

## Supporting Information

### A dinuclear Co(III)/Co(II) complex based on H<sub>2</sub>pmide ligand showing field-induced SMM behaviour

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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data of complex **1**.

Empirical Formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>43</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>9</sub>
Formula weight	633.5
<i>T</i> (K)	293 (2)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space Group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	13.6175(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.0711(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	20.4071(7)
$\alpha$ (°)	90
$\beta$ (°)	105.529(3)
$\gamma$ (°)	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2964.29(17)
<i>Z</i>	3
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.419
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.169
<i>F</i> (000)	1332
$\lambda$ (Å)	0.71073
$\theta$ Range data collection (°)	3.4 – 27.0
Index ranges	-17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 15
	-13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14
	-25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25
Reflections collected/unique	18833/ 6367
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0486
Observed reflections [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	4583
Completeness (%)	99.7
Maximum / minimum transmission	0.91404/ 1.00000
Data/restraints/parameters	6367/180/352
Goodness-of-fit (GOF) on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.047
Final <i>R</i> -index [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]/ all data	0.0661/ 0.0934
<i>wR</i> index [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )] /all data	0.1935/ 0.2214
Largest peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.889 and -1.755
Weights, <i>w</i>	1/[σ <sup>2</sup> ( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) + (0.1118 <i>P</i> ) <sup>2</sup> + 8.4195 <i>P</i> ] where <i>P</i> =( <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> +2 <i>F</i> <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3

**Table S2.** Main bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of complex **1**.

Co2	O5	2.065(4)	O5	Co2	O7	94.7(2)
Co2	O2	2.100(4)	O5	Co2	O2	88.5(1)
Co2	O1	2.090(4)	O5	Co2	O1	86.1(1)
Co2	O4	2.089(4)	O5	Co2	O4	105.1(2)
Co2	O7	2.019(4)	O3	Co2	O7	86.6(2)
Co2	O3	2.225(5)	O3	Co2	O4	60.4(2)
Co1	O1	1.897(4)	O3	Co2	O1	95.6(2)
Co1	O2	1.901(4)	O3	Co2	O2	106.0(2)
Co1	N2	1.937(4)	N2	Co1	N1	85.0(2)
Co1	O8	1.919(5)	N2	Co1	O8	88.1(2)
Co1	O6	1.916(4)	N2	Co1	O2	85.6(2)
Co1	N1	1.932(4)	N2	Co1	O1	87.5(2)
Co1	Co2	2.964(1)	O6	Co1	O8	94.0(2)
			O6	Co1	N1	92.9(2)
			O6	Co1	O2	96.4(2)
			O6	Co1	O1	90.3(2)
			O6	Co1	N1	92.9(2)

**Table S3.** DFT-broken symmetry computed Mulliken spin density of complex **1** H-bonded dimeric unit.

	HS	BS
Co(II) sites	2.761161 / 2.761120	-2.761087 / 2.761052
O aqua ligands	0.029364 / 0.029375	-0.029511 / 0.029519
O pmide ligands	0.032986 / 0.032971	-0.032679 / 0.032666

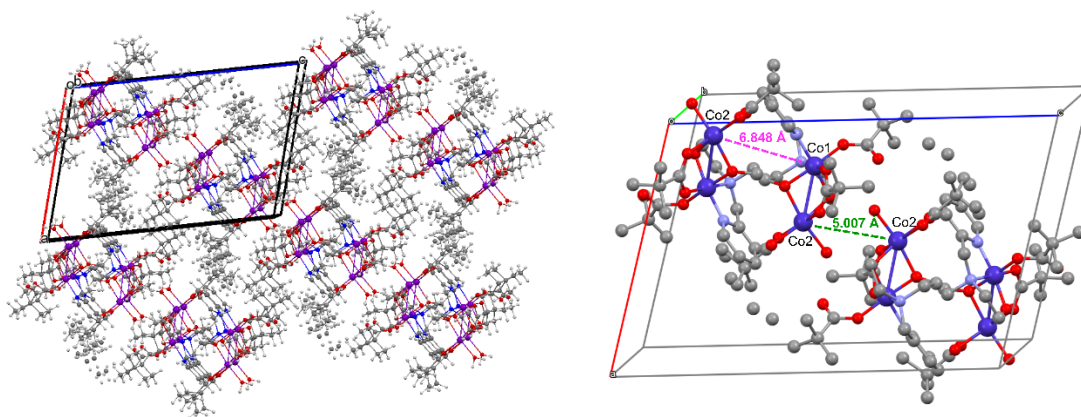
**Table S4.** Complex **1** AC magnetic susceptibility data fitting parameters according to Debye model (see text).

<i>T</i> / K	$\chi_S$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_T$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\alpha$	$\tau$ / s
2	0.43	0.74	0.35	4.81E-05
2.2	0.4	0.7	0.33	4.98E-05
2.4	0.38	0.67	0.32	5.10E-05
2.6	0.35	0.63	0.31	5.07E-05

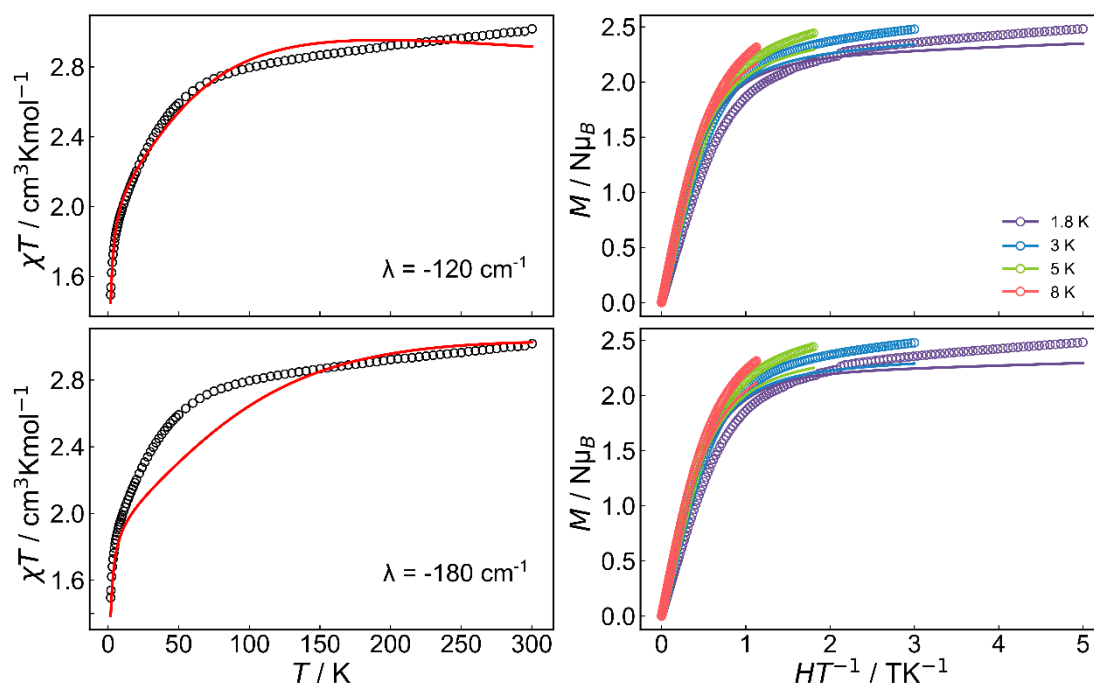
2.8	0.32	0.6	0.3	4.90E-05
3	0.3	0.57	0.28	4.70E-05
3.2	0.28	0.54	0.26	4.33E-05
3.5	0.26	0.5	0.25	3.97E-05
3.8	0.24	0.47	0.24	3.54E-05
4.1	0.22	0.45	0.23	3.15E-05
4.5	0.21	0.42	0.21	2.78E-05
4.9	0.19	0.39	0.18	2.47E-05
5.3	0.18	0.36	0.18	2.10E-05
5.7	0.17	0.34	0.15	1.86E-05
6.2	0.16	0.31	0.11	1.63E-05
6.7	0.15	0.29	0.08	1.35E-05
7.3	0.14	0.27	0.05	1.05E-05
7.9	0.13	0.25	0.03	7.58E-06
8.5	0.1	0.24	0.04	3.89E-06
9.2	0.09	0.22	0	2.14E-06
10	0.08	0.21	0	9.78E-07

<b>H / Oe</b>	$\Delta\chi_1 / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_2 / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_s / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\alpha_1$	$\tau_1 / \text{s}$	$\alpha_2$	$\tau_2 / \text{s}$
800	0.04	0.04	0.70	0.15	2.4e-4	5.7E-15	3.0E-6
1000	0.06	0.55	0.15	0.19	1.9E-4	1.5E-13	2.6E-6
1200	0.10	0.18	0.47	0.31	1.3E-4	0.10	6.8E-6

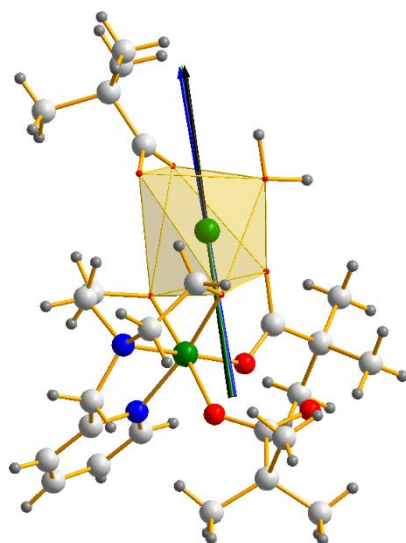
<b>H / Oe</b>	$\chi_s / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$	$\alpha$	$\tau / \text{s}$
1600	0.43	0.73	0.33	5.71E-05
1800	0.43	0.7	0.30	6.78E-05
2000	0.44	0.68	0.29	7.94E-05
2200	0.44	0.66	0.28	9.23E-05
2400	0.42	0.63	0.24	9.62E-05
2600	0.39	0.61	0.24	9.74E-05
2800	0.34	0.59	0.26	9.22E-05
3000	0.29	0.56	0.25	8.75E-05



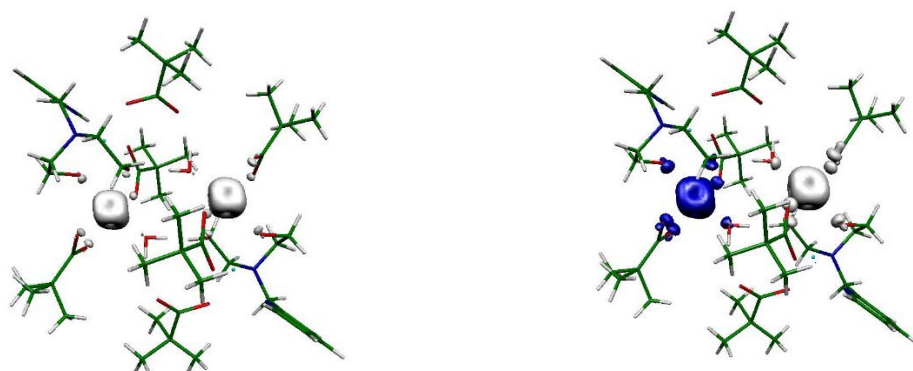
**Figure S1.** Complex **1** crystal structure molecular packing, view along *b*-axis (left); unit cell packing of two H-bond dimeric units (right).



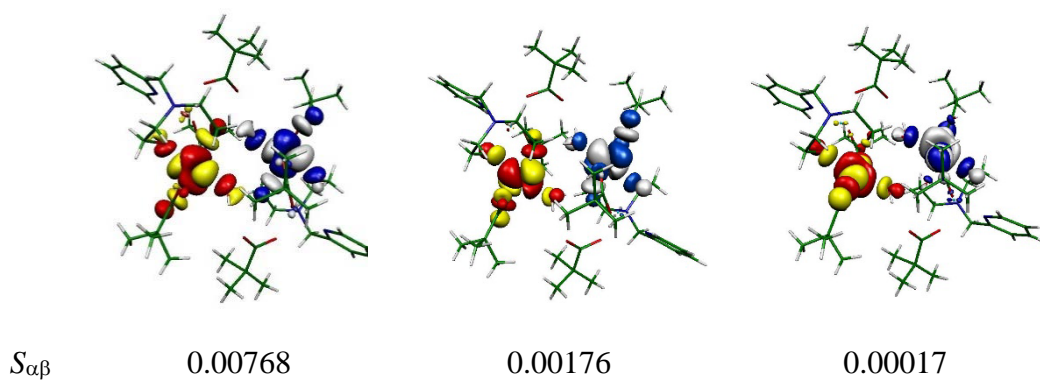
**Figure S2.** Magnetic susceptibility temperature dependence at 1000 Oe (left) and variable temperature reduced magnetization up to 90 kOe (right) of complex **1**. Open symbols: experimental; full line: best fitting according to Hamiltonian of Eq .2, see text for details.



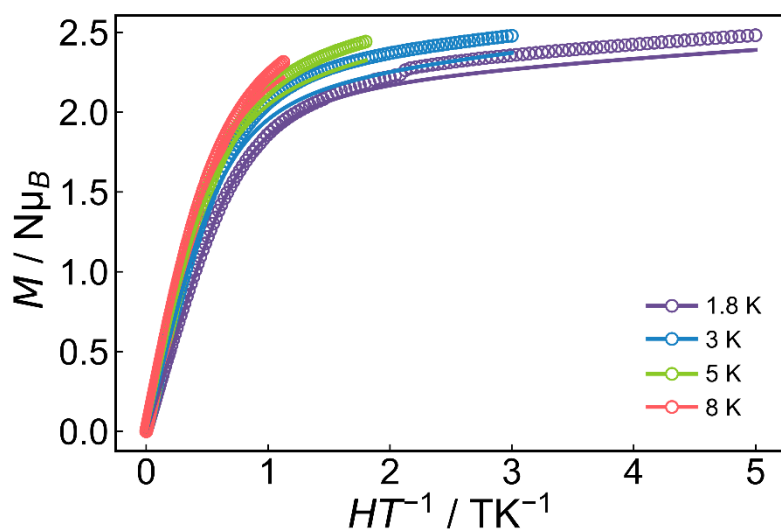
**Figure S3.** Complex **1** Co(II) site main axis orientation as arising from *ab-initio* computations; *D*-tensor (black), *g* tensor (blue) and ground state KD *g* tensor (green).



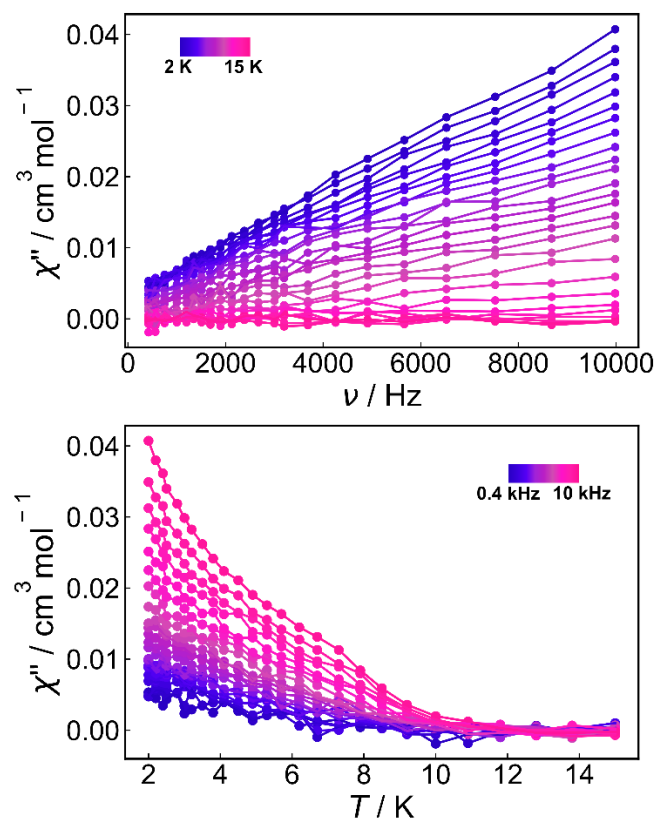
**Figure S4.** Spin density isosurfaces (0.02 a.u.) arising from BS-DFT computation of complex **1** H-bonded dimeric unit; High-spin (HS) left, Broken-Symmetry (BS), right.



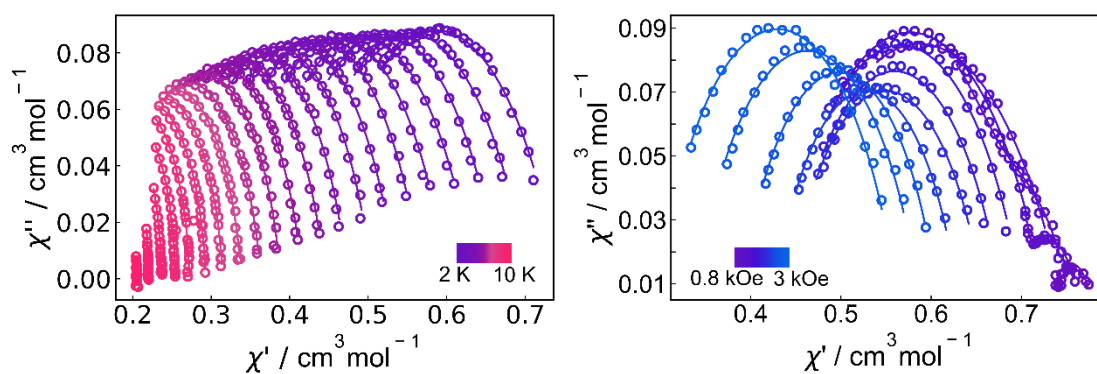
**Figure S5.** Magnetic orbitals isosurfaces (0.02 a.u.) and overlap integral in terms of COT arising from BS-DFT computation of complex **1** H-bonded dimeric unit.



**Figure S6.** Variable temperature reduced magnetization up to 90 kOe (right) of complex **1**. Open symbols: experimental; full line: best fitting according to Hamiltonian of Eq .4, see text for details.

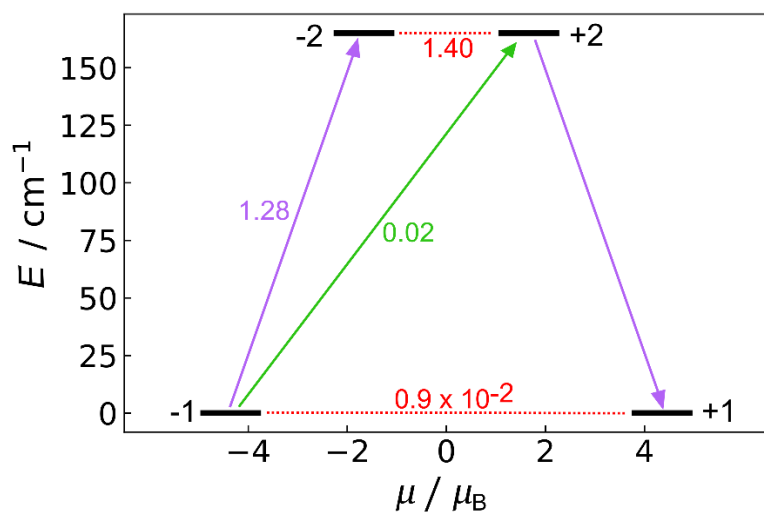


**Figure S7.** AC magnetic susceptibility of complex **1**. Variable temperature data at 300 Oe external DC field. Full symbols: experimental; full line: eye guideline.

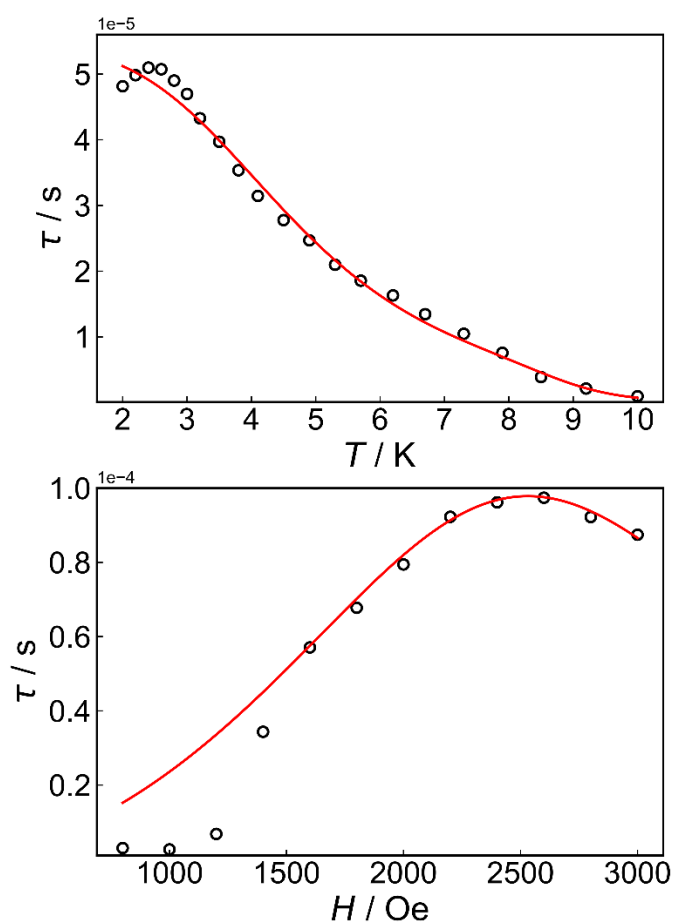


**Figure S8.** Cole-Cole plots of complex **1** AC magnetic susceptibility data. Temperature and frequency sweeping at 1500 Oe DC external field (left); external DC field sweeping at 2 K (right). Open symbols: experimental; full lines: simulated with best fitting parameters arising from the generalized Debye model (see text).



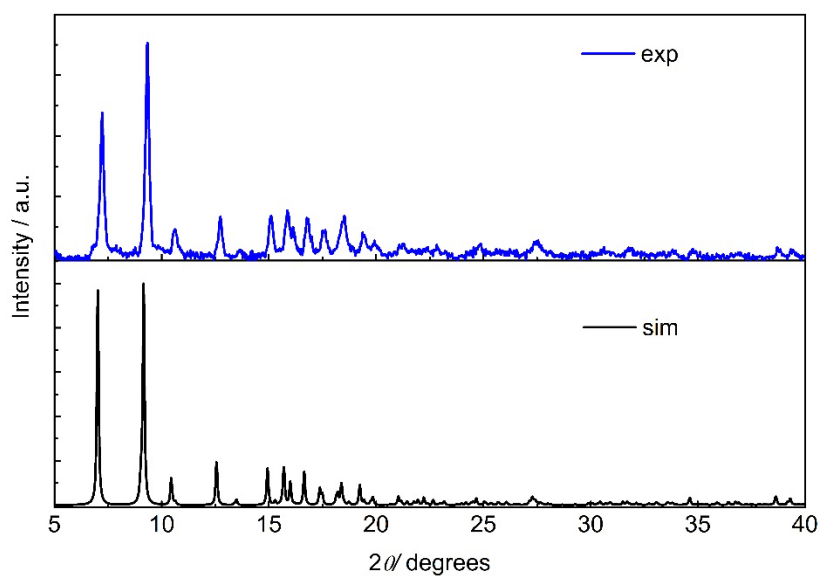


**Figure S9.** *Ab-initio* computed low lying energy levels (two lowest KDs) and transition moment matrix elements showing most probable magnetization relaxation pathway.



**Figure S10.** Complex **1** magnetization characteristic relaxation time temperature dependence at 1500 Oe DC external field (top) and field dependence at 2 K (bottom).

Open symbols: experimental; full line: simulation with best simultaneous fitting parameters according to Eq. 5 (see text for details).



**Figure S11.** Powder X-ray diffractogram of complex **1** at room temperature. Top: experimental data; bottom: simulated data from single crystal X-ray refinement.