**Figure S1.** Perspective drawing of the  $[Re(NO)Br_4(\mu-nic)Co(dmphen)_2]$  heterobimetallic unit of **3** showing the atom numbering. Thermal ellipsoids are plotted at 30% probability level, and the



hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity.

**Figure S2.** A view of the crystal packing of **3**. Purple and pink octahedrons represent the coordination environment of the Re(II) and Co(II) ions, respectively. The shortest Re<sup>...</sup>Co distances are drawn as red broken lines.



**Figure S3.** Thermal dependence of the  $\chi_M T$  product for **3**: (o) experimental, (—) best-fit curve through eq. (4) (see text).



**Figure S4.** Thermal dependence of the  $\chi_M T$  product for **4**: (o) experimental, (—) best-fit curve through eq. (3) (see text).

