Supporting Information for

## Anion-dependent assembly of Dy complexes: structures and magnetic behaviors

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Figure S1 Simulated and experimental Xrd patterns of 1a.



Figure S2 Simulated and experimental Xrd patterns of 1b and 1c.

**1a–1c** are supposed to be sensitive to the air that the single crystal analyses were performed at 150 K under  $N_2$  atmosphere. And their structures collapse on desolvation, when powder X-ray analyses are performed.



Figure S3 Simulated and experimental Xrd patterns of 2a-2d.



Figure S4 Simulated and experimental Xrd patterns of 3.



Figure S5 TG curves of 1a, 1b and 1c.

TG analysis indicates a total weight loss of 63.88 wt% (calcd. 65.94 wt%) for **1a**. The first stage is ascribed to the loss of methanol and hydrate molecules until 100 °C (found 6.82 wt%, calcd. 7.08 wt%). And the second stage occurring at 220 °C until 430 °C is owing to the removal of one ligand (found 17.3 wt%, calcd. 17.90 wt%). However, it is hard to distinguish each other that the loss of the second ligand of and decomposition of the acetates might be a continuous process. Around 470 °C, the acetates start to decompose. For the case of **1b** and **1c**, it is evident that their stability is much poorer than **1a**, and the ligand starts to decompose around 100 °C. However, similar temperature range has been observed for the removal of second ligand and acetates as **1a**. In all, a total weight loss of 61.88 wt% and 61.42 wt% (calcd. 63.04 wt% and 62.59 wt%) are found for **1b** and **1c**, respectively.



Figure S6 TG curves of 2a-2d.

TG analyses indicate a total weight loss of 73.48, 72.16, 71.50 and 71.05 wt% (calcd. 73.86, 72.22, 71.83 and 71.32 wt%) for **2a–2d** in the experimental range, respectively. The first stage is mainly ascribed to the loss of methanol molecules around 190 °C, and the second stage is owing to the removal of DMSO molecules until 300 °C. For the first two stages, a total weight loss of 15.01, 16.92, 16.61 and 15.67 wt% is found (calcd. 17.12, 16.73, 16.64 and 16.52 wt %), respectively. Then, further weight loss (~40 wt%) is detected until ~480 °C, which is corresponding to the decomposition of the ligand (calcd. 41.21, 40.29, 40.08 and 39.79 wt%). Finally, the rest weight loss is believed to the removal of nitrate groups until the end of the experiments.



Figure S7 TG curve of 3.

TG analysis indicates a total weight loss of 65.30 wt% (calcd. 66.94 wt%) for **3**. In the first stage, the loss of methanol is found until 100 °C (1.87 wt%, calcd. 1.98 wt%). Then, the main weight loss is attributed to the removal of the ligand (calcd. 65.62 wt%), and the third stage is owing to the decomposition of perchloride (calcd. 10.34 wt%). The removal of the ligand and perchloride might be a continuous process that it is not possible to clearly distinguish them. Unfortunately, we can not measure it at higher experimental temperature due to the limitation of the equipment.



**Figure S8** Partially labeled units containing Nd1 (a) and Nd4 (b) ions in **1a** (Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity); (c) coordination modes found for acetates in **1a**.



Figure S9 Coordination geometry of Dy<sup>3+</sup> ions in 1a



Figure S10 Coordination geometry of  $Dy^{3+}$  ions in 1c



**Figure S11** Coordination geometry of  $Dy^{3+}$  ions in **2c** 



Figure S12 Coordination geometry of  $Dy^{3+}$  ions in 3



Figure S13 M vs. H/T plot at the indicated temperature for 1c.



**Figure S14** *M vs. H*/*T* plot at the indicated temperature for **2c**.



**Figure S15** *M vs. H*/*T* plot at the indicated temperature for **3**.



Figure S16 Temperature dependence of in-phase and out-of-phase ac susceptibility of 1c under zero dc field.



Figure S17 Temperature dependence of in-phase and out-of-phase ac susceptibility of 2c under zero dc field.



Figure S18 Temperature dependence of in-phase and out-of-phase ac susceptibility of 3 under zero dc field.



Figure S19 Temperature dependence of in-phase and out-of-phase ac susceptibility of 1c under applied dc field of 2000 Oe.



Figure S20 Temperature dependence of in-phase and out-of-phase ac susceptibility of 2c under applied dc field of 2000 Oe.



Figure S21 Temperature dependence of in-phase and out-of-phase ac susceptibility of 3 under applied dc field of 2000 Oe.



Figure S22 Cole–Cole plot of 2c at the indicated temperature



Figure S23 Cole–Cole plot of 3 at the indicated temperature



**Figure S24** Magnetization relaxation time,  $\tau$ , *versus*  $T^{-1}$  plot for **2c** under an applied dc field of 2000 Oe



**Figure S25** Magnetization relaxation time,  $\tau$ , versus  $T^{-1}$  plot (left, low temperature domain; right, high temperature domain) for **3** under an applied dc field of 2000 Oe