, 14.20, 11.41, 10.37, 8.35, 7.84, 7.19, 6.72, 6.59, 6.43, 6.34, 3.52, 1.30, 1.17, -0.06, -82.05, -85.69, -88.45, -97.73, -101.59, -103.47; IR ν_{max} (cm^{-1}): 2972, 1603, 1438, 1251, 1229, 1168, 1088, 1035, 945, 906, 878, 864, 765, 687, 638.

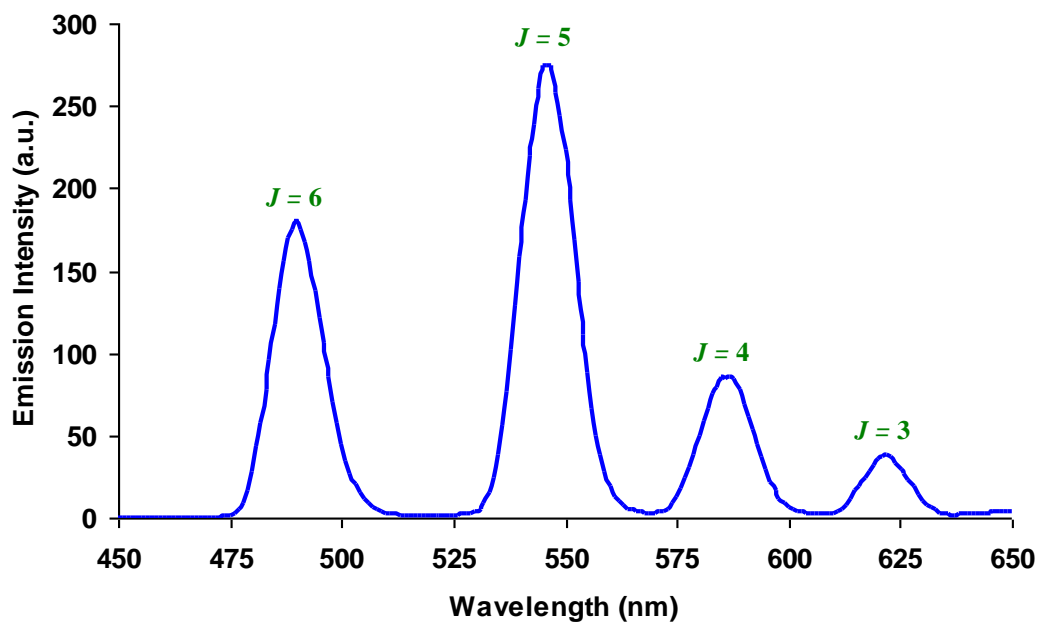


Figure S1: Lanthanide luminescence spectra of **1.Tb.Na** in H₂O (20 mM HEPES, 135 mM KCl, pH 7.4), using an excitation wavelength of 285 nm

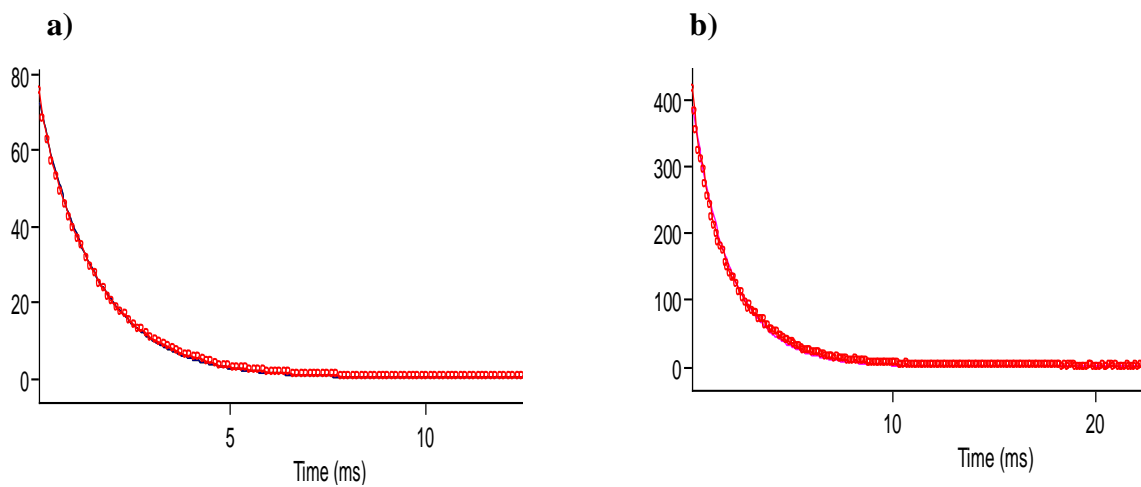


Figure S2. Luminescence decay of **1.Tb.Na** (fit to a mono exponential function) in a) H₂O and b) D₂O.

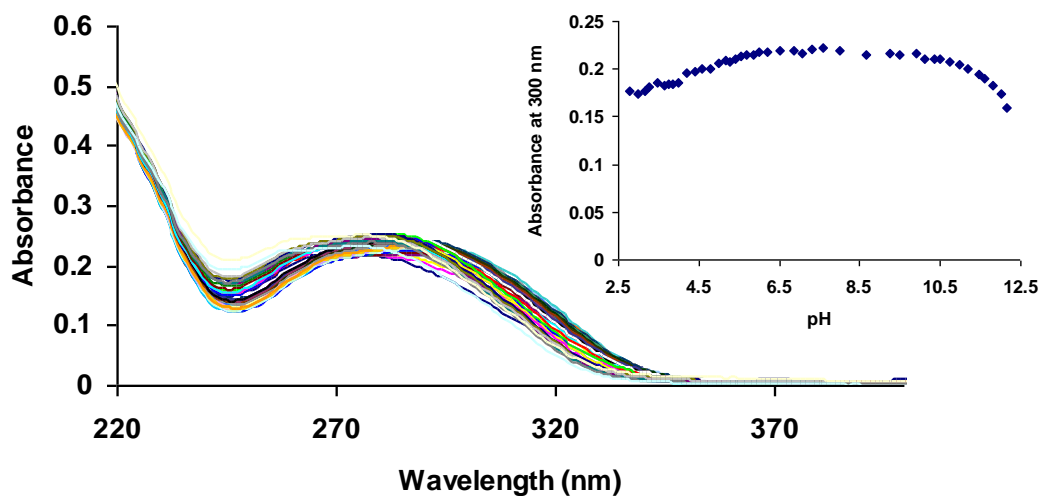


Figure S3a. Absorption spectrum of **1.Tb.Na** as a function of pH [$I = 0.1$ M $\text{NEt}_4\text{HClO}_4$ (TEAP)]. Inset: Absorbance at 300 nm as a function of pH.

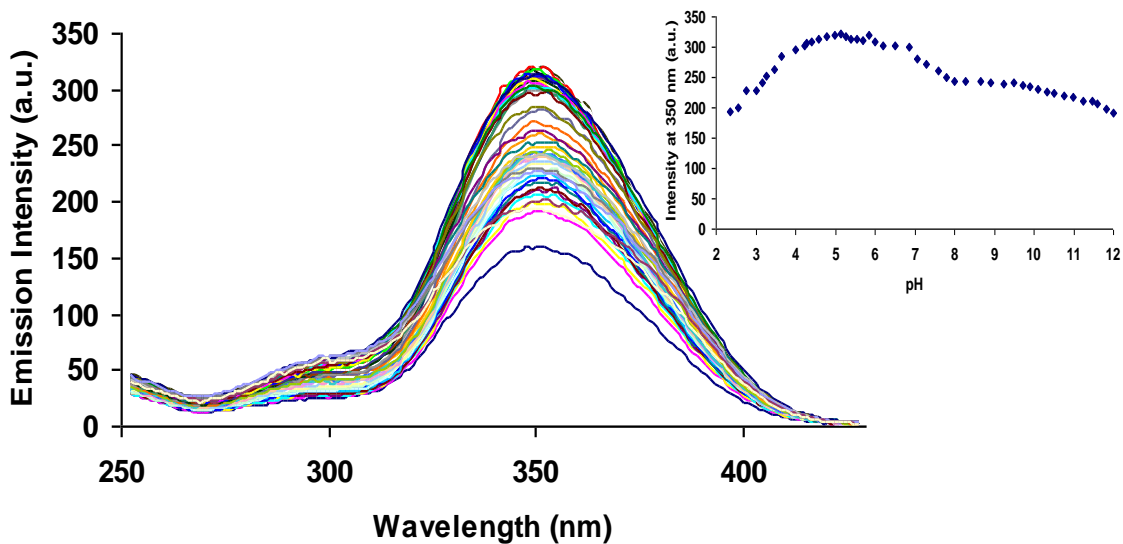


Figure S3b: Fluorescence spectrum of **1.Tb.Na** as a function of pH [$I = 0.1$ M $\text{NEt}_4\text{HClO}_4$ (TEAP)]. Inset: Emission intensity at 350 nm as a function of pH.

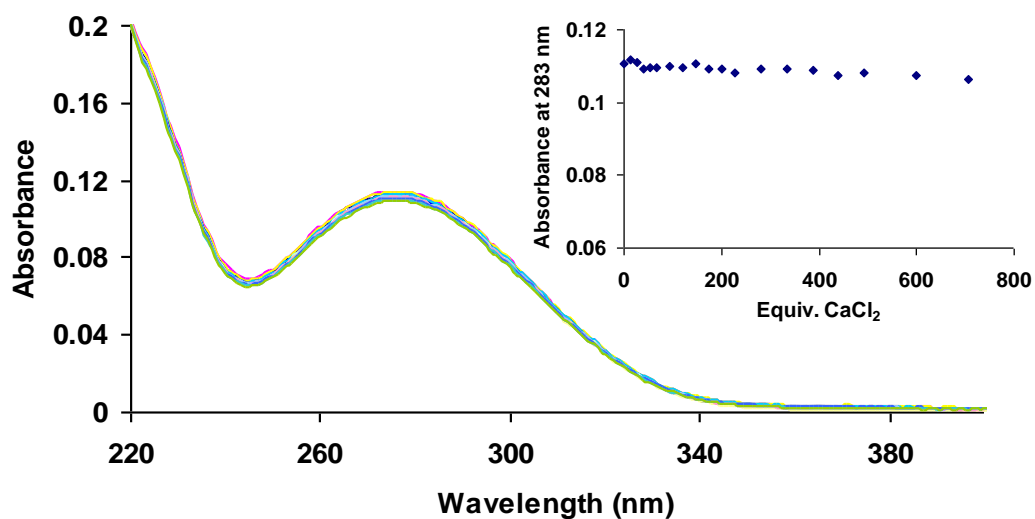


Figure S4a. Changes in the absorption spectrum of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μM) in the presence of CaCl₂ (0-7.5 mM) in H₂O. Inset: Plot of absorbance at 285 nm with equivalents of CaCl₂ added.

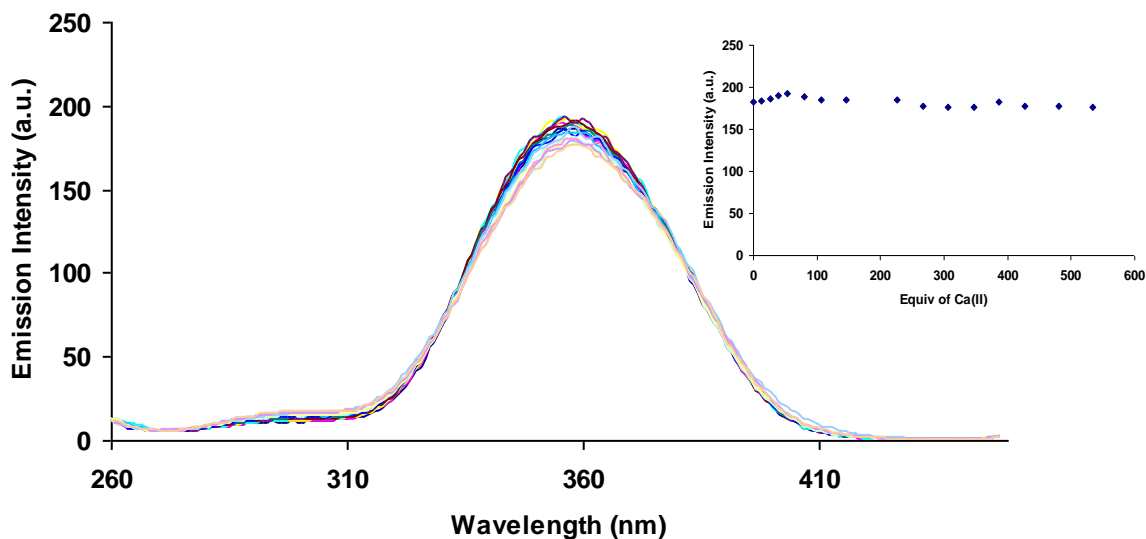


Figure S4b. Changes in the fluorescence of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μM) in the presence of CaCl₂ (0-5.5 mM) in H₂O. Inset: Emission intensity at 360 nm with equivalents of CaCl₂ added.

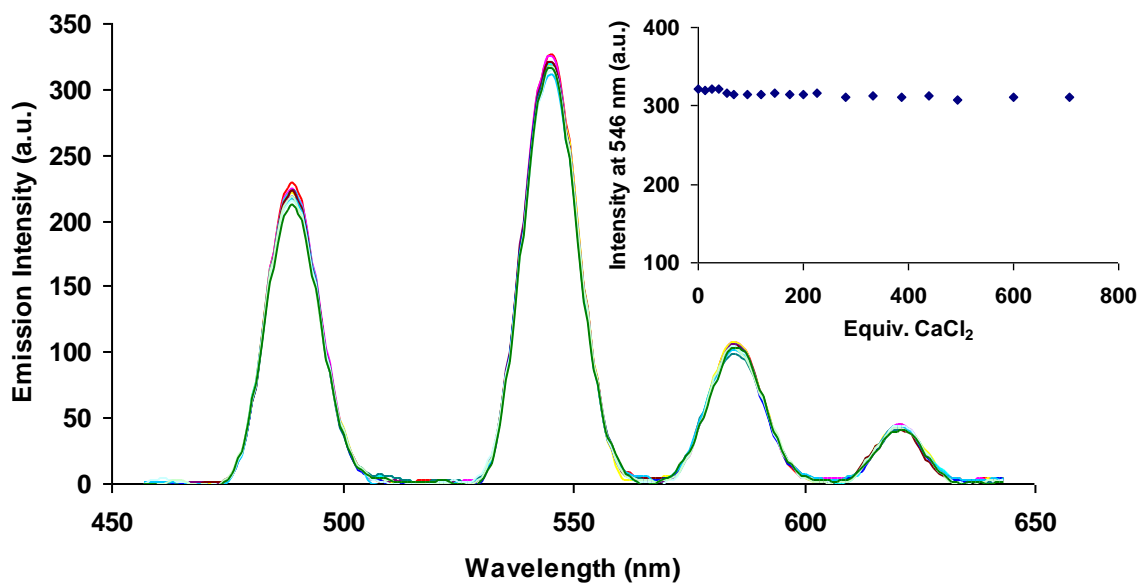


Figure S4c. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μ M) in the presence of CaCl₂ (0-7.5 mM) in H₂O. Inset: Plot of intensity at 546 nm with equivalents of CaCl₂ added.

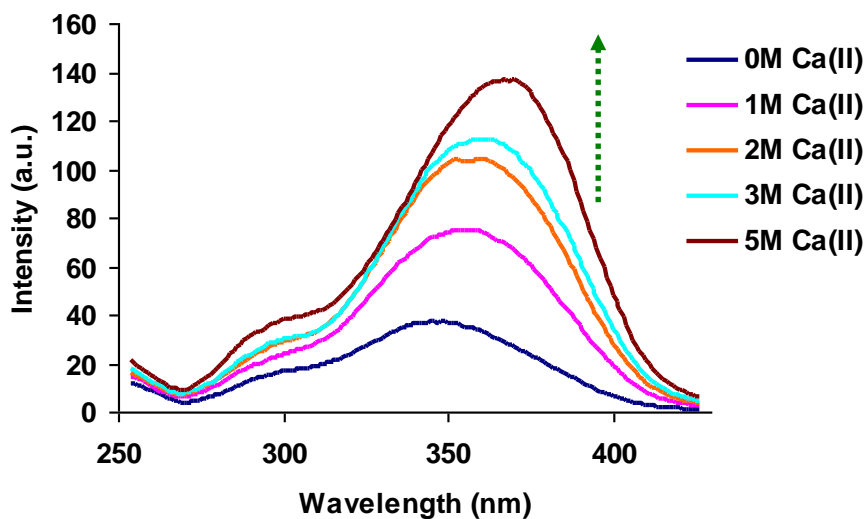


Figure S5a. Changes in the fluorescence of **1.Tb.Na** in the presence of high concentrations of CaCl₂ (0-5 M) at pH = 7.4 (0.1 M HEPES, 135 mM KCl).

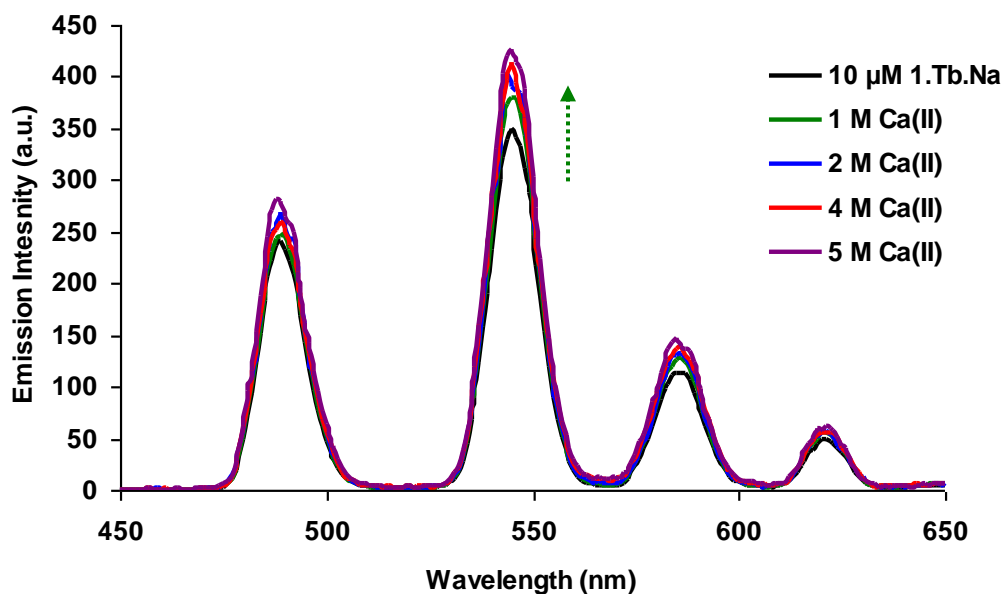


Figure S5b. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** in the presence of high concentrations of CaCl₂ (0-5 M) at pH = 7.4 (0.1 M HEPES, 135 mM KCl).

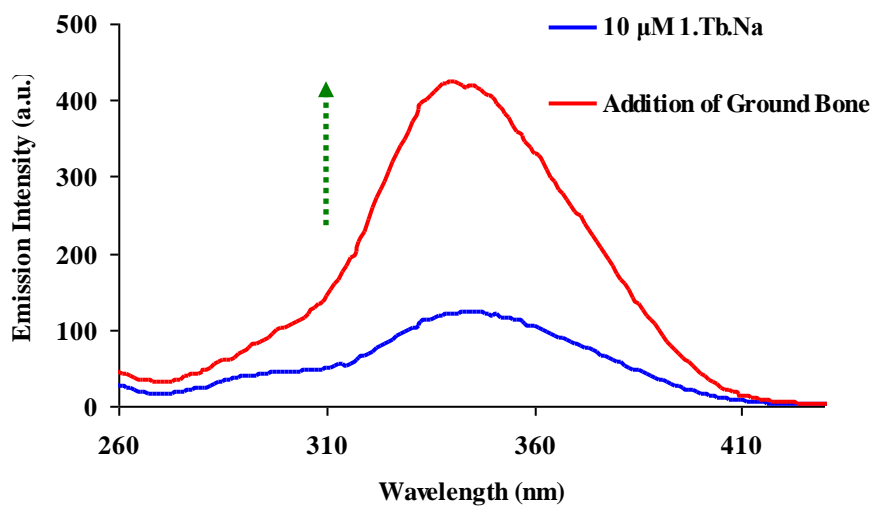


Figure S6a. Changes in the fluorescence of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μM) in the presence of ground bone at pH = 7.4 (0.1 M HEPES, 135 mM KCl).

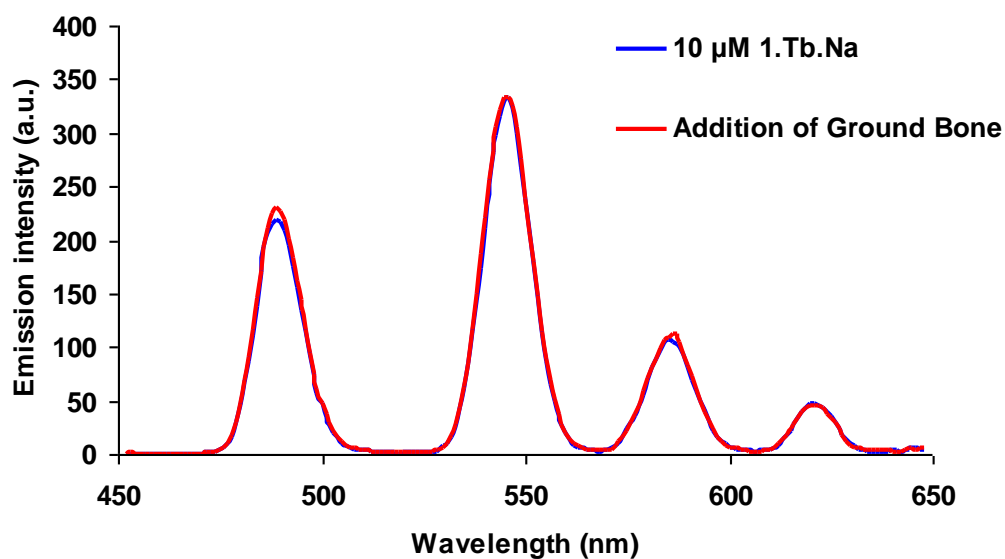


Figure S6b. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** ($10 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of ground bone at $\text{pH} = 7.4$ (0.1 M HEPES , 135 mM KCl).

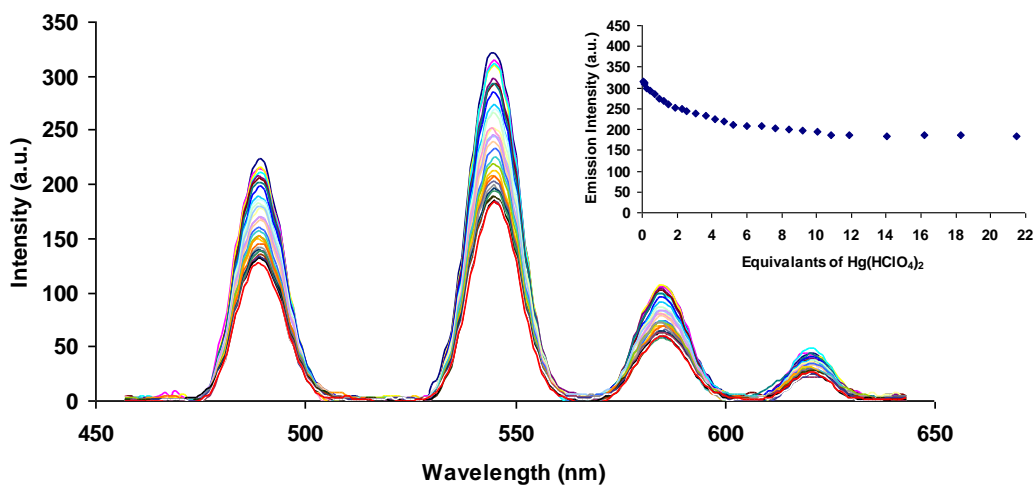


Figure S7a. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** ($10 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of $\text{Hg}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ in H_2O . Inset: Plot of intensity at 545 nm with equivalents of $\text{Hg}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ added.

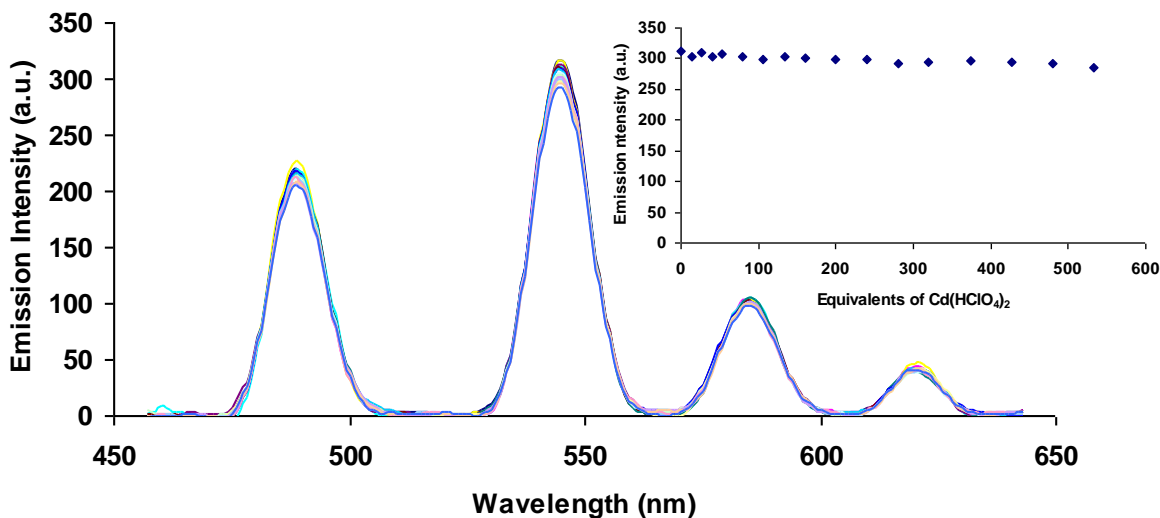


Figure S7b. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μM) in the presence of $\text{Cd}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ in H_2O . Inset: Plot of intensity at 545 nm with equivalents of $\text{Cd}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ added.

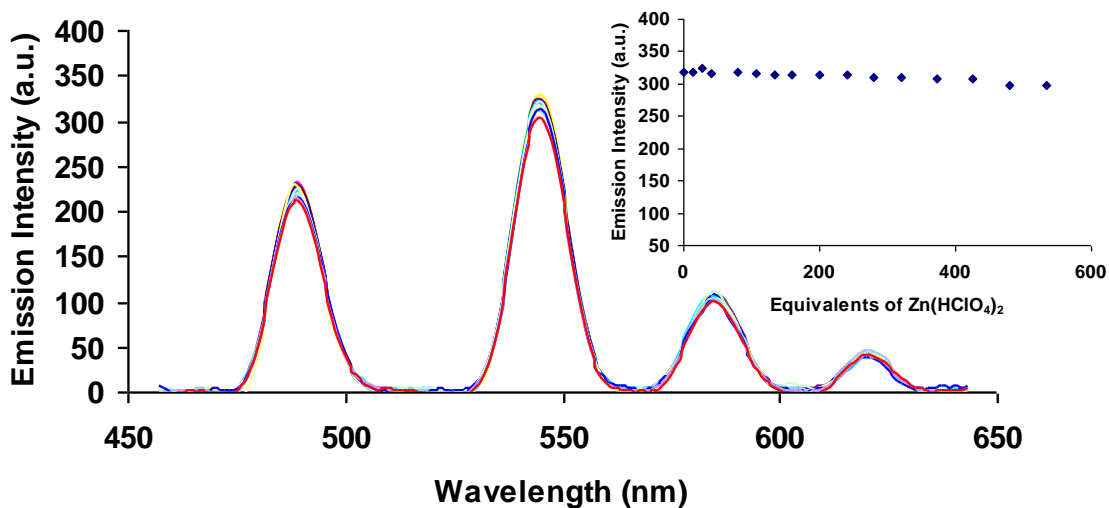


Figure S7c. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μM) in the presence of $\text{Zn}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ in H_2O . Inset: Plot of intensity at 545 nm with equivalents of $\text{Zn}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ added.

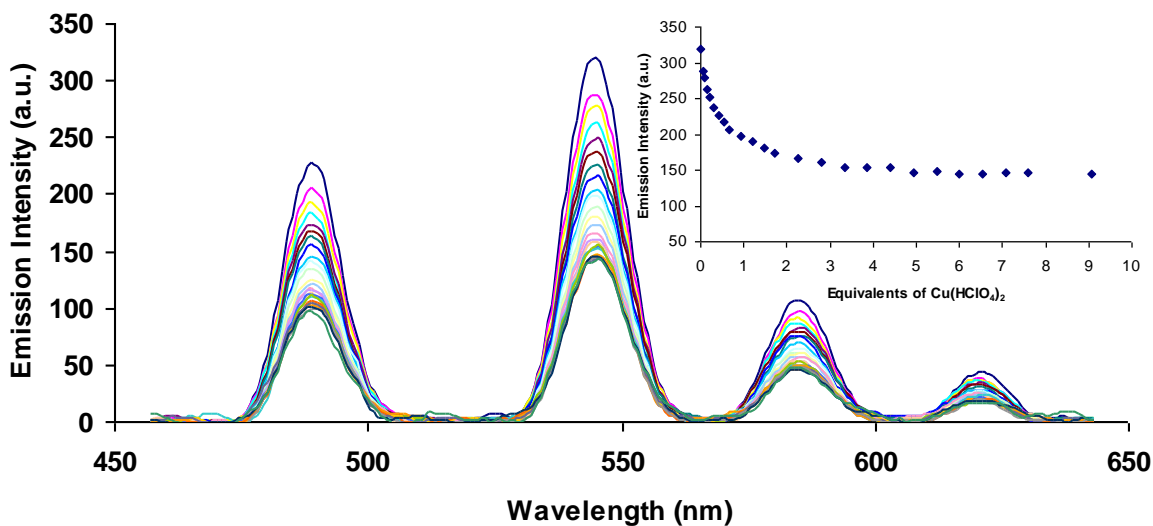


Figure S7d. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** ($10 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of $\text{Cu}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ in H_2O . Inset: Plot of intensity at 545 nm with equivalents of $\text{Cu}(\text{HClO}_4)_2$ added.

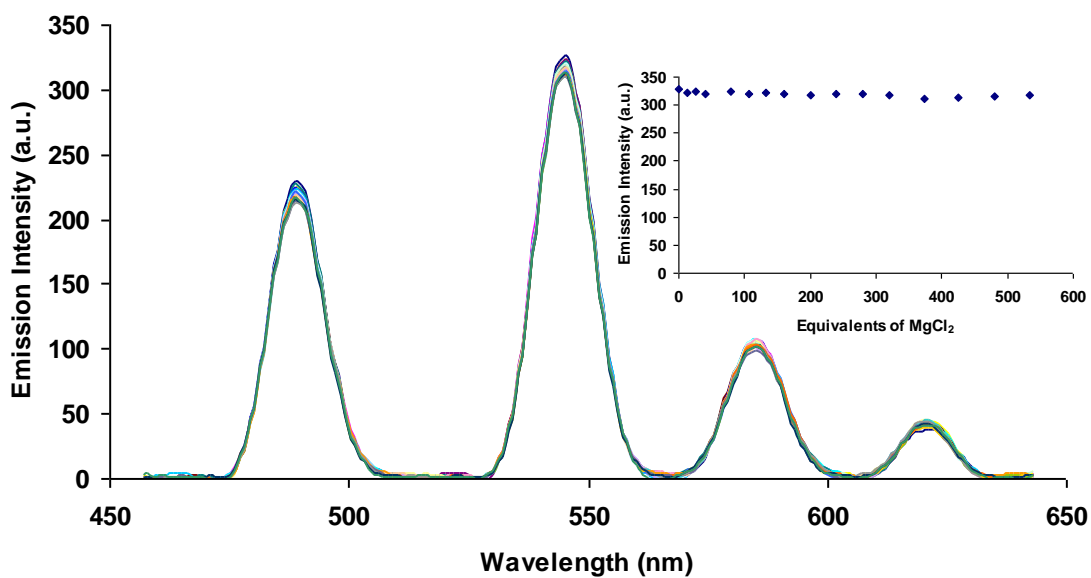


Figure S7e. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** ($10 \mu\text{M}$) in the presence of MgCl_2 in H_2O . Inset: Plot of intensity at 545 nm with equivalents of MgCl_2 added.

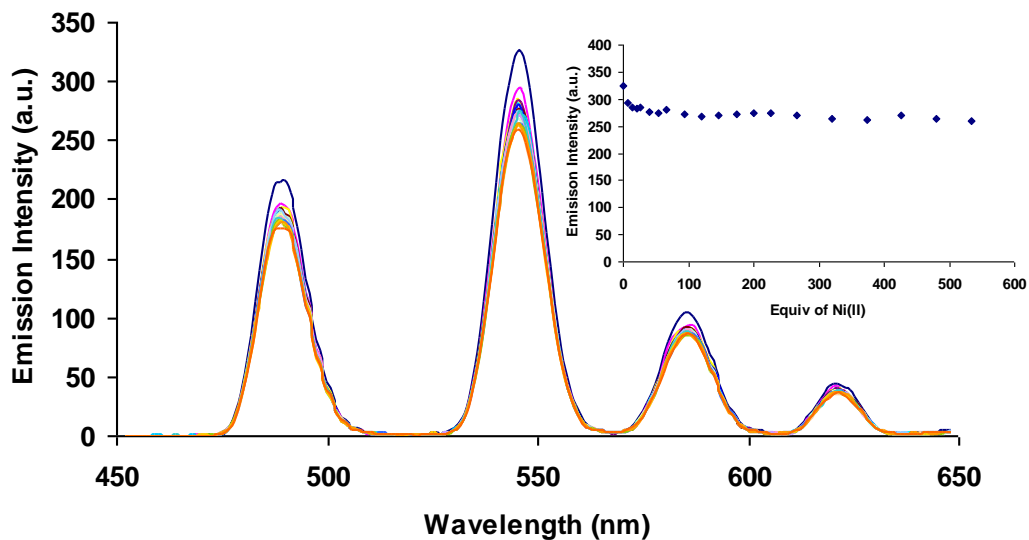


Figure S7f. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μM) in the presence of NiCl_2 in H_2O . Inset: Plot of intensity at 545 nm with equivalents of NiCl_2 added.

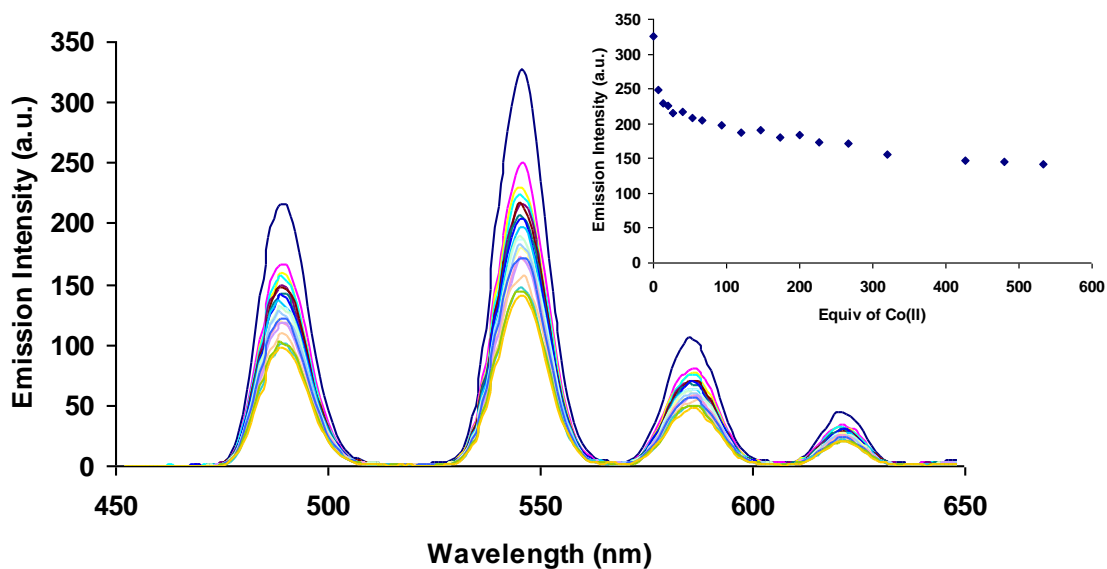


Figure S7g. Changes in the Tb^{III} emission of **1.Tb.Na** (10 μM) in the presence of CoCl_2 in H_2O . Inset: Plot of intensity at 545 nm with equivalents of CoCl_2 added.

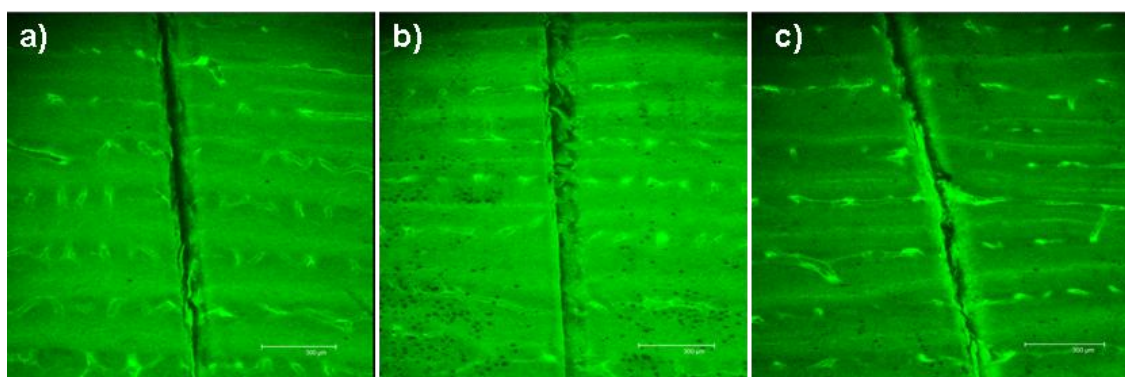


Figure S8a. Confocal laser-scanning microscopy images of bone sample immersed in a 1×10^{-3} M solution of **1.Tb** (20 mM HEPES, 135 mM KCl, pH 7.4) for different periods of time (a) Control, (b) 4 hr, (c) 24 hr; bar = 300 μm

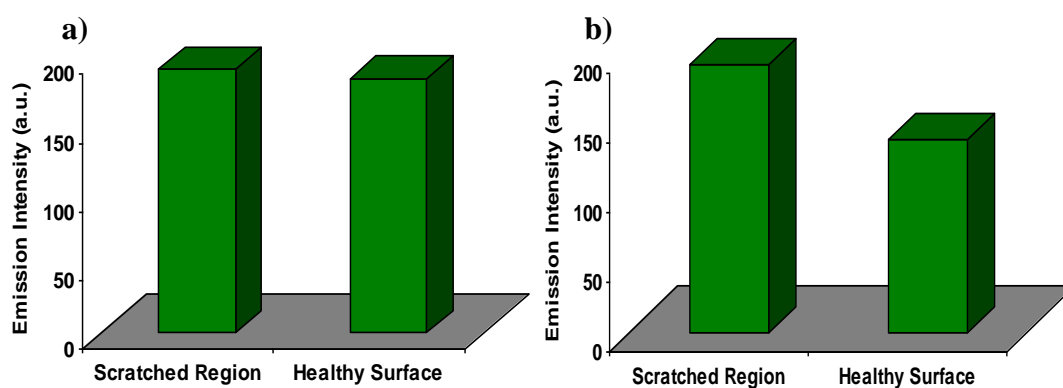


Figure S8b. Emission intensity enhancement between the scratched region and the outer healthy bone surface after a) 4 hr immersion and b) 24 hr immersion in a 1×10^{-3} M aqueous solution of **1.Tb**.

2. Protocol for Sectioning, Polishing, *in-vivo* Scratching and Staining of the bovine tibiae specimens.^[1]

- Fresh bovine tibiae were obtained from a meat wholesalers, the soft tissue was removed and the bone stored at -20°C until required. Longitudinal sections of cortical bone from the mid-diaphysis were cut into beams (15 x 3 x 1 mm) using a low speed diamond saw and polished using grades of sand papers up to 1200 grit.
- A 5 mm line was scratched using a surgical scalpel on the surface of each beam and the specimens was immersed in a vial containing a 1×10^{-3} M solution of **1.Tb.Na** (20 mM HEPES, 135 mM KCl, pH 7.4) for 20 hours, the specimens were removed from the aqueous solution and a second 5 mm scratch was made.
- The samples were returned to the solution for a remaining four hours. After final removal of the bone specimens from the **1.Tb.Na** solution, a final 5 mm scratch was made. This will behave as the control, as this new scratch was never in contact with **1.Tb.Na**.
- Before being viewed using Confocal laser-scanning microscopy, the samples were washed with de-ionised water and mounted on a microscopy slide.
- Overall this procedure allowed the comparison of four different immersion times, 0 mins (control), 4 hrs and 24 hrs.

[1] (a) Parkesh, R.; Mohsin, S.; Lee, T.C.; Lee, Gunnlaugsson, T. *Chem. Mater.* **2007**, *19*, 1656.

(b) O' Brien, F. J.; Taylor, D.; Dickson, G. R.; Lee, T. C. *J. Anat.* **2000**, *197*, 413.