

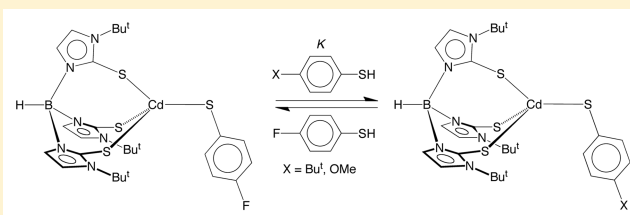
# Tris(2-mercaptoimidazolyl)hydroborato Cadmium Thiolate Complexes, $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSAr$ : Thiolate Exchange at Cadmium in a Sulfur-Rich Coordination Environment

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## Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** A series of cadmium thiolate compounds that feature a sulfur-rich coordination environment, namely  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSAr$ , have been synthesized by the reactions of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdMe$  with  $ArSH$  ( $Ar = C_6H_4-4-F$ ,  $C_6H_4-4-Bu^t$ ,  $C_6H_4-4-OMe$ , and  $C_6H_4-3-OMe$ ). In addition, the pyridine-2-thiolate and pyridine-2-selenolate derivatives,  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSPy$  and  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSePy$  have been obtained via the respective reactions of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdMe$  with pyridine-2-thione and pyridine-2-selone. The molecular structures of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSAr$  and  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdEPy$  ( $E = S$  or  $Se$ ) have been determined by X-ray diffraction and demonstrate that, in each case, the  $[CdS_4]$  motif is distorted tetrahedral and approaches a trigonal monopyramidal geometry in which the thiolate ligand adopts an equatorial position;  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSPy$  and  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSePy$ , however, exhibit an additional long-range interaction with the pyridyl nitrogen atoms. The ability of the thiolate ligands to participate in exchange was probed by  $^1H$  and  $^{19}F$  nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopic studies of the reactions of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSC_6H_4-4-F$  with  $ArSH$  ( $Ar = C_6H_4-4-Bu^t$  or  $C_6H_4-4-OMe$ ), which demonstrate that (i) exchange is facile and (ii) coordination of thiolate to cadmium is most favored for the *p*-fluorophenyl derivative. Furthermore, a two-dimensional EXSY experiment involving  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSC_6H_4-4-F$  and 4-fluorothiophenol demonstrates that degenerate thiolate ligand exchange is also facile on the NMR time scale.

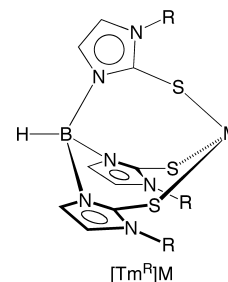


## INTRODUCTION

Thiolate ligands are prevalent in the coordination chemistry of both transition and main group metals,<sup>1</sup> having found important applications in the fields of bioinorganic chemistry<sup>2</sup> and nanoscience.<sup>3</sup> For example, many enzymes feature metal coordination by the thiolate groups of cysteine residues,<sup>4</sup> as illustrated by a large variety of zinc enzymes, such as liver alcohol dehydrogenase, 5-aminolevulinic acid dehydratase, the Ada DNA repair protein, and zinc finger proteins.<sup>5–7</sup> Indeed, the first cadmium enzyme discovered likewise exhibits coordination by cysteine thiolate groups,<sup>8</sup> but it should be noted that such coordination is additionally associated with both (i) a mechanism of cadmium toxicity and (ii) the ability of metallothionein to protect against cadmium toxicity.<sup>9–12</sup> With respect to applications in nanoscience, cadmium–thiolate coordination has also been used as a means to cap cadmium chalcogenide nanoparticles.<sup>3a,b,13</sup> Therefore, in view of the current relevance of cadmium–thiolate interactions, we report here an investigation of thiolate exchange at cadmium in a sulfur-rich coordination environment.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The tris(2-mercaptoimidazolyl)hydroborato ligand system,  $[Tm^R]$  (Figure 1),<sup>14–18</sup> has been shown to be effective for providing an  $L_2X^{19}[S_3]$  donor array for a variety of metal centers. For example, this class of ligands has been utilized for investigating zinc enzymes that have sulfur-rich active sites.<sup>16,20–23</sup>



**Figure 1.**  $[Tm^R]$  ligands in their  $\kappa^3$  coordination mode.

Cadmium<sup>24–29</sup> and mercury<sup>28c,29a,30,31</sup> counterparts have also been synthesized, with the latter providing a molecular model for mercury detoxification by organomercurial lyase (*MerB*).<sup>30a</sup> Thiolate exchange involving the  $\{[Tm^R]Cd\}$  platform, however, has received no attention, so here we report the synthesis and structures of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSAr$  compounds and their exchange reactions with thiols.

**Synthesis and Structural Characterization of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]CdSAr$ .** Cadmium thiolate compounds of the class  $[Tm^R]CdSAr$  were first synthesized by Rabinovich via the reactions of  $[Tm^{P-Tol}]CdBr$  with the thallium(I) thiolate reagents, TISAr.<sup>28a,32</sup>

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Subsequently, we demonstrated that  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSAr}$  derivatives could also be obtained by treatment of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdMe}$  with  $\text{ArSH}$  ( $\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_5$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Me}$ ).<sup>24</sup> Since a variety of thiols are commercially available (in contrast to TISAr), we have used the latter method to extend the series of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSAr}$  derivatives ( $\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$ , or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-3-OMe}$ ), as illustrated in Scheme 1. The molecular structures of all of the  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSAr}$  derivatives have been determined by X-ray diffraction, as illustrated in Figures 2–5, and selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1.

The coordination geometry of the cadmium center in each  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSAr}$  derivative is distorted tetrahedral, as indicated by the deviation of the four-coordinate  $\tau_4$  and  $\tau_8$  geometry indices<sup>33</sup> from the idealized value of 1.00 for a tetrahedral geometry (Table 3). Specifically, the distortion is such that the structures approach a trigonal monopyramidal geometry (0.85) in which the thiolate ligand adopts an equatorial position. In this regard, the sum of the three bond angles ( $\Sigma_{\text{S-Cd-S}}$ ) that approximate the equatorial plane [333.7–347.2° (Table 3)] is greater than the idealized tetrahedral value (328.5°).

With respect to the coordination of the thiolate ligands, the Cd–S–Ar bond lengths are  $\sim 0.1$  Å shorter than the average Cd–S bond lengths associated with the  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSAr}$  ligands (Table 1), which is in accord with the latter involving a dative covalent component to the bonding interaction.<sup>34</sup> The Cd–S–Ar bond angles exhibit little variation [103.77(9)–106.39(11)°] and are comparable to the mean value of 106.5° for structurally characterized cadmium arylthiolate compounds listed in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD).<sup>35</sup> Despite the similar Cd–S–Ar bond lengths and Cd–S–Ar bond angles, however, the Cd–S–C<sub>ipso</sub>–C<sub>ortho</sub> torsion angles (Figure 6) vary significantly (Table 2), with  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  having the smallest Cd–S–C<sub>ipso</sub>–C<sub>ortho</sub> torsion angle (2.09°) and  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$  having the largest torsion angle (42.81°). Of note,  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$  and  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-3-OMe}$  have similar torsion angles, which suggests that steric effects do not have much influence in this system. Since the distance between the *ortho* hydrogen and the cadmium varies with the torsion angle, it is appropriate to consider the possibility that the small torsion angle for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  could reflect an agostic interaction.<sup>36</sup> The Cd···H distance (2.70 Å), however, is considerably longer than the sum of the covalent radii of Cd

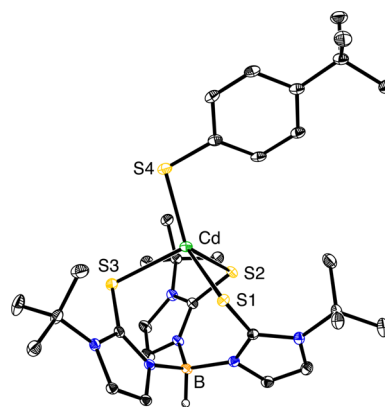


Figure 2. Molecular structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$ .

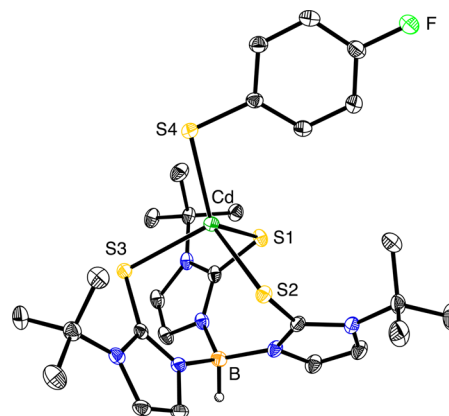
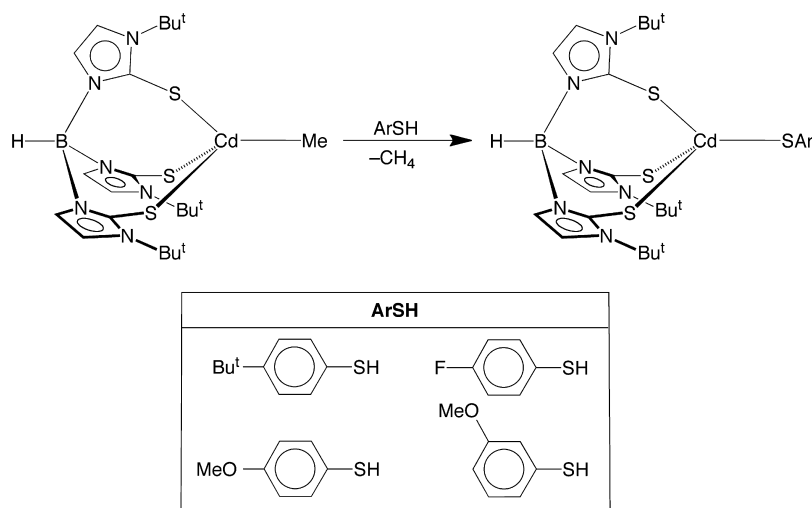


Figure 3. Molecular structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$ .

and H (1.75 Å)<sup>37</sup> and is also longer than the Cd···H–B distance in  $[\kappa^2\text{-Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]_2\text{Cd}$  (2.49 Å).<sup>24</sup> As such, it is not reasonable to attribute the orientation of the aryl group of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  to an agostic interaction, and crystal packing effects are more likely responsible for the variation of torsion angles.

**Synthesis and Structural Characterization of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{-CdSPy}$  and  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSePy}$ .** In addition to arylthiolate compounds,  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^t}]\text{CdSAr}$ , we have also synthesized the

### Scheme 1



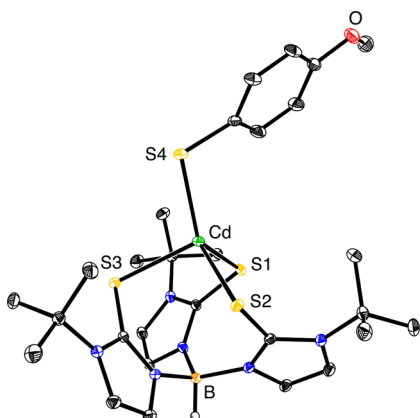


Figure 4. Molecular structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$ .

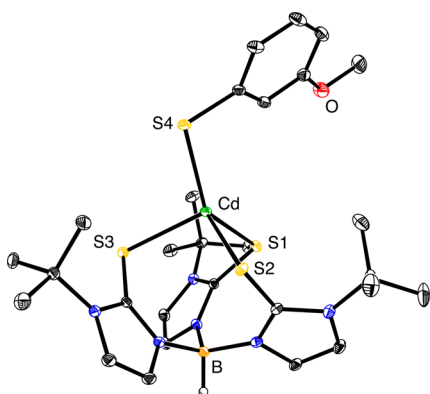


Figure 5. Molecular structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-3-OMe}$ .

pyridine-2-thiolate<sup>38</sup> counterpart,  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSPy}$ , via the reaction of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdMe}$  with pyridine-2-thione<sup>39</sup> (Scheme 2). The molecular structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSPy}$  has been determined by X-ray diffraction (Figure 7), which indicates that it exists as a discrete mononuclear compound. Although a variety of metal compounds derived from 2-mercaptopyridine have been reported,<sup>40</sup> the formation of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSPy}$  is noteworthy because there is only one pyridine-2-thiolate cadmium compound listed in the CSD,<sup>35</sup> namely  $\text{Cd}(\text{SPy})_2$ ;<sup>41,42</sup> furthermore,  $\text{Cd}(\text{SPy})_2$  is polymeric with each sulfur bridging two cadmium atoms.

Table 2. Bond Angles and Torsion Angles Pertaining to the Thiolate Ligands of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSAr}$

compound	$\text{Cd-S-C}_{\text{ipso}}$ (deg)	$\text{Cd-S-C}_{\text{ipso-Cortho}}$ (deg)
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_5^a$	105.14(9)	15.25
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Me}^a$	106.39(11)	31.49
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$	105.87(7)	19.56
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$	105.88(5)	42.81
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-3-OMe}$	104.02(6)	38.91
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$	103.77(9)	2.09

<sup>a</sup>Data taken from ref 24.

Table 3. Four-Coordinate  $\tau_4$  and  $\tau_\delta$  Indices and  $\Sigma_{\text{S-Cd-E}}$  Values for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSAr}$  and  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdEPy}$  (E = S or Se)

compound	$\tau_4$	$\tau_\delta$	$\Sigma_{\text{S-Cd-E}}$ (deg) <sup>b</sup>
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_5^a$	0.82	0.82	342.17
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Me}^a$	0.80	0.75	333.66
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$	0.79	0.77	344.73
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$	0.80	0.76	347.21
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-3-OMe}$	0.80	0.67	345.17
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$	0.83	0.80	341.14
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSPy}$	0.74 <sup>c</sup>	0.72 <sup>c</sup>	354.92
$[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSePy}$	0.75 <sup>c</sup>	0.75 <sup>c</sup>	353.62

<sup>a</sup>Data taken from ref 24. <sup>b</sup>Sum of the three angles for the atoms that approximate to trigonal planar. <sup>c</sup>Values assuming no Cd-N interaction.

Selected bond lengths and angles for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSPy}$  are summarized in Table 4, indicating that the Cd-SPy bond length [2.4946(8) Å] is comparable to the Cd-SAr bond lengths in the aforementioned  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSAr}$  complexes (Table 1). Despite the similar Cd-S bond lengths, however, the bond angle at the thiolate sulfur [91.95(10)°] is much smaller than those of the arylthiolate compounds listed in Table 1 [103.77(9)–106.39(11)°]. In addition to a small angle at sulfur, the Cd-S-C-N torsion angle is close to zero (0.35°), both of which indicate that the pyridine ring is oriented in a position that would maximize a Cd...N interaction. Of note, these structural features are not present in the pyridine-2-thione adduct,  $[\text{Cd}(\text{SPyH})_4]^{2+}$ .<sup>43</sup> Specifically, the bond angles at the sulfur atoms of  $[\text{Cd}(\text{SPyH})_4]^{2+}$  (107.8° and 109.1°) are much larger than that for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSPy}$ , as are the torsion angles (121.0° and 175.0°).

However, despite the favorable orientation of the pyridine ring of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSPy}$  to participate in a Cd...N interaction, the

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (angstroms) and Angles (degrees) for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]\text{CdSAr}$

	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5^a$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Me}^a$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-3-OMe}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$
Cd-S(1)	2.5784(6)	2.5680(10)	2.5597(6)	2.5576(7)	2.5537(5)	2.5621(8)
Cd-S(2)	2.5537(6)	2.5622(10)	2.5648(6)	2.5672(7)	2.5579(5)	2.5560(7)
Cd-S(3)	2.5641(6)	2.5643(10)	2.5601(7)	2.5681(7)	2.5596(5)	2.5475(7)
Cd-S(4)	2.4595(7)	2.4648(10)	2.4419(7)	2.4308(7)	2.4462(5)	2.4565(7)
$\text{Cd}-[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]^b$	2.57[1]	2.565[3]	2.562[3]	2.564[6]	2.557[3]	2.555[7]
$\{\text{Cd}-[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]^b\}-\{\text{Cd-S}(4)\}$	0.11	0.100	0.120	0.133	0.111	0.099
S(1)-Cd-S(2)	97.68(2)	97.56(3)	95.82(2)	99.52(2)	97.879(16)	97.54(2)
S(1)-Cd-S(3)	102.78(2)	97.61(3)	102.443(19)	98.68(2)	98.899(15)	102.95(2)
S(1)-Cd-S(4)	122.39(2)	127.83(4)	122.81(2)	126.52(2)	134.208(16)	119.87(3)
S(2)-Cd-S(3)	100.458(19)	102.72(3)	103.09(5)	99.18(2)	103.193(16)	102.49(2)
S(2)-Cd-S(4)	122.00(2)	108.27(3)	126.10(2)	121.17(2)	113.083(16)	123.73(3)
S(3)-Cd-S(4)	108.12(2)	118.68(3)	103.152(19)	106.52(2)	105.421(17)	107.39(2)
Cd-S(4)-C(Ar)	105.14(9)	106.39(11)	105.87(7)	105.88(5)	104.02(6)	103.77(9)

<sup>a</sup>Data taken from ref 24. <sup>b</sup>Average value of the Cd-S bond lengths involving the  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}^1}]$  ligand.

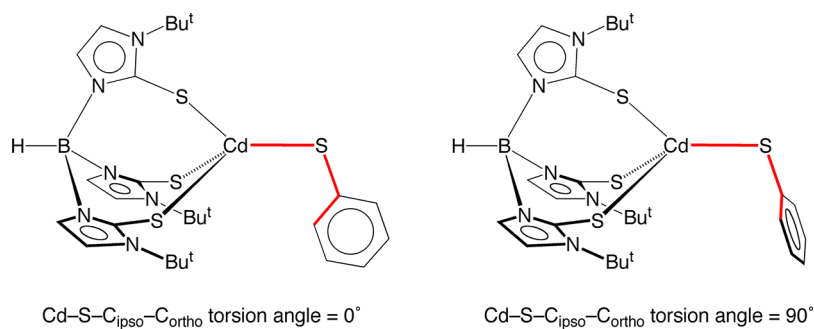


Figure 6. Cd-S-C<sub>ipso</sub>-C<sub>ortho</sub> torsion angles in [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]CdSAr.

### Scheme 2

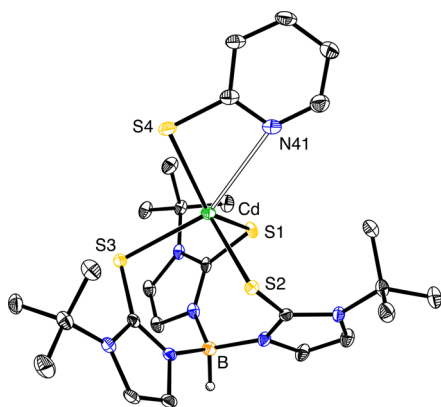
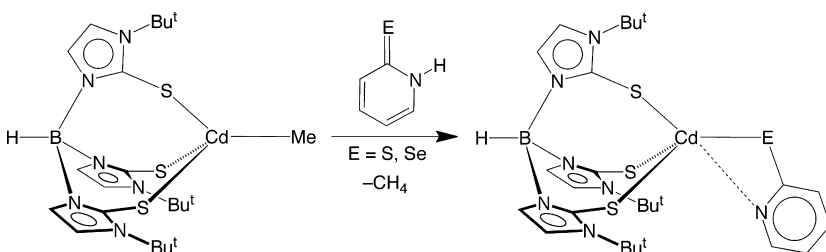


Figure 7. Molecular structure of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]CdSPy.

Table 4. Selected Bond Lengths (angstroms) and Angles (degrees) for [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]CdEPy (E = S or Se)

	[Tm <sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup> ]CdSPy	[Tm <sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup> ]CdSePy
Cd-S(1)	2.5509(7)	2.5513(6)
Cd-S(2)	2.5633(7)	2.5594(6)
Cd-S(3)	2.6438(7)	2.6361(5)
Cd-E	2.4946(8)	2.5709(4)
Cd⋯N(41)	2.766	3.000
S(1)-Cd-S(2)	99.78(2)	99.115(17)
S(1)-Cd-S(3)	99.47(2)	99.490(19)
S(2)-Cd-S(3)	97.43(2)	98.50(2)
S(1)-Cd-E	129.26(3)	127.095(17)
S(2)-Cd-E	125.88(3)	127.408(14)
S(3)-Cd-E	95.63(2)	97.125(17)
Cd-E-C <sub>ipso</sub>	91.95(10)	93.32(5)

Cd⋯N distance of 2.766 Å is distinctly longer than the average value of 2.350 Å for structurally characterized cadmium pyridine compounds listed in the CSD.<sup>35,44</sup> As such, it is evident that the Cd⋯N interaction in [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]CdSPy cannot be regarded as

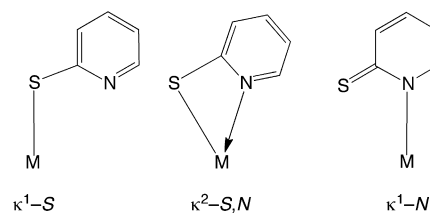


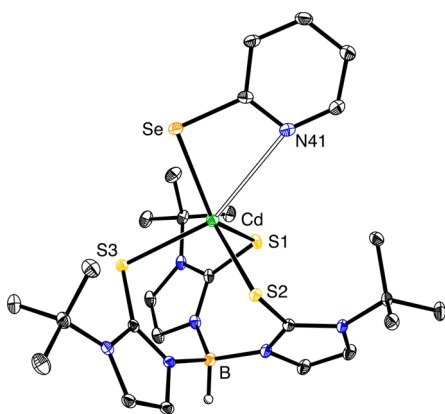
Figure 8. Coordination modes for pyridine-2-thiolate ligands (only one resonance structure is shown in each case).

strong. Pyridine-2-thiolate ligands are known to coordinate to a single metal center via three possible coordination modes (Figure 8),<sup>40,45</sup> namely, κ<sup>1</sup>-S,<sup>46</sup> κ<sup>1</sup>-N,<sup>47</sup> and κ<sup>2</sup>-S,N,<sup>46a,48</sup> so it is apparent that [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]CdSPy possesses a structure that lies on the border between κ<sup>1</sup>-S and κ<sup>2</sup>-S,N coordination modes.

Interestingly, even though the Cd⋯N interaction is not strong, the presence of the nitrogen does, nevertheless, have an impact on the cadmium coordination geometry. For example, one of the Cd-S bonds involving the [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>] ligand is distinctly longer than the other two. Specifically, the sulfur that is approximately *trans* to the nitrogen atom [S(3)-Cd-N, 154.92°] has a Cd-S(3) bond length of 2.6438(7) Å, whereas the other two have bond lengths of 2.5509(7) and 2.5633(7) Å. For further comparison, the longest Cd-S bond length involving the [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>] ligand for the thiolate compounds listed in Table 1 is 2.5784(6) Å. Neglecting the Cd⋯N interaction, the τ<sub>4</sub> parameter (0.74) is smaller than the values for the other [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]CdSAr compounds. As such, the cadmium center of the [CdS<sub>4</sub>] moiety is approaching a trigonal monopyramidal geometry in which the longest Cd-S bond occupies the axial position. In accord with the approximate trigonal monopyramidal description for the [CdS<sub>4</sub>] moiety, the PyS-Cd-S angle involving the axial sulfur of the [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>] ligand [95.63(2)°] is close to 90°, whereas the corresponding value for [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]-CdSPh [108.12(2)°] is close to the tetrahedral angle. Furthermore, the sum of the three bond angles (Σ<sub>S-Cd-S</sub>) that approximate the equatorial plane (354.9°) is very close to that required

for a planar arrangement ( $360.0^\circ$ ). Thus, the structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSPy}$  may be considered to be intermediate between trigonal monopyramidal  $[\text{CdS}_4]$  and distorted trigonal bipyramidal  $[\text{CdS}_4\text{N}]$ .

By comparison to pyridine-2-thiolate compounds, their selenium counterparts have received comparatively little attention,<sup>49–51</sup> and there are only two structurally characterized cadmium pyridine-2-selenolate derivatives listed in the CSD, namely,  $\text{Cd}(\text{SePy})_2(\text{tmeda})$ <sup>51b</sup> and  $\text{Cd}(\text{SePy})_2$ ,<sup>51a</sup> of which the latter is polymeric. In this regard, we have extended this investigation to the synthesis of the selenium counterpart,  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSePy}$ , as illustrated in Scheme 2. The molecular structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSePy}$  has been determined by X-ray diffraction (Figure 9), thereby



**Figure 9.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSePy}$ .

demonstrating that the pyridine-2-selenolate ligand coordinates in a predominantly  $\kappa^2\text{-Se,N}$  manner, in contrast to the  $\kappa^2\text{-Se,N}$  coordination mode observed for  $\text{Cd}(\text{SePy})_2(\text{tmeda})$ .<sup>51b</sup> Specifically, whereas the Cd–Se bond length of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSePy}$  [2.5709(4) Å] is shorter than that of  $\text{Cd}(\text{SePy})_2(\text{tmeda})$  [2.734(3) and 2.735(3) Å],<sup>52</sup> the Cd...N distance of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSePy}$  (3.000 Å) is much longer than those for  $\text{Cd}(\text{SePy})_2(\text{tmeda})$  [2.399(19) and 2.40(2) Å]. Furthermore, the Cd...N distance of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSePy}$  is also considerably longer than that for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSPy}$  (2.766 Å).<sup>53</sup> The Cd–Se–C–N torsion angle ( $0.95^\circ$ ) is, nevertheless, close to zero, so that it is appropriately located to participate in a potential Cd...N interaction. In this regard, the Cd–S bond [2.6361(5) Å] of the  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]$  ligand that is approximately *trans* to the nitrogen is distinctly longer than the other two [2.5513(6) and 2.5594(6) Å], such that the structure approaches trigonal monopyramidal ( $\tau_4 = 0.75$ ). Furthermore, the sum of the three bond angles ( $\Sigma_{\text{S-Cd-E}}$ ) that approximate the equatorial plane is  $353.6^\circ$ . Thus, even though the Cd...N distance is long, the presence of the nitrogen has an impact on the cadmium coordination geometry in a manner similar to that observed for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSPy}$ .

#### Thiolate Exchange between $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSAr}$ and $\text{Ar}'\text{SH}$ .

To evaluate the factors that influence the coordination of thiolate ligands to cadmium, we have investigated thiolate exchange reactions involving  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSAr}$  and  $\text{Ar}'\text{SH}$  to determine which substituents promote thiolate coordination. For example,  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  reacts rapidly with  $\text{Ar}'\text{SH}$  ( $\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$ ) to yield an equilibrium mixture comprising  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$ ,  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSAr}$ , and the respective thiols (Scheme 3), as monitored by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. The derived equilibrium constants are summarized in Table 5, which illustrates that coordination of thiolate is favored for the more electron-withdrawing

fluoride substituent. This observation is in accord with our previous studies concerned with coordination of alkoxide to zinc, which shows that such coordination is also favored for electron-withdrawing substituents.<sup>54</sup> The thermodynamics of the cadmium thiolate exchange reactions are dictated by the differential effect of the substituent on the Cd–SAr and H–SAr bond energies. On the basis of the aforementioned zinc alkoxide study,<sup>54</sup> the observed thermodynamic trend can be rationalized by electron-withdrawing substituents increasing the Cd–SAr bond dissociation energies to a greater degree than the H–SAr bond dissociation energies.<sup>55,56</sup> Alternatively, in terms of arguments based on heterolytic bond dissociation energies, electron-withdrawing substituents weaken Cd–SAr bonds to a smaller degree than they do for H–SAr bonds.<sup>57–59</sup>

While the equilibrium studies described above indicate that thiolate exchange is facile on the chemical time scale, two-dimensional EXSY<sup>60</sup> studies involving  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  and 4-fluorothiophenol indicate that degenerate thiolate ligand exchange is also facile on the magnetization transfer NMR time scale (Figure 10).<sup>61</sup> Specifically, exchange is indicated by the observation of an off-diagonal cross peak between the  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectroscopic signals for  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  and 4-fluorothiophenol. The observation of thiolate exchange between  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSAr}$  and  $\text{Ar}'\text{SH}$  ( $\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$ ) complements the observation that exchange of thiolate ligands between zinc and cadmium centers of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{ZnSCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{H})\text{Ph}$  and  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{N}(\text{H})\text{Ph}$  is also facile on the NMR time scale.<sup>20b,26,27</sup>

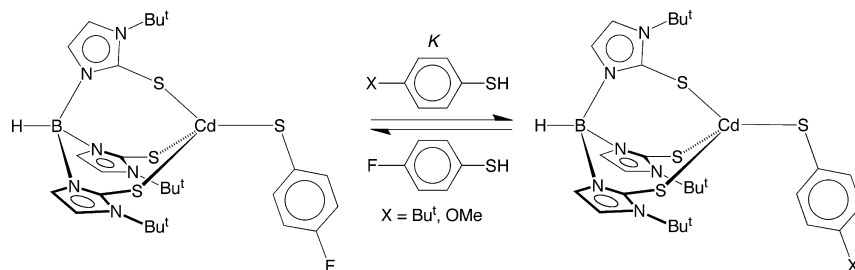
## CONCLUSIONS

A series of cadmium thiolate compounds that feature a sulfur-rich coordination environment, namely  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSAr}$ , have been synthesized by the reactions of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdMe}$  with  $\text{Ar}'\text{SH}$  ( $\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$ , or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-3-OMe}$ ). The molecular structures of the thiolate compounds have been determined by X-ray diffraction, which demonstrate that the coordination geometry is distorted tetrahedral and approaches a trigonal monopyramidal geometry in which the thiolate ligand adopts an equatorial position. The pyridine-2-thiolate and pyridine-2-selenolate derivatives,  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSPy}$  and  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSePy}$ , have also been obtained via the respective reactions of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdMe}$  with pyridine-2-thione and pyridine-2-selone, and X-ray diffraction studies demonstrate that the nitrogen of the pyridine ring exhibits a long-range interaction with the cadmium. The ability of the thiolate ligands to participate in exchange was probed by  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectroscopic studies of the reactions of  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  with  $\text{Ar}'\text{SH}$  ( $\text{Ar} = \text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-Bu}^t$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-OMe}$ ), which demonstrate that (i) exchange is facile and (ii) coordination of thiolate to cadmium is most favored for the *p*-fluorophenyl derivative. Furthermore, a two-dimensional EXSY experiment involving  $[\text{Tm}^{\text{Bu}}]\text{CdSC}_6\text{H}_4\text{-4-F}$  and 4-fluorothiophenol demonstrates that degenerate thiolate ligand exchange is also facile on the NMR time scale.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

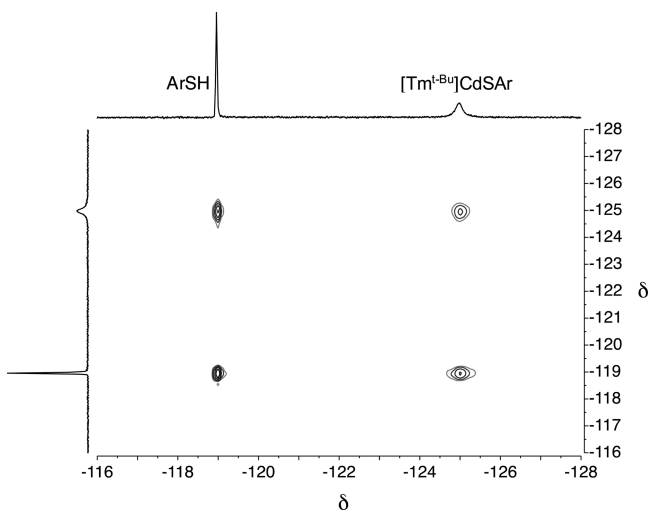
**General Considerations.** All manipulations were performed by using a combination of glovebox, high-vacuum, and Schlenk techniques under a nitrogen or argon atmosphere.<sup>62</sup> Solvents were purified and degassed by standard procedures. NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker 300 DRX, Bruker 300 DPX, Bruker 400 Avance III, Bruker 400 Cyber-enabled Avance III, and Bruker 500 DMX spectrometers.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra are reported in parts per million relative to  $\text{SiMe}_4$  ( $\delta$  0) and were referenced internally with respect to the protio solvent impurity ( $\delta$  7.16 for  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_5\text{H}$  and  $\delta$  5.32 for  $\text{CHDCl}_2$ ).<sup>63</sup>  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR

Scheme 3



**Table 5. Equilibrium Constants (*K*) for the Reaction of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F with ArSH**

Ar	<i>K</i>
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -4-F	1.00
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -4-Bu <sup>t</sup>	0.21
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -4-OMe	0.19



**Figure 10.** <sup>19</sup>F two-dimensional EXSY experiment demonstrating exchange of the SAr groups between [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSAr and Ar'SH (Ar' = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F).

spectra are reported in parts per million relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta$  0) and were referenced internally with respect to the solvent ( $\delta$  128.06 for C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> and  $\delta$  53.84 for CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>).<sup>63</sup> <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra are reported in parts per million relative to CFCl<sub>3</sub> ( $\delta$  0) and were referenced internally with respect to C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>6</sub> ( $\delta$  -164.9).<sup>64</sup> Coupling constants are given in hertz. Infrared (IR) spectra were recorded on a PerkinElmer Spectrum Two spectrometer, and the data are reported in reciprocal centimeters. Mass spectra were recorded on a JEOL JMS-HX110HF tandem mass spectrometer using fast atom bombardment (FAB). 4-Fluorothiophenol (Aldrich), 4-*tert*-butylbenzenethiol (Acros), 4-methoxythiophenol (Aldrich), 3-methoxythiophenol (Aldrich), and pyridine-2-thione (Aldrich) were obtained commercially and used without further purification. [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdMe<sup>24,27</sup> and pyridine-2-selone<sup>65</sup> were prepared by literature procedures.

**X-ray Structure Determinations.** X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker Apex II diffractometer, and crystal data, data collection, and refinement parameters are summarized in the [Supporting Information](#). The structures were determined by using direct methods and standard difference map techniques and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures on *F*<sup>2</sup> with SHELXTL (version 2014/7).<sup>66</sup>

**Synthesis of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F.** A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdMe (218 mg, 0.361 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (~9 mL) was treated with 4-fluorothiophenol (40.0  $\mu$ L, 0.375 mmol), resulting in immediate effervescence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature, and the volatile components were removed *in vacuo* after a period of 40 min.

The resulting powder was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O (~2 mL) to give [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F as a white solid (130 mg, 50%). Crystals of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained via slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene. Anal. Calcd for [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F: C, 45.2%; H, 5.3%; N, 11.7%. Found: C, 45.2%; H, 4.9%; N, 11.6%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  1.41 (s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C-(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.37 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.62 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.77 (m, 2H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F), 7.86 (m, 2H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  28.7 (9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 59.4 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 114.7 (d, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 21, 2C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F), 117.0 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 122.9 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 135.7 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 7, 2C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F), 139.9 (d, <sup>4</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 3, 1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F), 157.2 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 160.6 (d, <sup>1</sup>J<sub>C-F</sub> = 240, 1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F). <sup>19</sup>F NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  -125.1. IR data for [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3182 (w), 2977 (w), 2926 (w), 2404 (w), 2290 (w), 2227 (w), 2162 (w), 2051 (w), 1980 (w), 1719 (w), 1585 (w), 1566 (w), 1483 (s), 1416 (m), 1397 (m), 1357 (vs), 1304 (m), 1254 (w), 1221 (m), 1192 (vs), 1171 (s), 1129 (m), 1088 (s), 1070 (m), 1061 (m), 1033 (w), 1014 (w), 984 (w), 929 (w), 819 (s), 773 (w), 757 (m), 732 (s), 688 (s), 626 (vs), 589 (m), 553 (m), 544 (w), 497 (m), 480 (w), 455 (w). FAB-MS: *m/z* 591.2 [M - SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F]<sup>+</sup>, M = [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F.

**Synthesis of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe.** A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdMe (142 mg, 0.235 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (~5 mL) was treated with 4-methoxythiophenol (37.5  $\mu$ L, 0.305 mmol), resulting in immediate effervescence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 45 min, after which period the volatile components were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting powder was washed with pentane (~3 mL), yielding [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe as a white solid (107 mg, 63%). Crystals of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained via slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene. Anal. Calcd for [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: C, 50.6%; H, 5.9%; N, 10.4%. Found: C, 51.0%; H, 5.7%; N, 10.0%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  1.43 (s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 3.34 (s, 3H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.37 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.63 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.73 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 2H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe), 7.94 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 2H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\delta$  29.1 (9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 55.6 [1C, CdS(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OCH<sub>3</sub>)], 59.8 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 113.9 [2C, CdS(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe)], 117.2 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 123.4 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 128.7 [1C, CdS(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe)], 134.6 [2C, CdS(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe)], 156.2 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 156.4 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe). IR data for [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3174 (w), 3130 (w), 3097 (w), 2971 (w), 2833 (w), 2458 (w), 1590 (m), 1565 (m), 1486 (s), 1464 (w), 1416 (m), 1398 (m), 1356 (vs), 1301 (m), 1279 (w), 1263 (w), 1229 (s), 1192 (s), 1173 (vs), 1132 (m), 1087 (w), 1071 (w), 1031 (m), 1018 (m), 927 (w), 822 (s), 773 (w), 756 (m), 744 (m), 730 (s), 684 (vs), 638 (m), 622 (m), 589 (m), 552 (m), 528 (m), 493 (m), 455 (m). FAB-MS: *m/z* 591.2 [M - SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe]<sup>+</sup>, M = [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe.

**Synthesis of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe.** A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]<sup>-</sup>CdMe (106 mg, 0.175 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (~10 mL) was treated with 3-methoxythiophenol (30.0  $\mu$ L, 0.242 mmol), resulting in immediate effervescence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, after which period the volatile components were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting

powder was washed with pentane (2 × 3 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (~3 mL), yielding [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe as a white solid (86 mg, 67%). Crystals of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained via slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene. Anal. Calcd for [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: C, 50.6%; H, 5.9%; N, 10.4%. Found: C, 51.3%; H, 5.6%; N, 9.9%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 1.71 (s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 3.71 (s, 3H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe), 6.43 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 1H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe), 6.84 (m, 1H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe), 6.85 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.94 (m, 2H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe), 7.03 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 29.1 (9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 55.4 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 59.8 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 109.2 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe), 117.2 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 118.4 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe), 123.5 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 126.4 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 128.6 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 156.0 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 159.5 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe) (*ipso* and *meta* C of C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe not observed). IR data for [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3190 (w), 3148 (w), 2974 (w), 2404 (w), 1585 (m), 1566 (m), 1481 (m), 1467 (m), 1417 (m), 1397 (w), 1357 (vs), 1303 (m), 1274 (m), 1222 (m), 1191 (s), 1172 (s), 1131 (m), 1097 (w), 1070 (m), 1041 (m), 930 (w), 854 (m), 844 (m), 820 (m), 757 (m), 733 (s), 686 (vs), 588 (m), 552 (m), 494 (m). FAB-MS: *m/z* 591.2 [M - SC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe]<sup>+</sup>, M = [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-3-OMe.

**Synthesis of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>.** A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdMe (143 mg, 0.237 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (~5 mL) was treated with 4-*tert*-butylbenzenethiol (47.5 μL, 0.275 mmol), resulting in immediate effervescence. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 45 min, after which period the volatile components were removed *in vacuo*. The resulting powder was washed with pentane (~3 mL) to give [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup> as a white solid (117 mg, 66%). Crystals of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup> suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained via slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene. Anal. Calcd for [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>·0.7C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>: C, 52.2%; H, 6.4%; N, 10.4%. Found: C, 51.8%; H, 6.2%; N, 9.5%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 1.24 [s, 9H, CdS(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>)], 1.71 (s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.85 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.97 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 2H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>), 7.03 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 7.25 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 2H, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): δ 29.1 (9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 31.6 {3C, CdS[C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]}, 34.3 {1C, CdS[C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]}, 59.8 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 117.2 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 123.4 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 125.1 (2C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>), 133.2 (2C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>), 139.4 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>), 145.5 (1C, CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup>), 156.1 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}).

**Synthesis of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSPy.** A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdMe (83.3 mg, 0.138 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (~5 mL) was treated with pyridine-2-thione (20.2 mg, 0.182 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4.5 h. After this period, the volatile components were removed *in vacuo*, yielding [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSPy as a yellow powder, and crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene (60 mg, 62%). Anal. Calcd for [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSPy: C, 44.6%; H, 5.5%; N, 14.0%. Found: C, 44.9%; H, 5.5%; N, 13.7%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 1.74 (s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.67 (m, 1H, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 6.86 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 7.04 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 7.23 (m, 1H, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 7.28 (m, 1H, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 7.76 (m, 1H, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 29.2 (9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 59.6 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 116.0 (1C, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 117.0 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 123.2 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 125.1 (1C, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 136.1 (1C, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 147.3 (1C, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 156.9 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 171.9 (1C, CdSC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N). IR data for [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSPy (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3173 (w), 3140 (w), 2977 (w), 2923 (w), 2404 (w), 2228 (w), 1686 (w), 1567 (m), 1545 (w), 1479 (w), 1445 (m), 1411 (m), 1396 (m), 1355 (vs), 1303 (m), 1265 (w), 1227 (m), 1191 (s), 1172 (s), 1130 (s), 1071 (m), 1044 (w), 1029 (w), 986 (w), 928 (w), 862 (w), 820 (m), 774 (w), 758 (m), 749 (m), 731 (vs),

688 (s), 627 (w), 589 (m), 553 (m), 545 (m), 494 (m), 487 (m). FAB-MS: *m/z* 589.1 [M - SPy]<sup>+</sup>, M = [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSPy.

**Synthesis of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSePy.** A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdMe (86.5 mg, 0.143 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (~5 mL) was treated with pyridine-2-selone (30.3 mg, 0.192 mmol), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4.5 h. After this period, the volatile components were removed *in vacuo*, yielding [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSePy as a dark yellow-orange powder, and crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene (63 mg, 59%). Anal. Calcd for [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSePy: C, 41.8%; H, 5.1%; N, 13.1%. Found: C, 41.0%; H, 4.8%; N, 12.7%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 1.74 (s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 6.78 (m, 1H, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 6.86 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 7.04 (d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 7.17 (m, 1H, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 7.48 (m, 1H, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 7.82 (m, 1H, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N). <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 29.2 (9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 59.6 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 117.0 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 117.4 (1C, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 123.2 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 128.8 (1C, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 135.4 (1C, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 148.6 (1C, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N), 156.9 (3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>}), 163.7 (1C, CdSeC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N). IR data for [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSePy (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3185 (w), 2975 (w), 2924 (w), 2404 (w), 2227 (w), 1686 (w), 1574 (m), 1547 (w), 1480 (w), 1445 (w), 1409 (m), 1396 (w), 1356 (vs), 1303 (m), 1267 (w), 1227 (m), 1191 (s), 1172 (s), 1129 (m), 1113 (s), 1081 (w), 1070 (w), 1045 (w), 1030 (w), 983 (w), 929 (w), 864 (w), 821 (m), 774 (w), 757 (m), 750 (m), 731 (vs), 699 (m), 689 (s), 621 (w), 589 (m), 553 (m), 494 (m), 471 (m), 454 (w). FAB-MS: *m/z* 591.1 [M - SePy]<sup>+</sup>, M = [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSePy.

**Thiolate Exchange between [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSAr and Ar<sup>t</sup>SH.** (a) A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.7 mL) was treated with ArSH (Ar = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-Bu<sup>t</sup> or C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-OMe, 1 equiv), and the sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the formation of an equilibrium mixture (Table 5). As previously noted,<sup>56c</sup> hydrogen bonding is not considered to perturb the equilibrium constant significantly. (b) A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu</sup>]CdSC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.7 mL) was treated with 4-fluorothiophenol, and exchange at room temperature was demonstrated by a <sup>19</sup>F two-dimensional EXSY experiment.

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