## **Supporting Information**

A series of dinuclear Dy(III) complexes bridged by 2-methyl-8-hydroxylquinoline: replacement on periphery coordinated β-diketonate terminal leads to different single-molecule magnetic properties

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Dy1-01	2.434(3)	Dy1-01	2.3404(12)	Dy1-01	2.3322(13)	O1-Dy1	2.342(3)
Dy1-02	2.397(2)	Dy1-O2	2.2808(12)	Dy1-O2	2.3070(14)	O2-Dy1	2.330(3)
Dy1-O2'	2.316(2)	Dy1-O3	2.2719(14)	Dy1-03	2.2556(15)	O3-Dy1	2.347(3)
Dy1-O3'	2.305(2)	Dy1-O4	2.2832(15)	Dy1-04	2.2643(15)	04- Dy1	2.360(3)
Dy1-O4'	2.330(3)	Dy1-05	2.2602(13)	Dy1-05	2.2849(15)	05- Dy1	2.393(4)
Dy1-05'	2.351(3)	Dy1-01'	2.3001(13)	Dy1-06	2.2579(15)	O6-Dy1	2.397(3)
Dy1-06'	2.347(2)	Dy1-N1'	2.4943(17)	Dy1-N2	2.5621(16)	07-Dy1	2.342(4)
Dy1-N1	2.610(3)	N1-Dy1'	2.4943(17)	Dy2-01	2.2955(14)	Dy1-01'	2.371(3)
O2-Dy1'	2.316(2)	Dy1-Dy1'	3.7652(3)	Dy2-O2	2.3343(13)	01-Dy1'	2.371(3)
Dy1-Dy1'	3.9232(4)	O5-Dy1-O3	143.35(6)	Dy2-07	2.2697(15)	Dy1-Dy1'	3.8787(5)
02'-Dy1-06'	88.53(8)	O3-Dy1-O2	73.34(5)	Dy2-08	2.2632(14)	02-Dy1-07	135.85(13)
03'-Dy1-05'	78.41(9)	O3-Dy1-O4	88.68(5)	Dy2-O9	2.2845(15)	07-Dy1-01	144.07(12)
04'-Dy1-05'	79.67(9)	05-Dy1-01'	105.31(4)	Dy2-O10	2.2621(15)	07-Dy1-O3	74.79(13)
03'-Dy1-02	146.14(9)	02-Dy1-01'	106.54(5)	Dy2-N1	2.5526(17)	O2-Dy1-O4	79.19(13)
04'-Dy1-O2	134.01(8)	05-Dy1-01	79.66(5)	Dy1-Dy2	3.78100(15)	01-Dy1-O4	78.26(11)
05'-Dy1-O2	120.33(8)	02-Dy1-01	148.22(5)	03-Dy1-04	73.13(5)	02-Dy1-01	79.08(12)
02'-Dy1-01	74.33(8)	05-Dy1-02	129.29(6)	O3-Dy1-O5	83.89(6)	O2-Dy1-O3	71.33(12)
06'-Dy1-01	147.08(9)	05-Dy1-O4	73.10(4)	04-Dy1-05	81.55(6)	01-Dy1-O3	121.08(12)
02-Dy1-01	76.01(9)	O2-Dy1-O4	76.26(5)	06-Dy1-O2	101.58(5)	07-Dy1-O4	111.56(14)
02'-Dy1-N1	129.57(9)	03-Dy1-01'	91.34(5)	05-Dy1-O2	172.17(5)	O3-Dy1-O4	139.41(12)
06'-Dy1-N1	91.42(8)	04-Dy1-01'	177.08(5)	06-Dy1-01	81.20(5)	02-Dy1-01'	112.83(12)
O2-Dy1-N1	65.07(8)	03-Dy1-01	74.99(4)	05-Dy1-01	114.15(5)	01-Dy1-01'	69.25(12)
02'-Dy1-04'	79.20(9)	04-Dy1-01	105.66(5)	03-Dy1-N2	71.66(5)	04-Dy1-01	141.62(11)
03'-Dy1-O2	108.87(8)	01'-Dy1-01	71.54(5)	04-Dy1-N2	142.51(5)	07-Dy1-05	69.07(14)
O3'-Dy1-O4'	73.49(9)	O3-Dy1-N1'	135.74(6)	O2-Dy1-N2	66.90(5)	O3-Dy1-O5	74.87(13)
O3'-Dy1-O6'	142.08(9)	O4-Dy1-N1'	114.26(6)	O3-Dy1-O6	138.58(5)	01'-Dy1-05	146.15(12)
04'-Dy1-O6'	77.34(8)	01-Dy1-N1'	127.56(4)	O6-Dy1-O4	133.14(5)	07-Dy1-06	71.51(13)
02'-Dy1-05'	154.45(8)	05-Dy1-N1'	80.87(6)	06-Dy1-05	72.37(5)	O3-Dy1-O6	141.17(12)

 Table S1. Selected Bond Distances (Å) and Angles (°) for 1-4.

06'-Dy1-05'	72.93(9)	O2-Dy1-N1'	76.18(4)	O3-Dy1-O2	98.14(5)	07-Dy1-01'	85.61(12)
02'-Dy1-O2	67.29(8)	01'-Dy1-N1'	67.59(5)	O4-Dy1-O2	106.28(5)	03-Dy1-01'	77.08(11)
06'-Dy1-O2	71.43(8)	Dy1'-01-Dy1	108.46(5)	03-Dy1-01	140.13(5)	02-Dy1-05	75.32(14)
03'-Dy1-01	70.81(10)			04-Dy1-01	74.86(5)	01-Dy1-05	142.97(12)
04'-Dy1-01	124.78(9)			02-Dy1-01	68.93(4)	04-Dy1-05	71.04(12)
05'-Dy1-01	130.25(8)			O6-Dy1-N2	83.21(5)	02-Dy1-06	147.47(13)
03'-Dy1-N1	101.49(9)			O5-Dy1-N2	106.90(6)	01-Dy1-O6	79.53(12)
O4'-Dy1-N1	149.33(10)			O1-Dy1-N2	128.64(5)	04-Dy1-O6	72.65(12)
05'-Dy1-N1	69.73(9)			O10-Dy2-O7	140.54(6)	O1'-Dy1-O6	81.64(11)
O1-Dy1-N1	79.13(9)			O10-Dy2-O9	72.57(5)	05-Dy1-06	109.47(14)
Dy1'-O2-Dy1	112.71(8)			07-Dy2-09	84.76(6)	Dy1'-01-Dy1	110.75(11)
				08-Dy2-01	101.05(5)		
				09-Dy2-01	170.15(5)		
				08-Dy2-O2	142.90(5)		
				O9-Dy2-O2	109.27(5)		
				O10-Dy2-O8	134.67(5)		
				08-Dy2-07	72.93(5)		
				O8-Dy2-O9	86.00(6)		
				O10-Dy2-O1	97.59(5)		
				07-Dy2-01	103.81(6)		
				O10-Dy2-O2	82.41(5)		
				07-Dy2-O2	75.04(5)		
				01-Dy2-O2	69.08(4)		
				O10-Dy2-N1	79.85(6)		
				07-Dy2-N1	139.17(5)		
				O1-Dy2-N1	66.67(5)		
				08-Dy2-N1	70.55(5)		
				O9-Dy2-N1	109.99(6)		
				O2-Dy2-N1	129.16(5)		

	Dy1-O2-Dy2 1	09.10(5)
	Dy2-01-Dy1 1	09.57(5)
Table S2. Dy(III) Geom	netry Analysis by SHAPE Software	
Dy(III)	ideal geometries	S <sub>Dy</sub>
Complex 1	Hexagonal bipyramid (D <sub>6h</sub> )	24.088
	Johnson gyrobifastigium J26 (D <sub>2d</sub> )	24.917
	Triakis tetrahedron (T <sub>d</sub> )	26.928
Complex 2	Capped trigonal prism (C <sub>2v</sub> )	2.798
	Capped octahedron ( $C_{3v}$ )	2.799
	Pentagonal bipyramid (D <sub>5h</sub> )	5.791
Complex <b>3</b>	Capped trigonal prism (C <sub>2v</sub> )	3.924
	Capped octahedron ( $C_{3v}$ )	4.280
	Pentagonal bipyramid (D <sub>5h</sub> )	5.865
Complex 4	Square antiprism (D <sub>4d</sub> )	0.449
	Triangular dodecahedron (D <sub>2d</sub> )	2.295
	Biaugmented trigonal prism ( $C_{2v}$ )	2.321

<b>Table S3.</b> Best fitted parameters ( $\chi_T$ , $\chi_S$ , $\tau$ and $\alpha$ ) with the extended Debye model for complex <b>3</b> at 0 Oe in the
temperature range 2-6.5 K.

emperature ran	Ige 2-0.5 K.			
Т/ К	$\chi_{\rm S}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_{T}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	τ/s	α
2	0.12530	6.08885	0.00089	0.16669
2.25	0.15422	6.04374	0.00085	0.15565
2.5	0.24922	5.92394	0.00082	0.13345
2.75	0.24960	5.79623	0.00078	0.12918
3	0.24970	5.61771	0.00074	0.12045
3.5	0.23002	5.25504	0.00064	0.10381
4	0.25000	4.91258	0.00054	0.08129
4.5	0.20275	4.58551	0.00043	0.06791
5	0.30210	4.28910	0.00035	0.04125
5.5	0.34318	4.02184	0.00028	0.02235
6	0.34637	3.80014	0.00022	0.01937

6.5	0.39957
0.5	0.55557

3.56059

0.00018

0.00003

**Table S4.** Best fitted parameters ( $\chi_T$ ,  $\chi_S$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$ ) with the extended Debye model for complex **4** at 0 Oe in the temperature range 2-4 K.

Т/ К	$\chi_{\rm S}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_{\rm T}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	τ/s	α
2	1.65796	6.10008	0.00037	0.24613
2.25	1.69563	5.85936	0.00037	0.20449
2.5	1.70201	5.62123	0.00036	0.17428
2.75	1.66697	5.38899	0.00034	0.15277
3	1.64410	5.17192	0.00032	0.13030
3.5	1.64181	4.74499	0.00026	0.08930
4	1.68097	4.36980	0.00019	0.06766

**Table S5.** Best fitted parameters ( $\chi_T$ ,  $\chi_S$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$ ) with the extended Debye model for complex **1** at 2000 Oe in the temperature range 2-8 K.

Т/ К	$\chi_{\rm S}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_{\rm T}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	τ/s	α
2.5	0.11997	7.31930	0.03808	0.30000
3	0.12000	6.95000	0.03193	0.29990
3.5	0.11972	6.32544	0.02332	0.29928
4	0.11945	5.60220	0.01454	0.25573
4.5	0.11998	5.02314	0.00881	0.21556
5	0.11984	4.58851	0.00543	0.18532
5.5	0.11996	4.23031	0.00329	0.16375
6	0.11920	3.90386	0.00195	0.14860
6.5	0.11986	3.65929	0.00113	0.14970
7	0.10663	3.43639	0.00063	0.15557
7.5	0.35534	3.21339	0.00037	0.10809
8	0.53411	3.02829	0.00021	0.09632

**Table S6.** Best fitted parameters ( $\chi_T$ ,  $\chi_S$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$ ) with the extended Debye model for complex **2** at 1900 Oe in the temperature range 2-4.5 K.

т/ к	$\chi_{\rm S}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_{\rm T}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	τ/s	α
2	0.60000	10.12839	0.00493	0.29944
2.5	0.63680	9.06795	0.00222	0.25706

3	0.69680	8.40000	0.00104	0.23214
3.5	0.99315	7.45765	0.00050	0.15612
4	1.09983	6.90019	0.00028	0.16029
4.5	1.74336	6.40244	0.00019	0.14520

**Table S7.** Best fitted parameters ( $\chi_T$ ,  $\chi_S$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$ ) with the extended Debye model for complex **3** at 1900 Oe in the temperature range 2-7.5 K.

т/ к	$\chi_{\rm S}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_{T}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	τ/s	α
2	0.19901	7.07782	0.10006	0.25626
2.5	0.26395	6.90062	0.05013	0.23232
3	0.30000	5.87184	0.01647	0.15659
3.5	0.12916	5.35453	0.00644	0.16267
4	0.07079	4.91269	0.00295	0.13722
4.5	0.11987	4.60001	0.00164	0.09900
5	0.14100	4.22909	0.00097	0.05548
5.5	0.08867	3.94704	0.00062	0.03895
6	0.19523	3.72780	0.00044	0.01148
6.5	0.18833	3.51565	0.00032	0.00511
7	0.26244	3.33593	0.00024	0.00012
7.5	0.30160	3.16749	0.00019	0.00345

**Table S8.** Best fitted parameters ( $\chi_T$ ,  $\chi_S$ ,  $\tau$  and  $\alpha$ ) with the extended Debye model for complex **4** at 1500 Oe in the temperature range 2-4 K.

т/ к	$\chi_{\rm S}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_{T}$ / cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	τ/s	α
2	1.23529	6.60260	0.00438	0.30000
2.25	1.09989	6.37297	0.00339	0.30000
2.5	1.05631	6.15053	0.00267	0.30000
2.75	0.93170	5.89968	0.00194	0.29997
3	0.96708	5.60012	0.00141	0.25638
3.25	1.20000	5.30580	0.00106	0.18222
3.5	1.10181	5.10062	0.00073	0.17398
3.75	1.11077	4.86307	0.00050	0.14640

4	1.19125	4.66218	0.00035	0.12299
4.25	1.2038	4.48013	0.00023	0.12579

**Table S9** The curves are fitted by the modified Arrhenius relationship the QTM process is taken account  $1/\tau = 1/\tau_{\text{OTM}} + \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-U_{\text{eff}}/k_{\text{B}}T)$ 

complex	q (s)	$U_{\rm eff}/k_{\rm B}$ (K)	τ <sub>0</sub> (s)
3	8.7×10 <sup>-4</sup>	20.0	1.0×10 <sup>-5</sup>
4	3.5×10 <sup>-4</sup>	20.4	2.0×10 <sup>-6</sup>

**Table S10** The curves are fitted by the modified Arrhenius relationship the Raman process is taken account  $1/\tau = CT^n + \tau_0^{-1} \exp(-U_{eff}/k_BT)$ 

complex	C (s <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-n</sup> )	n	τ <sub>0</sub> (s)	$U_{\rm eff}/k_{\rm B}$ (K)
1	0.76	3.4	2.1×10 <sup>-8</sup>	75.6
2	47.3	1.4	2.9×10 <sup>-6</sup>	18.6
3	2.6	2.1	6.1×10 <sup>-6</sup>	25.8
4	53.2	1.7	4.7×10 <sup>-7</sup>	26.9



Fig. S1 Molar magnetization versus field at 2-8 K. Inset: Experimental M vs. H/T plots at 2-8 K for complexes 1 (top, left), 2 (top, right), 3 (down, left) and 4 (down, right).



**Fig. S2** Frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility (left) and the out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibility (right) in temperature range 2-5 K of complex **1** under 0 Oe.



**Fig. S3** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the frequency range 1-1000 Hz (left) and frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the temperature range 2-8.5 K (right) of complex **2** under 0 Oe.



**Fig. S4** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the frequency range 1-1000 Hz (left) and frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the temperature range 2-9 K (right) of complex **3** under 0 Oe.



**Fig. S5** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the frequency range 1-1000 Hz (left) and frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the temperature range 2-5 K (right) of complex **4** under 0 Oe.



**Fig. S6** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the frequency range 1-1000 Hz (left) and frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the temperature range 2-7 K (right) of complex **1** under 2000 Oe.



**Fig. S7** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the frequency range 1-1000 Hz (left) and frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the temperature range 2-7 K (right) of complex **2** under 1900 Oe.



**Fig. S8** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the frequency range 1-1000 Hz (left) and frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the temperature range 2-5 K (right) of complex **3** under 1900 Oe.



**Fig. S9** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the frequency range 1-1000 Hz (left) and frequency dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) ac susceptibility in the temperature range 2-7 K (right) of complex **4** under 1300 Oe.



Fig. S10 Plot of the frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") ac susceptibility component under indicated dc field for complex 1.



Fig. S11 Plot of the frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") ac susceptibility component under indicated dc field for complex 2.



Fig. S12 Plot of the frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") ac susceptibility component under indicated dc field for complex 3.



Fig. S13 Plot of the frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ( $\chi$ ") ac susceptibility component under indicated dc field for complex 4.



**Fig. S14** Cole-Cole (Argand) plot for complex **3** obtained using the ac susceptibility data under zero dc field. The solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.



**Fig. S15** Cole-Cole (Argand) plot for complex **4** obtained using the ac susceptibility data under zero dc field. The solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.



**Fig. S16** Cole-Cole (Argand) plot for complex **1** obtained using the ac susceptibility data under 2000 Oe. The solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.



**Fig. S17** Cole-Cole (Argand) plot for complex **2** obtained using the ac susceptibility data under 1900 Oe. The solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.



**Fig. S18** Cole-Cole (Argand) plot for complex **3** obtained using the ac susceptibility data under 1900 Oe. The solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.



**Fig. S19** Cole-Cole (Argand) plot for complex **4** obtained using the ac susceptibility data under 1500 Oe. The solid lines correspond to the best fit obtained with a generalized Debye model.

## **Computational details**

Complete-active-space self-consistent field (CASSCF) calculations on individual lanthanide Dy<sup>3+</sup> fragment of the model structures (please reference Fig. S for the models) on the basis of X-ray determined geometry have been carried out with MOLCAS 7.8 program package.<sup>S1</sup>

During the calculations, the other  $Dy^{3+}$  ion for each complex was replaced by diamagnetic  $Lu^{3+}$ . The basis sets for all atoms are atomic natural orbitals from the MOLCAS ANO-RCC library: ANO-RCC-VTZP for  $Dy^{3+}$  ions; VTZ for close O and N; VDZ for distant atoms. The calculations employed the second order Douglas-Kroll-Hess Hamiltonian, where scalar relativistic contractions were taken into account in the basis set and the spin-orbit couplings were handled separately in the restricted active space state interaction (RASSI-SO) procedure. For the fragment of  $Dy^{3+}$ , active electrons in 7 active spaces include all *f* electrons (CAS(9 in 7) in the CASSCF calculation. We have mixed the maximum number of spin-free state which was possible with our hardware (all from 21 sextets, 128 from 224 quadruplets, 130 from 490 doublets for the  $Dy^{3+}$ 

To fit the exchange interactions in four complexes, we took two steps to obtain them. Firstly, we calculated one Dy<sup>3+</sup> fragment using CASSCF to obtain the corresponding magnetic properties. And then, the exchange interaction between the magnetic centers is considered within the Lines model,<sup>52</sup> while the account of the dipole-dipole magnetic coupling is treated exactly. The Lines model is effective and has been successfully used widely in the research field of f-element single-molecule magnets.<sup>53</sup>

For each of complexes 1–4, there is only one type of J.

The exchange Hamiltonian is:

$$\widehat{H}_{exch} = -J^{total} \widehat{\widetilde{S}}_{Dy1} \widehat{\widetilde{S}}_{Dy2}$$
(S1)

The  $J^{total}$  is the parameter of the total magnetic interaction ( $J^{total} = J^{diploar} + J^{exchange}$ ) between

magnetic center ions. The  $\hat{\tilde{S}}_{Dy} = \pm 1/2$  are the ground pseudospin on the Dy<sup>3+</sup> sites for **1–3**. For **4**, we consider the spin of the Dy<sup>3+</sup> as 5/2. The dipolar magnetic coupling can be calculated exactly, while the exchange coupling constants were fitted through comparison of the computed and measured magnetic susceptibility and molar magnetization using the POLY\_ANISO program.<sup>54</sup>

1			2		3a		3b		4	
Ε	g	Ε	g	Ε	g	Ε	g	Ε	g	
0	0.029	0	0.034	0	0.067	0	0.076	0	0.217	
	0.056		0.108		0.109		0.135		2.528	
	19.577		19.339		19.581		19.593		14.222	
66.1	0.717	87.0	0.867	114.2	0.489	187.2	1.402	17.2	0.072	
	1.430		1.150		0.657		3.411		2.627	
	18.247		17.917		18.815		15.133		13.468	
101.6	2.450	158.4	4.950	187.0	9.645	215.1	0.094	66.1	2.033	
	3.245		5.520		6.733		5.018		4.482	
	13.815		9.782		3.577		9.982		12.045	
147.9	8.743	212.9	0859	226.9	2.006	290.9	0.911	86.3	9.154	
	5.511		4.152		3.731		2.416		5.216	
	0.314		9.699		11.423		12.798		0.312	
208.1	3.233	304.0	1.766	301.5	3.604	322.2	8.023	114.7	3.11	
	5.821		2.399		6.561		5.673		4.074	
	9.304		11.888		10.069		0.817		11.492	
279.2	1.546	386.6	0.080	351.6	1.355	386.8	3.262	151.3	0.012	
	2.264		0.621		1.804		4.959		0.675	
	15.115		15.036		14.719		11.782		17.206	
473.7	0.194	506.4	0.256	564.4	0.393	606.4	0.939	190.2	0.338	
	0.374		0.542		1.064		4.205		0.845	
	17.445		18.651		17.121		14.084		18.976	
529.0	0.129	604.4	0.116	613.1	0.267	646.7	0.622	392.5	0.051	
	0.557		0250		1.427		4.963		0.065	
	19.438		19.015		17.918		15.288		19.756	

**Table S11** Energies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) and g (g<sub>x</sub>, g<sub>y</sub>, g<sub>z</sub>) tensors of the lowest spin-orbit states on one Dy<sup>3+</sup> fragment of **1–4**.

The intermolecular interactions zJ' of **1–4** were set to –0.02, –0.02, 0.21 and –0.15 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively.

**Table S12**. Fitted exchange coupling constants  $J^{exch}$ , the calculated dipole-dipole interactions  $J^{dipolar}$  and the total J between  $Dy^{3+}$  ions in **1–4** (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

		1	2	3	4
J	J <sup>dipolar</sup>	1.2	-2.6	-2.4	0.07
	J <sup>exch</sup>	-0.75	0.50	-4.37	0.93
	J	0.45	-2.1	-6.8	1.0

Table S13. Angles (°) between two easy axis on Dy1 and Dy1' (or Dy2) by ab initio

	Angles (°) between two	Angles (°) between easy axis on	Angles (°) between easy axis on Dy1'	
	easy axis	Dy1 and Dy1-Dy1' (or Dy2)	(or Dy2) and Dy1-Dy1' (or Dy2)	
1	0	46.42	46.42	
2	0	77.61	77.61	
3	28.9	78.64	81.24	
4	0	31.11	31.11	

**Table S14.** Exchange energies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) and main values of the  $g_z$  for the lowest two exchange doublets.

	1		1 2 3		3	4		
	Energy	g <sub>z</sub>	Energy	<i>g</i> z	Energy	<i>g</i> z	Energy	g <sub>z</sub>
1	0	39.154	0	0	0	9.781	0.047	29.934
2	0.236	0	1.079	38.678	3.526	37.929	6.645	0

Table S15. Angles (°) between two easy axis on Dy1 and Dy1' (or Dy2) calculated by MAGELLAN

	Angles ( <sup>°</sup> ) between two	Angles (°) between easy axis on	Angles (°) between easy axis on Dy1'		
	easy axis	Dy1 and Dy1-Dy1' (or Dy2)	(or Dy2) and Dy1-Dy1' (or Dy2)		
1	0	28.25	28.22		
2	0	76.46	76.55		
3	31.62	85.10	82.96		
4	0	81.68	81.68		



Fig. S20. Orientations of the local main magnetic axes of the ground doublets on Dy(III) ions of 1 (top, left), 2 (top,

right), **3** (bottom, left) and **4** (bottom, right) as calculated by ab initio calculation.



Fig. S21. Orientations of the anisotropy axes for each of the two Dy(III) ions in complexes 1 (top, left), 2 (top,

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