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**Two Gd<sup>III</sup> complexes derived from dicarboxylate ligands as cryogenic magnetorefrigerants**

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**Table S1.** Comparison of  $-\Delta S_m^{\max}$  (larger than 37.0 J kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup> with  $\Delta H \leq 9$  T) among title complexes and Gd<sup>III</sup> coordination polymers associated with potential molecular magnetorefrigerants.

Complex	$M_W/N_{\text{Gd}}$	Magnetic interaction ( $\theta$ , K)	$-\Delta S_m^{\max}$ [J kg <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ] ( $\Delta H$ )	$-\Delta S_m^{\max}$ [mJ cm <sup>-3</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> ]
[Gd(OH)CO <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S1</sup>	234.27	AF (-1.05)	66.4 (7 T)	355
{Gd(HCOO) <sub>3</sub> } <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S2</sup>	292.30	AF (-0.3)	55.9 (7 T)	215.7
[Gd <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S3</sup>	278.25	AF (-5.50)	46.6 (7 T)	206.81
[Ln <sub>4</sub> (SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S4</sup>	288.34	AF (-1.57)	51.29 (7 T)	198.85
[Gd <sub>4</sub> (μ <sub>4</sub> -SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH) <sub>4</sub> (μ <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (μ <sub>2</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>S5</sup>	295.33	AF (-1.57)	51.49 (7 T)	190.46
{[Gd <sub>6</sub> (OH) <sub>8</sub> (suc) <sub>5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·4H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S6</sup>	294.67	AF (-2.15)	48 (7 T)	143.52
[Gd(C <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>0.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S7</sup>	349.33	AF (-0.18)	44.0 (7 T)	127.6
[Gd(HCOO)(C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S8</sup>	366.38	AF (-0.45)	47.0 (9 T)	125.11
{[Gd <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (suc) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]·2H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S6</sup>	317.36	AF (-2.78)	42.8 (7 T)	120.48
[Gd <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (oda) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> ( <b>1</b> )	342.36	AF (-1.06)	43.3 (7 T)	116.6
[Gd(cit)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S9</sup>	363.36	F (1.13)	43.6 (7 T)	115.23
[Gd(HCOO)(OAc) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S10</sup>	356.38	AF	45.9 (7 T)	110.02
[Gd(OAc) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>0.5</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S11</sup>	343.39	AF (-0.22)	47.7 (7 T)	106.28
[Gd(C <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )(OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S12</sup>	358.36	AF (-0.12)	43.8 (7 T)	104.59
{[Gd <sub>2</sub> (IDA) <sub>3</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S13</sup>	371.90	AF (-0.90)	40.6 (7 T)	100.69
[Gd(OAc) <sub>3</sub> (MeOH)] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S11</sup>	366.42	F (0.34)	45.0 (7 T)	96.71
{[Gd(fum)(ox) <sub>0.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>∞</sub> ( <b>2</b> )	387.38	F (0.93)	37.1 (7 T)	93.4
[Gd <sub>36</sub> ] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S14</sup>	345.00	AF (-2.43)	39.66 (7 T)	91.34
[Gd <sub>2</sub> (piv) <sub>5</sub> (μ <sub>3</sub> -OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] <sub>∞</sub> <sup>S9</sup>	427.57	AF (-0.86)	37.5 (7 T)	61.13

$$-\Delta S_m^{\max} [\text{mJ cm}^{-3} \text{ K}^{-1}] = -\Delta S_m^{\max} [\text{J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}] * \rho_{\text{cald}} [\text{g cm}^{-3}]$$

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**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^{\circ}$ ) for **1**<sup>a</sup>

Gd1—O6	2.260(10)	Gd1—O1W	2.437(9)
Gd1—O6 <sup>#1</sup>	2.284(9)	Gd1—O4	2.439(7)
Gd1—O2 <sup>#2</sup>	2.377(9)	Gd1—O3	2.508(7)
Gd1—O1	2.416(8)	Gd1—O2W	2.520(8)
O6—Gd1—O6 <sup>#1</sup>	66.2(3)	O2 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O4	78.3(3)
O6—Gd1—O2 <sup>#2</sup>	83.0(4)	O1—Gd1—O4	126.6(2)
O6 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O2 <sup>#2</sup>	115.5(4)	O1W—Gd1—O4	80.2(3)
O6—Gd1—O1	91.6(4)	O6—Gd1—O3	138.0(3)
O6 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O1	87.5(4)	O6 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O3	78.7(3)
O2 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O1	151.1(3)	O2 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O3	134.9(3)
O6—Gd1—O1W	145.7(3)	O1—Gd1—O3	63.6(2)
O6 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O1W	148.1(3)	O1W—Gd1—O3	71.6(3)
O2 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O1W	79.6(3)	O4—Gd1—O3	63.4(2)
O1—Gd1—O1W	89.7(3)	O6—Gd1—O2W	75.7(3)
O6—Gd1—O4	124.6(3)	O6 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O2W	138.2(3)
O6 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O4	76.1(3)	O2 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O2W	74.4(3)
O4—Gd1—O2W	143.4(3)	O1—Gd1—O2W	76.7(3)
O3—Gd1—O2W	124.6(3)	O1W—Gd1—O2W	71.3(3)

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry code: #1:  $-x+2, -y, -z+2$ ; #2:  $x, y-1, z$ .

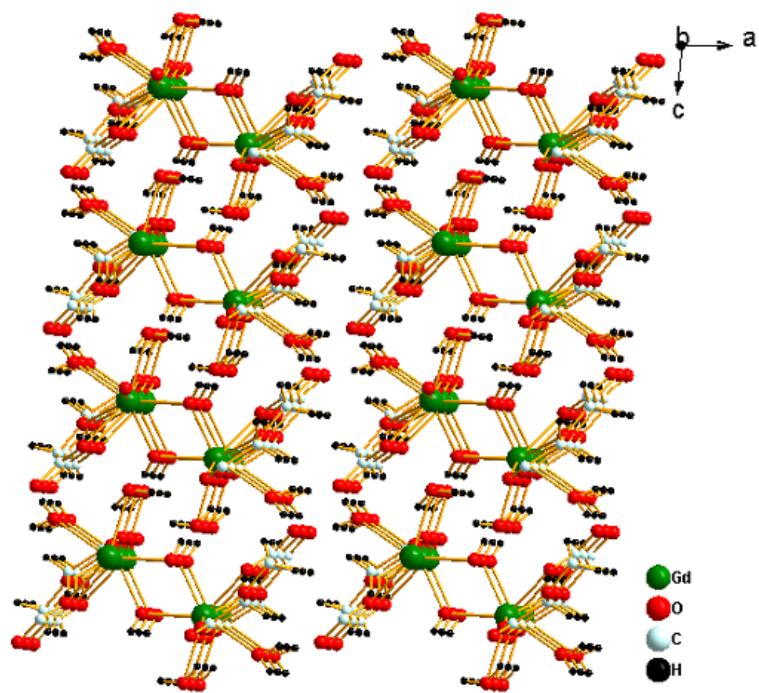
**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^{\circ}$ ) for **2<sup>a</sup>**

Gd1—O1 <sup>#1</sup>	2.352(3)	Gd1—O3	2.443(3)
Gd1—O2	2.474(3)	Gd1—O1W	2.472(3)
C2—O1—Gd1 <sup>#1</sup>	156.1(3)	O1 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O2 <sup>#3</sup>	107.32(11)
O1 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O1 <sup>#1</sup>	144.99(14)	O1 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O2 <sup>#3</sup>	83.81(11)
O1 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O3 <sup>#3</sup>	140.53(9)	O3 <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O2 <sup>#3</sup>	70.71(10)
O1 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O3 <sup>#3</sup>	74.40(9)	O3—Gd1—O2 <sup>#3</sup>	78.62(10)
O1 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O3	74.40(9)	O1W <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O2 <sup>#3</sup>	72.80(10)
O1 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O3	140.53(9)	O1W—Gd1—O2 <sup>#3</sup>	143.61(10)
O3 <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O3	66.50(12)	O2—Gd1—O2 <sup>#3</sup>	143.22(14)
O1 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O1W <sup>#3</sup>	77.21(11)	O1 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O1W	74.68(11)
O1 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O1W <sup>#3</sup>	74.68(11)	O1 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O1W	77.21(11)
O3 <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O1W <sup>#3</sup>	133.97(10)	O3 <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O1W	130.96(10)
O3—Gd1—O1W <sup>#3</sup>	130.96(10)	O3—Gd1—O1W	133.97(10)
O3 <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O2	78.62(10)	O1W <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O1W	72.37(14)
O3—Gd1—O2	70.71(10)	O1 <sup>#2</sup> —Gd1—O2	83.81(11)
O1W <sup>#3</sup> —Gd1—O2	143.61(10)	O1 <sup>#1</sup> —Gd1—O2	107.32(11)
O1W—Gd1—O2	72.80(10)		

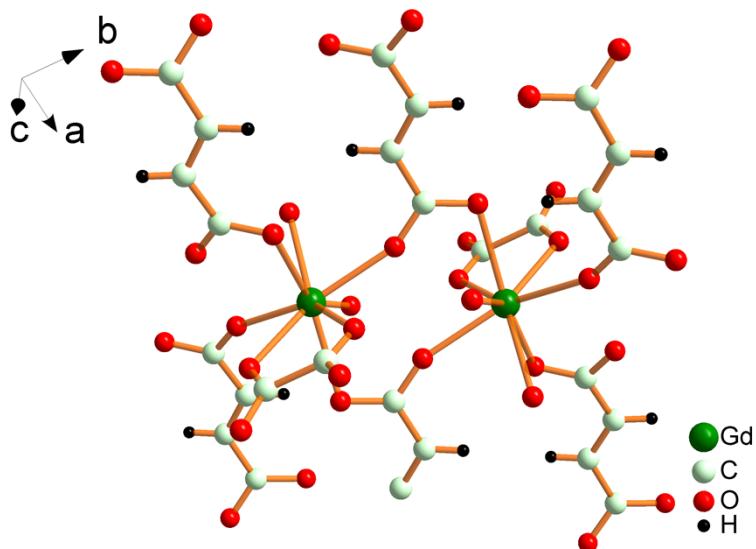
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**Table S4.** Hydrogen-Bonding Geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^{\circ}$ ) for **1**

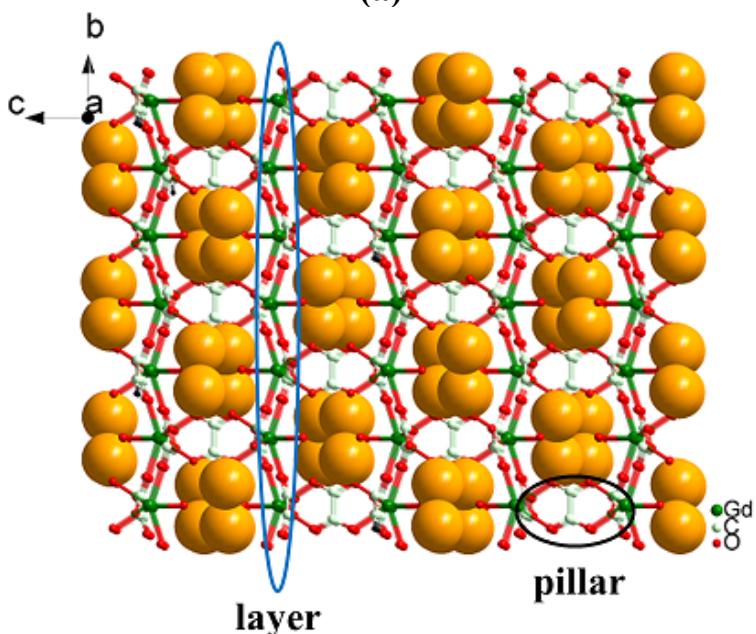
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O1W—H1WA…O5	0.87	2.09	2.760(12)	133
O1W—H1WB…O5	0.87	1.89	2.699(12)	154
O2W—H2WB…O4	0.87	2.36	3.119(14)	146
O6—H6…O1	0.85(11)	2.47(10)	3.285(13)	162(12)
C2—H2A…O4	0.97	0.97	3.159(14)	131



**Fig. S1.** View of the 3D packing structure of **1**.

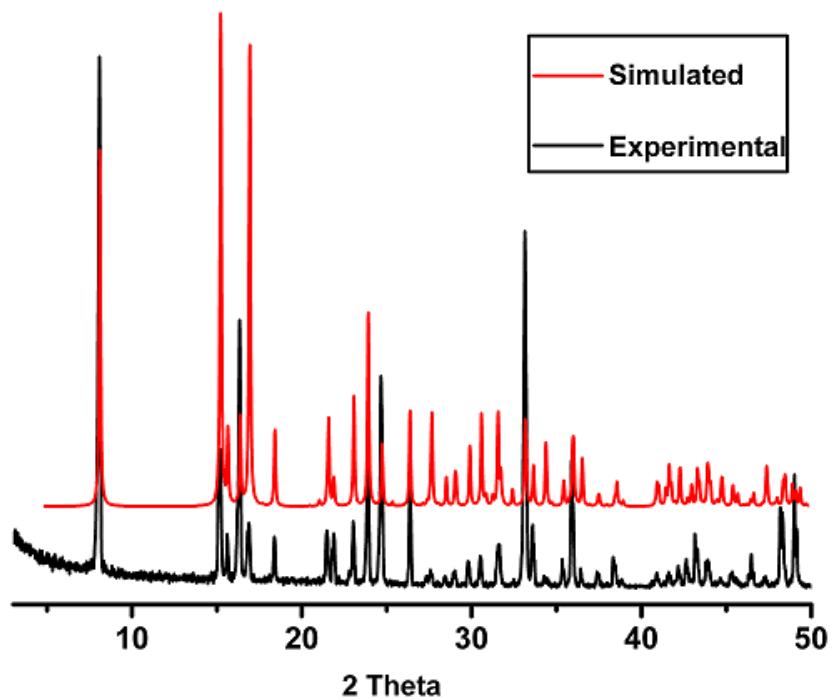


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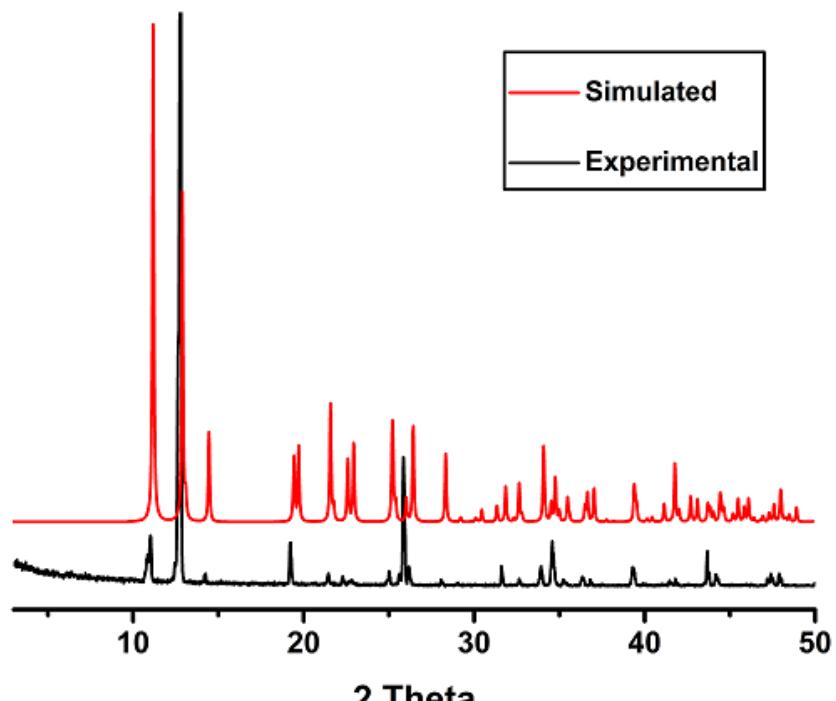


(b)

**Fig. S2.** (a) The coordination environment of Gd<sup>III</sup> ions in **2**; (b) the 3D pillar-layer structure of **2**.

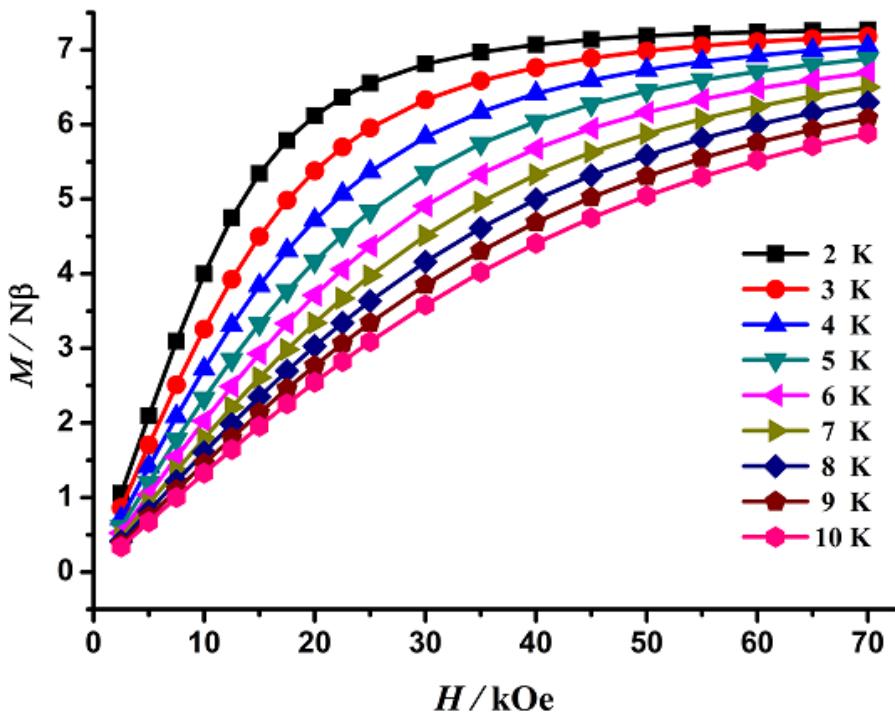


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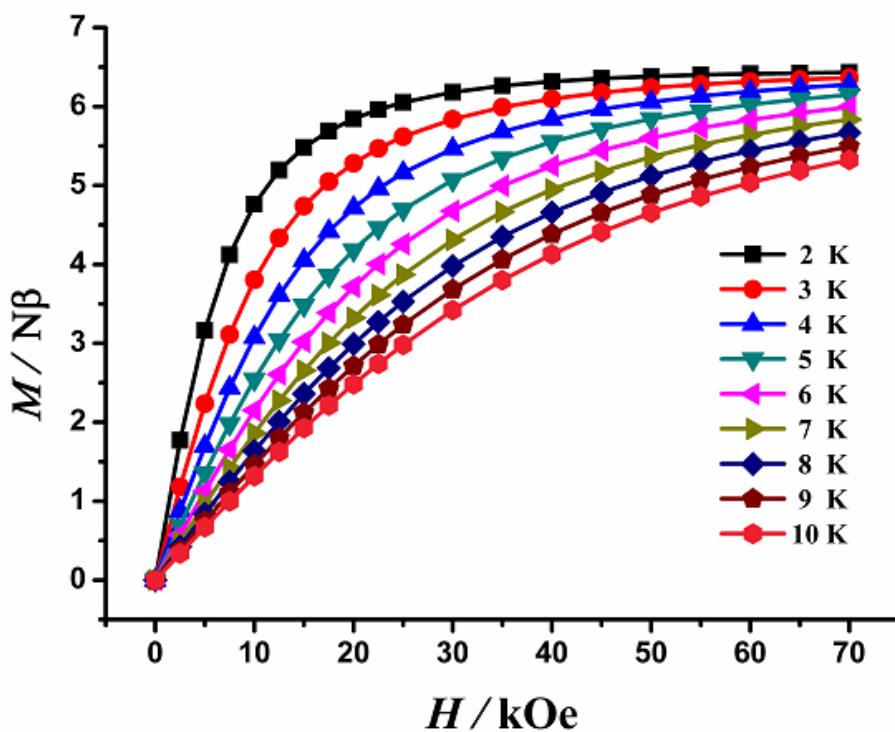


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**Fig. S3.** PXRD patterns of **1** (a) and **2** (b).

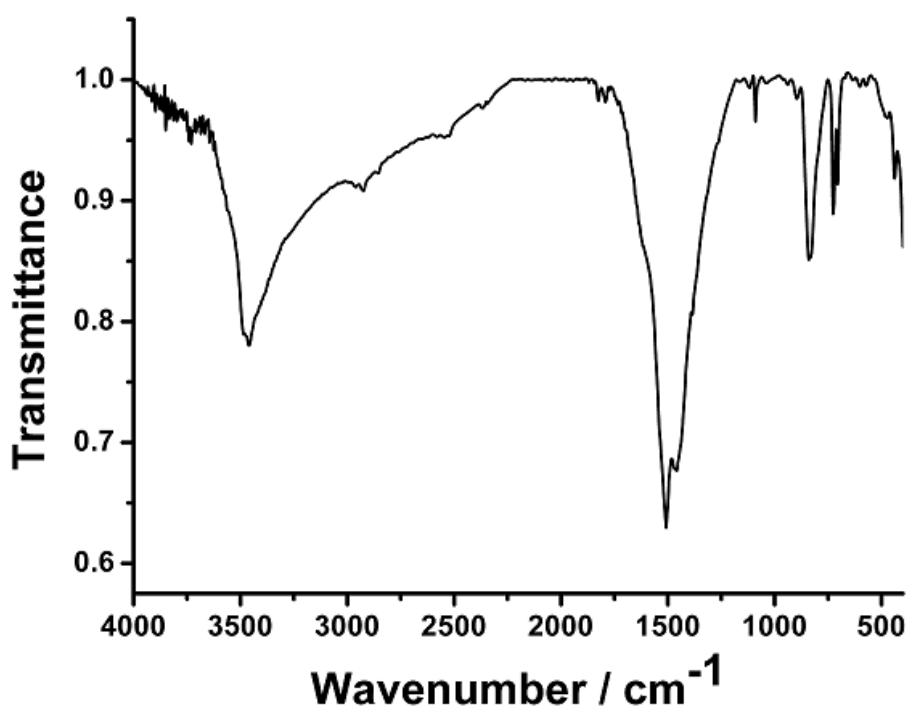


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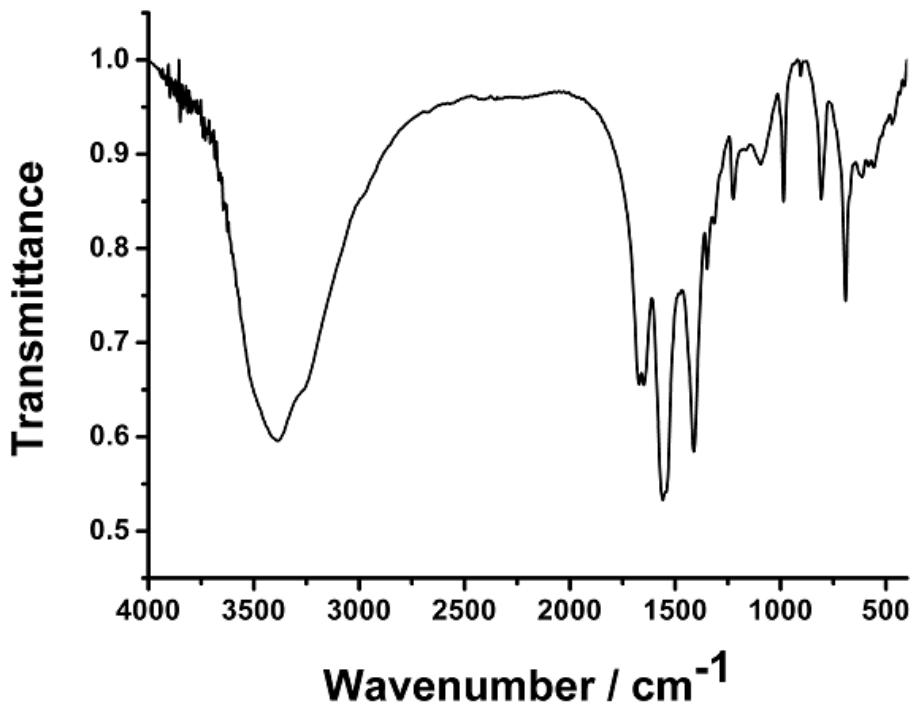


(b)

**Fig. S4.** The  $M$  vs.  $H$  curves of **1** (a) and **2** (b) at  $T = 2\text{--}10\text{ K}$  and  $H = 2.5\text{--}70\text{ kOe}$



(a)



(b)

**Fig. S5.** IR spectra of **1** (a) and **2** (b).