

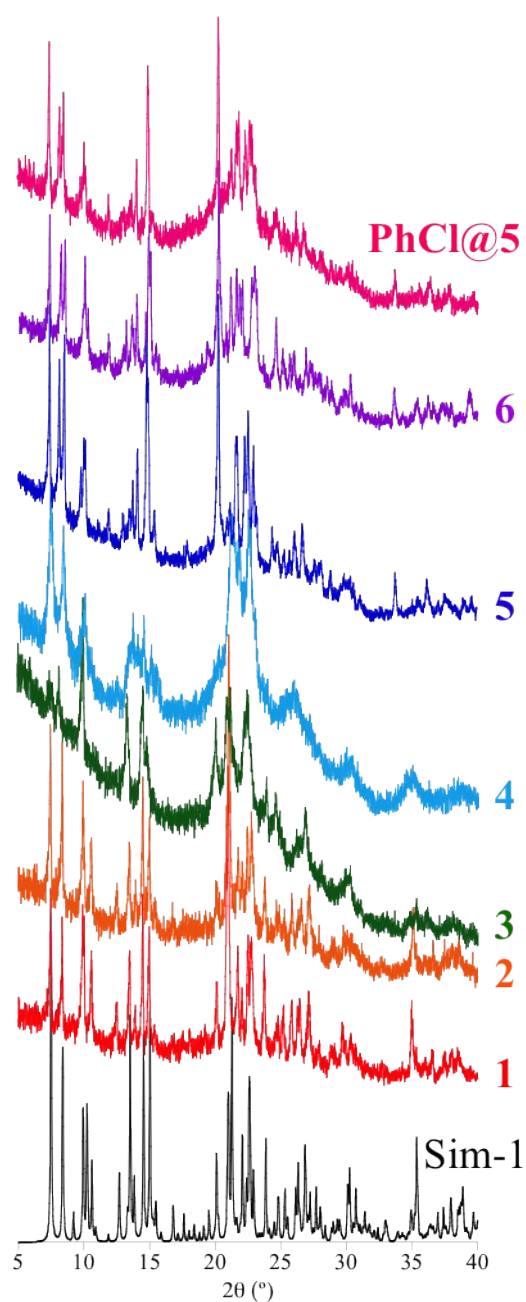
## **Pre- and post-synthetic modulation of the ordering temperatures in a family of anilato-based magnets**

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**Supporting information**

## X-ray powder diffraction



**Figure S1.** Experimental X-ray powder diffractograms of compounds  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 1.75\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$  (**1**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$  (**2**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{I}$  (**3**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$  (**4**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$  (**5**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$  (**6**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$  exchanged with  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$  (**PhCl@5**) and the simulated one from the single crystal X-ray structure of compound **1**.

**Table S1.** Unit cell parameters of compounds (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·1.75C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Br (**1**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl (**2**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>I (**3**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (**4**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN (**5**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (**6**) and (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN exchanged with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl (**PhCl@5**) determined from their X-ray powder diffractograms at room temperature.

compound	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	β (°)	Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·1.75C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Br ( <b>1</b> ) <sup>a</sup>	9.9557(5)	23.6054(10)	12.2129(6)	105.187(5)	2769.9(2)
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·1.75C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Br ( <b>1</b> ) <sup>b</sup>	10.104(4)	23.70(1)	12.363(5)	106.78(4)	2834.17
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl ( <b>2</b> )	10.049(4)	23.69(1)	12.330(6)	106.85(4)	2809.36
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> I ( <b>3</b> )	9.92(2)	23.59(9)	12.50(5)	106.2(3)	2807.14
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ( <b>4</b> )	9.98(2)	23.64(7)	12.19(3)	105.9(3)	2768.64
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CN ( <b>5</b> )	9.88(2)	23.36(9)	12.25(4)	105.7(3)	2720.91
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·2C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> ( <b>6</b> )	9.81(3)	23.4(1)	12.15(6)	106.3(5)	2834.17
(NBu <sub>4</sub> )[MnCr(C <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Br <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ]·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl ( <b>PhCl@5</b> )	9.91(1)	23.38(5)	12.21(2)	105.6(2)	2727.00

<sup>a</sup> Single crystal X-ray data at 120 K.

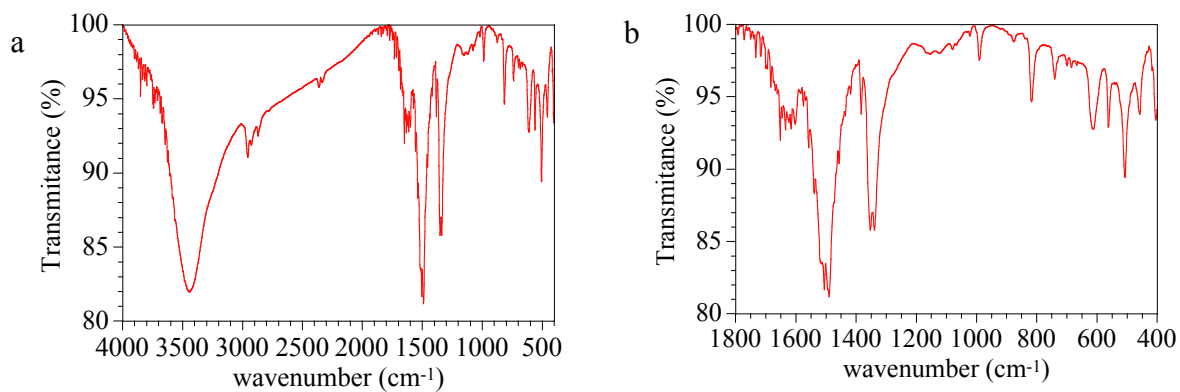
<sup>b</sup> Determined from X-ray powder data at room temperature

### IR spectroscopy

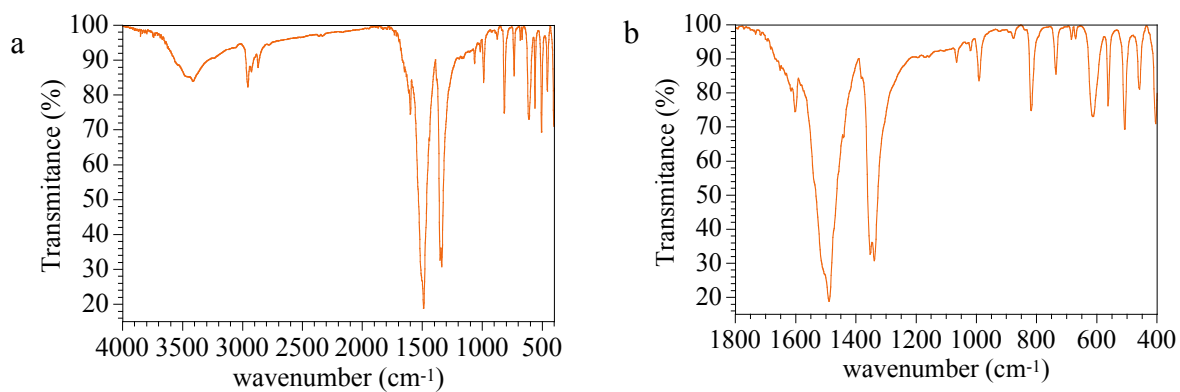
**Table S2.** Selected vibrational frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) for compounds (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·1.75C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Br (**1**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl (**2**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>I (**3**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> (**4**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN (**5**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (**6**), (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·2C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN exchanged with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>Cl (**PhCl@5**) and (NBu<sub>4</sub>)[MnCr(C<sub>6</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**7**).

Band	PhBr ( <b>1</b> )	PhCl ( <b>2</b> )	PhI ( <b>3</b> )	PhCH <sub>3</sub> ( <b>4</b> )	PhCN ( <b>5</b> )	PhNO <sub>2</sub> ( <b>6</b> )	PhCl ( <b>PhCl@5</b> )	- ( <b>7</b> )
ν(C-H)	2958	2959	2959	2961	2960	2963	2959	2960
	2935	2930	2928	2934	2933	2933	2928	2923
	2878	2880	2871	2872	2874	2873	2872	2873
ν(C=O)	1602	1616	1635	1626	1603	1616	1601	1603
ν(C=C) + ν(C-O)	1489	1490	1492	1490	1490	1490	1486	1490
δ(C-H)	1382	1384	1384	1383	1383	1384	1382	1385
ν(C-C) + ν(C-O)	1353	1353	1356	1353	1355	1350	1353	1356
δ(C-Br)	818	817	820	819	817	819	818	817
ρ(C-Br)	562	562	560	561	562	562	562	560
ν(C=C) <sup>1</sup>	1508*	1505	1508	1505	1506	1506	1505	1506
δ(C-H) <sup>1</sup>	686	685	685	686	694	683	685	-
	736	740	731	733	730	705	740	-
ν(CN) <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	2226	-	-	-	-
ν(N-O) <sub>as</sub> <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	1520	-	-
ν(N-O) <sub>s</sub> <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	1343	-	-
ν(C-N) <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	875	-	-

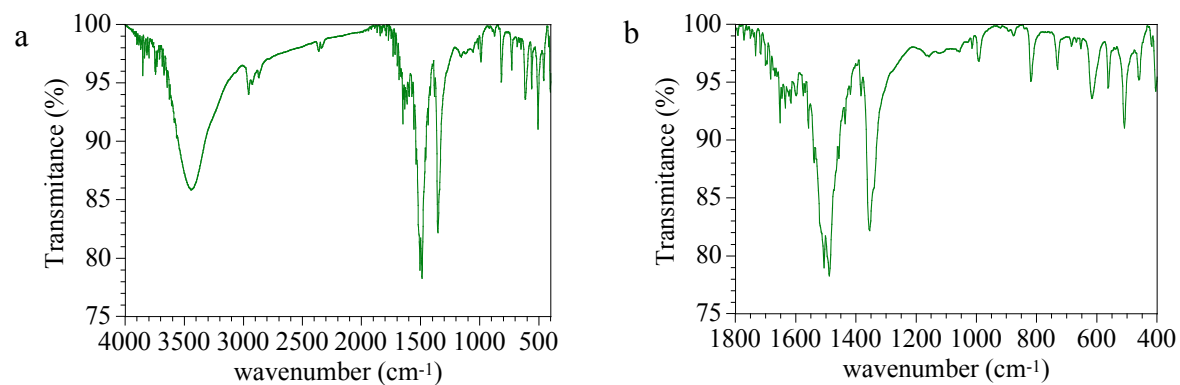
1- Solvent bands; \*shoulder.



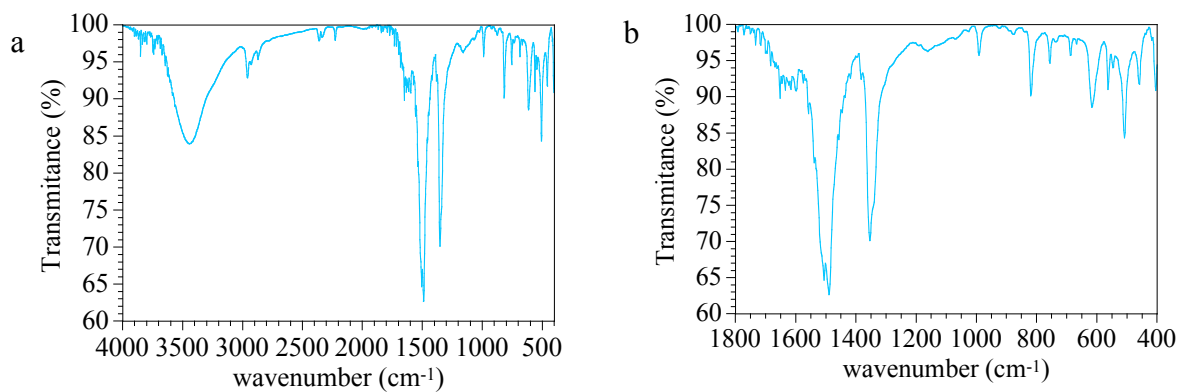
**Figure S2.** FT-IR spectra of compound 1 in (a) the 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region and (b) the 1800-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region.



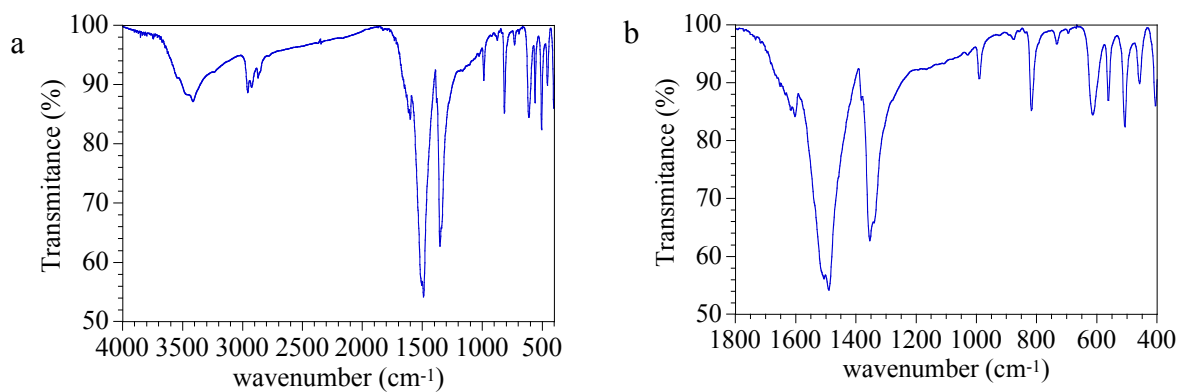
**Figure S3.** FT-IR spectra of compound 2 in (a) the 4000-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region and (b) the 1800-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region.



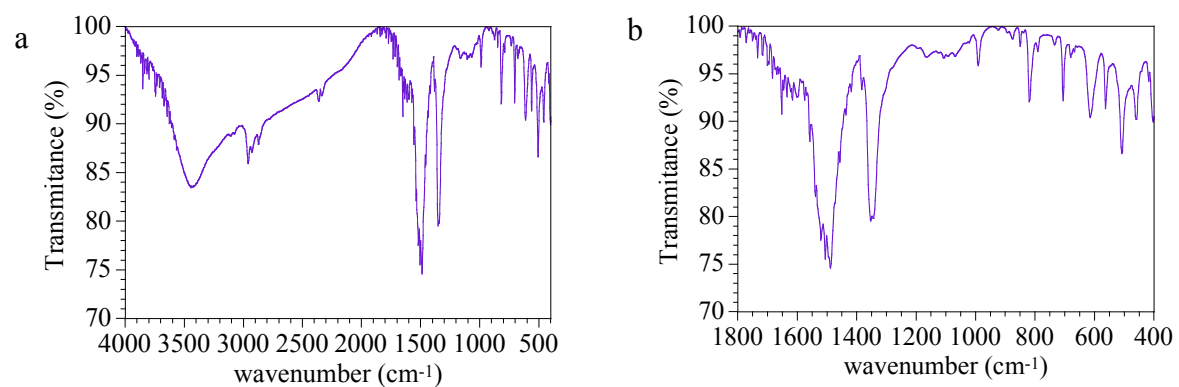
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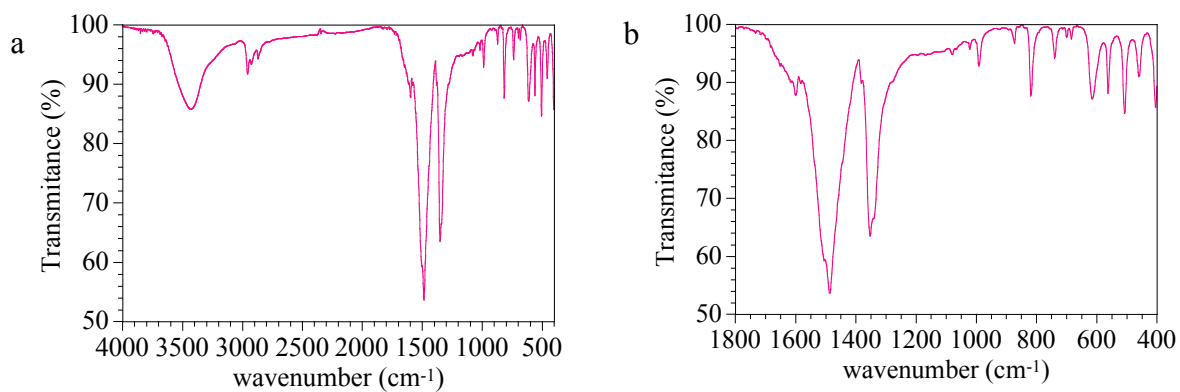
**Figure S5.** FT-IR spectra of compound 4 in (a) the 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region and (b) the 1800-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.



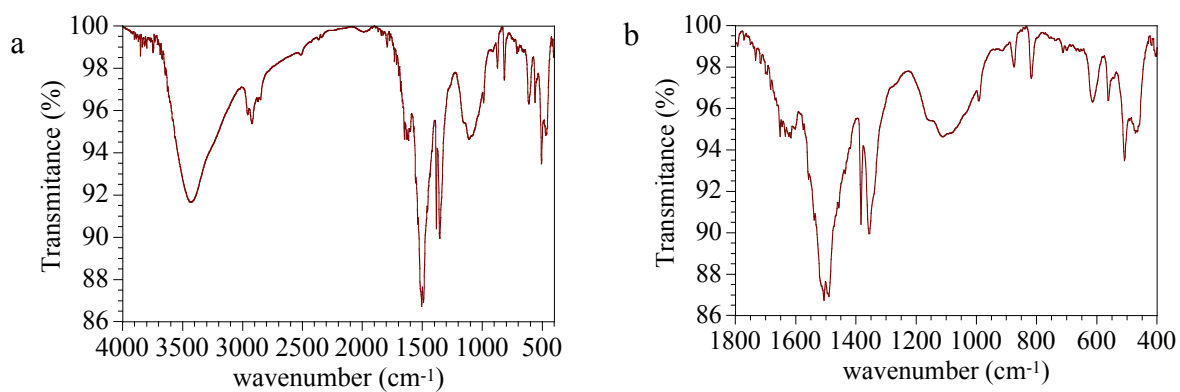
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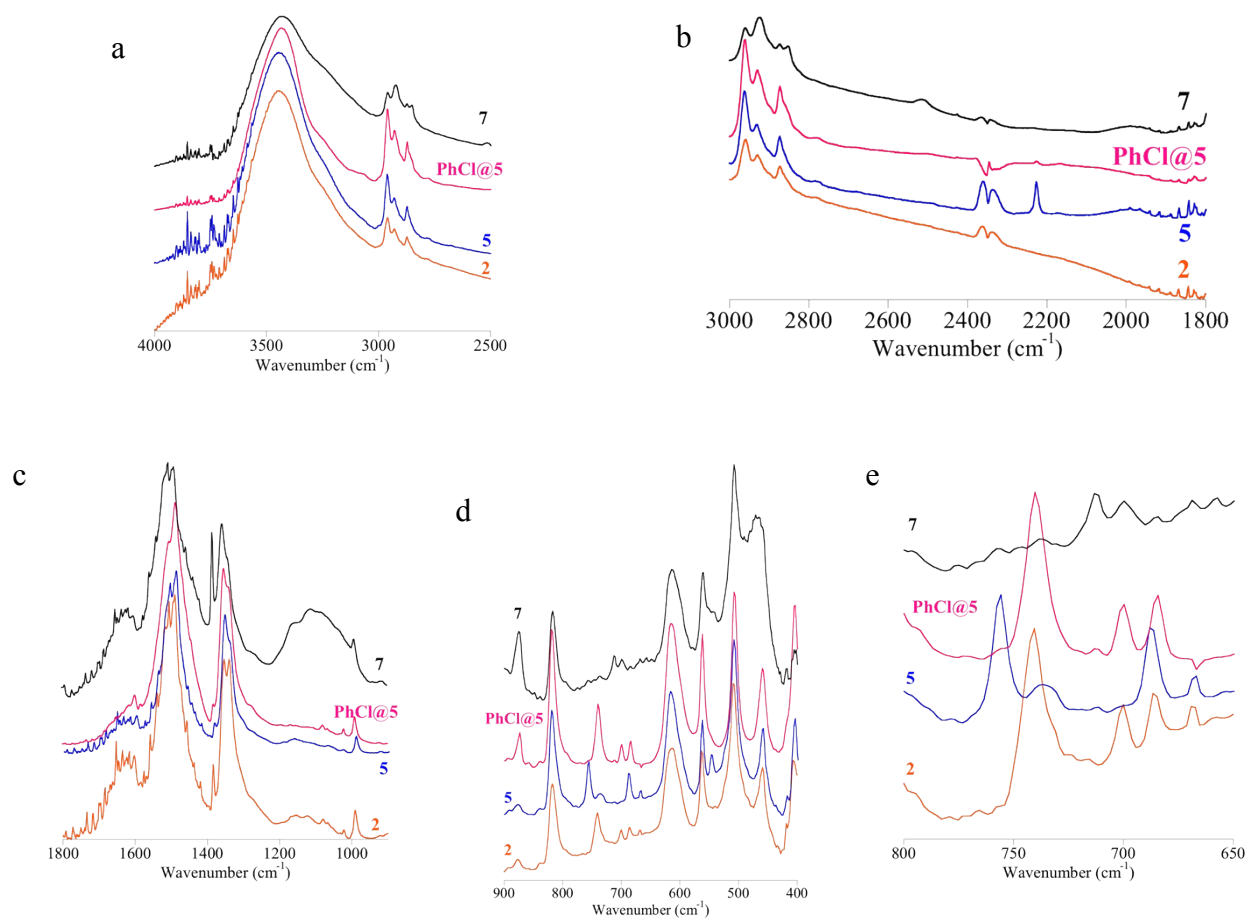
**Figure S7.** FT-IR spectra of compound 6 in (a) the 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region and (b) the 1800-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.



**Figure S8.** FT-IR spectra of compound **PhCl@5** in (a) the 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region and (b) the 1800-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.



**Figure S9.** FT-IR spectra of compound **7** in (a) the 4000-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region and (b) the 1800-400 cm<sup>-1</sup> region.

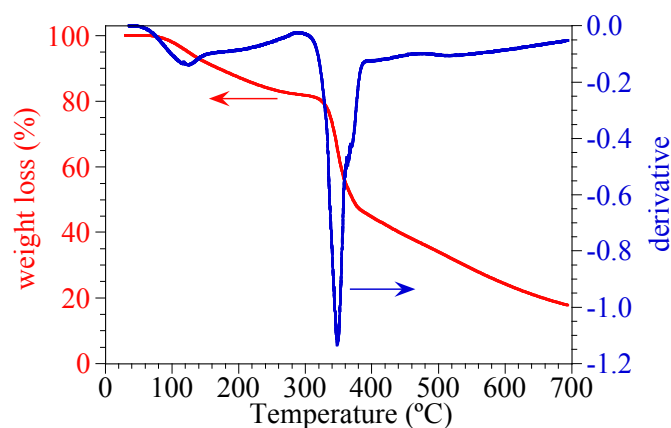


**Figure S10.** FT-IR spectra of compounds 2, 5, PhCl@5 and 7 in the (a) the 4000-2500  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , (b) the 3000-1800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , (c) the 1800-900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , (d) the 900-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and (e) the 800-400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  regions.

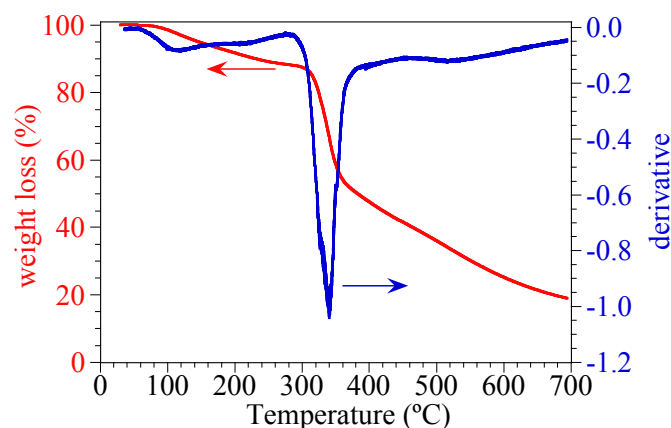
### Thermogravimetric analysis

**Table S3.** Weight loss and the corresponding solvent molecules in compounds  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 1.75\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$  (**1**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$  (**2**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{I}$  (**3**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$  (**4**),  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$  (**5**) and  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$  (**6**).

Compound	temperature range (°C)	Experimental weight loss (%)	solvent	Calculated weight loss (%)
<b>1</b>	30-280	18.1	$1.75\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$	18.2
<b>2</b>	30-190	7.8	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$	8.3
<b>3</b>	30-270	11.4	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{I}$	14.1
<b>4</b>	30-190	6.9	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$	6.9
<b>5</b>	30-190	13.2	2 $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$	14.3
<b>6</b>	30-270	14.5	2 $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$	16.6
<b>PhCl@5</b>	30-190	10.5	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$	8.3

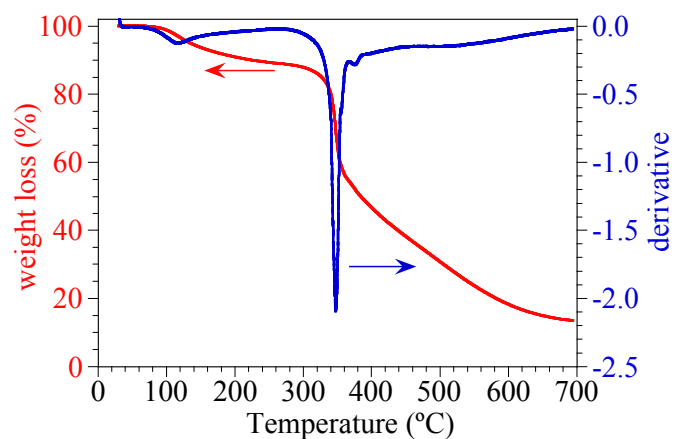


**Figure S11.** Thermogravimetric measurements of  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 1.75\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$  (**1**).

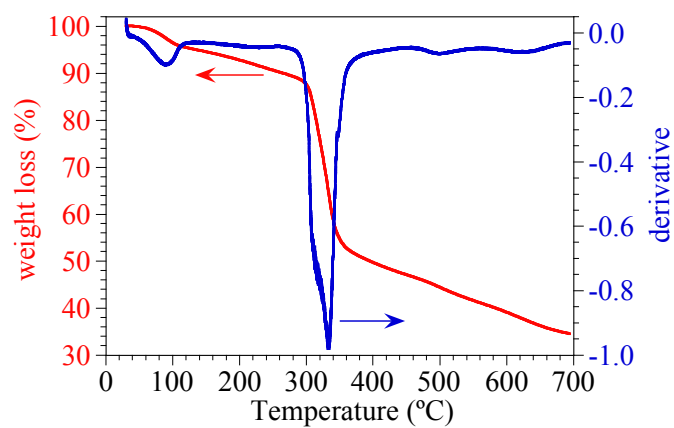


**Figure S12.** Thermogravimetric measurements of  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$  (**2**).

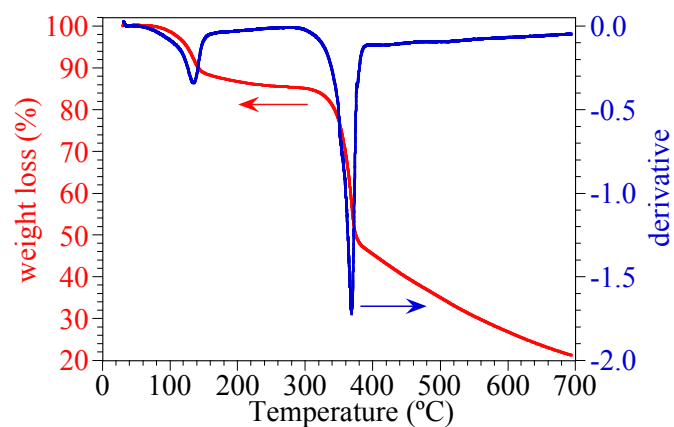




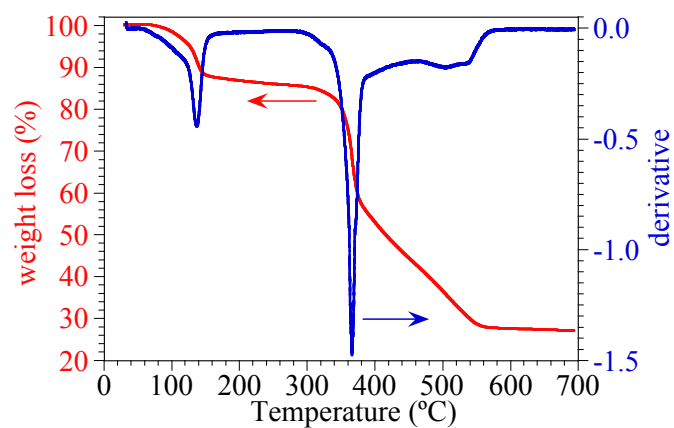
**Figure S13.** Thermogravimetric measurements of  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{I}$  (**3**).



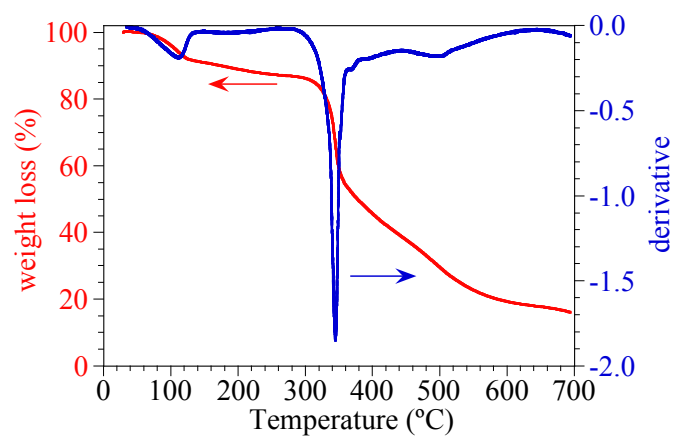
**Figure S14.** Thermogravimetric measurements of  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$  (**4**).



**Figure S15.** Thermogravimetric measurements of  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$  (**5**).



**Figure S16.** Thermogravimetric measurements of  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$  (**6**).



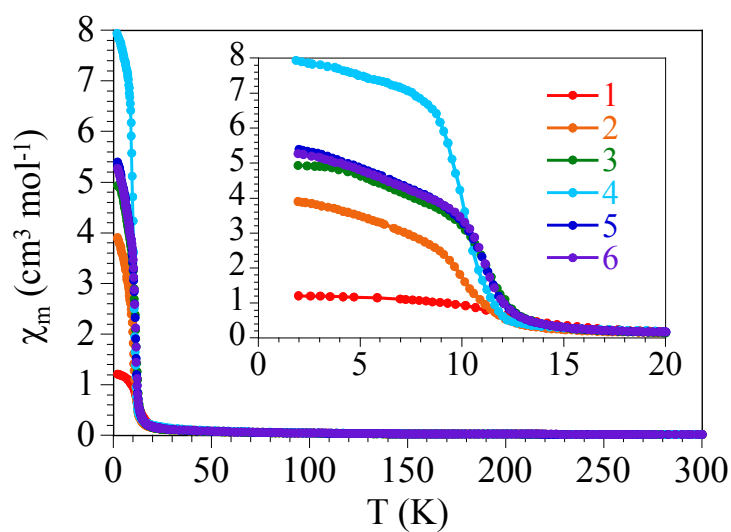
**Figure S17.** Thermogravimetric measurements of  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$  exchanged with  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$  (**PhCl@5**).

**Table S4.** Average Mn-O and Cr-O bond distances (Å) in all the reported bromanilato-bridged Mn(II)Cr(III) compounds.

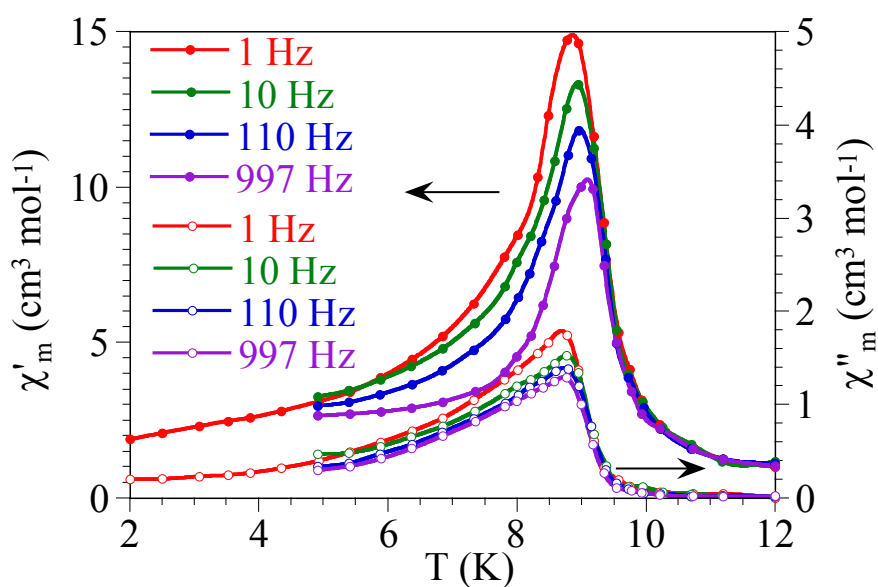
CCDC	A <sup>+</sup>	Mn-O (a)	Cr-O (b)	T <sub>c</sub> (K)	Ref.
MIRFIE	(H <sub>3</sub> O)(phz) <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup>	2.102(15) <sup>a</sup>	2.102(15) <sup>a</sup>	6.0	1
HOWHIM	Fe(sal <sub>2</sub> -epe) <sup>+</sup>	2.030(18) <sup>a</sup>	2.030(18) <sup>a</sup>	10.2	2
HOWHOS	Fe(5-Cl-sal <sub>2</sub> -trien) <sup>+</sup>	2.16(3)	1.980(15)	9.8	2
MUMLAJ	[Fe(acac <sub>2</sub> -trien)] <sup>+</sup>	2.16(3)	1.980(6)	11.1	3
MUMLEN	[Ga(acac <sub>2</sub> -trien)] <sup>+</sup>	2.180(4)	1.976(5)	11.6	3
SEPLAD	Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	2.208(12)	1.972(9)	7.9	4
SEPLEH	Et <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> <sup>+</sup>	2.171(16)	1.962(13)	8.9	4
SEPROX	Et(i-Pr) <sub>2</sub> NH <sup>+</sup>	2.17(2)	1.985(18)	9.0	4
<b>1</b>	NBu <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	2.14(3)	1.98(2)	9.5	this work

<sup>a</sup>Mn and Cr atoms are crystallographically equivalent.

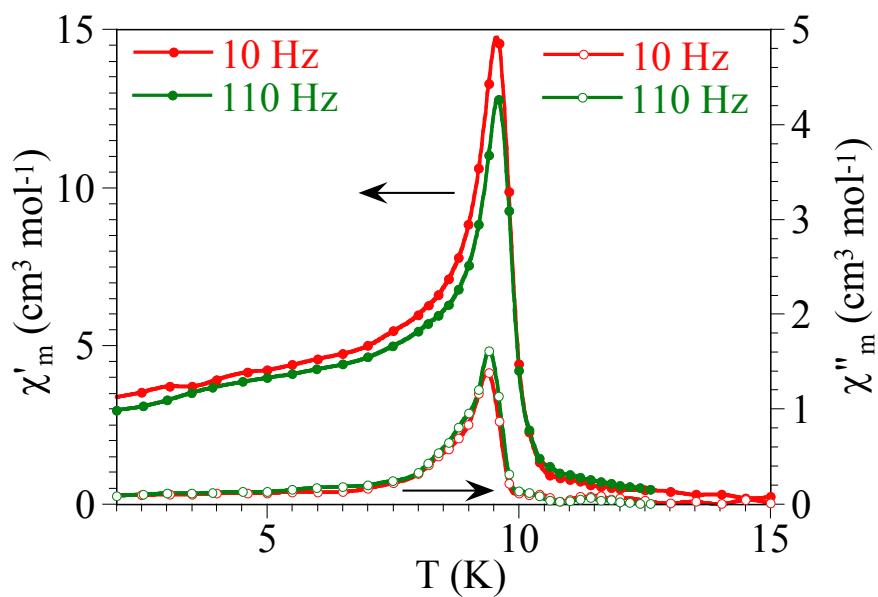
## Magnetic Properties



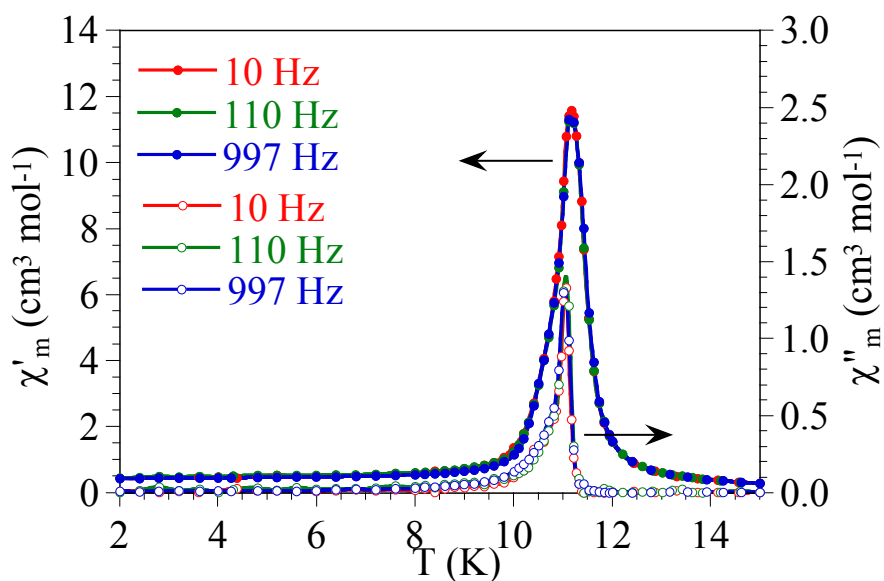
**Figure S18.** Thermal variation of  $\chi_m$  for compounds **1-6**. Inset shows the low temperature region.



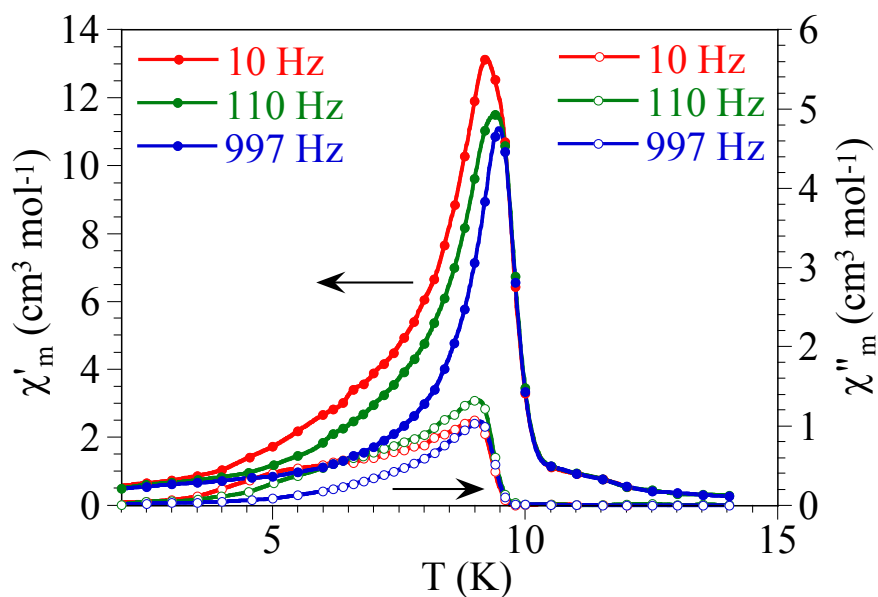
**Figure S19.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at different frequencies for compound  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 1.75\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$  (**1**)



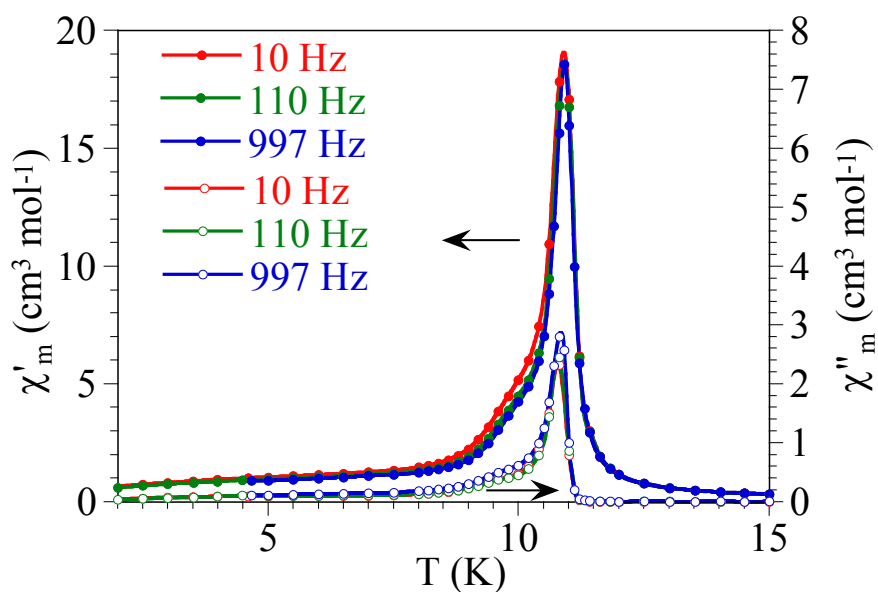
**Figure S20.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at different frequencies for compound  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Cl}$  (**2**)



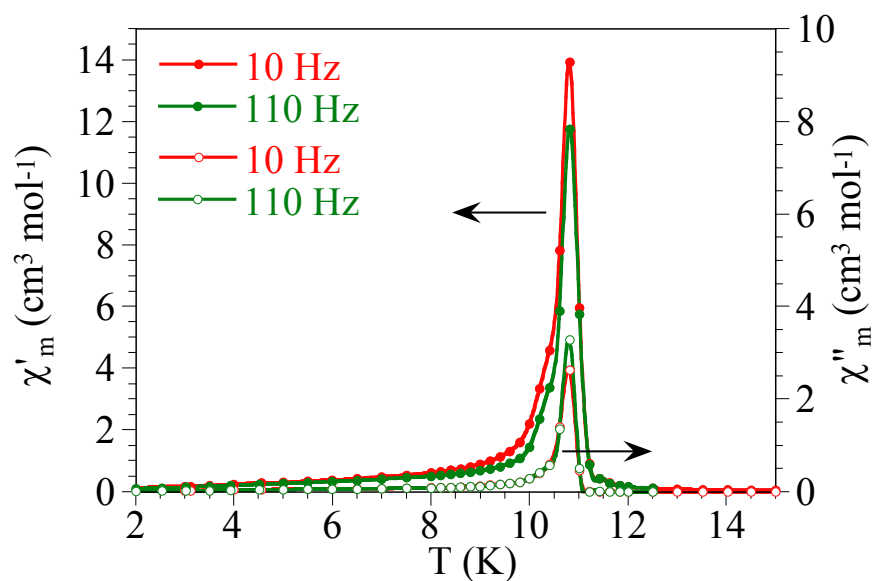
**Figure S21.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at different frequencies for compound  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{I}$  (**3**)



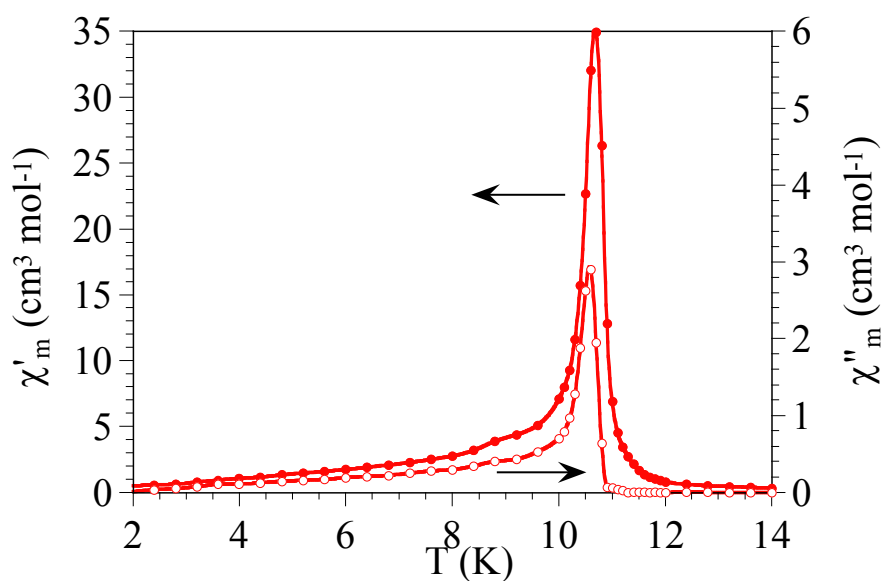
**Figure S22.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at different frequencies for compound  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_3$  (**4**)



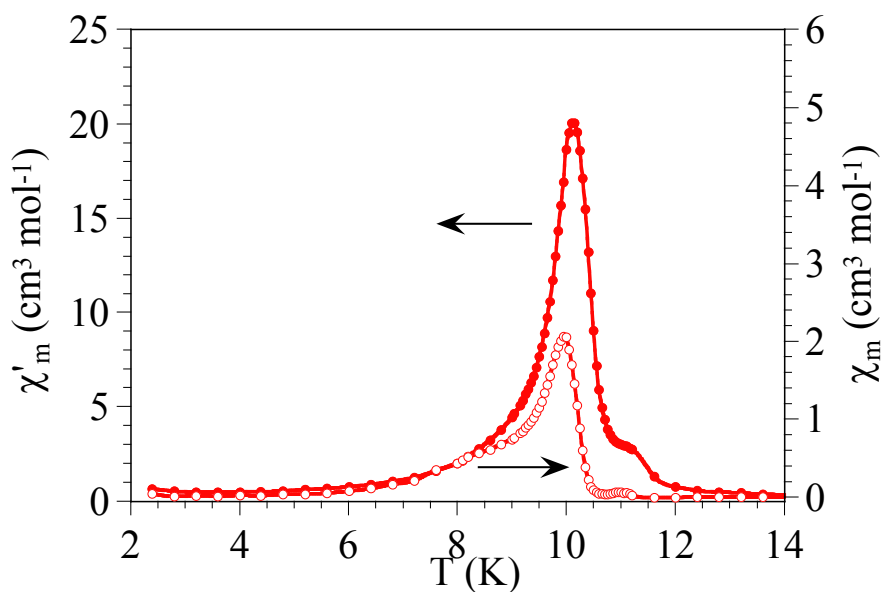
**Figure S23.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at different frequencies for compound  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$  (**5**)



**Figure S24.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at different frequencies for compound  $(\text{NBu}_4)[\text{MnCr}(\text{C}_6\text{O}_4\text{Br}_2)_3] \cdot 2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$  (**6**)



**Figure S25.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at 110 Hz for compound **PhCl@5**.



**Figure S26.** Thermal variation of the in phase ( $\chi'$ , filled circles, left scale) and out of phase ( $\chi''$ , empty circles, right scale) AC susceptibility at 110 Hz for compound **PhCl@5** after heating at 400 K (7).

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