

## Pentagonal-bipyramidal Dysprosium(III) complexes with two apical phosphine oxide ligands and equatorial pentadentate $N_3O_2$ Schiff-base ligands: Breakdown of the apical magnetic axiality by strong equatorial crystal field

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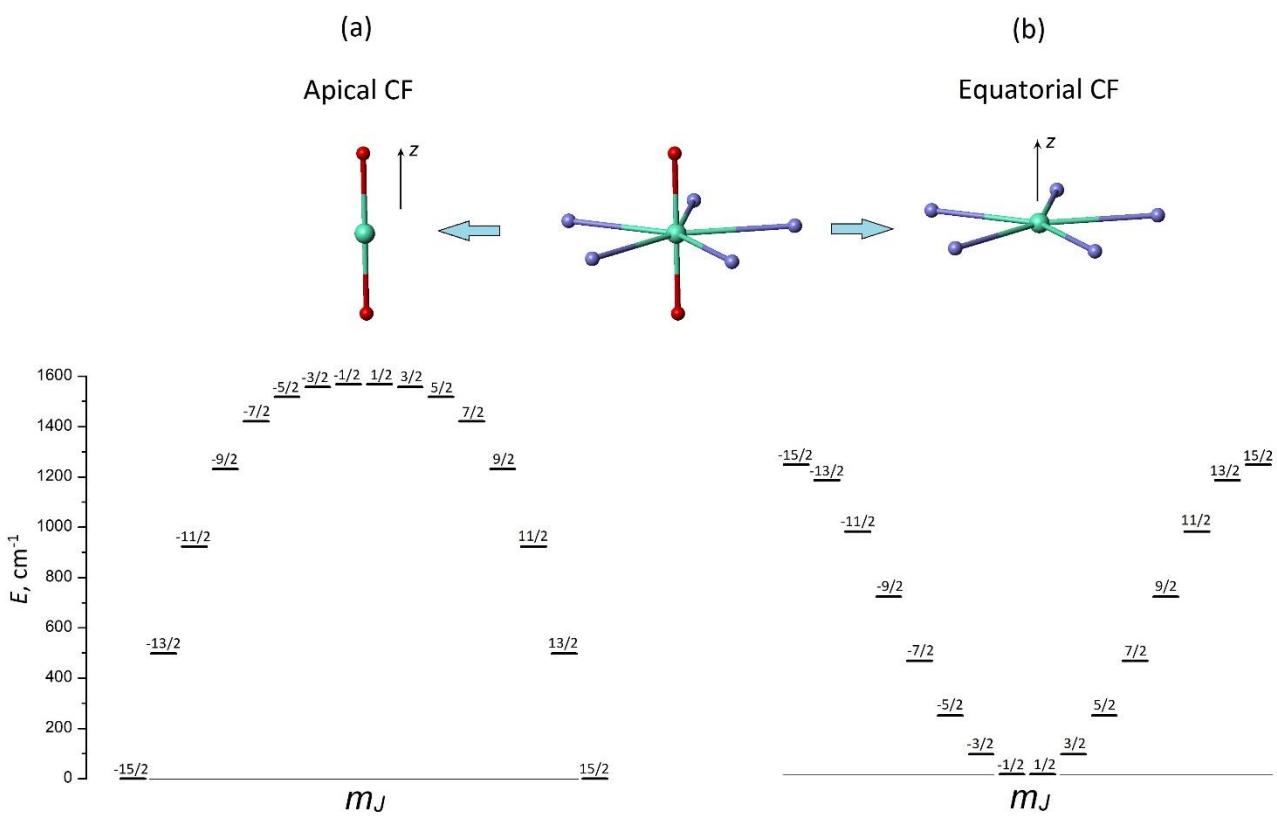
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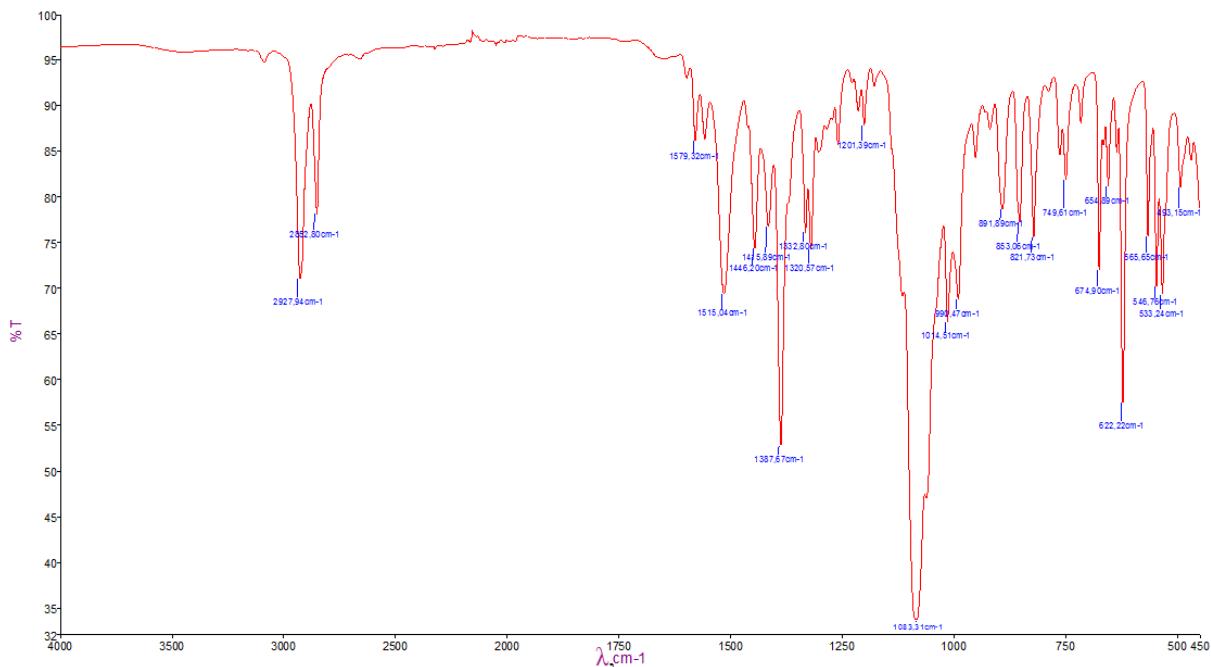
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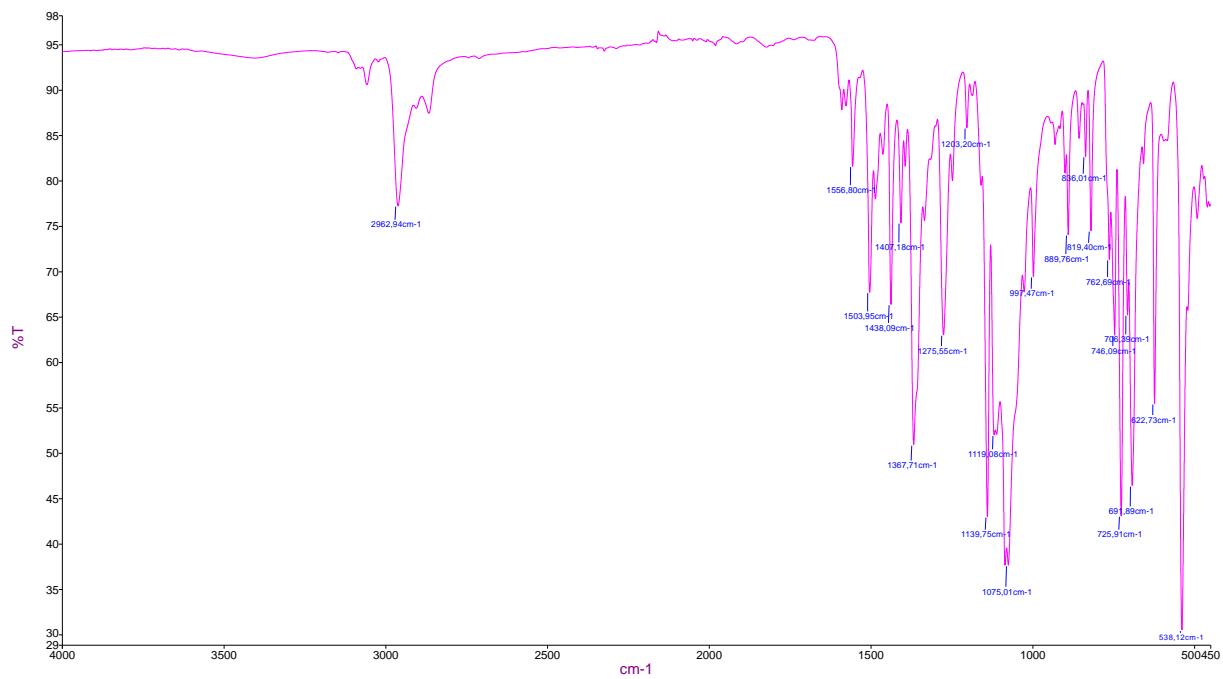
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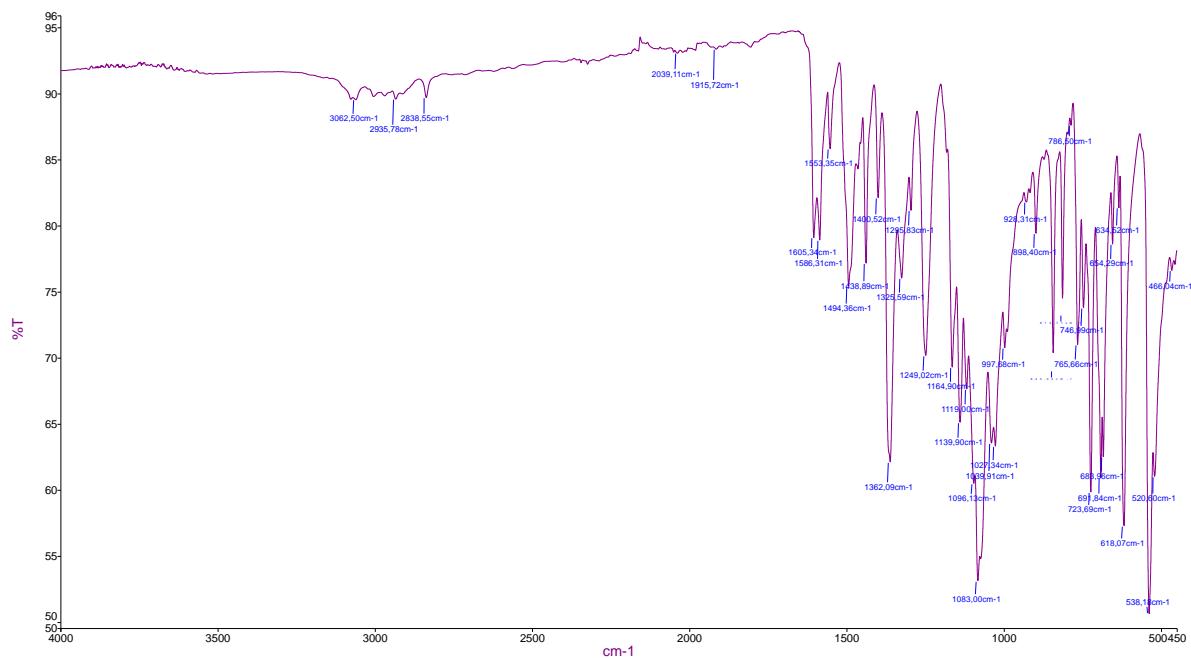
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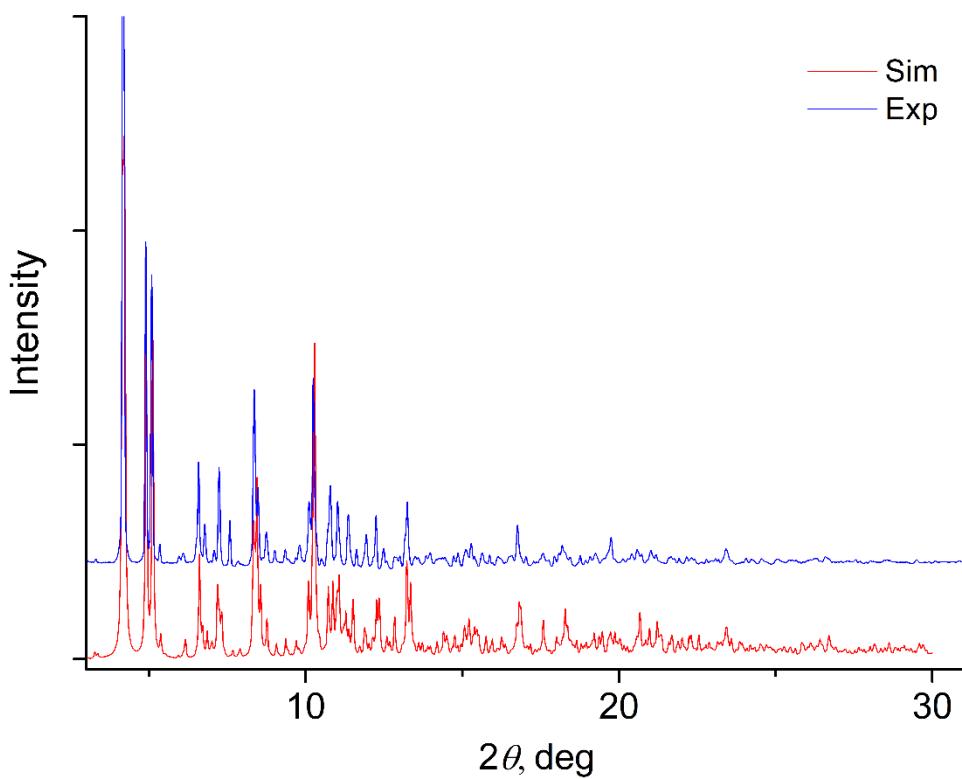
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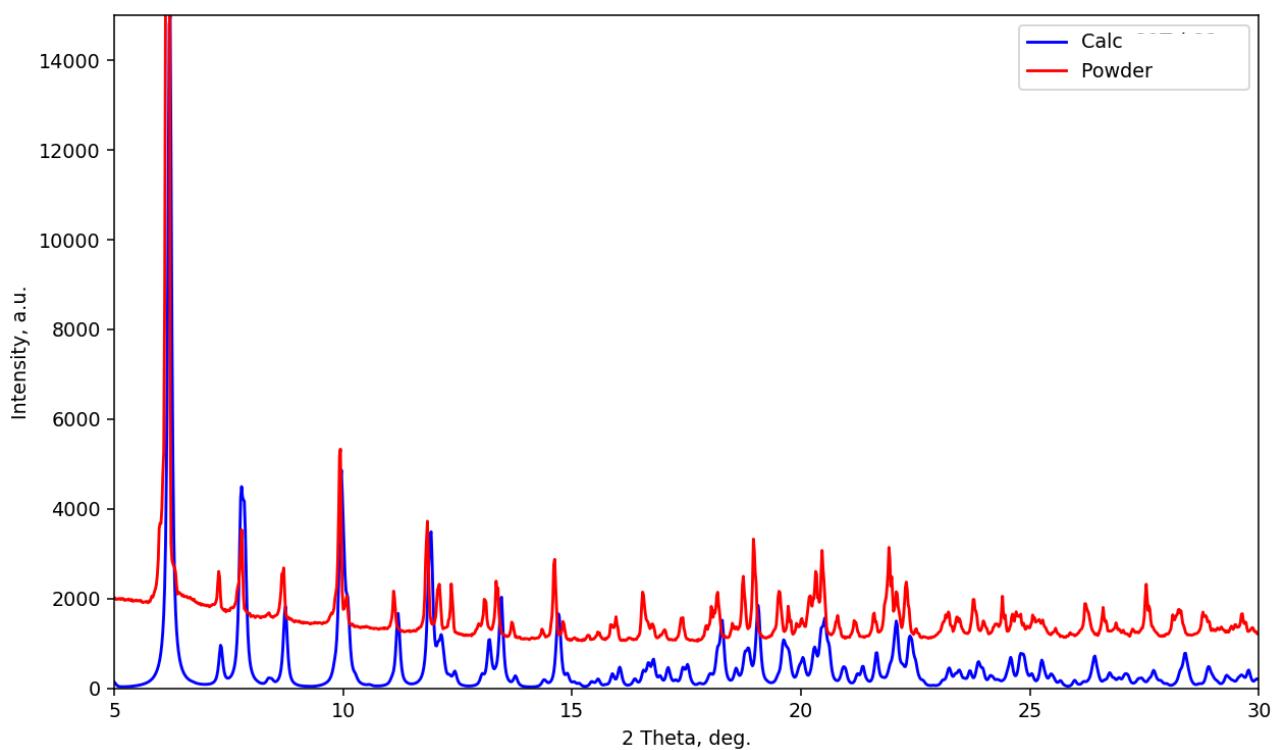
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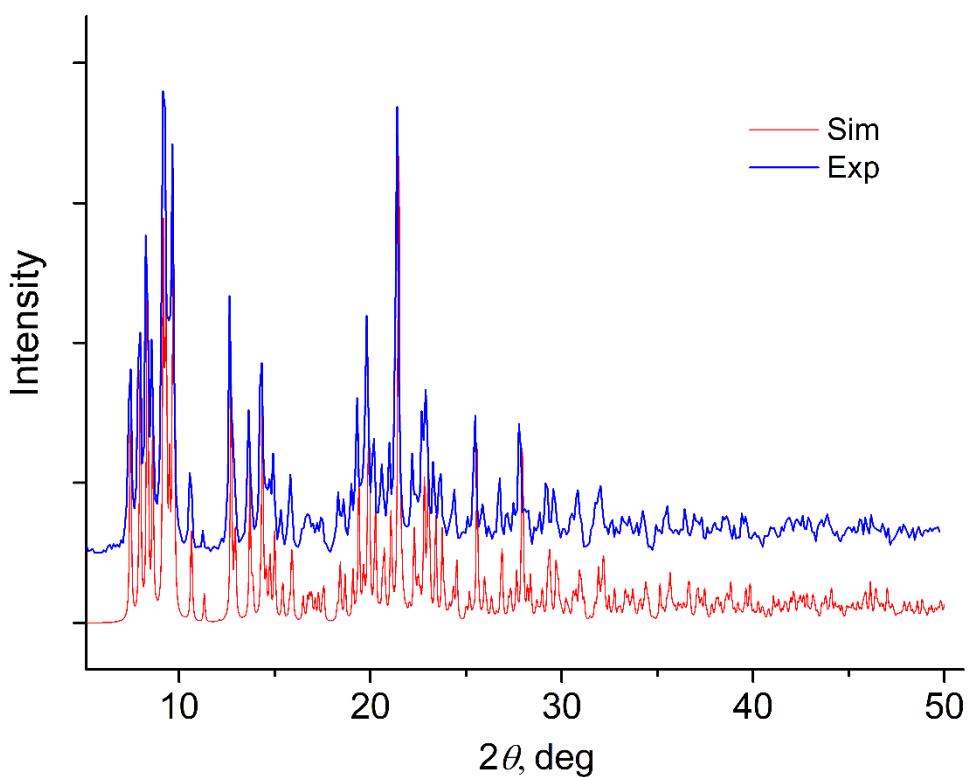
Identification code	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
CCDC No	2239615	2239616	2239617
Empirical formula	C <sub>51</sub> H <sub>84</sub> ClDyN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub> P <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>76.268</sub> H <sub>84.804</sub> ClDyN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8.634</sub> P <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>57</sub> ClDyN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>12</sub> P <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	1169.13	1469.53	1312.00
Color	yellow	yellow	yellow
Temperature, K	100(2)	150	100(2)
Crystal size, mm	0.420×0.330×0.190	0.38×0.21×0.12	0.240×0.180×0.100
Wavelength, Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> , Å	25.7341(6)	22.8749(7)	12.2689(5)
<i>b</i> , Å	16.5737(3)	28.3369(8)	13.1736(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	26.5177(5)	22.9566(7)	19.6615(9)
$\alpha$ , deg.	90	90	99.0068(16)
$\beta$ , deg.	101.6240(10)	98.4170(10)	93.1825(17)
$\gamma$ , deg.	90	90	113.5421(15)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	11078.1(4)	14720.3(8)	2852.8(2)
<i>Z</i>	8	8	2
Density (calc.), Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.402	1.326	1.527
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.510	1.153	1.481
<i>F</i> (000)	4872	6075.9	1334
Theta range, deg.	1.588 – 30.596	1.376 – 29.987	1.826 – 25.350
Index ranges	–36 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 36, –23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 23, –37 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 37	–32 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 32, –39 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 39, –32 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 32	–14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, –15 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 15, –23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23
Reflections collected	172464	242798	38607
Independent reflections	33918 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0386)	42864 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0612)	10442 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0447)
Reflections observed	33918	42864	10442
Data / restraints / parameters	33918 / 0 / 1253	42864 / 742 / 1994	10442 / 216 / 831
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> / w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0273, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0590	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0371, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0760	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0386, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0814
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> / w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0424, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0641	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0623, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0841	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0439, w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0834
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.013	1.015	1.091
<i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> / <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub>	0.7461 / 0.6330	0.1182 / 0.0814	0.2125 / 0.1704
Δρ <sub>max</sub> / Δρ <sub>min</sub> , e·Å <sup>-3</sup>	–0.787 / 0.601	–0.915 / 0.675	–1.301 / 1.640



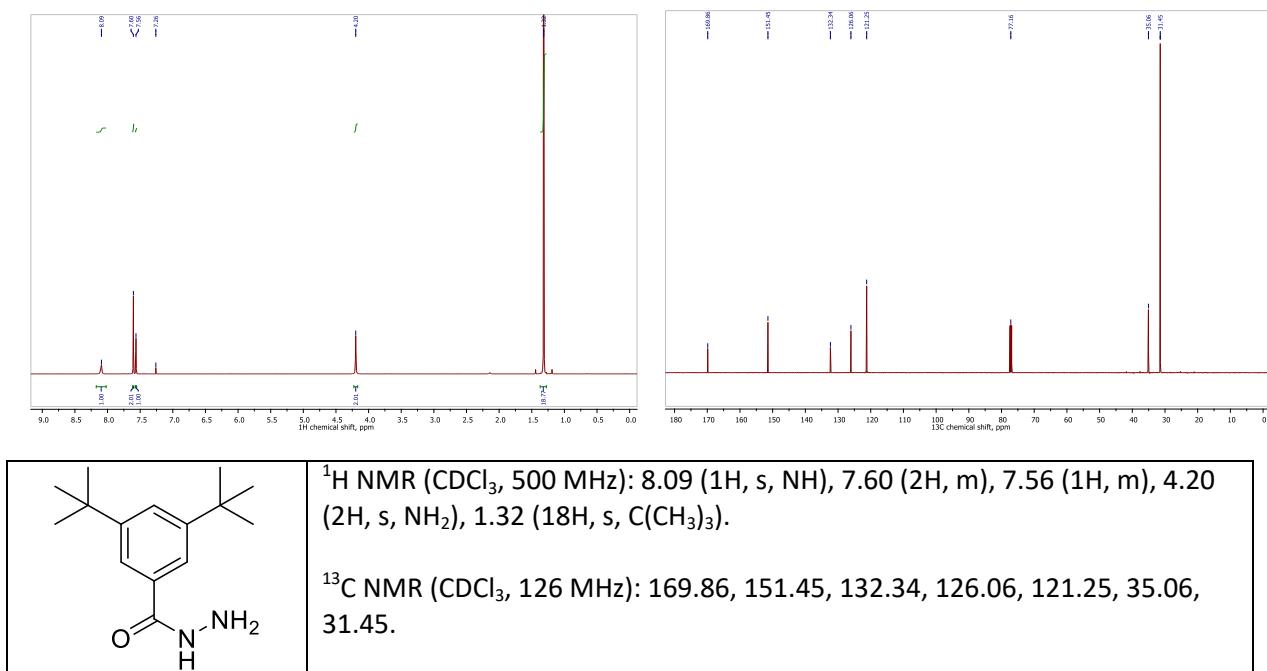
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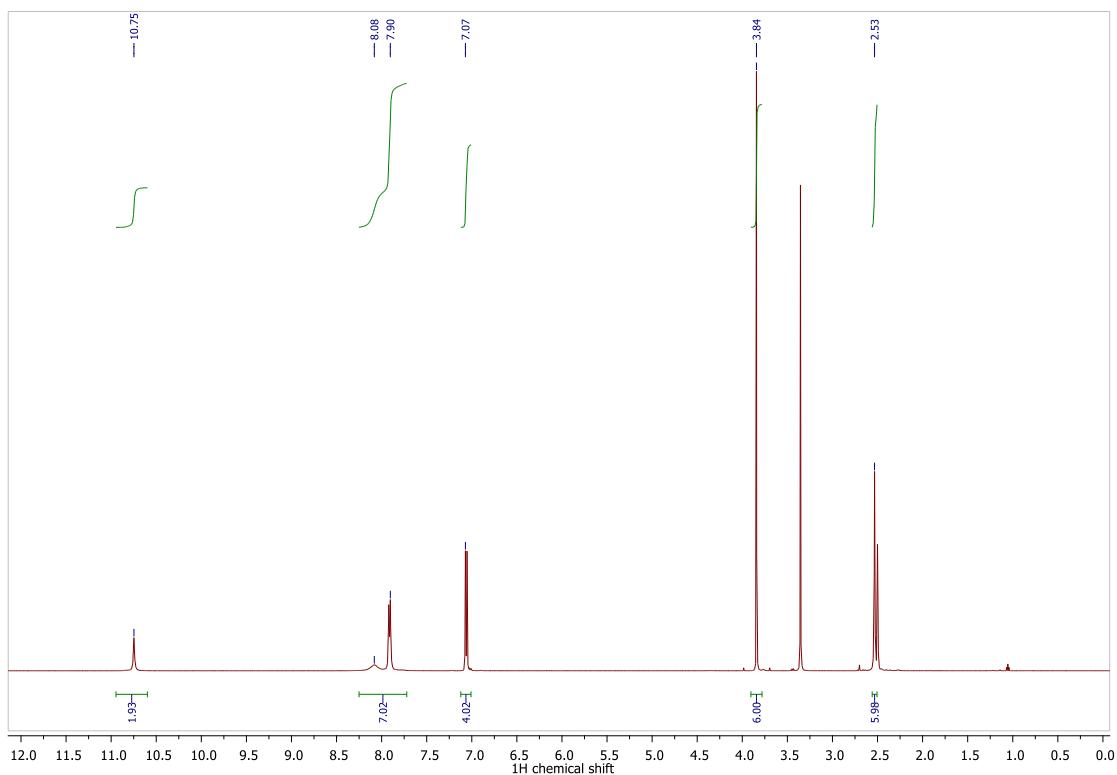
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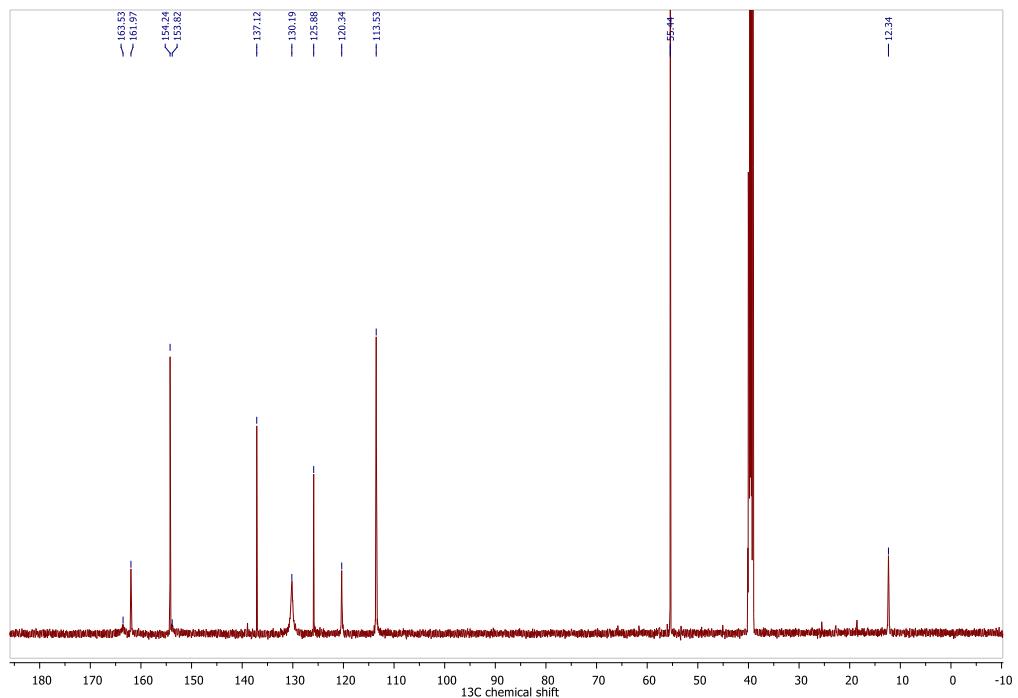
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**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 3,5 di-*tert*-butylbenzoic acid hydrazide (solvent –  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).



**Figure S9.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for compound  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{OCH}_3}$  (DMSO-D6, 500 MHz),  $\delta$ : 10.75 (2H, s, NH), 8.35-7.54 (3H, m), 7.90 (4H, d), 7.07 (4H, d), 3.84 (6H, s,  $\text{OCH}_3$ ), 2.53 (6H, s,  $\text{CH}_3$ ).



**Figure S10.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum for compound  $\text{H}_2\text{L}^{\text{OCH}_3}$  (DMSO-D6, 126 MHz),  $\delta$ : 163.53, 161.97, 154.24, 153.82, 137.12, 130.19, 125.88, 120.34, 113.53, 55.44, 12.34.

**Table S2** The local symmetry of Dy(III) ions for **1–3** defined by the continuous shape measure (CShM) analysis with SHAPE software

Nº	Polyhedron	Symmetry	<b>1a</b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>3</b>
1	Heptagon	D <sub>7h</sub>	32.064	32.608	32.208	32.587	31.961
2	Hexagonal pyramid	C <sub>6v</sub>	22.083	22.098	20.488	22.255	21.292
<b>3</b>	<b>Pentagonal bipyramid</b>	<b>D<sub>5h</sub></b>	<b>1.202</b>	<b>1.154</b>	<b>1.569</b>	<b>1.450</b>	<b>1.377</b>
4	Capped octahedron	C <sub>3v</sub>	8.111	8.271	7.927	8.247	8.064
5	Capped trigonal prism	C <sub>2v</sub>	6.336	6.708	6.414	6.624	6.356
6	Johnson pentagonal bipyramid J13	D <sub>5h</sub>	3.909	3.893	4.339	4.142	4.298
7	Johnson elongated triangular pyramid J7	C <sub>3v</sub>	21.717	21.931	20.177	20.416	19.991

**Table S3** Main angles for complex **1**

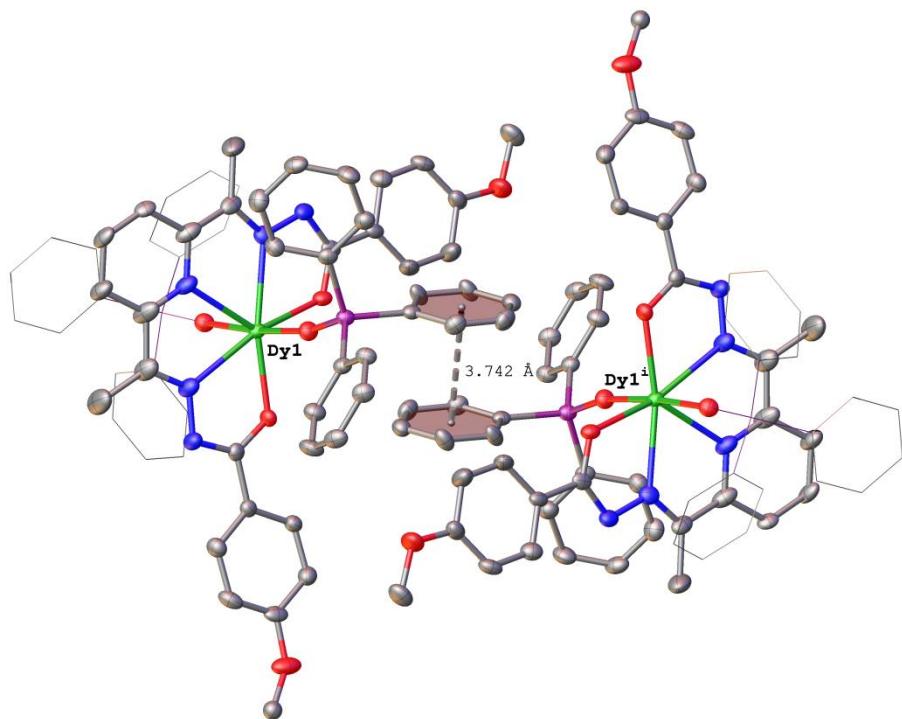
Bonds	Angles, °	Bonds	Angles, °
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(2)	99.62(4)	O(1A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	65.40(4)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(2)	65.04(4)	O(1A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	130.64(4)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(3)	129.77(4)	O(1A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	164.36(5)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(4)	164.98(4)	O(2A)–Dy(2)–O(1A)	99.40(4)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(2)	164.65(4)	O(2A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	164.76(4)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(3)	130.53(4)	O(2A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	129.95(4)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(4)	65.43(4)	O(2A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	64.97(4)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(1)	93.38(4)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–O(1A)	92.00(4)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(2)	91.98(4)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–O(2A)	92.34(4)
O(3)–Dy(1)–N(2)	89.68(4)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	87.34(4)
O(3)–Dy(1)–N(3)	83.59(4)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	85.93(4)
O(3)–Dy(1)–N(4)	85.94(4)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	88.22(4)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(1)	93.73(4)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–O(1A)	93.59(4)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(2)	92.41(4)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–O(2A)	93.08(4)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(3)	170.91(4)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–O(3A)	171.49(4)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(2)	88.18(4)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	89.14(4)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(3)	87.51(4)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	85.56(4)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(4)	88.66(4)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	88.14(4)
N(2)–Dy(1)–N(3)	64.82(4)	N(2A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	65.24(5)
N(4)–Dy(1)–N(2)	129.91(4)	N(2A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	130.21(5)
N(4)–Dy(1)–N(3)	65.11(4)	N(3A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	64.98(5)

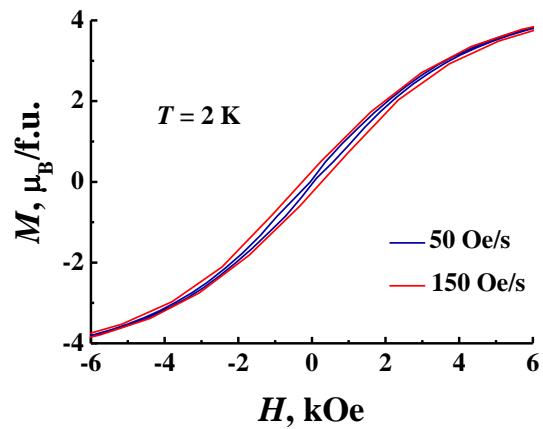
**Table S4** Main angles for complex **2**.

Bonds	Angles, °	Bonds	Angles, °
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(2)	65.34(6)	O(1A)–Dy(2)–O(2A)	101.52(5)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(3)	129.65(6)	O(1A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	64.79(6)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(4)	166.12(7)	O(1A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	128.82(6)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(1)	101.12(6)	O(1A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	165.17(6)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(2)	164.77(7)	O(2A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	165.09(6)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(3)	129.08(7)	O(2A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	129.67(6)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(4)	65.17(7)	O(2A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	65.08(6)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(1)	93.08(6)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–O(1A)	97.08(6)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(2)	87.46(6)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–O(2A)	89.28(6)
O(3)–Dy(1)–O(4)	176.71(6)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–O(4A)	169.96(6)
O(3)–Dy(1)–N(2)	86.41(7)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	86.77(6)
O(3)–Dy(1)–N(3)	86.39(7)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	85.03(6)
O(3)–Dy(1)–N(4)	88.58(7)	O(3A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	89.36(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(1)	87.34(6)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–O(1A)	90.40(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(2)	95.67(6)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–O(2A)	95.81(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(2)	90.80(7)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	90.39(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(3)	90.82(7)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	85.06(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(4)	91.80(7)	O(4A)–Dy(2)–N(4A)	84.97(6)
N(2)–Dy(1)–N(3)	64.38(7)	N(3A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	64.29(6)
N(2)–Dy(1)–N(4)	128.53(7)	N(4A)–Dy(2)–N(2A)	129.18(6)
N(4)–Dy(1)–N(3)	64.19(7)	N(4A)–Dy(2)–N(3A)	64.89(6)

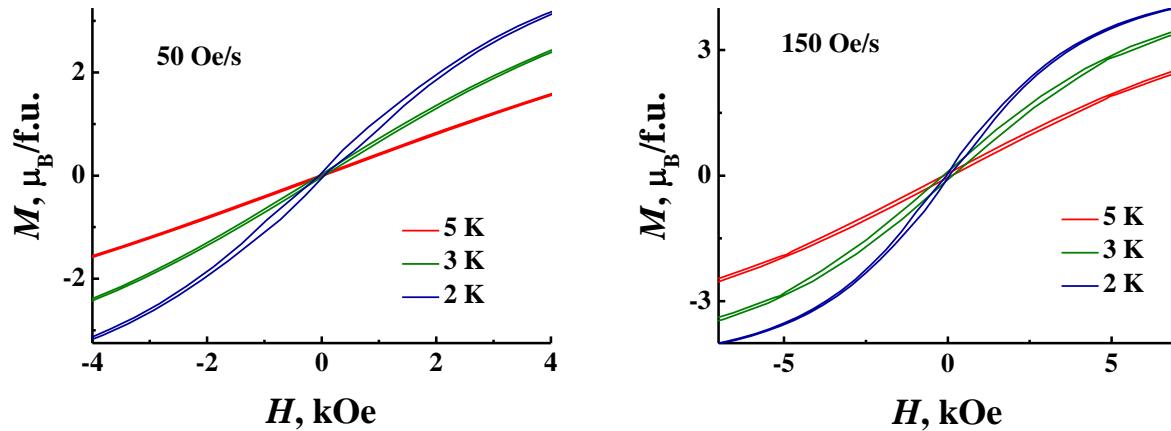
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Bonds	Angles, °	Bonds	Angles, °
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(2)	65.05(10)	O(5)–Dy(1)–N(4)	87.94(10)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(3)	130.10(10)	O(6)–Dy(1)–O(1)	91.18(9)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(4)	164.61(10)	O(6)–Dy(1)–O(2)	88.00(10)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(1)	99.48(9)	O(6)–Dy(1)–O(5)	174.43(10)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(5)	91.97(10)	O(6)–Dy(1)–N(2)	85.13(11)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(2)	162.86(10)	O(6)–Dy(1)–N(3)	83.25(11)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(3)	129.62(10)	O(6)–Dy(1)–N(4)	86.99(10)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(4)	65.21(10)	N(2)–Dy(1)–N(3)	65.07(11)
O(5)–Dy(1)–O(1)	94.32(9)	N(2)–Dy(1)–N(4)	129.87(11)
O(5)–Dy(1)–N(2)	96.38(11)	N(3)–Dy(1)–N(4)	64.86(11)
O(5)–Dy(1)–N(3)	92.51(11)		

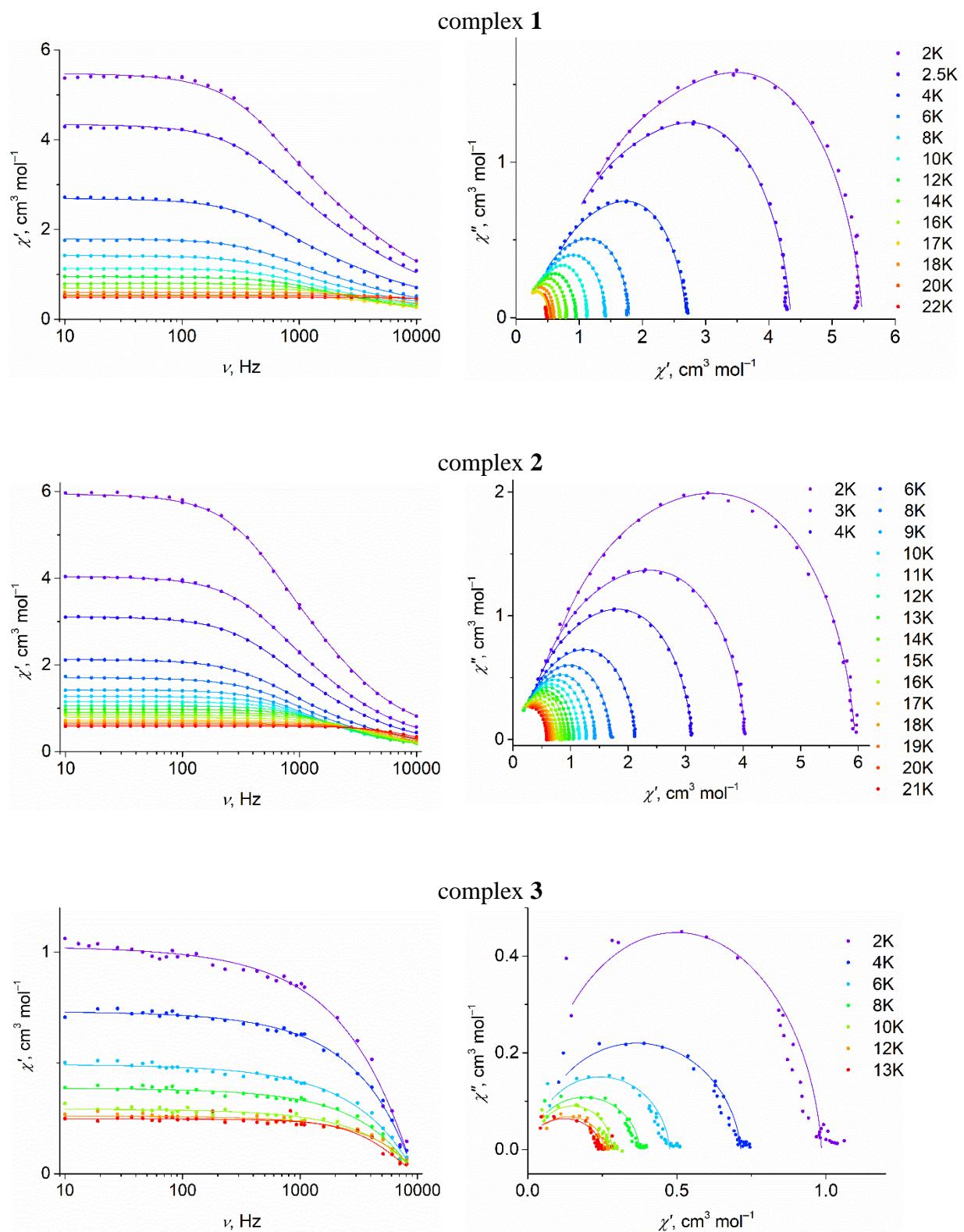
**Figure S11.**  $\pi$ -stacking interaction in structure **3**.



**Figure S12.** Hysteresis loops at different magnetic field sweep rates (50 Oe/s and 150 Oe/s) at temperature 2 K in structure 3.



**Figure S13.** Hysteresis loops at different temperatures 2 K, 3 K and 5 K and magnetic field sweep rates 50 Oe/s (a) and 150 Oe/s (b) in structure 3.



**Figure S14.** Frequency dependences of the in-phase ac susceptibility (left panel) and Cole–Cole plots (right panel) for complexes 1–3 at zero dc field and stated temperatures. Dots are experimental data; solid lines indicate fit data with parameters listed in Tables S6–S8.

**Table S6** Best fit parameters for **1** at zero dc field ( $R^2 = 0.99978$ )\*

$T$ , K	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_{T1}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_1$ , s	$\alpha_1$	$\Delta\chi_{T2}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_2$ , s	$\alpha_2$
2	0.611	2.440	$2.42 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.080	2.431	$3.89 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.223
2.5	0.490	1.993	$2.30 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.087	1.866	$3.71 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.217
4	0.385	1.145	$2.28 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.082	1.162	$3.82 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.223
6	0.254	0.713	$2.10 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.075	0.832	$3.93 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.217
8	0.235	0.615	$1.84 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.078	0.570	$3.60 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.202
10	0.164	0.567	$1.42 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.069	0.407	$2.42 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.223
12	0.140	0.517	$1.06 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.069	0.289	$1.62 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.222
14	0.114	0.487	$6.89 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.070	0.201	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.206
16	0.131	0.458	$3.99 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.071	0.106	$5.27 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.174
17	0.139	0.389	$2.63 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.082	—	—	—
18	0.178	0.422	$1.96 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.047	—	—	—
20	0.177	0.366	$8.65 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.042	—	—	—
22	0.204	0.286	$3.72 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.083	—	—	—

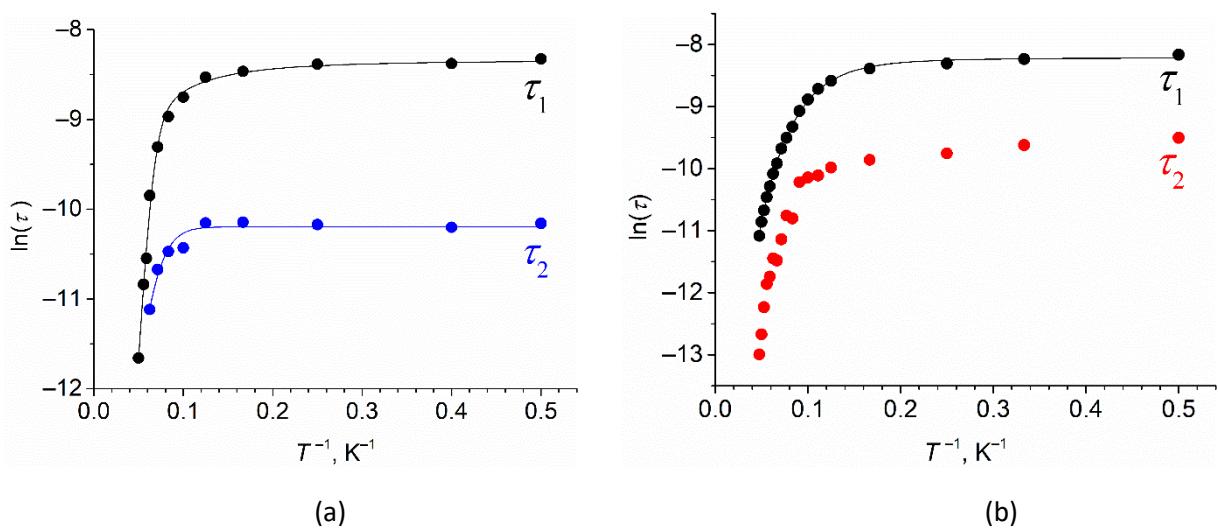
\* at temperatures above 17 K, the data were fitted by the generalized Debye model

**Table S7** Best fit parameters for **2** at zero dc field ( $R^2 = 0.99987$ )

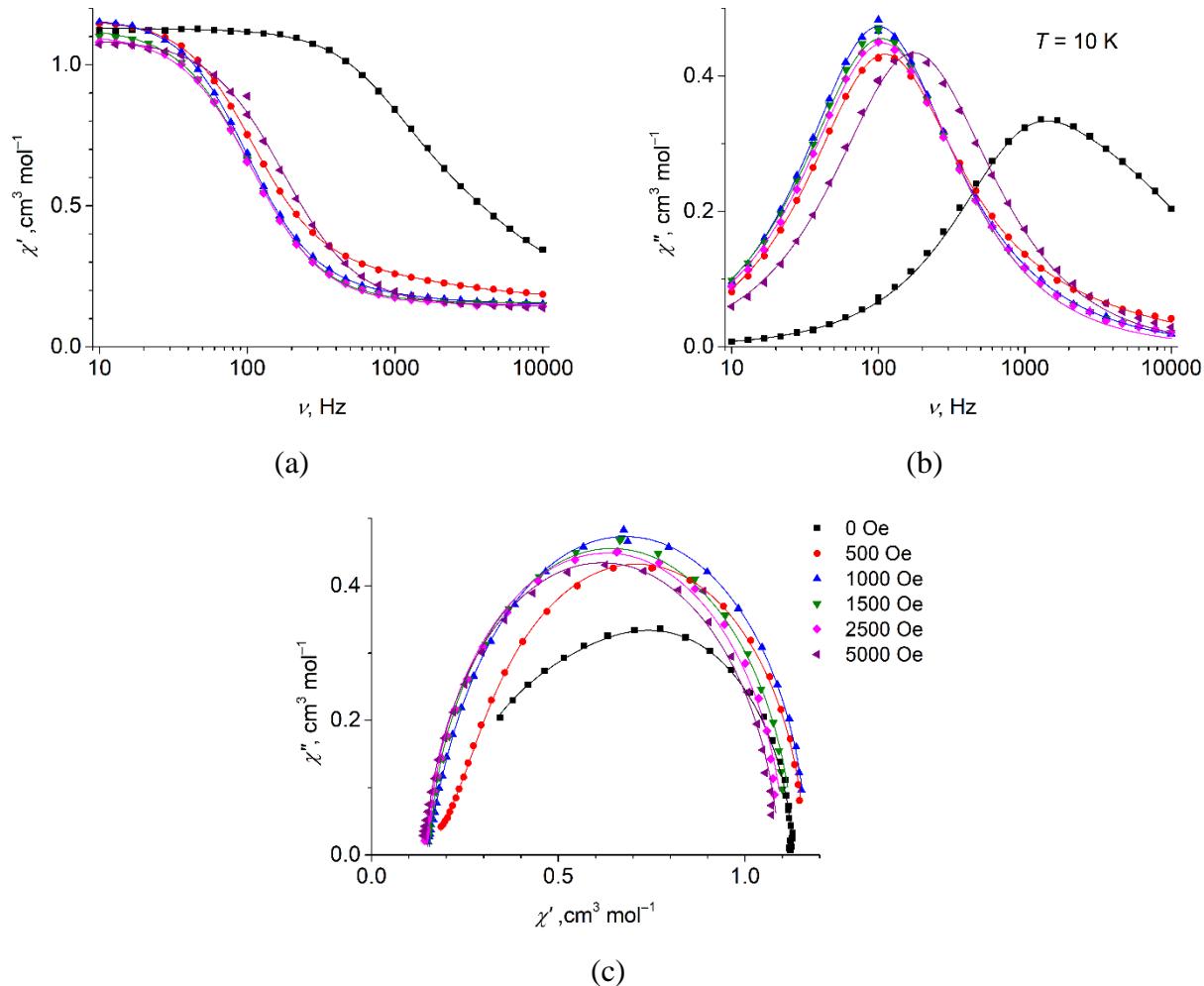
$T$ , K	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_{T1}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_1$ , s	$\alpha_1$	$\Delta\chi_{T2}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_2$ , s	$\alpha_2$
2	0.350	2.179	$2.843 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.032	3.423	$7.460 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
3	0.222	1.703	$2.650 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.038	2.121	$6.623 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
4	0.164	1.543	$2.468 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.067	1.409	$5.799 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
6	0.108	1.128	$2.272 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.070	0.893	$5.222 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
8	0.087	0.980	$1.868 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.070	0.638	$4.620 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
9	0.061	0.788	$1.639 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.027	0.577	$4.065 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
10	0.057	0.703	$1.381 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.015	0.519	$3.926 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
11	0.049	0.629	$1.149 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.007	0.478	$3.656 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
12	0.025	0.712	$8.900 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.018	0.321	$2.036 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
13	0.032	0.640	$7.461 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.008	0.305	$2.131 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
14	0.002	0.611	$6.264 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.001	0.294	$1.453 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
15	0.006	0.631	$4.934 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.016	0.210	$1.034 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
16	0.001	0.592	$4.176 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.046	0.196	$1.068 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.2
17	0.001	0.548	$3.417 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.022	0.172	$7.965 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.2
18	0.001	0.509	$2.865 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.012	0.168	$7.067 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.2
19	0.001	0.512	$2.317 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.016	0.132	$4.864 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.2
20	0.001	0.503	$1.926 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.018	0.112	$3.147 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.2
21	0.001	0.498	$1.536 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.020	0.089	$2.276 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.2

**Table S8** Best fit parameters for **3** at zero dc field ( $R^2 = 0.99952$ )

$T$ , K	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_T$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\tau$ , s	$\alpha$
2	0.102	0.998	$4.617 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.067
4	0.073	0.493	$4.458 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.073
6	0.049	0.327	$4.299 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.053
8	0.038	0.234	$4.140 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.049
10	0.029	0.182	$3.980 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.007
12	0.026	0.134	$3.662 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.005
13	0.024	0.128	$3.184 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.006



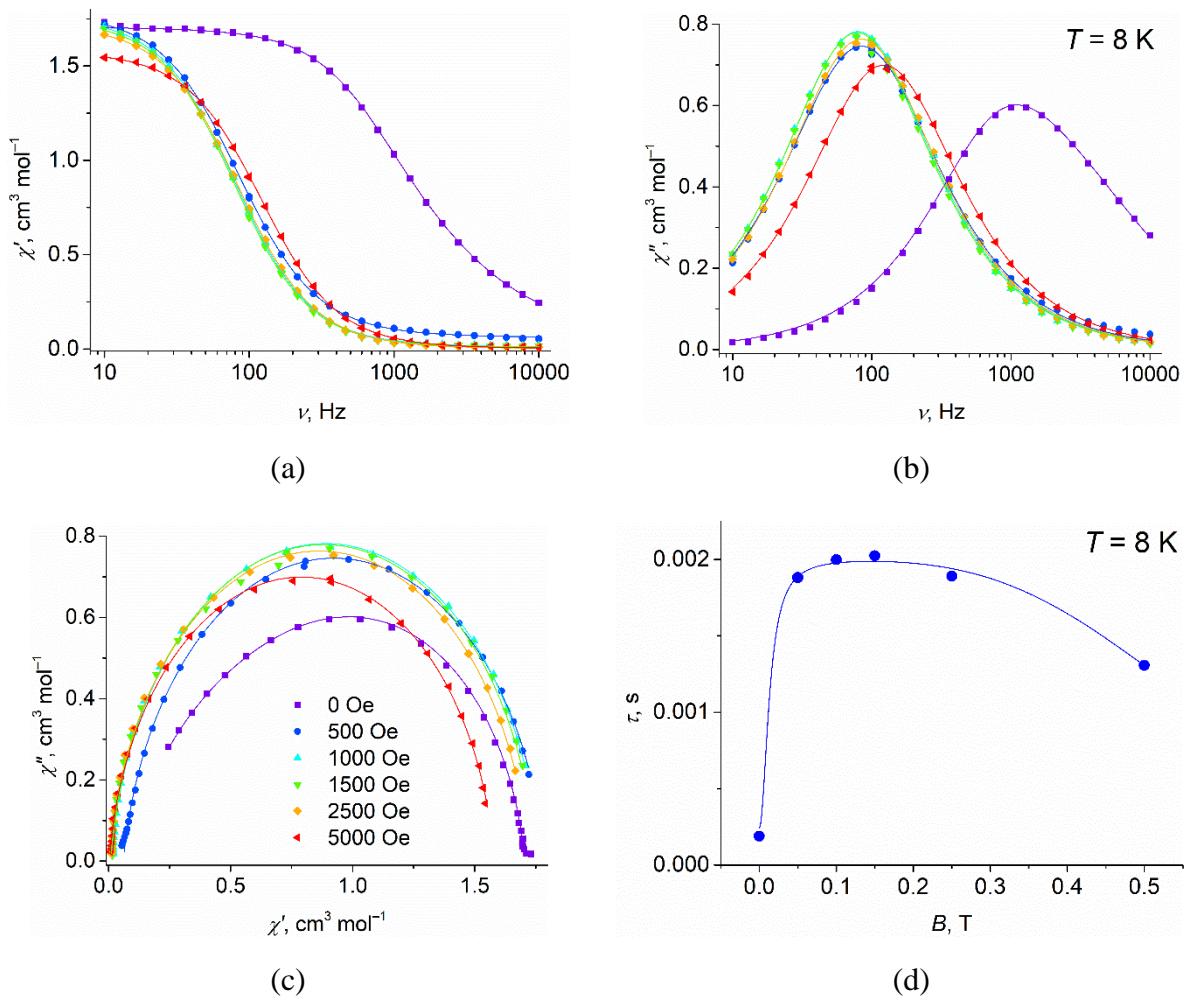
**Figure S15.** Natural log of the relaxation times  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  vs the inverse temperature for **1** (a) and **2** (b) at zero dc field.



**Figure S16.** Frequency dependences of the in-phase (a) and out-of-phase (b) ac susceptibility, Cole–Cole plots (c) for **1** at 10 K and indicated dc fields. Symbols are experimental data; solid lines indicate fits.

**Table S9** Best fit parameters for **1** at 10 K ( $R^2 = 0.99972$ )

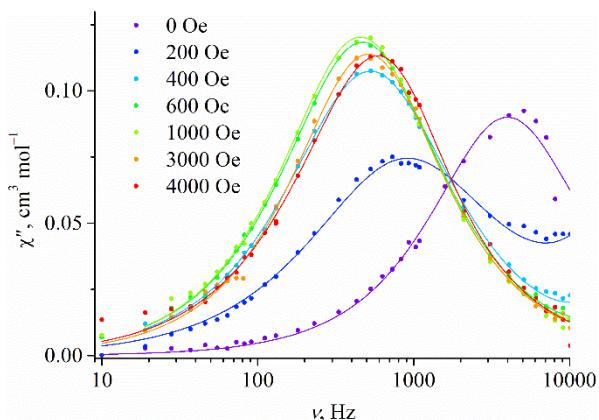
$H$ , Oe	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_{T1}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_1$ , s	$\alpha_1$	$\Delta\chi_{T2}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_2$ , s	$\alpha_2$
0	0.195	0.503	$1.554 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.036	0.432	$2.927 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.167
500	0.159	0.836	$1.470 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.017	0.168	$1.406 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.378
1000	0.147	0.916	$1.620 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.010	—	—	—
1500	0.155	0.977	$1.520 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.045	—	—	—
2500	0.150	0.958	$1.470 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.042	—	—	—
5000	0.143	0.949	$9.095 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.057	—	—	—



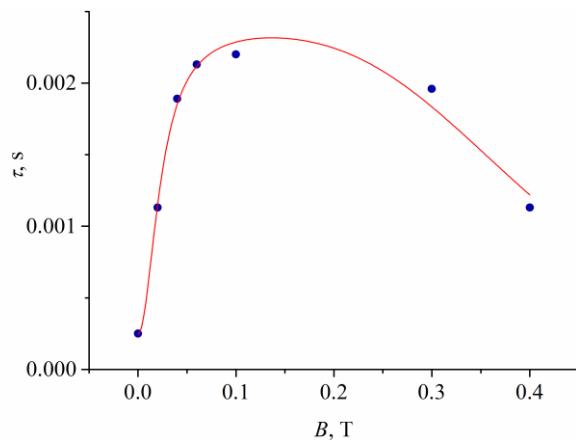
**Figure S17.** Frequency dependences of the in-phase (a) and out-of-phase (b) ac susceptibility; (c) Cole–Cole plots for **2** at 8 K and indicated dc fields; (d) field dependence of the relaxation time  $\tau$  at 8 K. Symbols are experimental data; solid lines indicate fits.

**Table S10** Best fit parameters for **2** at 8 K ( $R^2 = 0.99982$ )

$H$ , Oe	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_{T1}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_1$ , s	$\alpha_1$	$\Delta\chi_{T2}$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	$\tau_2$ , s	$\alpha_2$
0	0.086	0.950	$1.885 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.066	0.670	$4.822 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.202
500	0.061	1.727	$1.880 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.093	—	—	—
1000	0.010	1.757	$2.000 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.074	—	—	—
1500	0.009	1.744	$2.020 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.071	—	—	—
2500	0.002	1.721	$1.890 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.076	—	—	—
5000	0.002	1.578	$1.310 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.077	—	—	—



(a)

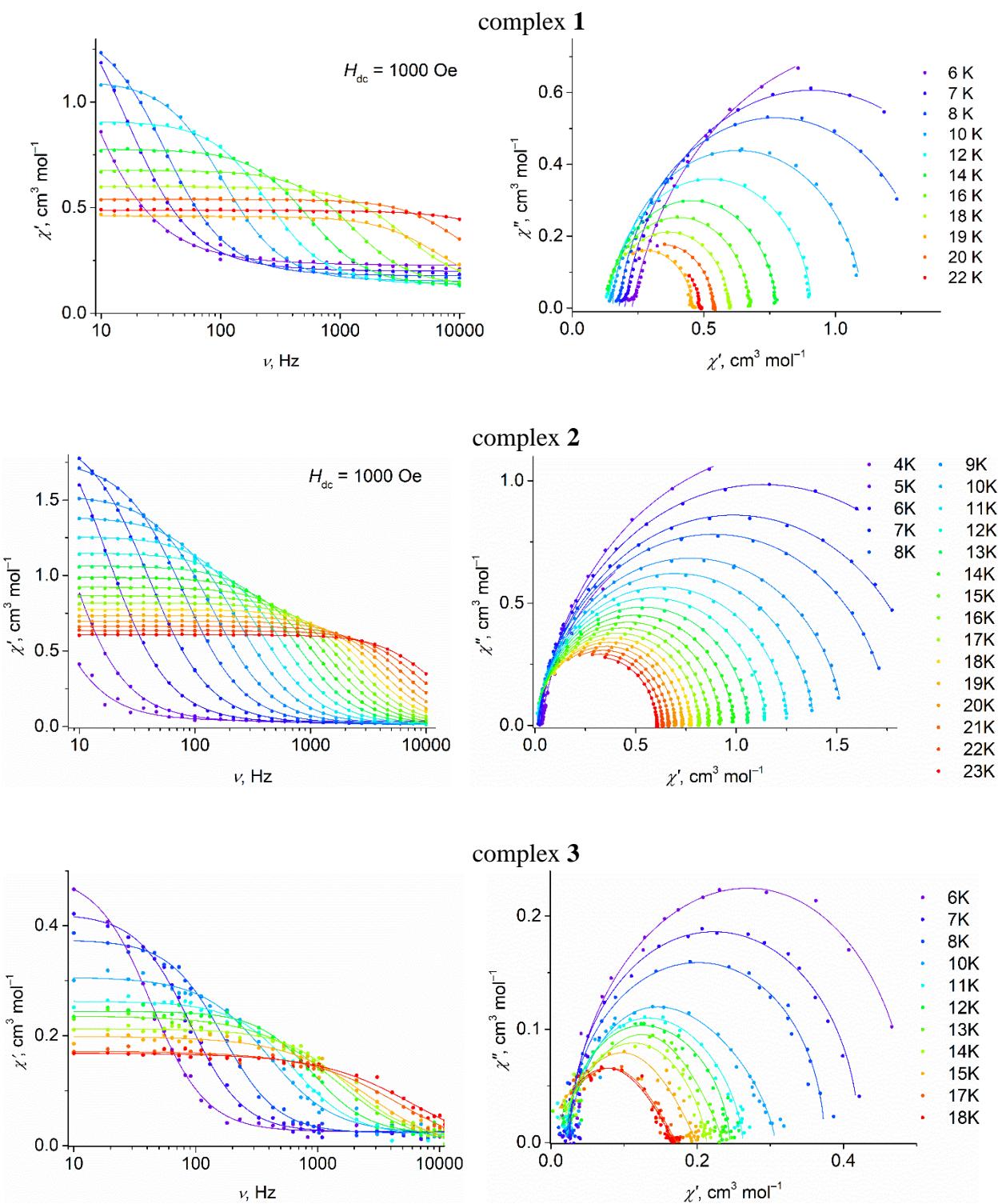


(b)

**Figure S18.** Frequency dependences of the out-of-phase (a) ac susceptibility; (b) field dependence of the relaxation time  $\tau$  for **3** at 10 K. Symbols are experimental data; solid lines indicate fits.

**Table S11** Best fit parameters for **3** at 10 K ( $R^2 = 0.99798$ )

$H$ , Oe	$\chi_S$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_T$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\tau$ , s	$\alpha$
0	0.029	0.182	$3.980 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.007
200	0.022	0.181	$1.799 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.134
400	0.027	0.235	$3.009 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.058
600	0.028	0.248	$3.391 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.031
1000	0.020	0.249	$3.503 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.023
3000	0.025	0.229	$3.121 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.004
4000	0.027	0.219	$1.799 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.074



**Figure S19.** Frequency dependences of the in-phase ac susceptibility (left panel) and Cole–Cole plots (right panel) for complexes **1–3** at dc field 1000 Oe and stated temperatures. Dots are experimental data; solid lines indicate fit data with parameters listed in Tables S12–S14.

**Table S12** Best fit parameters for **1** at dc field 1000 Oe ( $R^2 = 0.99949$ )

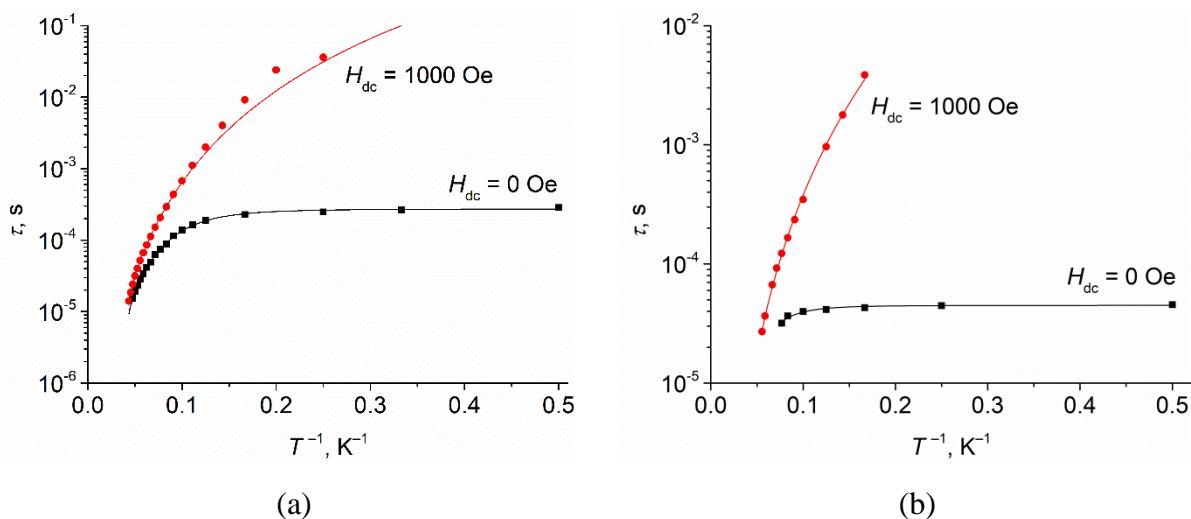
$T$ , K	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_T$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\tau$ , s	$\alpha$
6	0.227	1.864	$2.677 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.159
7	0.199	1.423	$9.640 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.101
8	0.178	1.189	$4.640 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.073
10	0.152	0.953	$1.520 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.053
12	0.138	0.773	$6.367 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.046
14	0.131	0.645	$2.908 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.048
16	0.130	0.546	$1.238 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.051
18	0.131	0.469	$4.487 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.065
19	0.097	0.363	$2.359 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.076
20	0.153	0.386	$1.564 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.057
22	0.035	0.452	$3.079 \cdot 10^{-6}$	0.131

**Table S13** Best fit parameters for **2** at dc field 1000 Oe ( $R^2 = 0.99893$ )

$T$ , K	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_T$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\tau$ , s	$\alpha$
4	0.034	1.785	$3.615 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.070
5	0.024	2.545	$2.393 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.077
6	0.017	2.233	$9.130 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.080
7	0.013	1.952	$4.010 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.080
8	0.010	1.757	$2.000 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.074
9	0.009	1.526	$1.110 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.069
10	0.008	1.382	$6.739 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.067
11	0.004	1.257	$4.372 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.067
12	0.007	1.144	$2.928 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.058
13	0.004	1.061	$2.067 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.058
14	0.006	0.983	$1.509 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.055
15	0.006	0.917	$1.126 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.053
16	0.007	0.859	$8.570 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.047
17	0.007	0.811	$6.624 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.046
18	0.011	0.763	$5.178 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.042
19	0.010	0.724	$4.009 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.039
20	0.014	0.683	$3.149 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.034
21	0.015	0.649	$2.421 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.035
22	0.019	0.616	$1.855 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.034
23	0.021	0.587	$1.402 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.032

**Table S14** Best fit parameters for **3** at dc field 1000 Oe ( $R^2 = 0.99892$ )

$T$ , K	$\chi_s$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\Delta\chi_T$ , $\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\tau$ , s	$\alpha$
6	0.026	0.454	$0.386 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.007
7	0.025	0.375	$0.178 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0.005
8	0.022	0.327	$9.649 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.020
10	0.020	0.249	$3.503 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.023
11	0.017	0.225	$2.356 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.017
12	0.020	0.209	$1.656 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.007
13	0.015	0.194	$1.226 \cdot 10^{-4}$	0.011
14	0.011	0.181	$9.235 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.019
15	0.013	0.166	$6.687 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.030
17	0.012	0.143	$3.662 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.057
18	0.011	0.141	$2.707 \cdot 10^{-5}$	0.091



**Figure S20.** The inverse temperature dependences of the relaxation time  $\tau$  for **2** (a) and **3** (b) at zero dc field (black lines) and 1000 Oe (red lines).

**Table S15** The *ab initio* computed energy levels ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) with g-tensors of the eight lowest KDs for two crystallographic non-equivalent complexes in **1** and **2**

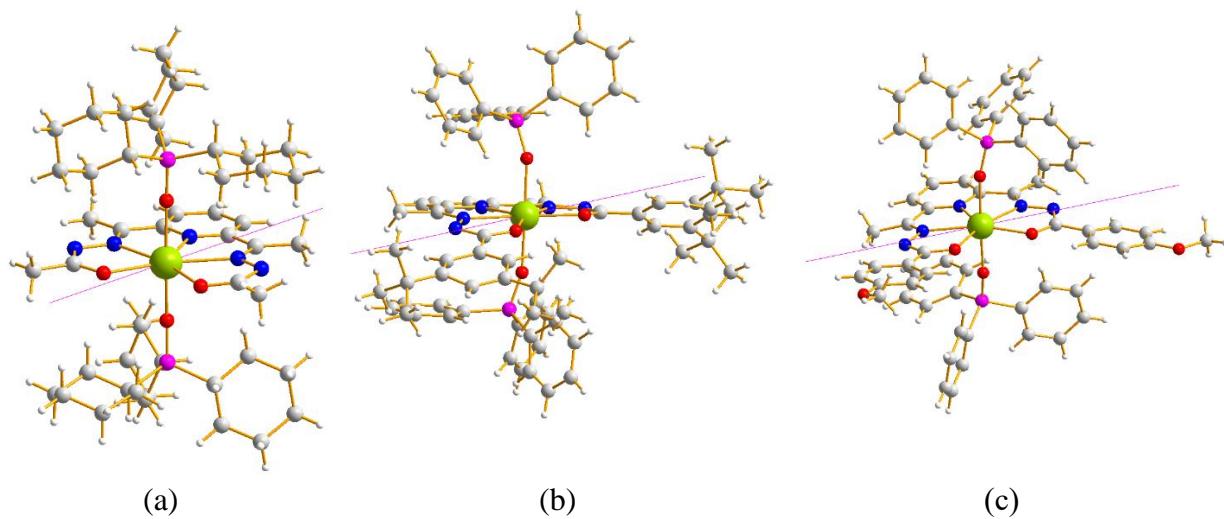
<b>1a</b>					<b>1b</b>				
KD	Energy	$g_x$	$g_y$	$g_z$	Energy	$g_x$	$g_y$	$g_z$	
<b>1</b>	0.0	0.026	0.073	19.610	0.0	0.029	0.076	19.602	
<b>2</b>	162.9	1.834	2.844	12.024	162.8	2.136	2.402	12.551	
<b>3</b>	191.5	1.882	2.618	15.032	197.7	1.215	4.217	13.929	
<b>4</b>	227.8	0.115	1.794	6.850	229.7	1.225	1.900	5.615	
<b>5</b>	387.5	1.949	4.848	11.858	390.6	1.853	4.870	11.836	
<b>6</b>	420.7	1.022	3.420	15.062	427.2	1.125	3.415	15.216	
<b>7</b>	510.9	2.289	2.796	12.286	514.2	2.296	2.575	12.226	
<b>8</b>	650.1	0.314	0.816	17.496	651.5	0.321	0.872	17.436	

2a					2b				
KD	Energy	g <sub>x</sub>	g <sub>y</sub>	g <sub>z</sub>	Energy	g <sub>x</sub>	g <sub>y</sub>	g <sub>z</sub>	
<b>1</b>	0.0	0.030	0.064	19.691	0.0	0.018	0.040	19.720	
<b>2</b>	187.8	1.125	2.514	14.534	192.7	0.968	2.373	13.849	
<b>3</b>	241.8	0.824	1.087	12.646	244.8	0.343	1.052	11.605	
<b>4</b>	282.3	0.067	1.262	13.344	289.7	0.240	1.090	15.238	
<b>5</b>	395.9	2.181	3.458	14.455	404.5	1.999	3.441	13.878	
<b>6</b>	488.3	9.407	5.338	0.727	491.9	9.411	5.381	0.687	
<b>7</b>	586.8	2.384	5.431	10.339	579.4	2.427	5.925	9.911	
<b>8</b>	721.1	0.331	1.257	17.175	712.3	0.310	1.198	17.227	

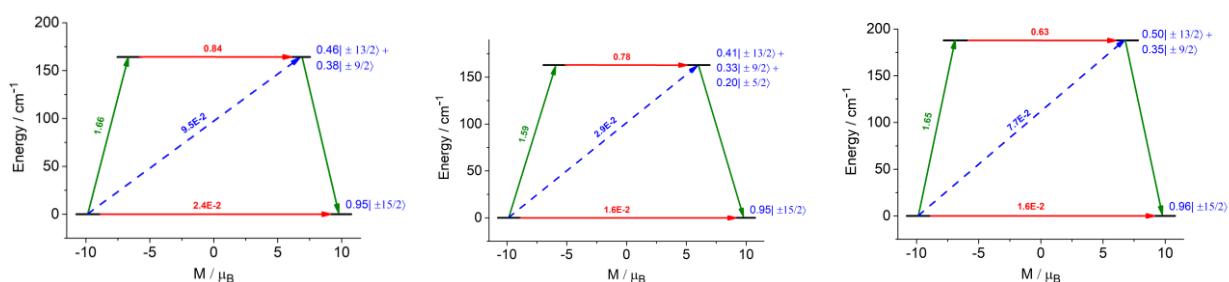
**Table S16** SINGLE\_ANISO computed wave function decomposition analysis for lowest KDs of Dy(III) ions for two crystallographic non-equivalent complexes in **1** and **2**. It is shown only main (> 10%) contributions

KD	wave function decomposition analysis (main (> 10%) contributions)	
	1a	1b
<b>1</b>	0.948  ±15/2>	0.950  ±15/2>
<b>2</b>	0.409  ±13/2> + 0.327  ±9/2> + 0.195  ±5/2>	0.427  ±13/2> + 0.351  ±9/2> + 0.173  ±5/2>
<b>3</b>	0.301  ±7/2> + 0.245  ±1/2> + 0.149  ±3/2>	0.350  ±7/2> + 0.227  ±1/2> + 0.128  ±3/2> + 0.116  ±11/2>
<b>4</b>	0.383  ±11/2> + 0.212  ±7/2> + 0.149  ±3/2>	0.345  ±11/2> + 0.188  ±3/2> + 0.161  ±7/2> + 0.106  ±5/2>
<b>5</b>	0.454  ±13/2> + 0.313  ±9/2> + 0.123  ±5/2>	0.461  ±13/2> + 0.309  ±9/2> + 0.129  ±5/2>
<b>6</b>	0.290  ±11/2> + 0.273  ±7/2> + 0.189  ±5/2> + 0.163  ±9/2>	0.296  ±11/2> + 0.287  ±7/2> + 0.179  ±5/2> + 0.164  ±9/2>
<b>7</b>	0.347  ±3/2> + 0.287  ±5/2> + 0.155  ±11/2> + 0.143  ±7/2>	0.352  ±3/2> + 0.289  ±5/2> + 0.153  ±11/2> + 0.137  ±7/2>
<b>8</b>	0.636  ±1/2> + 0.262  ±3/2>	0.637  ±1/2> + 0.260  ±3/2>

KD	wave function decomposition analysis (main (> 10%) contributions)	
	2a	2b
<b>1</b>	0.962  ±15/2>	0.966  ±15/2>
<b>2</b>	0.499  ±13/2> + 0.346  ±9/2>	0.508  ±13/2> + 0.366  ±9/2> + 0.103  ±5/2>
<b>3</b>	0.425  ±7/2> + 0.292  ±11/2> + 0.112  ±5/2>	0.466  ±7/2> + 0.384  ±11/2>
<b>4</b>	0.284  ±3/2> + 0.201  ±1/2> + 0.199  ±11/2> + 0.175  ±5/2>	0.313  ±3/2> + 0.228  ±1/2> + 0.225  ±5/2> + 0.146  ±11/2>
<b>5</b>	0.355  ±13/2> + 0.321  ±9/2> + 0.138  ±7/2>	0.387  ±13/2> + 0.334  ±9/2> + 0.108  ±7/2>
<b>6</b>	0.254  ±5/2> + 0.202  ±11/2> + 0.180  ±7/2> + 0.123  ±9/2>	0.231  ±5/2> + 0.227  ±11/2> + 0.224  ±7/2> + 0.106  ±9/2>
<b>7</b>	0.316  ±3/2> + 0.251  ±5/2> + 0.157  ±7/2> + 0.147  ±11/2>	0.319  ±3/2> + 0.270  ±5/2> + 0.146  ±11/2> + 0.141  ±7/2> + 0.101  ±9/2>
<b>8</b>	0.611  ±1/2> + 0.259  ±3/2>	0.634  ±1/2> + 0.256  ±3/2>



**Figure S21.** The molecular structures of **1** (a), **2** (b) and **3** (c) together with the easy axes (magenta) of ground KD obtained within the *ab initio* SA-CASSCF/RASSI-SO/SINGLE\_ANISO calculation. Color code: green = Dy, magenta = P, red = O, blue = N, gray = C, white = H.



**Figure S22.** Computed possible magnetization relaxation pathways for **1** (a), **2** (b) and **3** (c). The red arrows show the QTM and TA-QTM via ground and higher excited KD, respectively. The blue arrow shows the Orbach process for the relaxation. The green arrows show the mechanism of magnetic relaxation.

**Table S17** The *ab initio* computed CF parameter of complexes **1-3**

k	q		$B_k^q$	
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
2	-2	0.153E+01	-0.258E+00	-0.125E+01
	-1	-0.861E+00	0.320E-01	0.757E+00
	0	<b>-0.498E+01</b>	<b>-0.255E+01</b>	<b>-0.553E+01</b>
	+1	0.125E+00	0.209E+01	-0.301E+01
	+2	0.286E+00	-0.291E+00	0.289E+00
	-4	-0.259E-01	0.240E-03	-0.848E-01
	-3	-0.432E-03	-0.612E-02	-0.518E-01
	-2	-0.329E+00	-0.400E-03	0.722E-01
4	-1	-0.102E-03	-0.722E-02	-0.425E-01
	0	-0.161E-01	-0.226E-02	-0.153E-01
	+1	0.259E-02	-0.830E-02	0.777E-02
	+2	-0.282E-01	0.478E-01	0.316E+00
	+3	0.150E-01	0.122E-01	0.505E-02
	+4	0.266E+00	-0.431E-01	-0.244E+00
	-6	0.158E-02	0.859E-05	0.259E-02
	-5	-0.318E-03	-0.102E-04	0.594E-03
6	-4	0.188E-03	0.743E-05	0.349E-03
	-3	0.474E-03	0.972E-04	0.277E-02
	-2	0.990E-02	0.325E-04	-0.907E-03
	-1	-0.809E-03	0.197E-03	0.488E-02
	0	-0.136E-02	-0.570E-04	-0.133E-02
	+1	-0.109E-02	-0.544E-04	0.407E-03
	+2	0.620E-03	-0.392E-03	-0.981E-02
	+3	-0.139E-02	0.478E-04	-0.241E-02
8	+4	0.924E-03	-0.180E-04	-0.915E-03
	+5	0.243E-03	-0.209E-03	0.271E-02
	+6	0.738E-03	0.116E-03	0.617E-03