

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Multifunctionality of the $[C_2mim][Ln(fod)_4]$ series (Ln = Nd-Tm except Pm): Magnetic, Luminescent and Thermochemical studies

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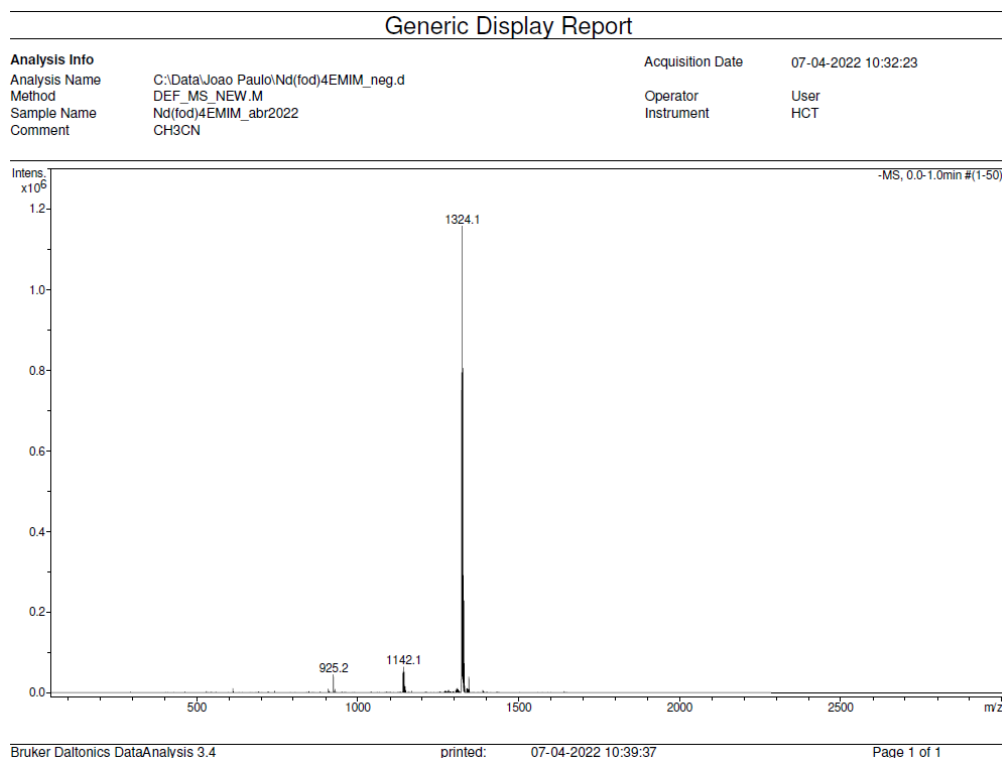
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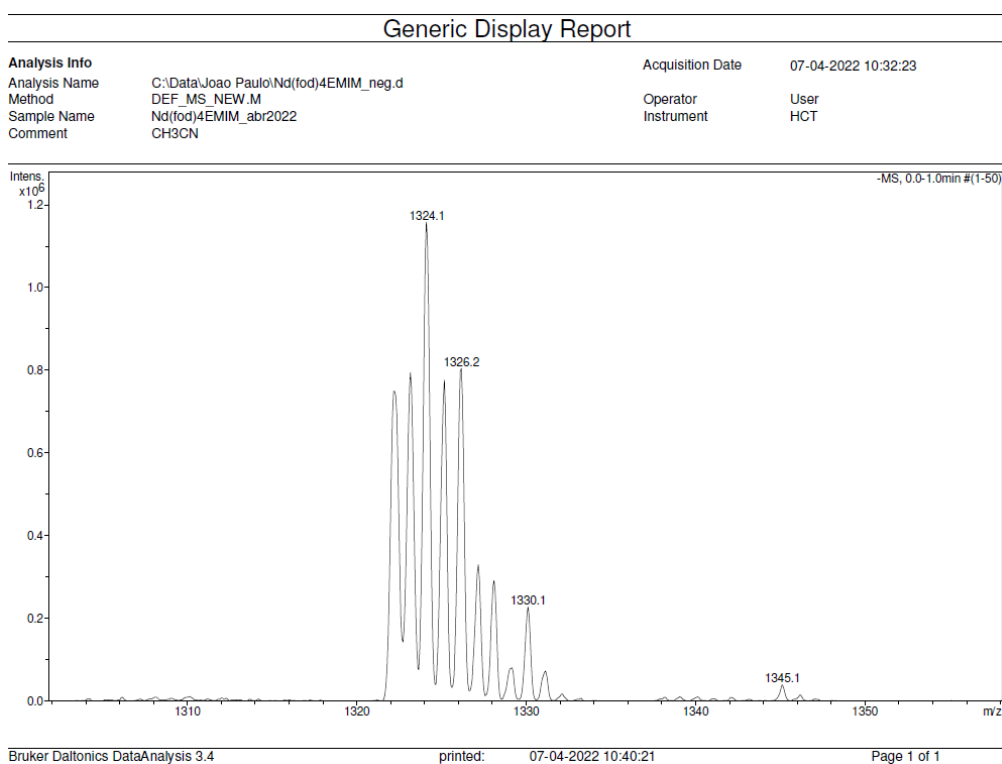
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## 1) ESI-MS

ESI-MS analysis of compounds  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Eu}(\text{fod})_4]$  and  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tb}(\text{fod})_4]$  were presented in ref. 10 and 29 of the main manuscript, respectively. Additionally, we made more 5 for control.



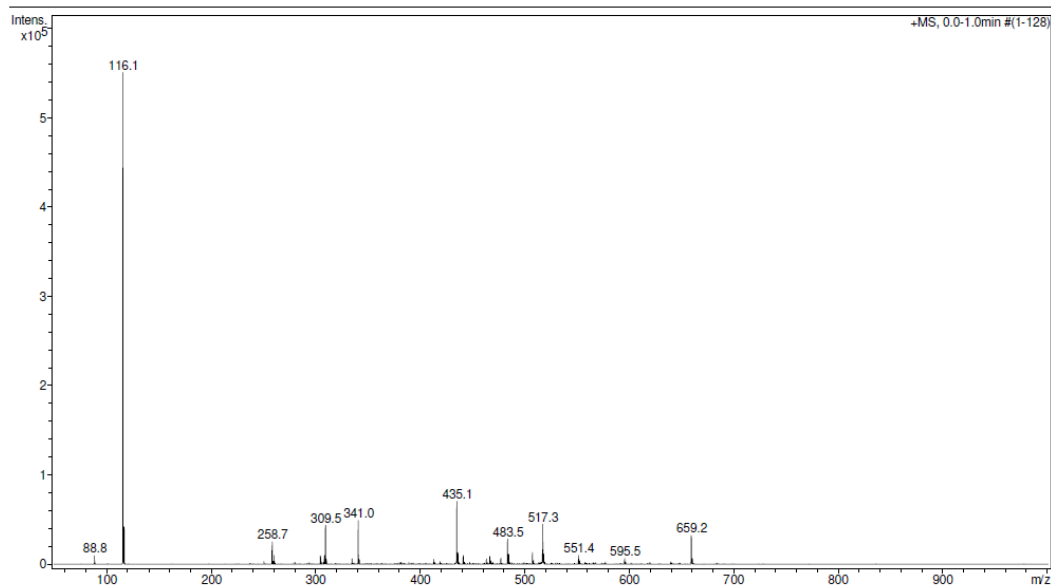
**Figure S1.** ESI-MS analysis of  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Nd}(\text{fod})_4]$  in acetonitrile, negative mode.



**Figure S2.** Expanded ESI-MS analysis of  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Nd}(\text{fod})_4]$  in acetonitrile, negative mode.

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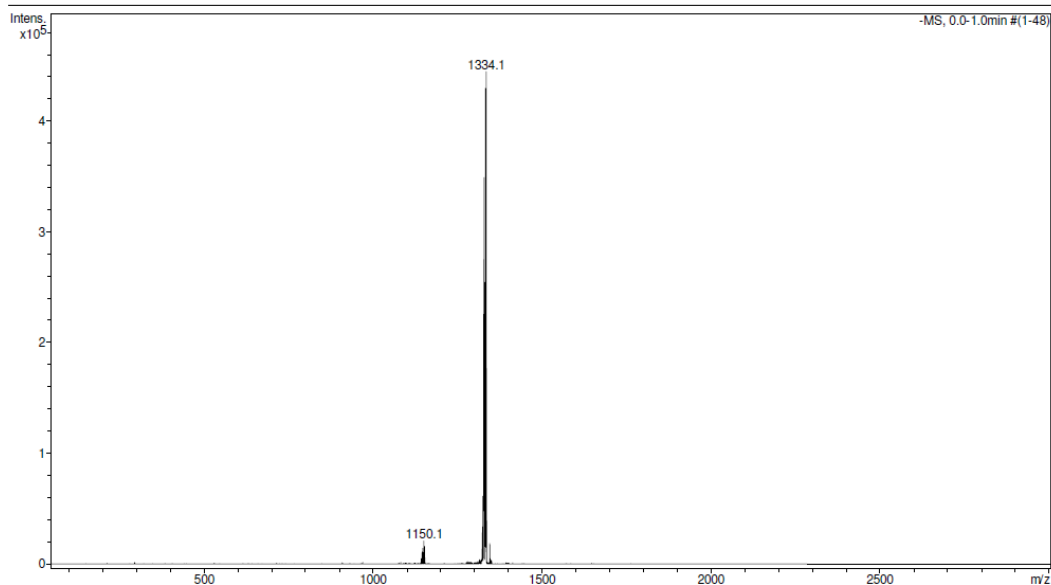
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**Figure S3.** ESI-MS analysis of [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Nd(fod)<sub>4</sub>] in acetonitrile, positive mode.

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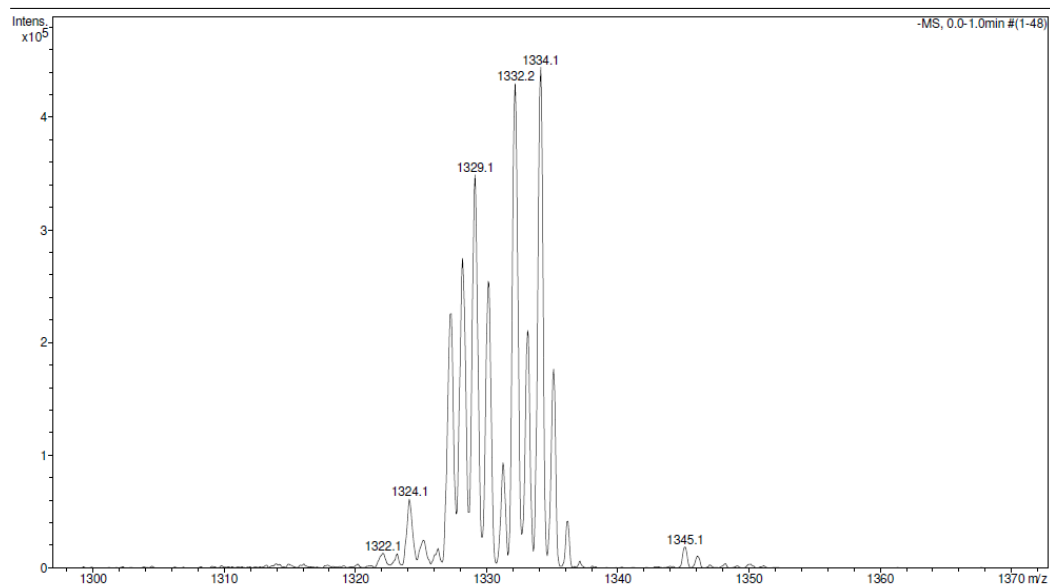
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**Figure S4.** ESI-MS analysis of [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Sm(fod)<sub>4</sub>] in acetonitrile, negative mode.

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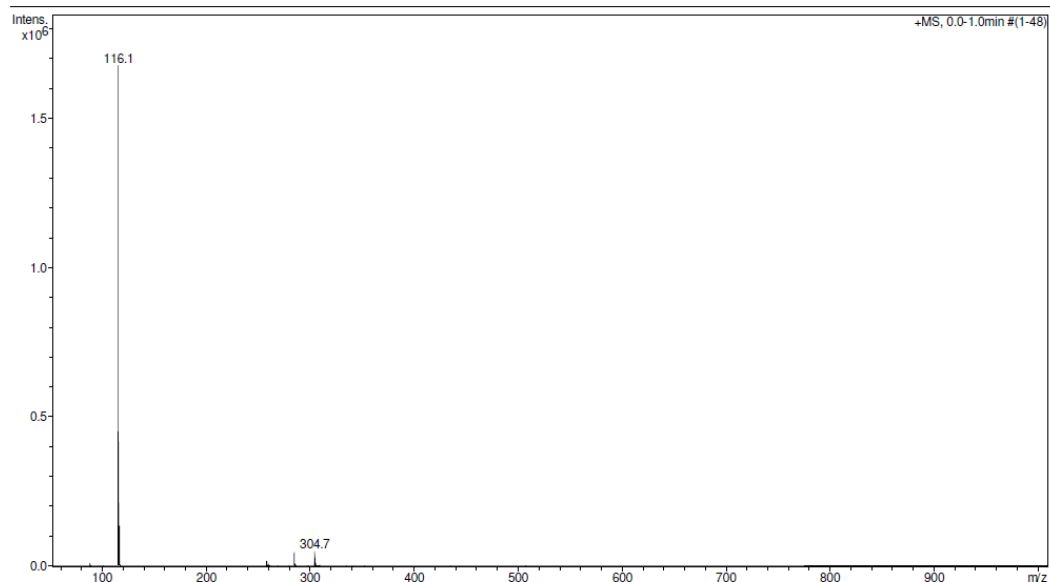


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**Figure S5.** Expanded ESI-MS analysis of [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Sm(fod)<sub>4</sub>] in acetonitrile, negative mode.

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**Figure S6.** ESI-MS analysis of [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Sm(fod)<sub>4</sub>] in acetonitrile, positive mode.

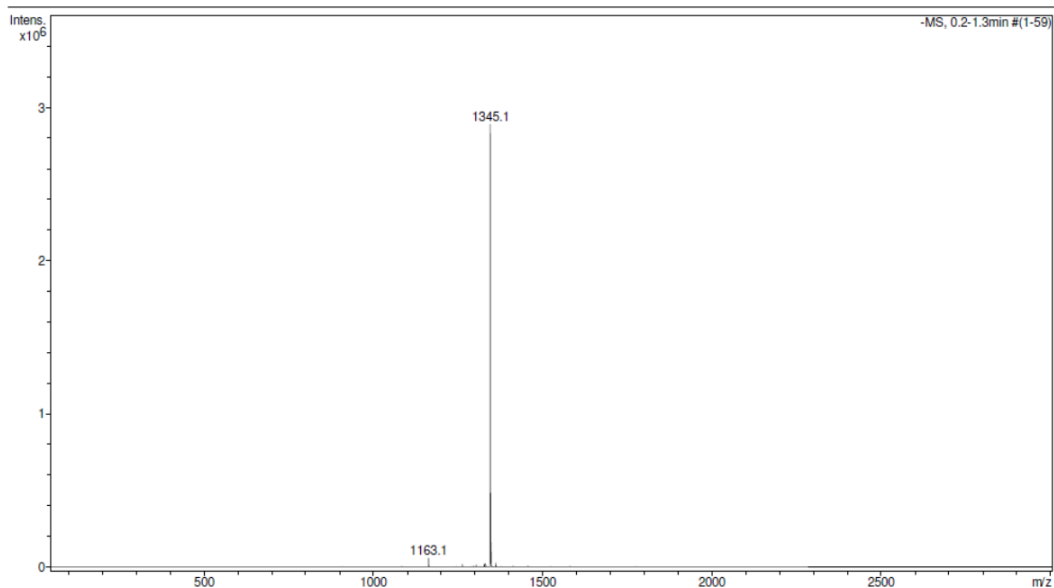
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**Figure S7.** Expanded ESI-MS analysis of [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Ho(fod)<sub>4</sub>] in acetonitrile, negative mode.

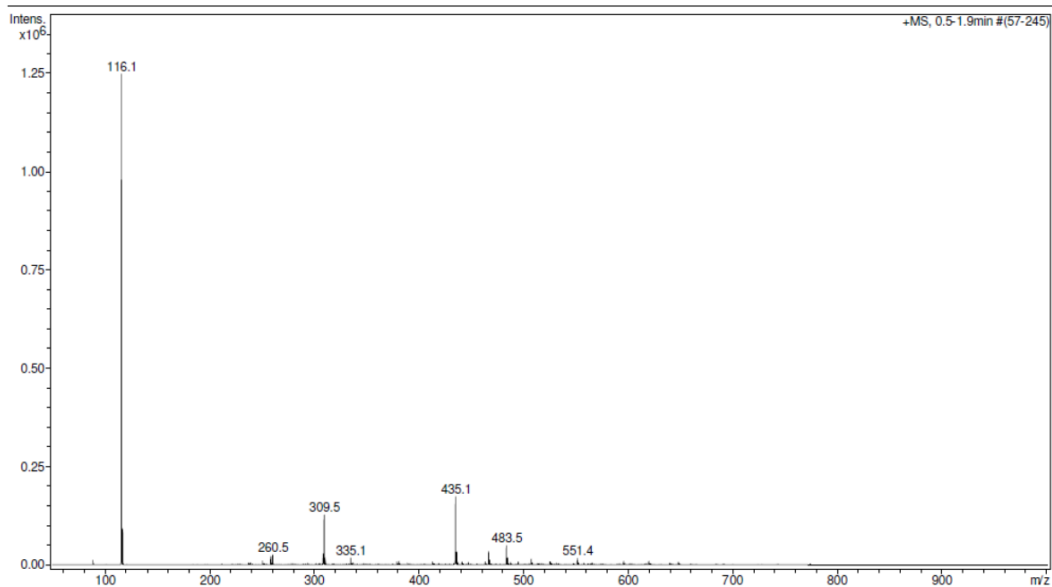
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**Figure S8.** Expanded ESI-MS analysis of [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Ho(fod)<sub>4</sub>] in acetonitrile, positive mode.

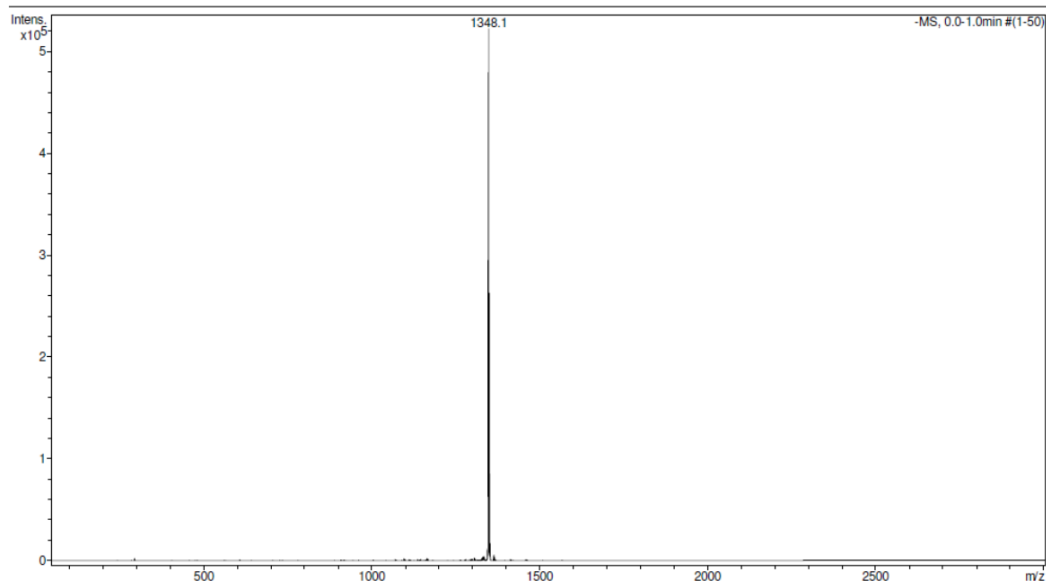
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**Figure S9.** ESI-MS analysis of  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Er}(\text{fod})_4]$  in acetonitrile, negative mode.

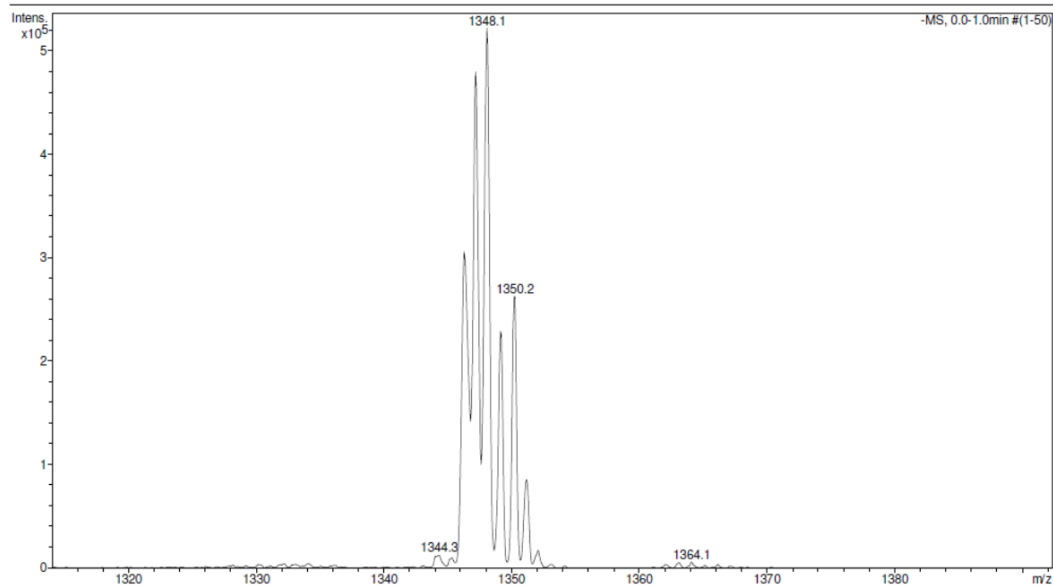
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**Figure S10.** Expanded ESI-MS analysis of  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Er}(\text{fod})_4]$  in acetonitrile, negative mode.

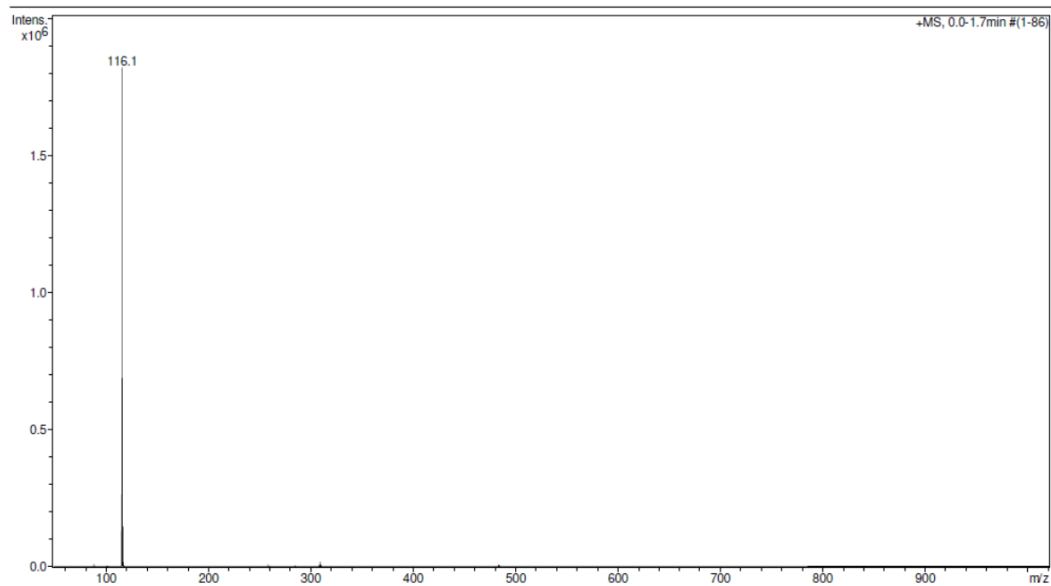
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**Figure S11.** ESI-MS analysis of [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Er(fod)<sub>4</sub>] in acetonitrile, positive mode.



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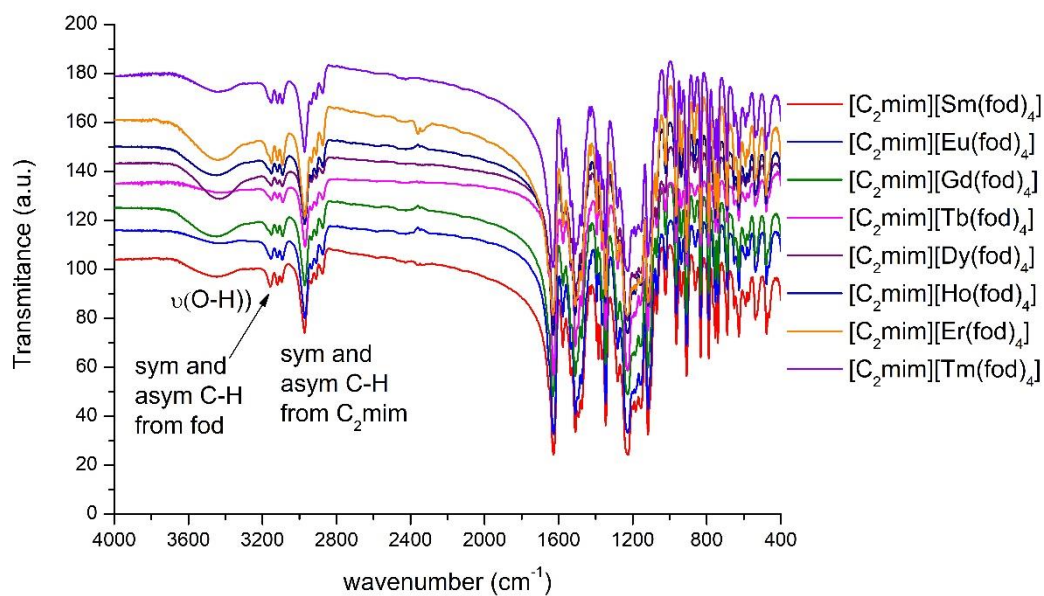


Figure S12. FT-IR spectra for compounds 2-9 in the 400 - 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  range.

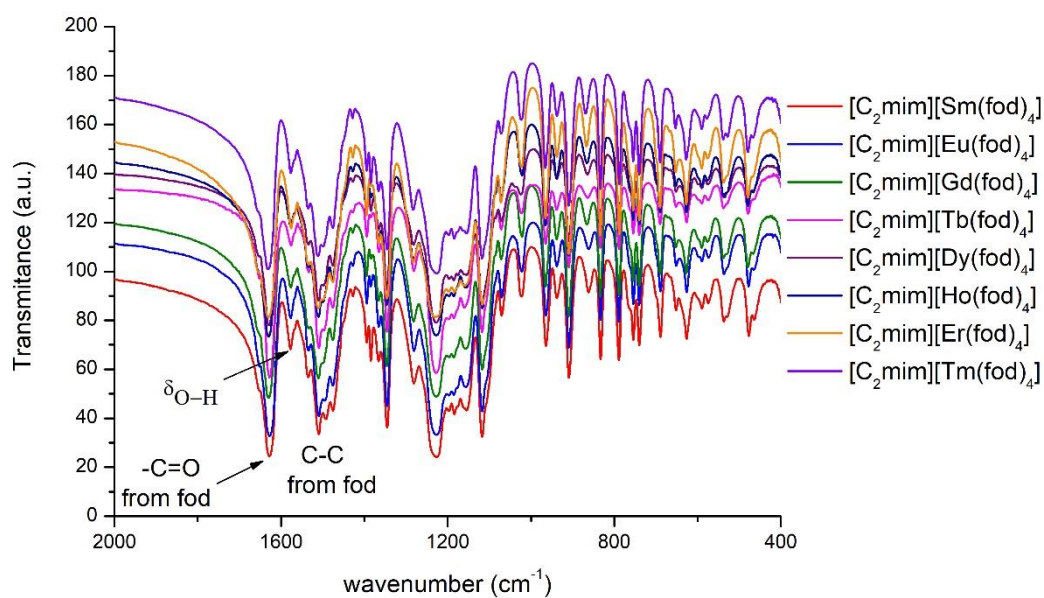
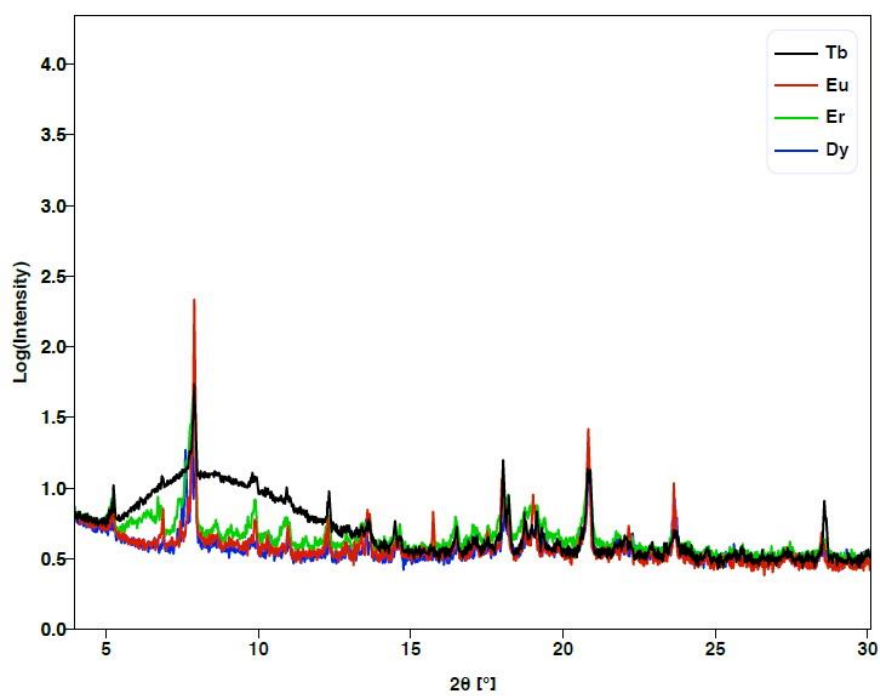


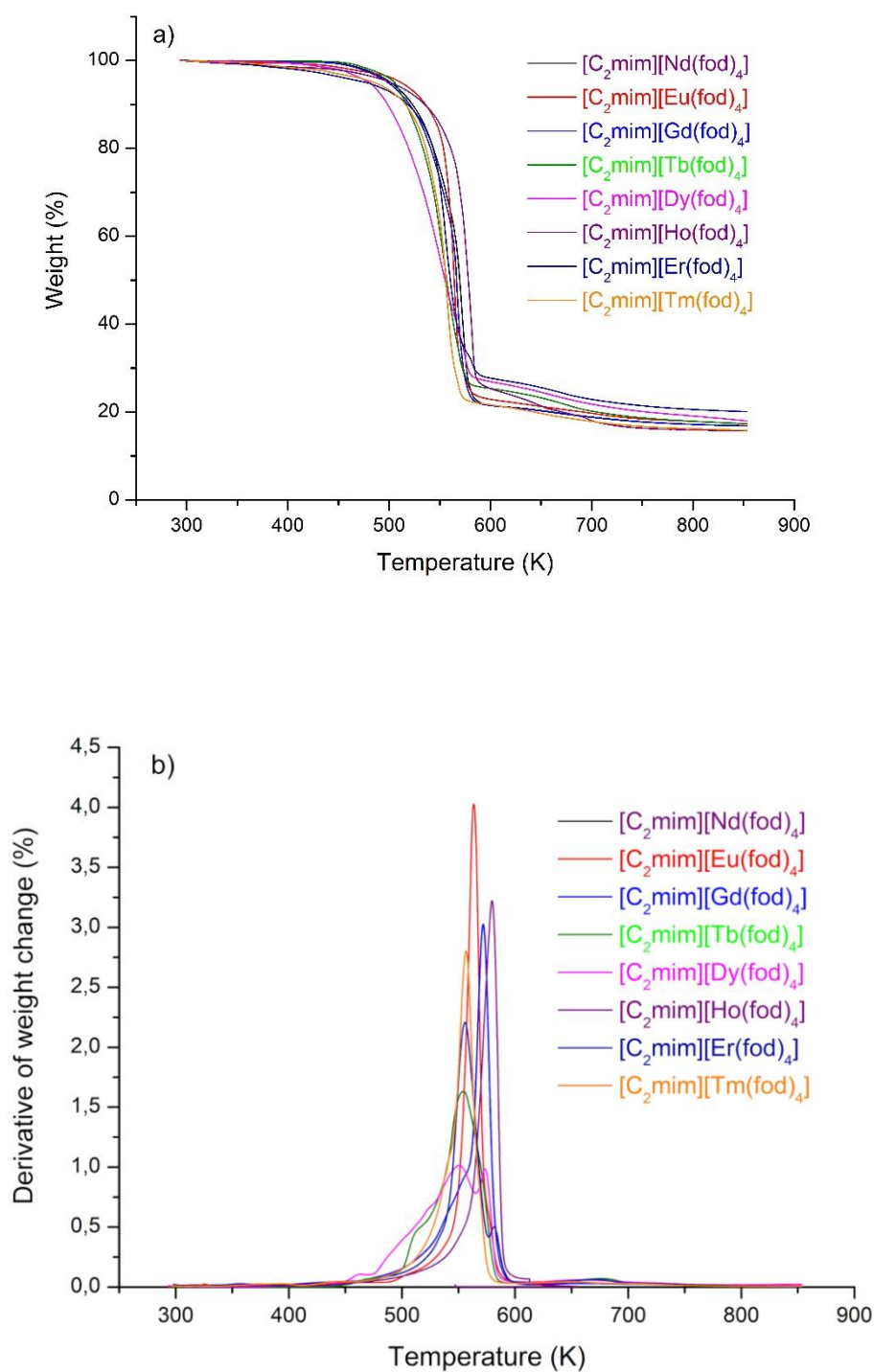
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## 2) Powder X-ray diffraction studies



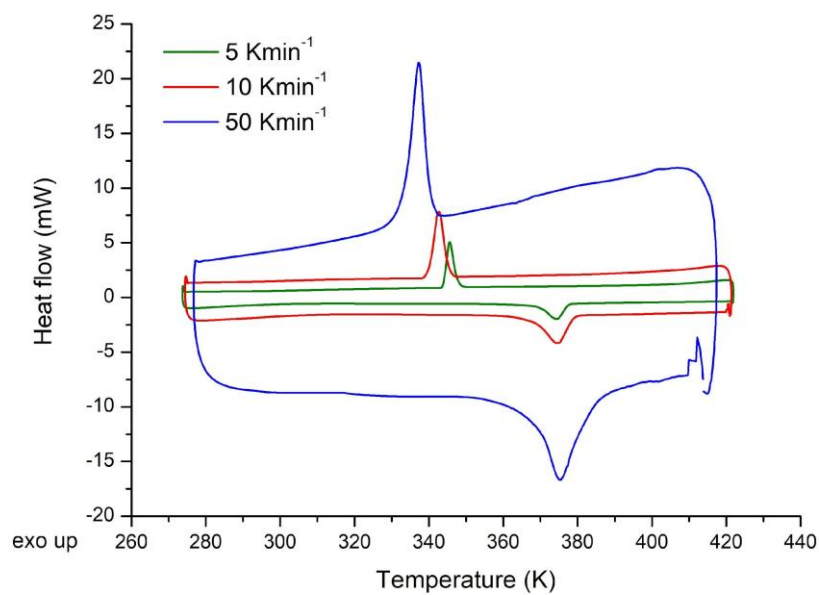
**Figure S14.** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns made with crystals of the Eu (3), Tb (5), Dy (6) and Er (8) compounds.

### 3) Thermogravimetry

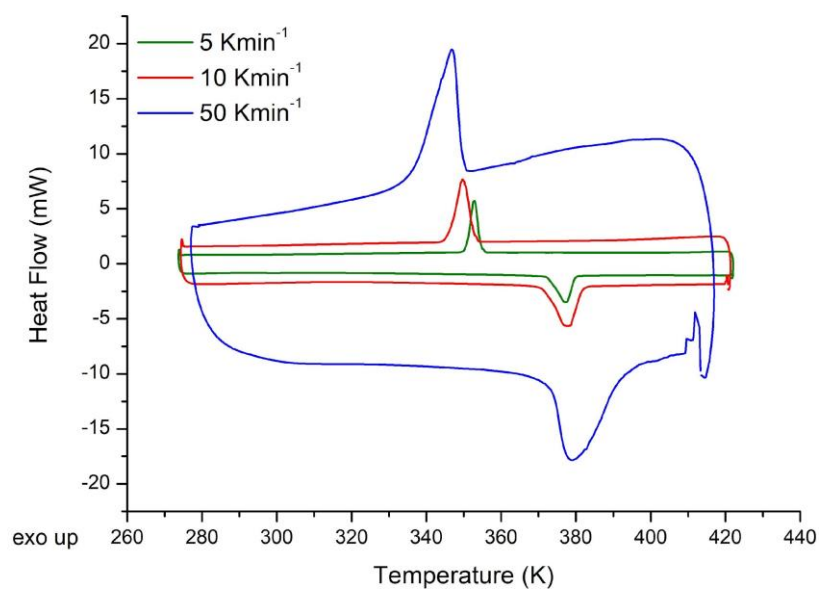


**Figure S15.** (a) Thermogravimetric analysis for compounds **1,3-9** between 293 and 858 K and (b) the derivative of the weight change of the Thermogravimetric results.

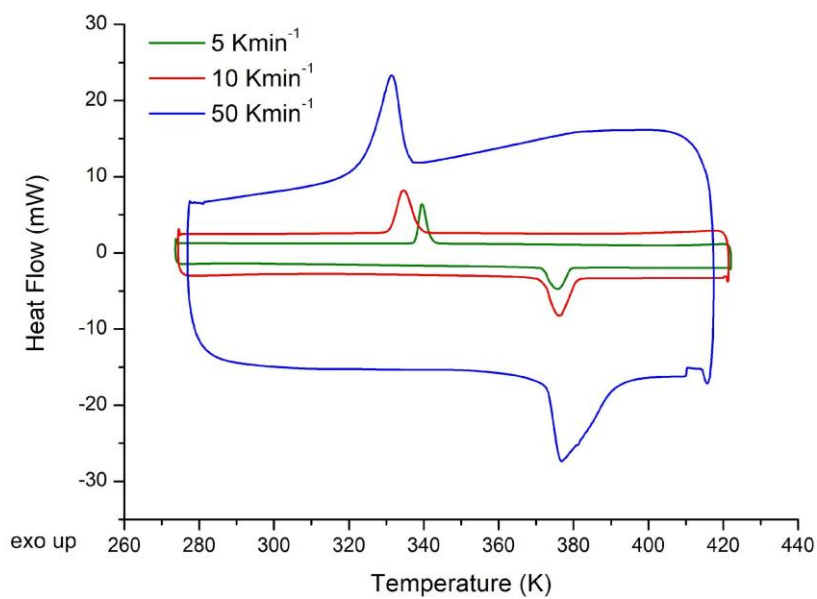
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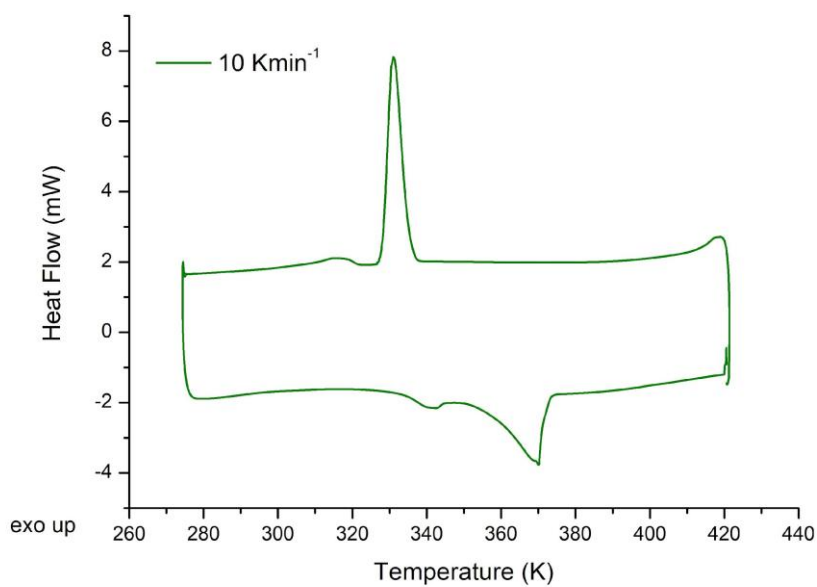
**Figure S16.** DSC analysis for the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Nd(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (1) compound in the range 273-423 K with a scanning rate of 5 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (green), 10 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (red) and 50 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (blue).



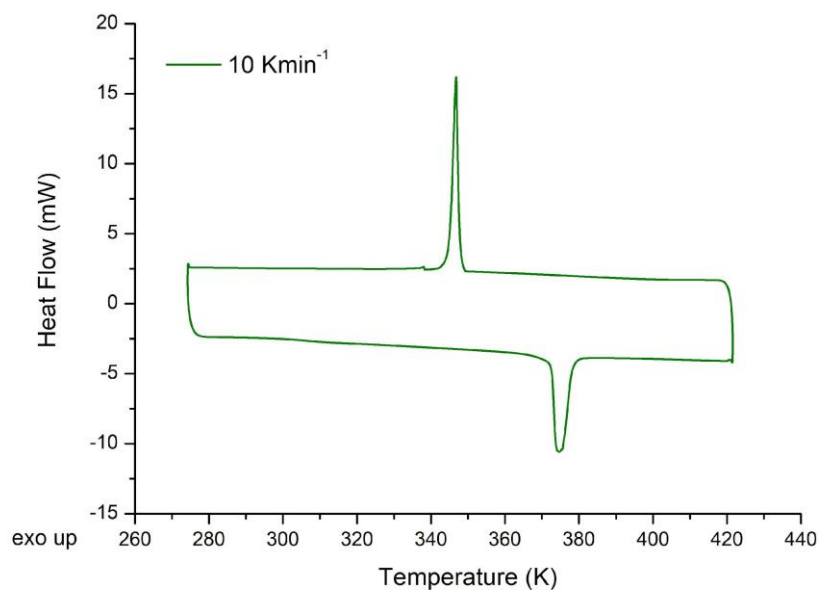
**Figure S17.** DSC analysis for the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Sm(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (2) compound in the range 273-423 K with a scanning rate of 5 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (green), 10 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (red) and 50 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (blue).



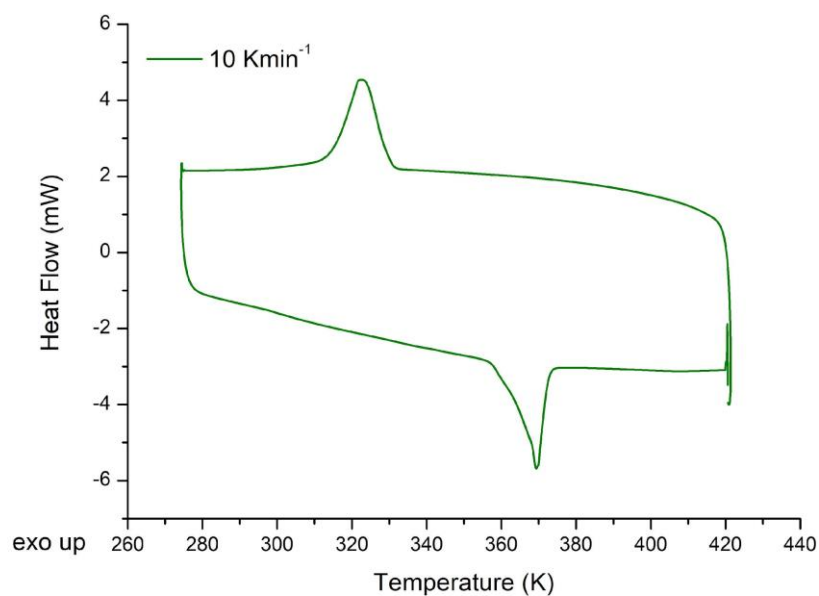
**Figure S18.** DSC analysis for the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Eu(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (**3**) compound in the range 273-423 K with a scanning rate of 5 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (green), 10 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (red) and 50 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (blue).



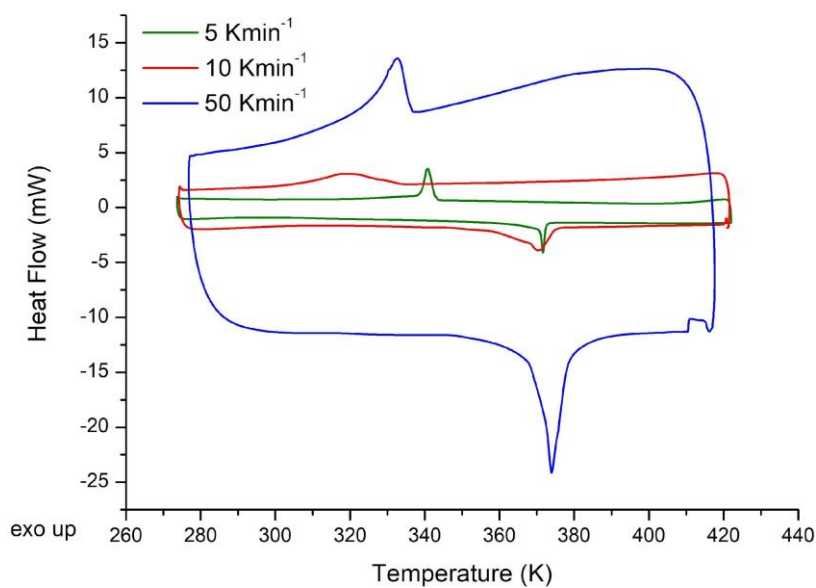
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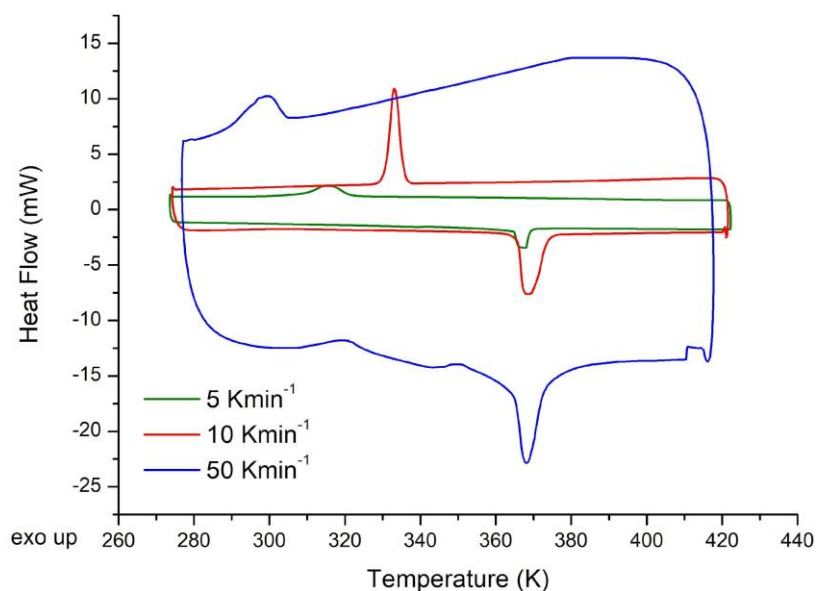
**Figure S20.** DSC analysis for the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Tb(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (5) compound in the range 273-423 K with a scanning rate of 10 Kmin<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S21.** DSC analysis for the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Ho(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (7) compound in the range 273-423 K with a scanning rate of 10 Kmin<sup>-1</sup>.

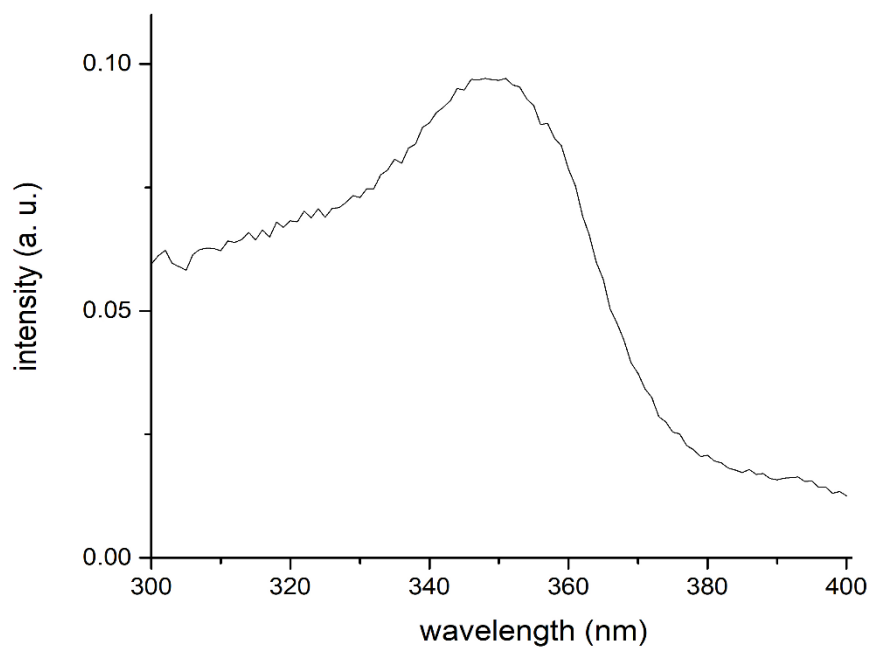


**Figure S22.** DSC analysis for the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Er(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (8) compound in the range 273-423 K with a scanning rate of 5 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (green), 10 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (red) and 50 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (blue).

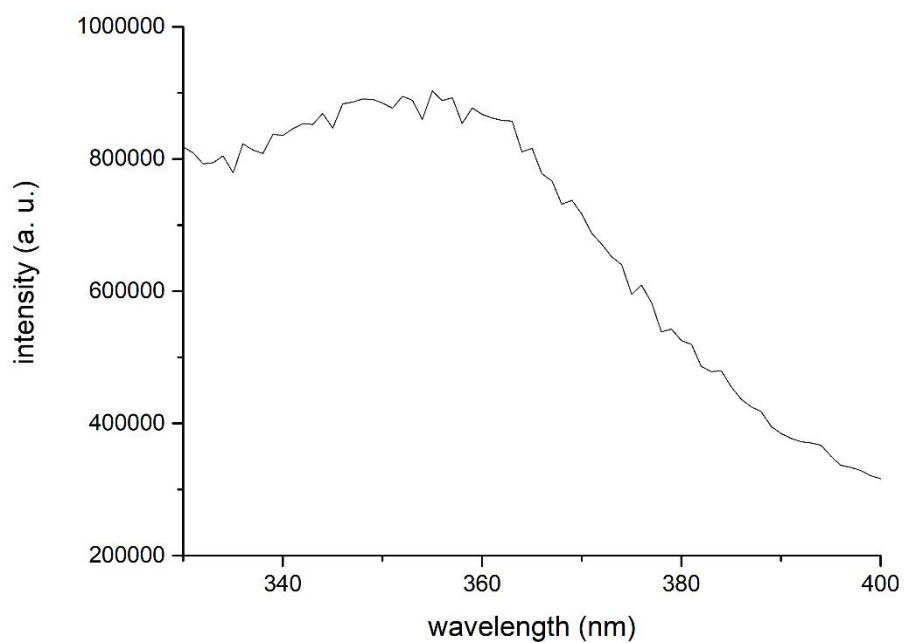


**Figure S23.** DSC analysis for the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Tm(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (9) compound in the range 273-423 K with a scanning rate of 5 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (green), 10 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (red) and 50 Kmin<sup>-1</sup> (blue).

## 5) Excitation spectra

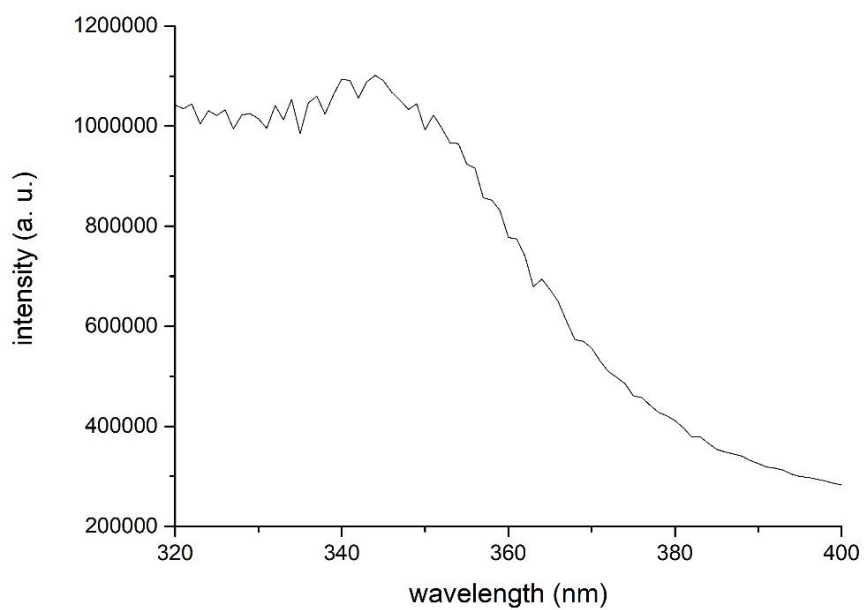


**Figure S24.** Excitation spectrum of the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Nd(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (1) compound.

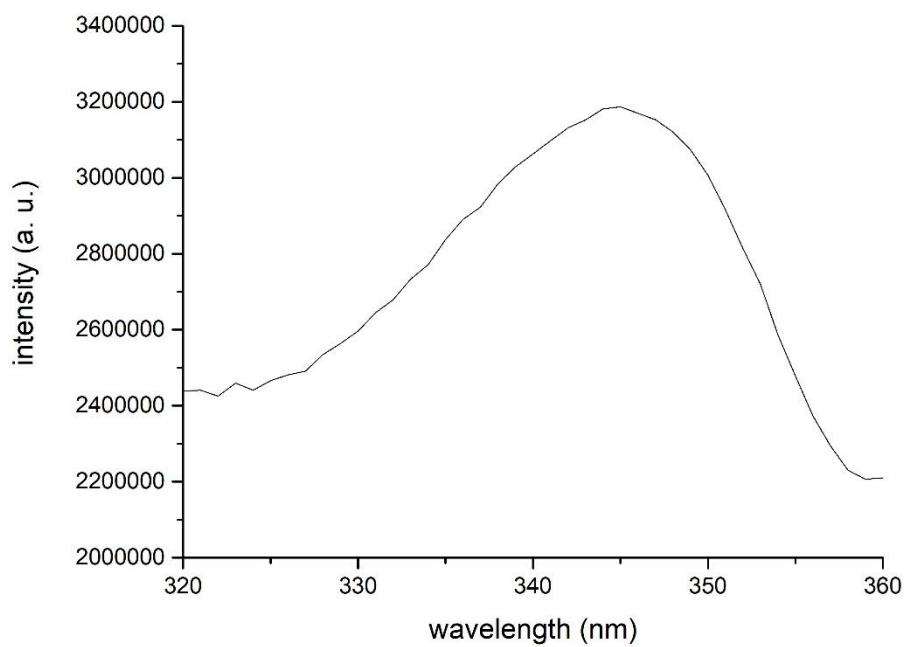


**Figure S25.** Excitation spectrum of the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Eu(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (3) compound.

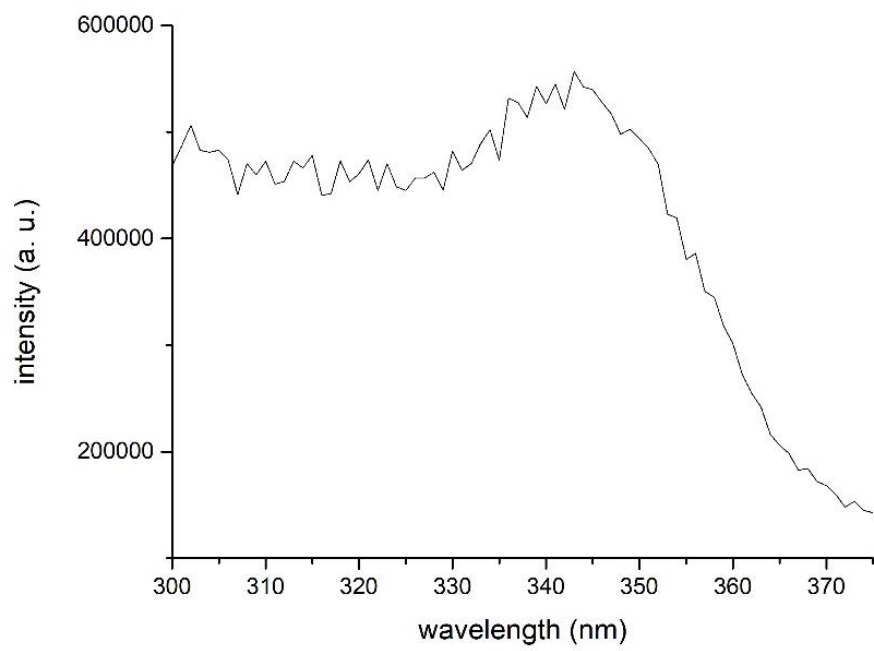




**Figure S26.** Excitation spectrum of the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Tb(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (5) compound.

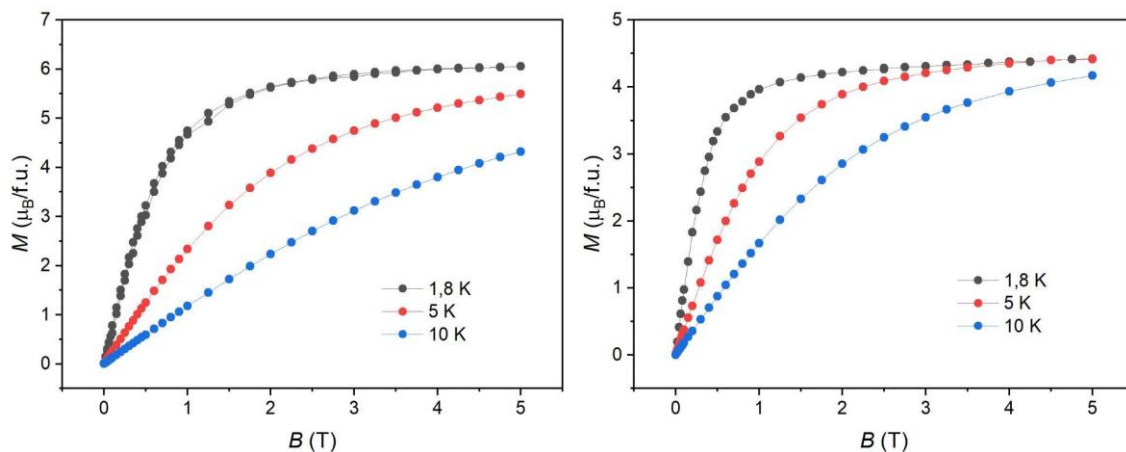


**Figure S27.** Excitation spectrum of the [C<sub>2</sub>mim][Dy(fod)<sub>4</sub>] (6) compound.

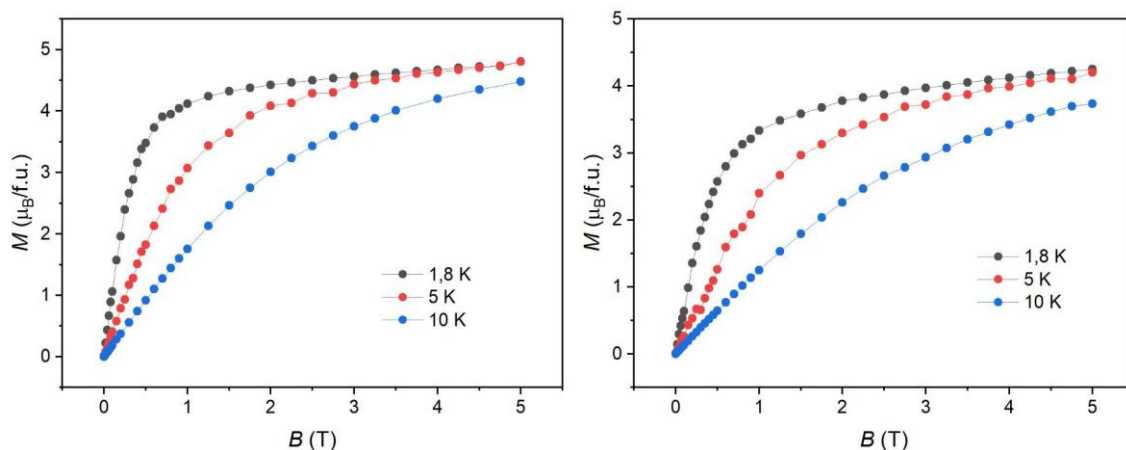


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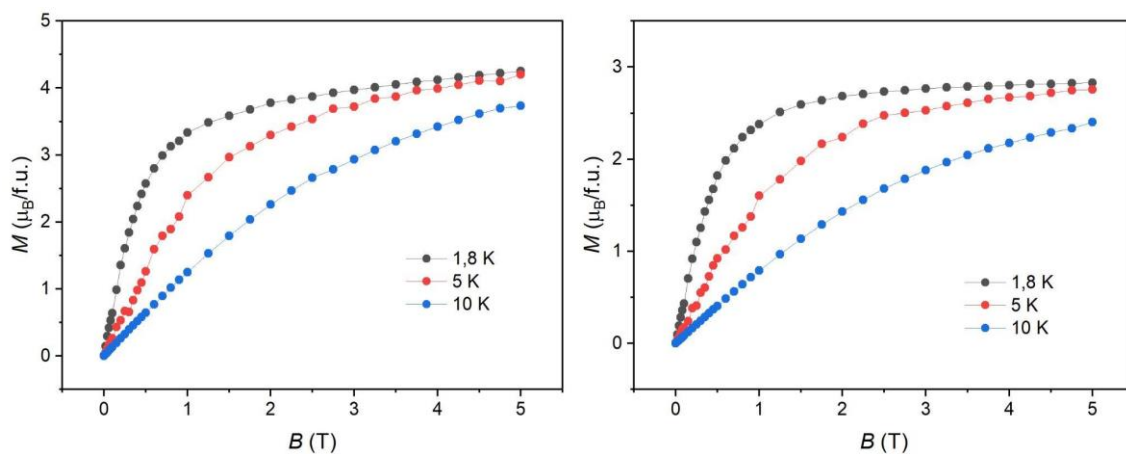
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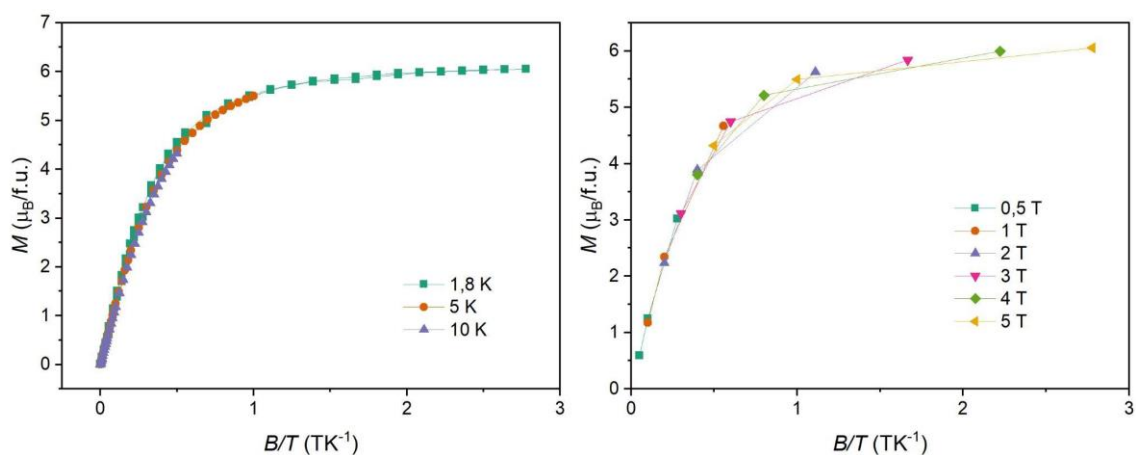
**Figure S29.** Field dependence of the magnetization at several temperatures for (left)  $[C_2mim][Gd(fod)_4]$  (4) and (right)  $[C_2mim][Tb(fod)_4]$  (5).



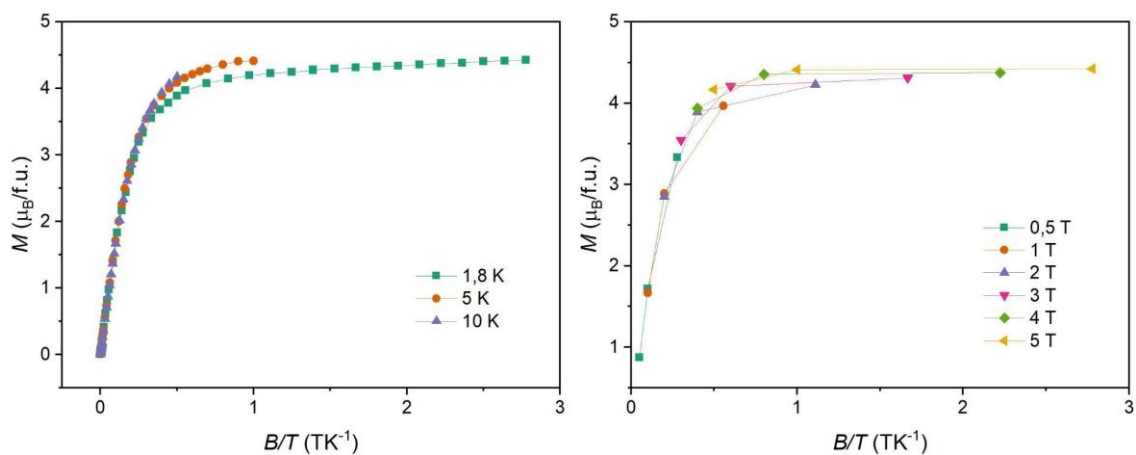
**Figure S30.** Field dependence of the magnetization at several temperatures for (left)  $[C_2mim][Dy(fod)_4]$  (6) and (right)  $[C_2mim][Ho(fod)_4]$  (7).



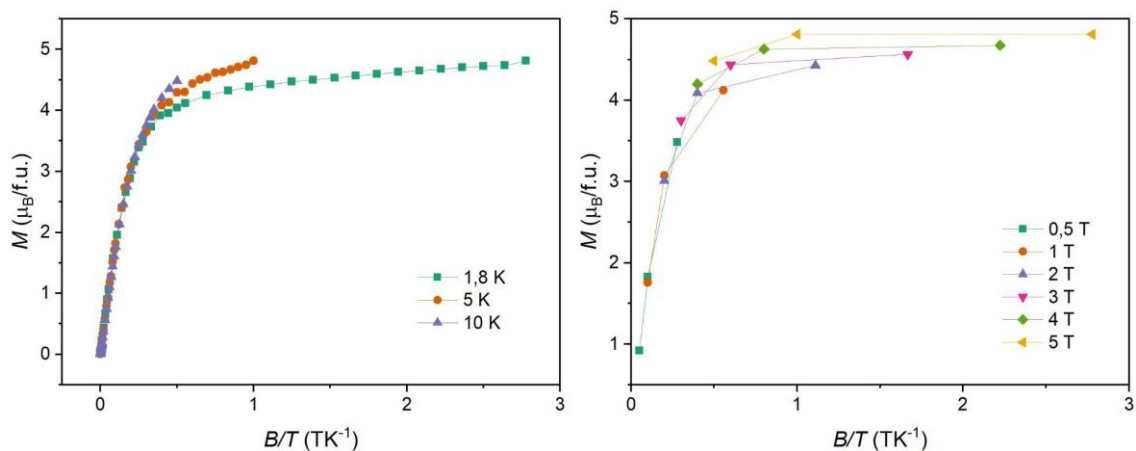
**Figure S31.** Field dependence of the magnetization at several temperatures for (left)  $[C_2mim][Er(fod)_4]$  (8) and (right)  $[C_2mim][Tm(fod)_4]$  (9).



**Figure S32.** Reduced magnetization plots for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Gd}(\text{fod})_4]$  (4).



**Figure S33.** Reduced magnetization plots for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tb}(\text{fod})_4]$  (5).



**Figure S34.** Reduced magnetization plots for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Dy}(\text{fod})_4]$  (6).

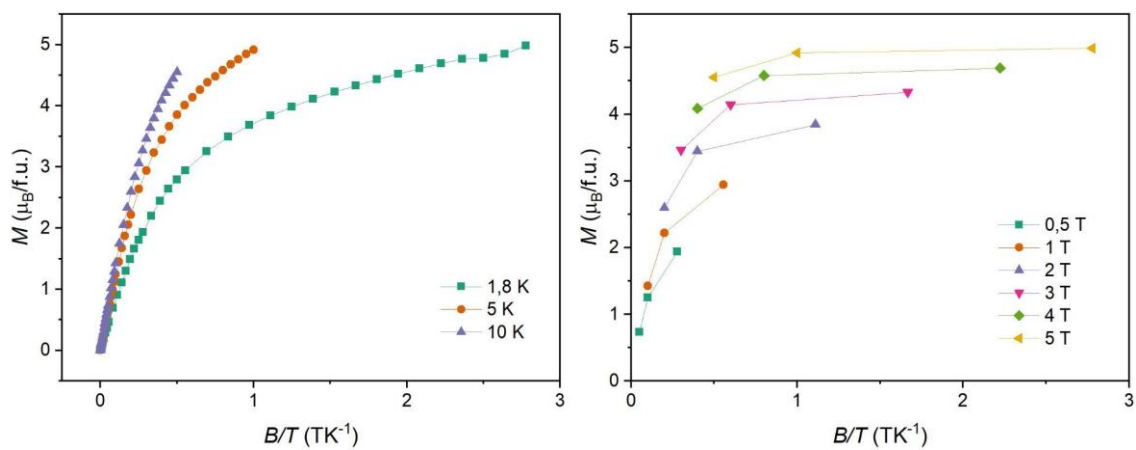


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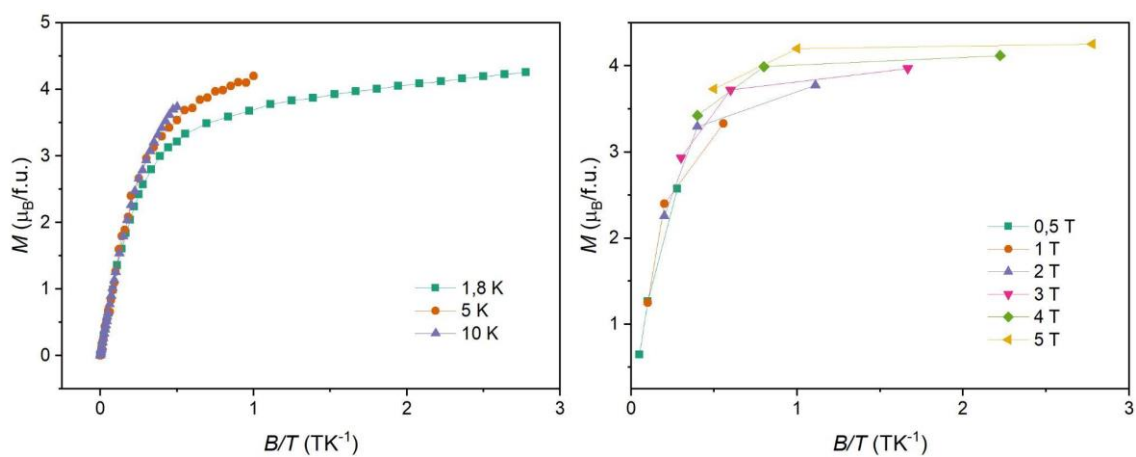


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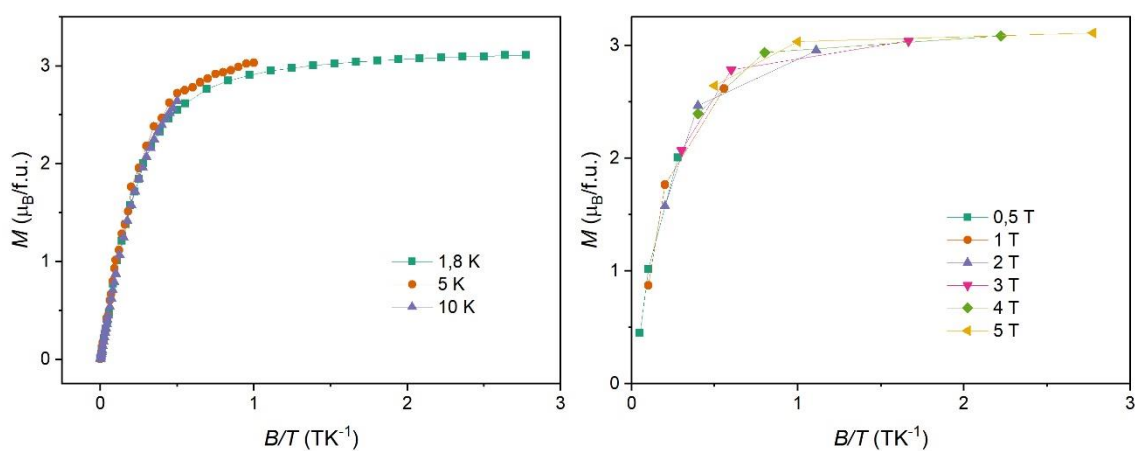
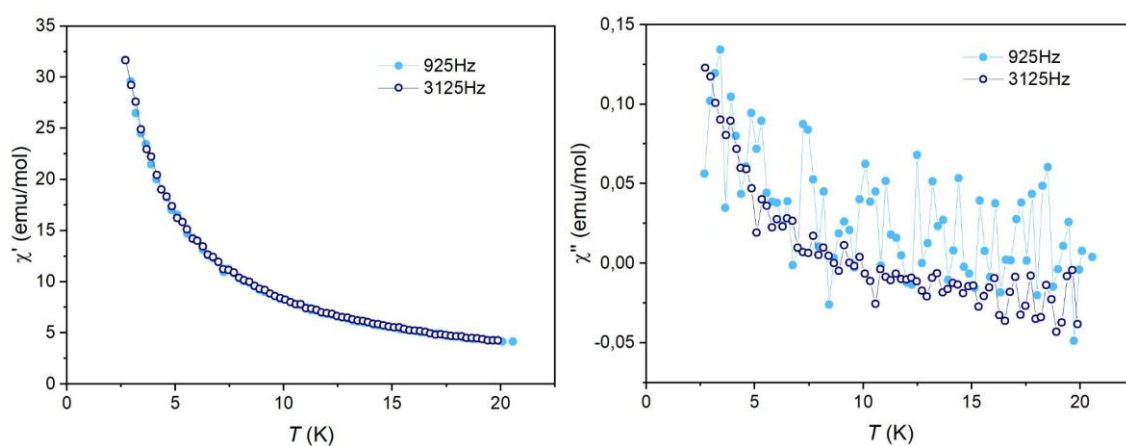
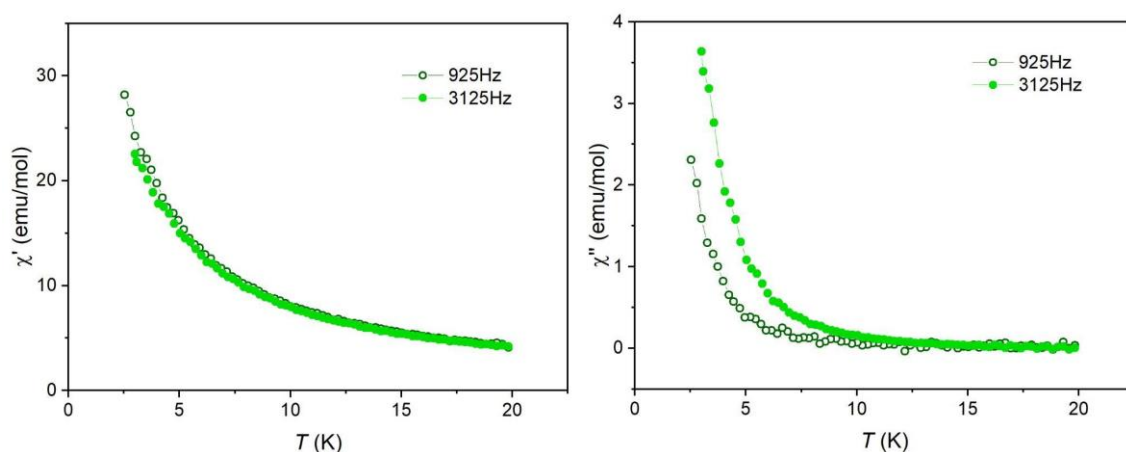


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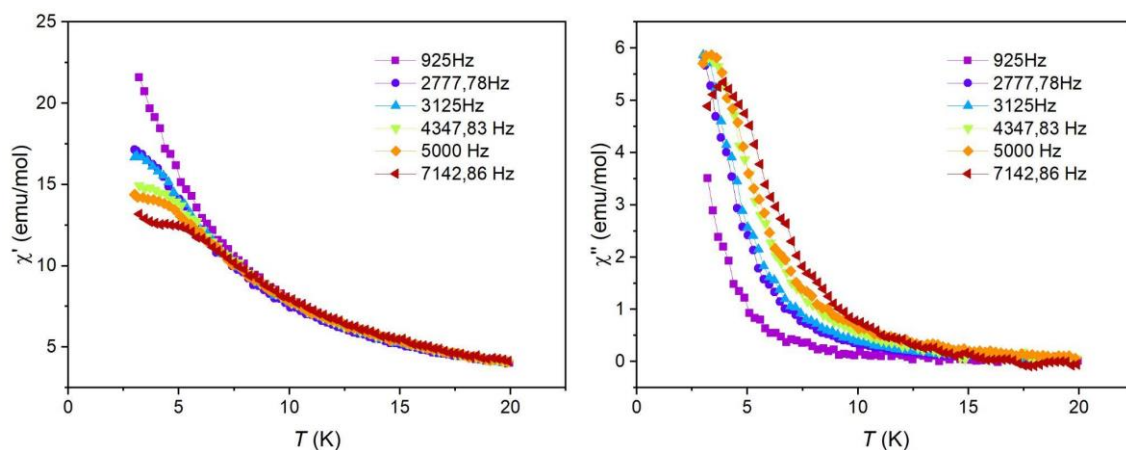
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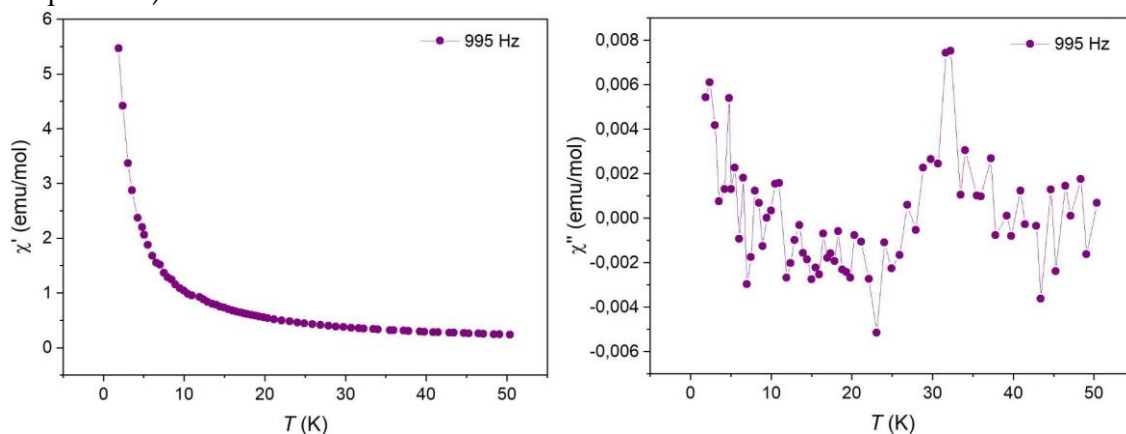
**Figure S38.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Gd}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**4**), collected at different AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 0$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 1$  Oe (925 Hz), 3 Oe (3125 Hz).



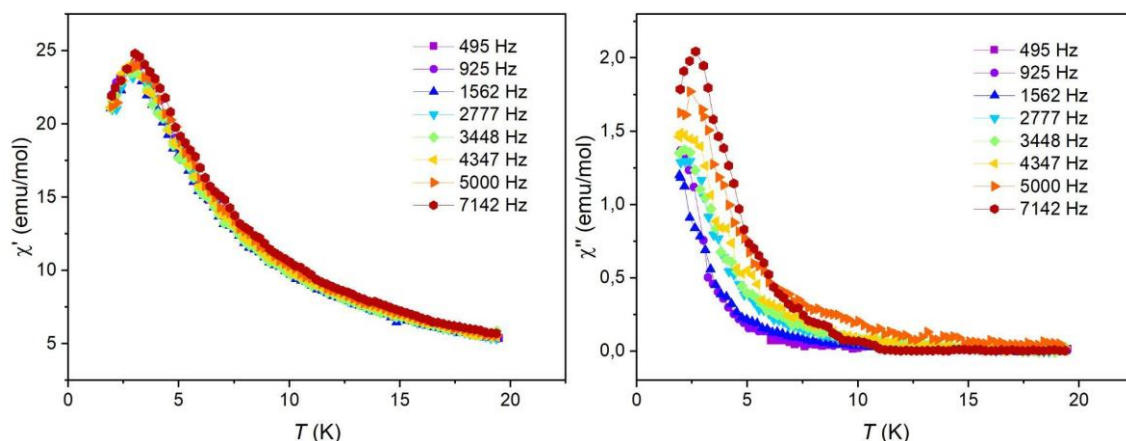
**Figure S39.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Gd}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**4**), collected at different AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 1500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 1$  Oe (925 Hz), 3 Oe (3125 Hz).



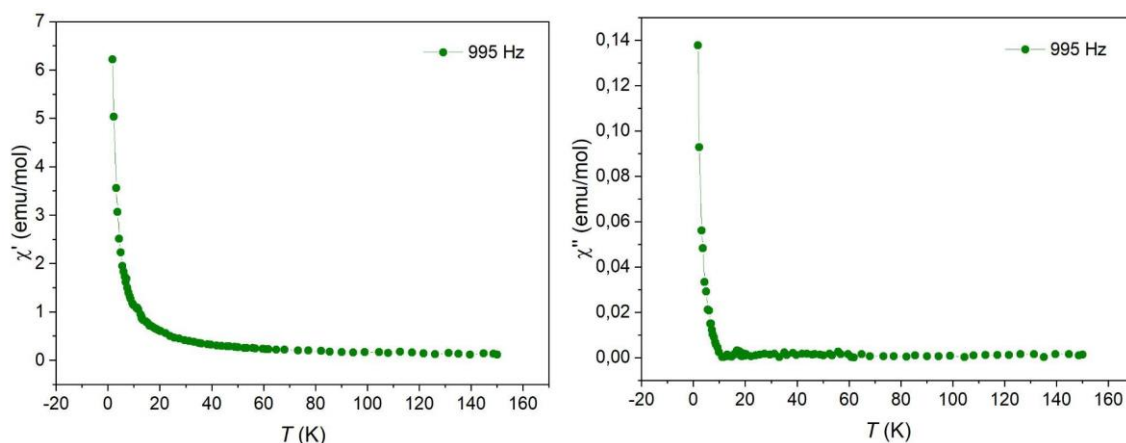
**Figure S40.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Gd}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**4**), collected at different AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 2500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 1$  Oe (925 Hz), 3 Oe (remaining frequencies).



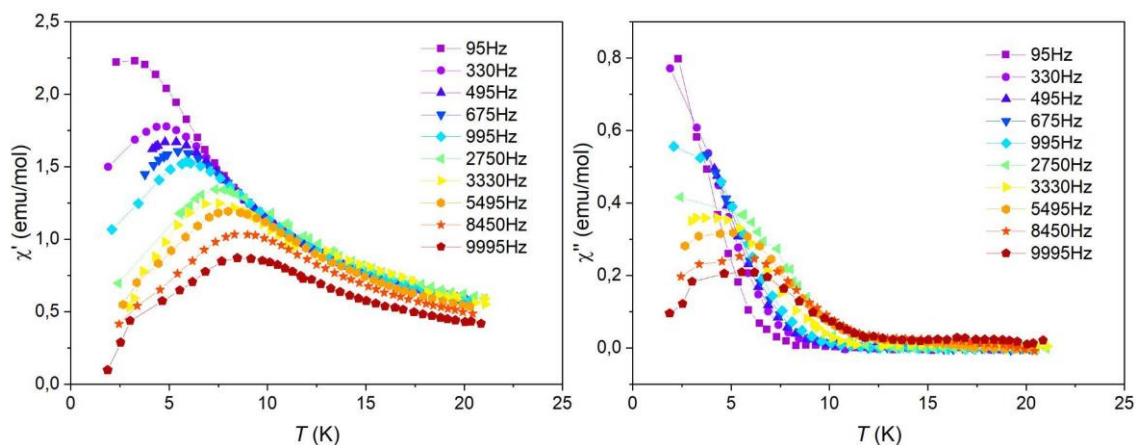
**Figure S41.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tb}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**5**), collected at AC frequency of 995 Hz under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 0$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



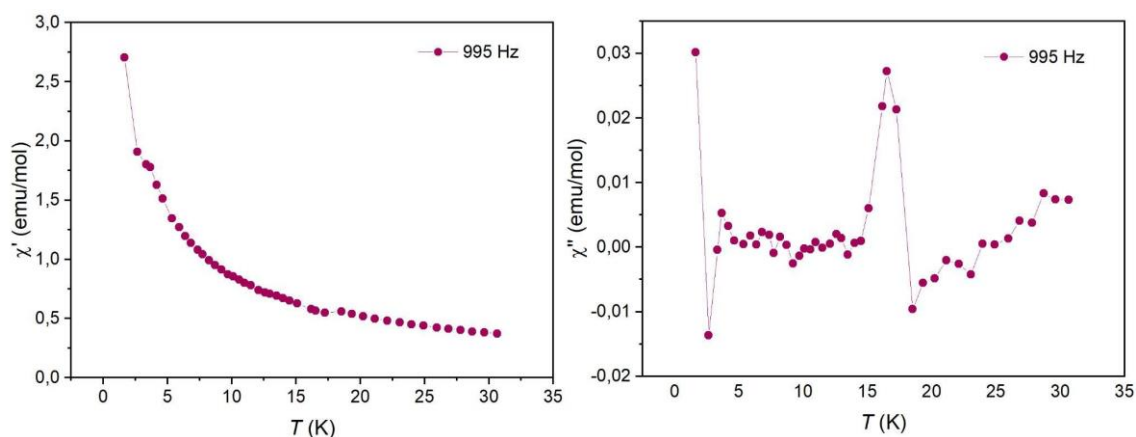
**Figure S42.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tb}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**5**), collected at different AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 2500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 3$  Oe.



**Figure S43.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Dy}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**6**), collected at AC frequency of 995 Hz under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 0$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.

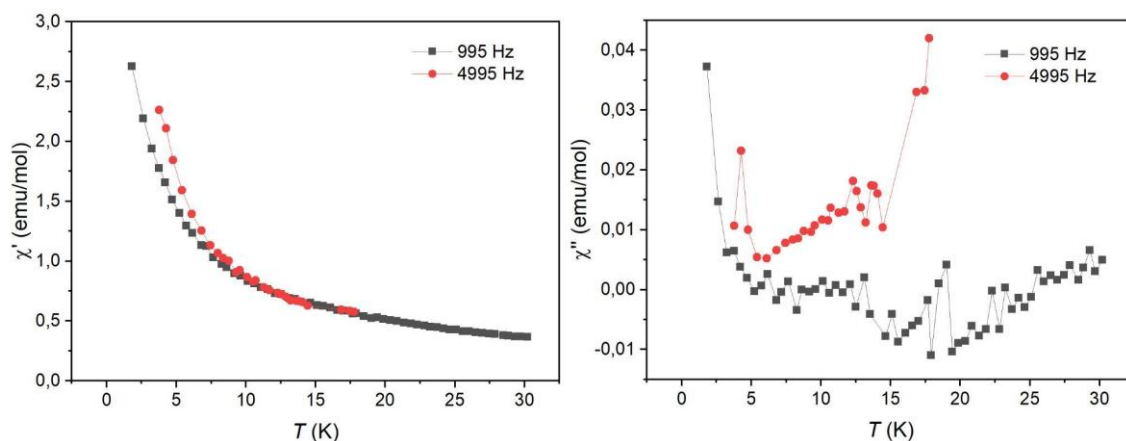


**Figure S44.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Dy}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**6**), collected at several AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 1500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.

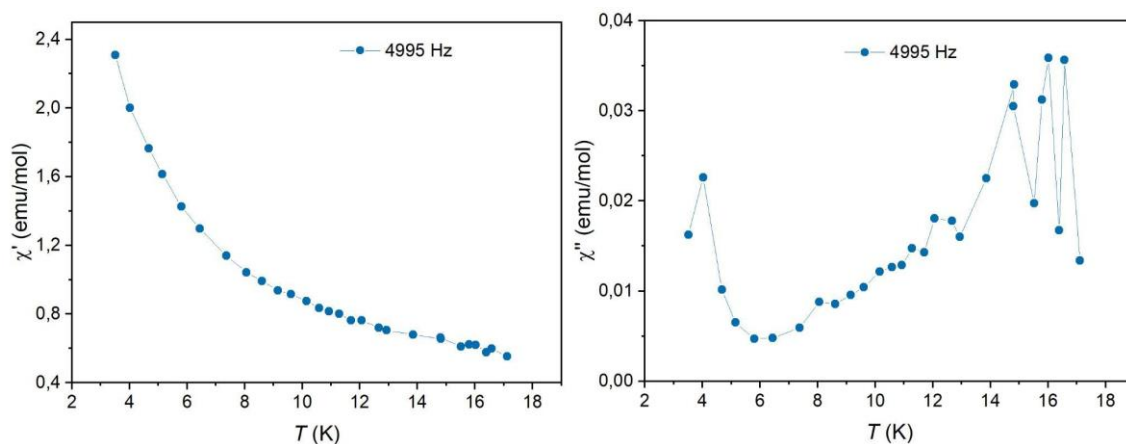


**Figure S45.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Ho}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**7**), collected at AC frequency of 995 Hz under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 0$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.

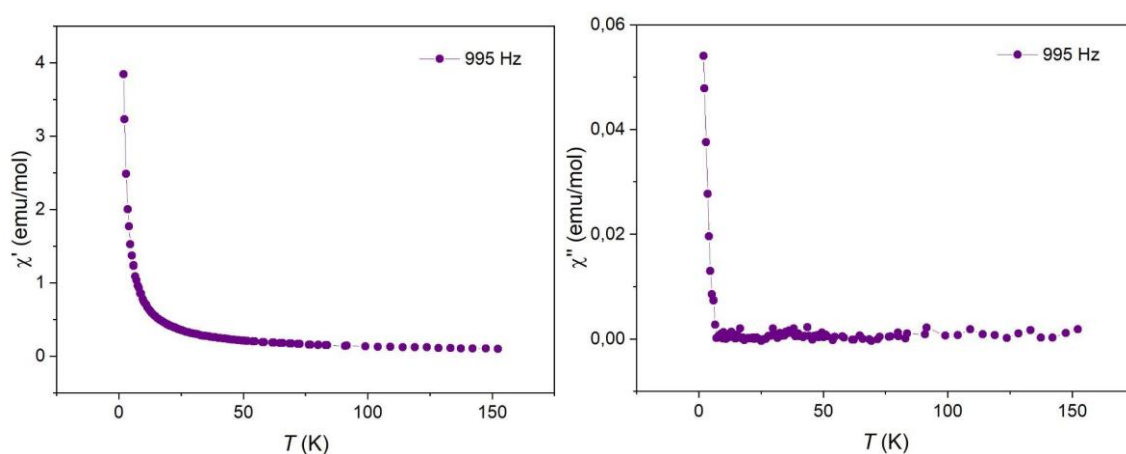




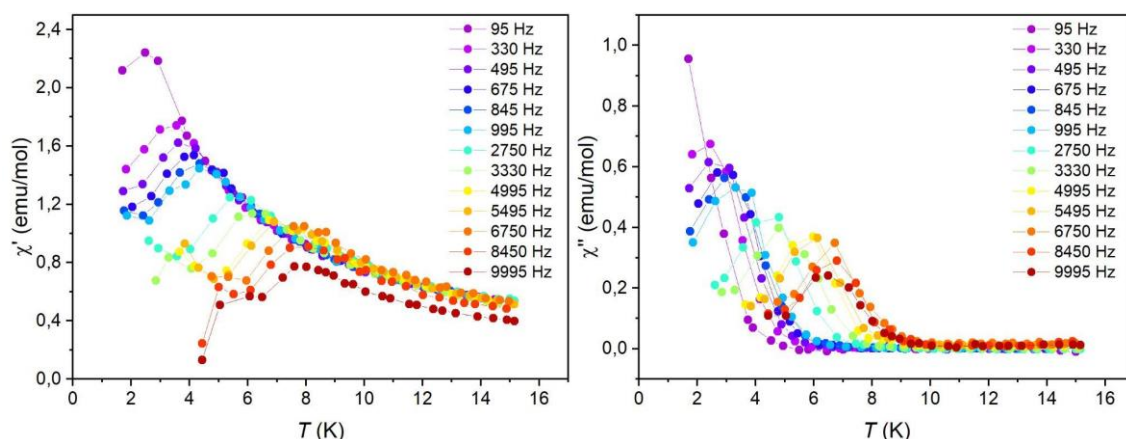
**Figure S46.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Ho}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**7**), collected at different AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 1000$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



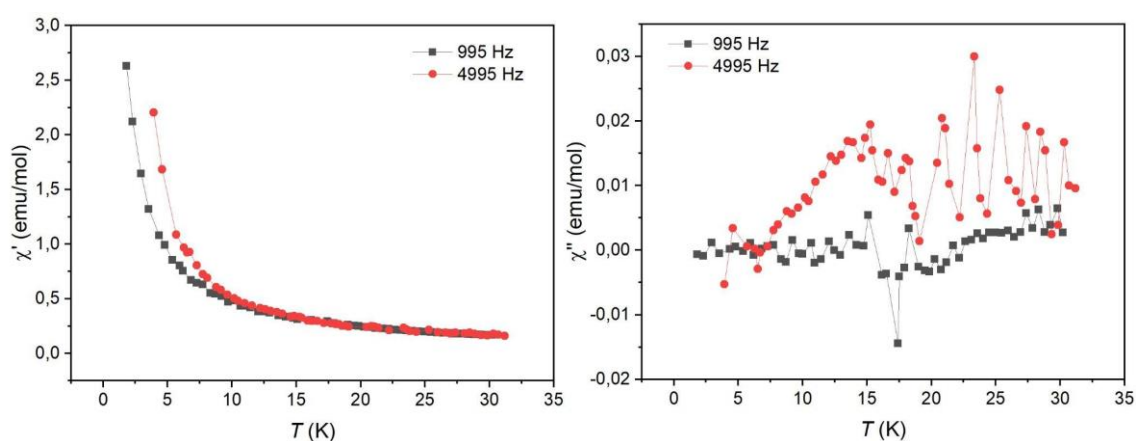
**Figure S47.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Ho}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**7**), collected at AC frequency of 4995 Hz under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 1500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



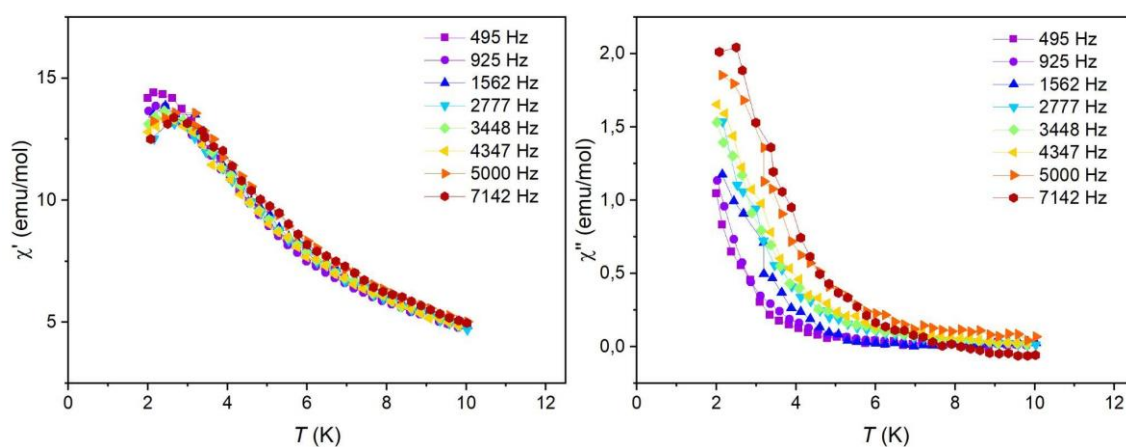
**Figure S48.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Er}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**8**), collected at AC frequency of 995 Hz under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 0$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



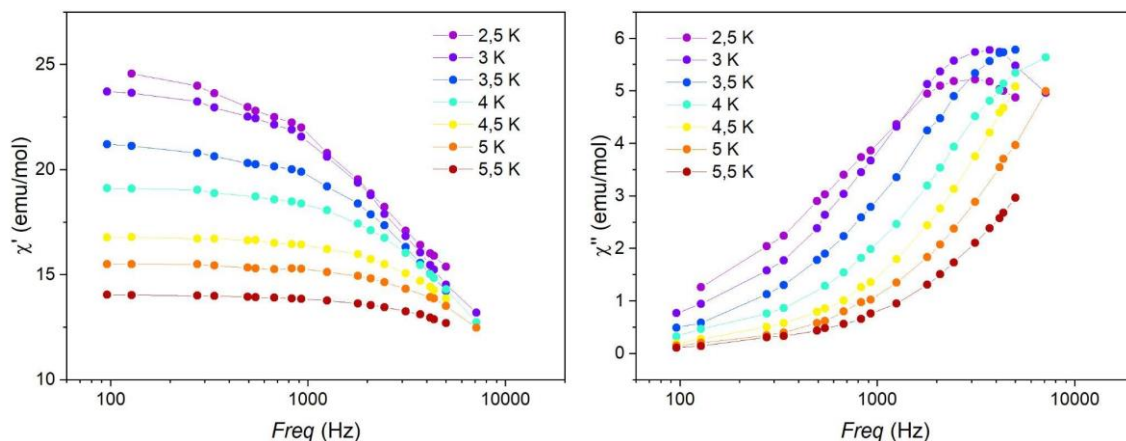
**Figure S49.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Er}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**8**), collected at several AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 800$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



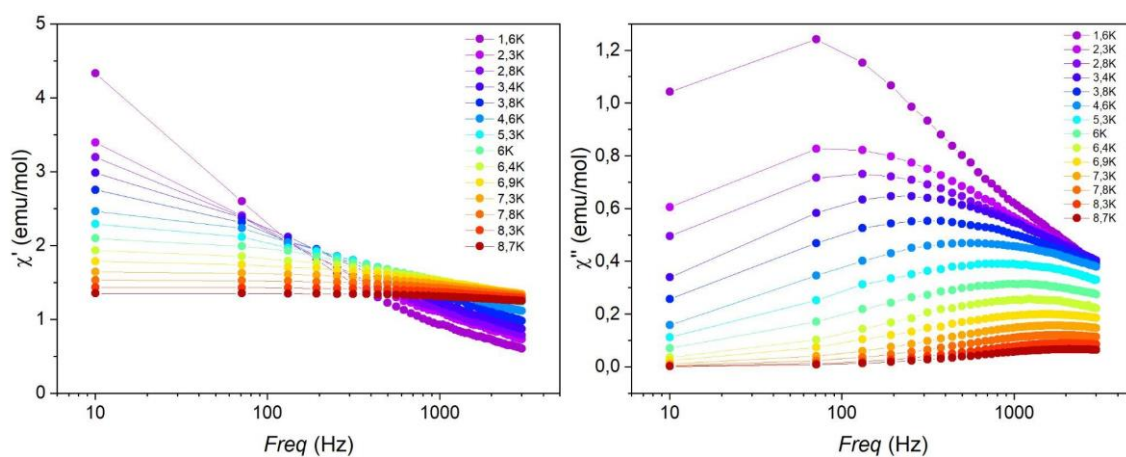
**Figure S50.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tm}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**9**), collected at different AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 0$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



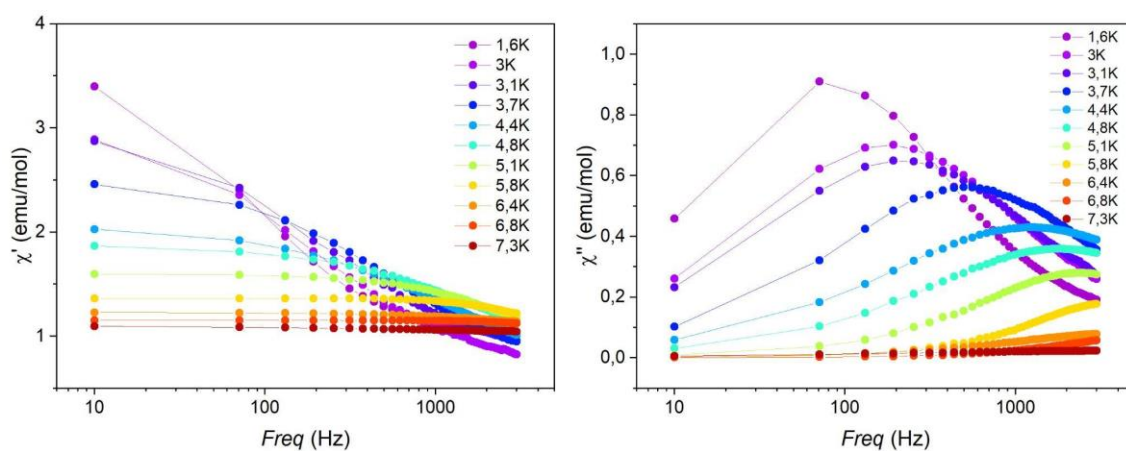
**Figure S51.** Temperature dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tm}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**9**), collected at several AC frequencies under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 2500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 3$  Oe.



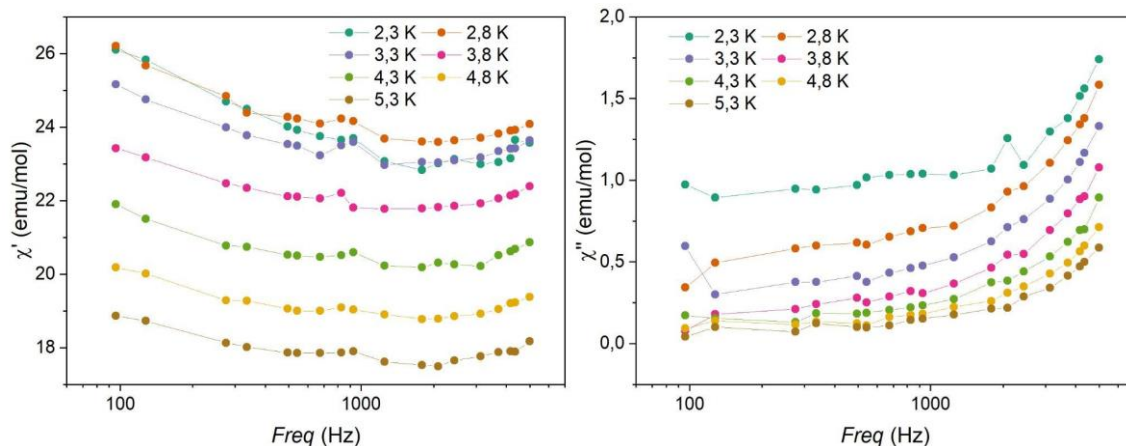
**Figure S52.** Frequency dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Gd}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**4**), collected at several temperature values under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 2500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 3$  Oe.



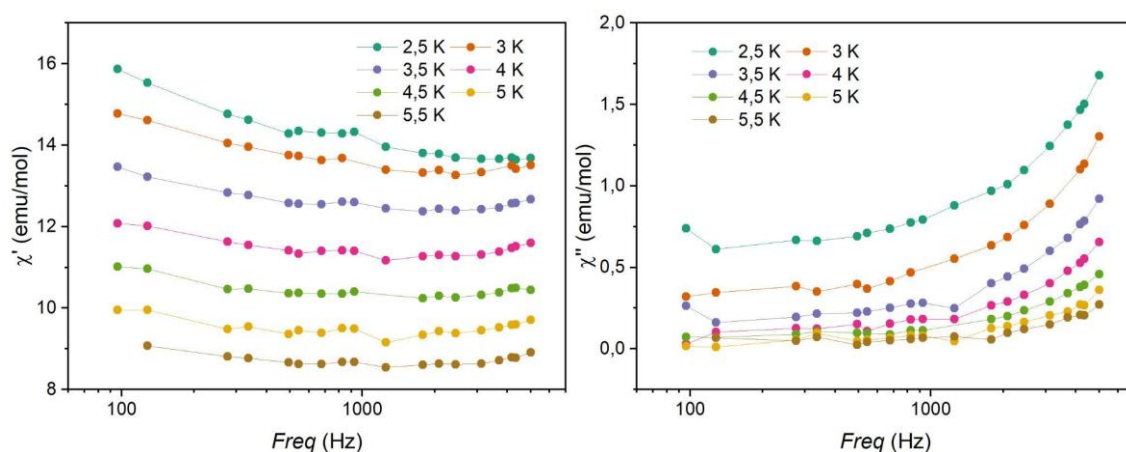
**Figure S53.** Frequency dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Dy}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**6**), collected at several temperature values under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 1500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



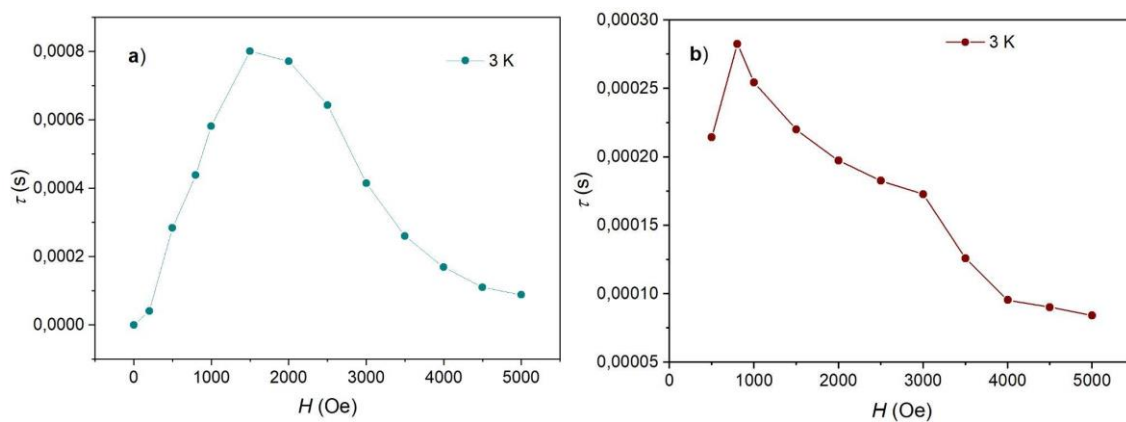
**Figure S54.** Frequency dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Er}(\text{fod})_4]$  (**8**), collected at several temperature values under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 800$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.



**Figure S55.** Frequency dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tb}(\text{fod})_4]$  (5), collected at several temperature values under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 1500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 3$  Oe.



**Figure S56.** Frequency dependence of the (left) real,  $\chi'$ , and (right) imaginary,  $\chi''$ , components of the AC susceptibility for  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Tm}(\text{fod})_4]$  (9), collected at several temperature values under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 2500$  G.  $H_{\text{AC}} = 3$  Oe.

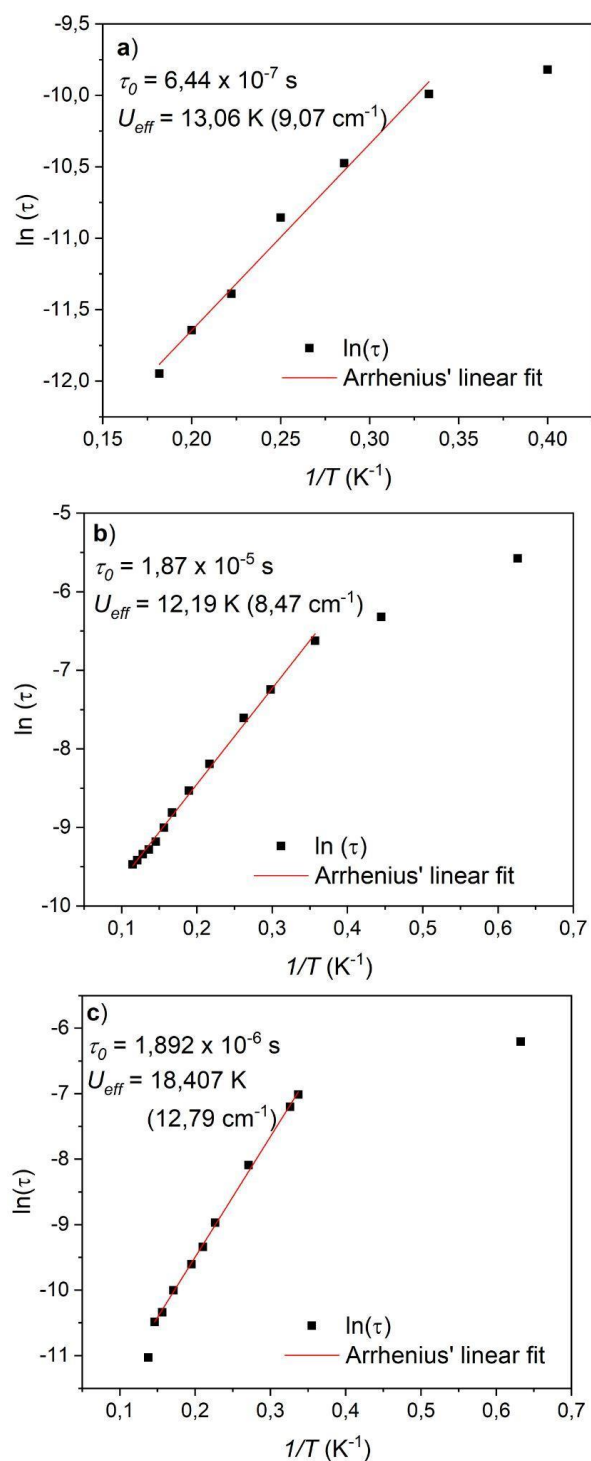


**Figure S57.** Relaxation times at different static fields for a)  $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Dy}(\text{fod})_4]$  (6), and b)  $([\text{EMIM}][\text{Er}(\text{fod})_4])$  (8), at 3 K and  $H_{\text{AC}} = 10$  Oe.

Assuming only an Orbach relaxation process, the obtained values for  $\tau$  were plotted against the inverse of the temperature and fitted to the Arrhenius law (Eq. S1):

$$\tau(T) = \tau_0 \cdot e^{\left(\frac{U_{eff}}{k_B T}\right)} \quad (\text{Eq. S1})$$

where  $\tau_0$  is the pre-exponential factor,  $U_{eff}$  is the relaxation energy barrier and  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant. As shown in Figure S47, the fit deviates from linearity at low temperatures being only valid at temperatures higher than 3 K for **4** and **8**, and higher than 2.8 K for **6**, with the following parameters:  $U_{eff} = 13,06$  K with  $\tau_0 = 6,44 \times 10^{-7}$  s (**4**),  $U_{eff} = 12.19$  K with  $\tau_0 = 1,87 \times 10^{-5}$  s (**6**), and  $U_{eff} = 18.407$  K with  $\tau_0 = 1,892 \times 10^{-6}$  s (**8**).



**Figure S58.** Thermal dependence of the relaxation time  $\tau$ , measured using an AC field of  $H_{\text{AC}} = 3 \text{ Oe}$ ,  $10 \text{ Oe}$  and  $10 \text{ Oe}$ , and under a static field of  $H_{\text{DC}} = 2500 \text{ G}$ ,  $1500 \text{ G}$  and  $800 \text{ G}$  for (a) **4** ( $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Gd}(\text{fod})_4]$ ), (b) **6** ( $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Dy}(\text{fod})_4]$ ), and (c) **8** ( $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{Er}(\text{fod})_4]$ ), respectively. The lines are fits to the Arrhenius equation (eq. S1), assuming an Orbach process.

**Table S1.** Generalized Debye model fitting parameters under a static field of  $H_{DC} = 2500$  G, in the temperature range of 2.5 to 5.5 K, for  $[C_2mim][Gd(fod)_4]$  (4).

T (K)	$\alpha$	$\tau$ (s)	$\chi^s$ (emu.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\chi_T$ (emu.mol <sup>-1</sup> )
2,5	0,23226	5,4329E-05	9,94754	25,01735
3	0,16657	4,5832E-05	8,87088	23,8067
3,5	0,17098	2,8207E-05	5,9053	21,19856
4	0,15493	1,9290E-05	4,59693	19,18636
4,5	0,11348	1,1311E-05	9,066E-14	16,79233
5	0,10962	8,7811E-06	9,194E-14	15,49594
5,5	0,12945	6,4656E-06	1,635E-14	14,04369

**Table S2.** Generalized Debye model fitting parameters under a static field of  $H_{DC} = 1500$  G, in the temperature range of 1.6 to 8.7 K, for  $[C_2mim][Dy(fod)_4]$  (6).

T (K)	$\alpha$	$\tau$ (s)	$\chi^s$ (emu.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\chi_T$ (emu.mol <sup>-1</sup> )
1.6	0,47369	0,00379	0,19863	5,98781
2.3	0,51683	0,0018	0,22144	4,35386
2.8	0,51889	0,00133	0,24906	3,94707
3.4	0,48861	0,000715	0,34175	3,40158
3.8	0,50252	0,000497	0,41104	3,0834
4.6	0,48283	0,000277	0,51827	2,67819
5.3	0,48866	0,000197	0,65402	2,44742
6.0	0,46541	0,000149	0,83673	2,19929
6.4	0,39597	0,000123	0,9966	1,9622
6.9	0,35718	0,000103	1,082	1,79996
7.3	0,27099	9,3E-05	1,16229	1,64757
7.8	0,20448	8,77E-05	1,19908	1,53277
8.3	0,13707	8,13E-05	1,2092	1,43096
8.7	0,12093	7,69E-05	1,19148	1,35295

**Table S3.** Generalized Debye model fitting parameters under a static field of  $H_{DC} = 800$  G, in the temperature range of 1.6 to 7.3 K, for  $[C_{2mim}][Er(fod)_4]$  (8).

T (K)	$\alpha$	$\tau$ (s)	$\chi_s$ (emu.mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\chi_T$ (emu.mol <sup>-1</sup> )
1.6	0,27687	0,00202	0,91676	3,70575
3.0	0,32286	0,000898	0,65433	3,06394
3.1	0,32952	0,000747	0,75311	3,01623
3.7	0,30377	0,000306	0,65149	2,50921
4.4	0,37103	0,000127	0,48268	2,07115
4.8	0,31804	8,77E-05	0,67234	1,87965
5.1	0,15963	6,74E-05	0,87724	1,59656
5.8	4,38E-17	4,52E-05	1,00445	1,36221
6.4	0,25308	3,24E-05	0,97964	1,22692
6.8	2,37E-15	2,8E-05	1,01228	1,14979
7.3	0,62328	1,62E-05	0,94478	1,10369