## **Supplementary Material**

## Size evolution of Eu<sup>III</sup>–fulvic acid complexes with pH, metal, and fulvic acid concentrations: implications for modelling of metal–humic substances interactions

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The supplementary data contains one figure and one table. The figure shows the simulation of the proportion of  $Eu^{III}$  bound to a generic fulvic acid for  $C_{Eu^{III}}$  of 1 µM and 10 µM at pH 4, 6 and 7, using generic NICA–Donnan parameters. The table shows the hydrodynamic radii as function of  $C_{SRFA}$  for SRFA samples and  $Eu^{III}$ –SRFA complexes, for  $C_{Eu}$  of 1 and 10 µM, at pH 4, 6 and 7.



**Fig. S1.** Simulation of the proportion of  $Eu^{III}$  bound to a generic fulvic acid for  $C_{Eu^{III}}$  of 1  $\mu$ M (orange lines) and 10  $\mu$ M (green lines) at pH 4 (a), 6 (b), and 7 (c). Simulation of  $Eu^{III}$  distribution on S<sub>1</sub> sites (dashed lines) and S<sub>2</sub> sites (dotted lines) of SRFA. Solid lines are the sum of S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>2</sub> sites. Generic NICA–Donnan parameters are given in Table 1.

**Table S1.** Hydrodynamic radii (R<sub>H</sub>) as function of  $C_{SRFA}$  for SRFA samples and Eu<sup>III</sup>–SRFA complexes, for  $C_{Eu}$  of 1 and 10  $\mu$ M, at pH 4, 6 and 7.

	C <sub>SRFA</sub>	SRFA	Eu <sub>1 µM</sub> -SRFA	Eu <sub>10 µM</sub> -SRFA
	(mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{H}}\left(\mathbf{nm} ight)$	$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{H}}$ (nm)	$\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{H}}$ (nm)
рН 4	30	0.91	0.92	0.78
	50	0.98	0.95	0.86
	100	0.98	0.88	0.90
	300	0.97	0.93	0.98
	500	0.92	0.91	0.90
рН 6	30	0.99	1.01	0.80
	50	0.97	0.98	0.86
	100	0.98	0.99	0.91
	300	0.98	0.97	0.93
	500	0.92	0.92	0.89
рН 7	30	1.01	0.99	0.83
	50	1.00	1.03	0.88
	100	0.98	1.00	0.91
	300	0.95	0.95	0.93
	500	0.88	0.90	0.89

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathrm{H}}$  (nm)

Viscosity used for calculation is 0.00089 kg s<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-1</sup>.