

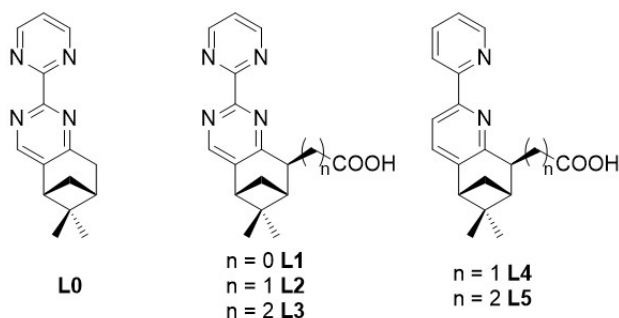
**Enantiopure ligands and their luminescent lanthanide complexes**

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One of the possible ways for predetermining the stereochemistry of a metal centre is through diastereoselective synthesis: the chiral information is transferred from the chiral ligand to the metal ion, enabling the preferential formation of one stereoisomer. Ligands containing a chiral pinene moiety are one type of such molecules and they have been used extensively to control the configuration in complexes of transition metals.[1] If a carboxylic unit is also attached to this backbone these ligands form complexes with interesting luminescent and supramolecular features when reacted with lanthanide(III) ions.[2]

We have synthesized and fully characterized a series of chiral ligands with a bipyrimidine (**L0-L3**) or bipyridine backbone (**L4, L5**). These ligands were further employed in complexations with Eu(III) and Tb(III) ions. The characterization of the obtained complexes will be presented herein.



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