

*Supporting Information for the Manuscript:*

**Compartmental Ligand Approach for Constructing 3d–4f Heterometallic  
[Cu<sup>II</sup><sub>5</sub>Ln<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub>] Clusters: Synthesis and Magnetostructural Properties**

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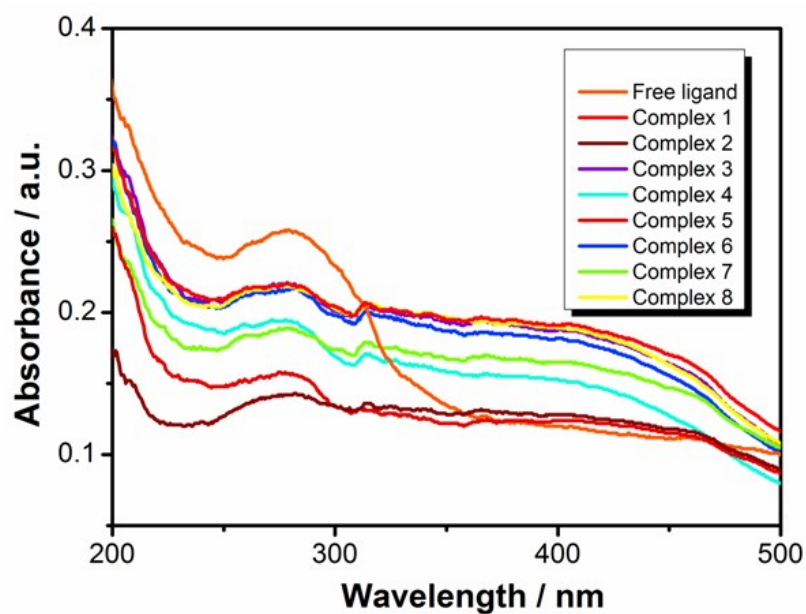


Figure S1 UV-Vis reflectance spectra of free ligand and complexes **1-8** in BaSO<sub>4</sub> after Kubelka-Munk transformation.

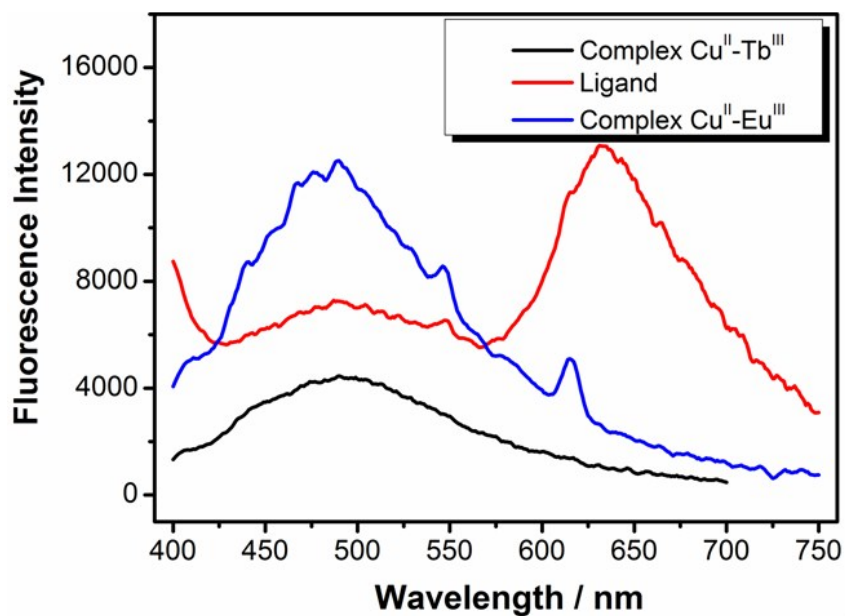


Figure S2 Luminescence spectrum of free ligand and complexes **2** and **4** in solid state at 298 K,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}}$  = 306, 306 and 356 nm, respectively.

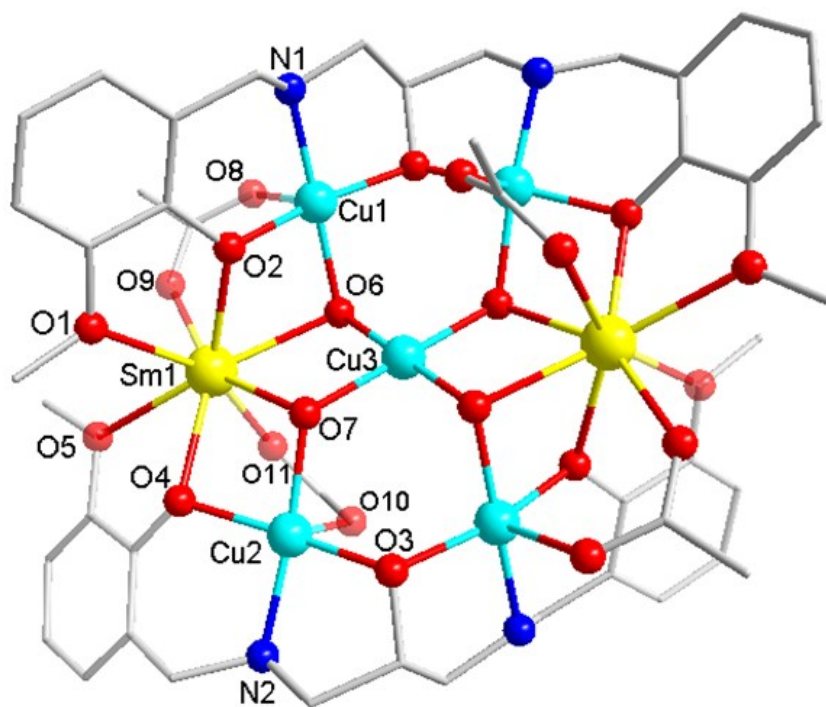


Figure S3 Molecular structure of complex **1**. Solvent molecules,  $PF_6^{-1}$  ion and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

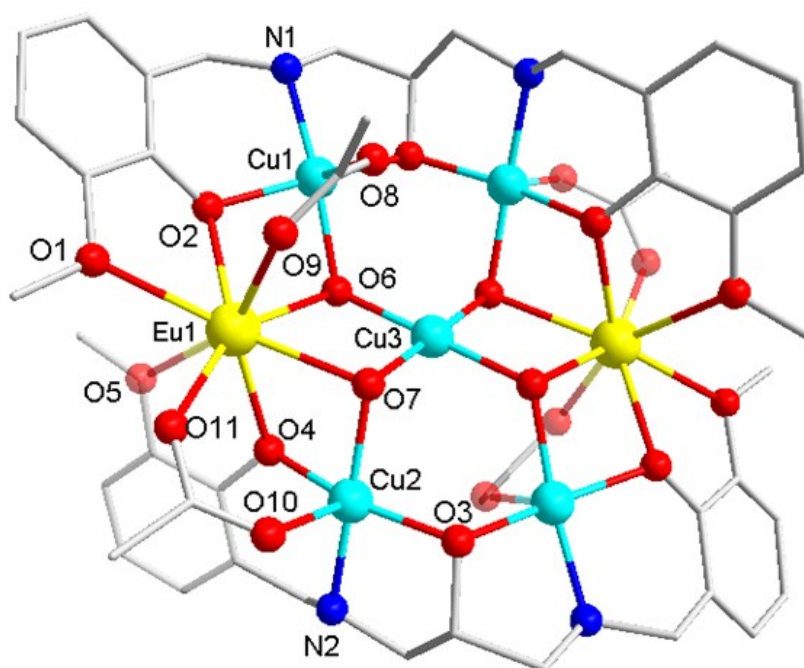


Figure S4 Molecular structure of complex **2**. Solvent molecules,  $PF_6^{-1}$  ion and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

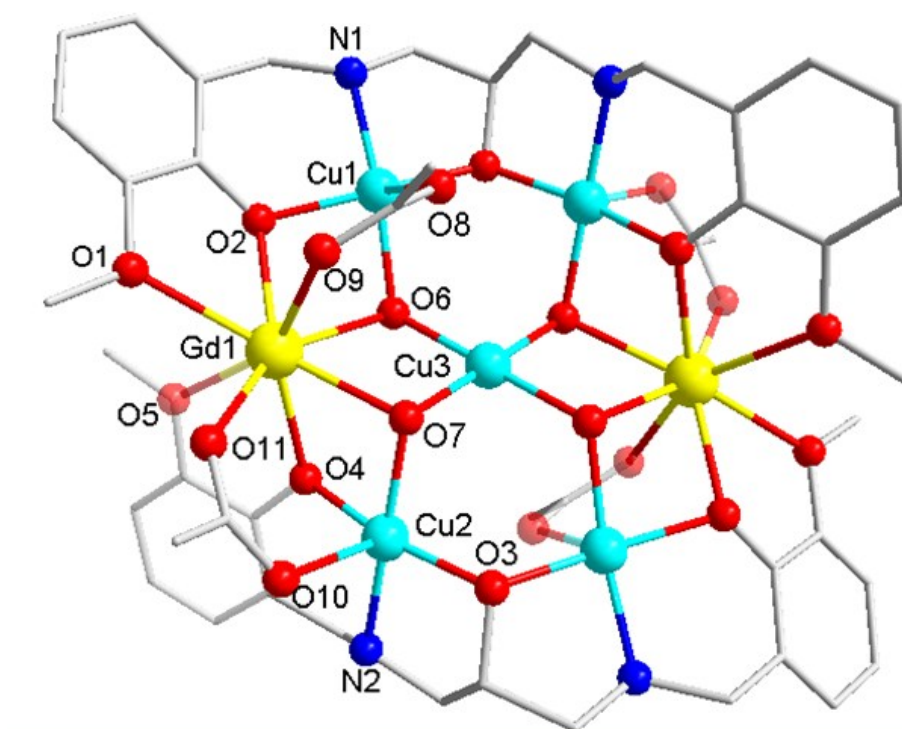


Figure S5 Molecular structure of complex 3. Solvent molecules,  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ions and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

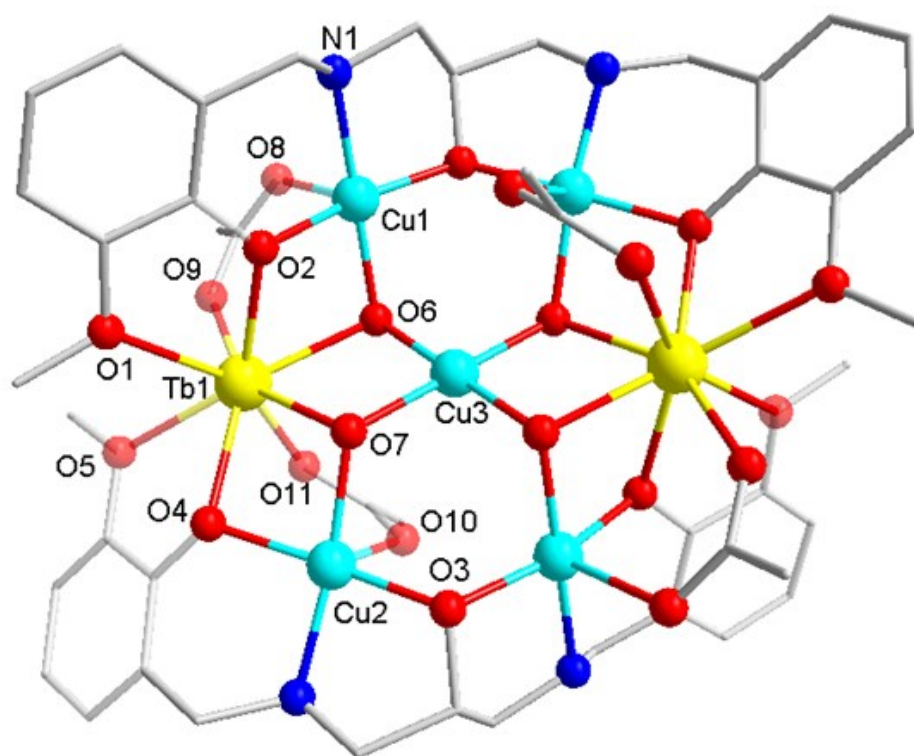


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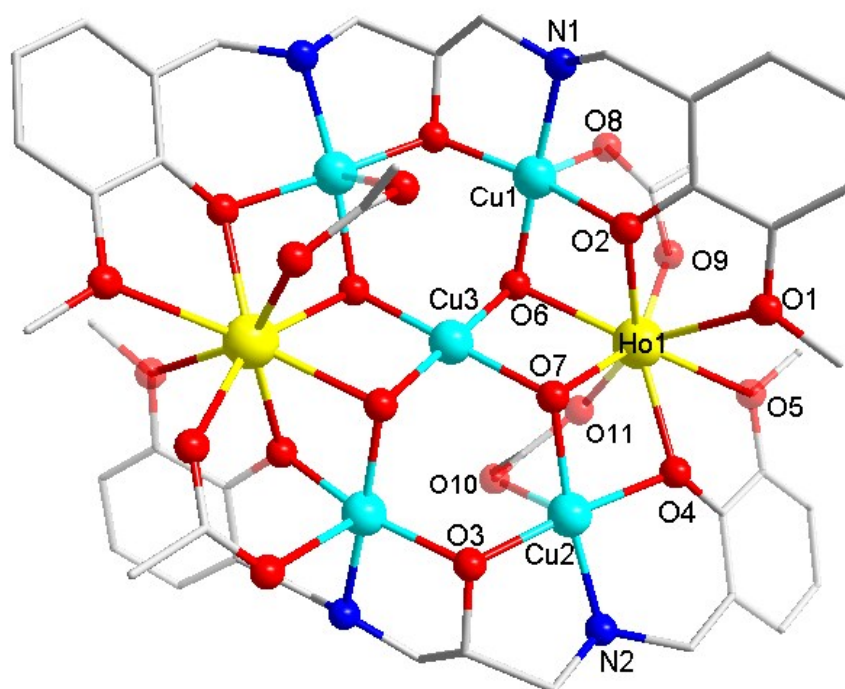


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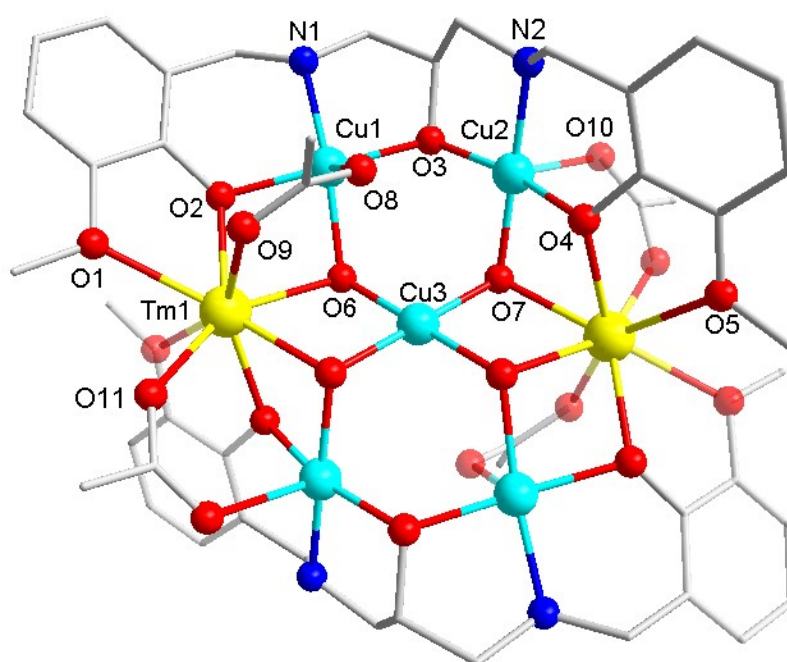


Figure S8 Molecular structure of complex 7. Solvent molecules,  $NO_3^{-}$  ions and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

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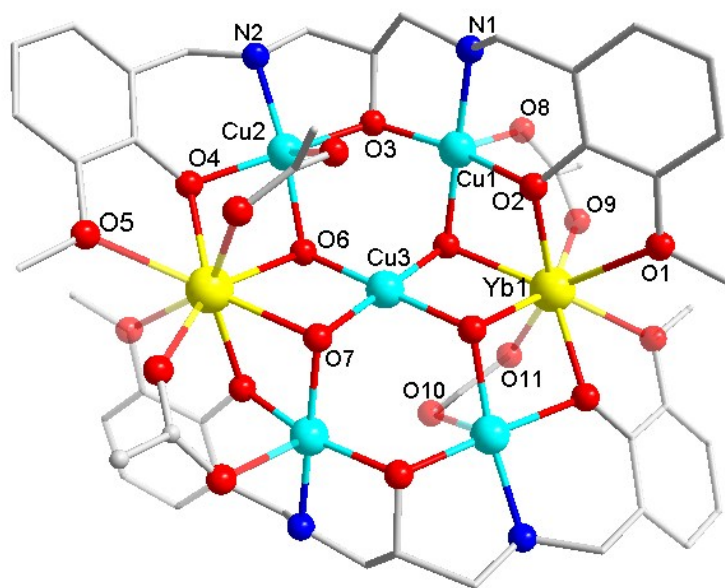


Figure S9 Molecular structure of complex **8**. Solvent molecules,  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ions and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

Table S1 Selected coordination bond distances (Å) for **1-4**.

| 1                                          |          | 2                                          |          | 3                                            |          | 4                                         |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Selected bond distances around copper      |          |                                            |          |                                              |          |                                           |          |
| Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                        | 1.924(3) | Cu2-O3                                     | 1.931(3) | Cu2-O7                                       | 1.960(3) | Cu2-O3                                    | 1.938(5) |
| Cu3-O6                                     | 1.924(3) | Cu2-O7                                     | 1.979(3) | Cu2-O3                                       | 1.936(3) | Cu2-O7                                    | 1.999(5) |
| Cu3-O7                                     | 1.953(3) | Cu2-O4                                     | 1.951(3) | Cu2-O4                                       | 1.956(3) | Cu2-O4                                    | 1.986(5) |
| Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                        | 1.953(3) | Cu2-N2                                     | 1.981(3) | Cu2-O10                                      | 2.310(3) | Cu2-N2                                    | 1.996(5) |
| Cu2-O3                                     | 1.953(3) | Cu2-O10                                    | 2.263(3) | Cu2-N2                                       | 1.986(4) | Cu2-O10                                   | 2.284(6) |
| Cu2-O4                                     | 1.987(3) | Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                        | 1.930(3) | Cu3-O7                                       | 1.919(3) | Cu3-O6                                    | 1.921(4) |
| Cu2-O7                                     | 1.992(3) | Cu3-O7                                     | 1.930(3) | Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                          | 1.919(3) | Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                       | 1.921(4) |
| Cu2-O10                                    | 2.216(3) | Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                        | 1.947(3) | Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                          | 1.967(3) | Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                       | 1.967(4) |
| Cu2-N2                                     | 1.996(4) | Cu3-O6                                     | 1.947(3) | Cu3-O6                                       | 1.967(3) | Cu3-O7                                    | 1.967(4) |
| Cu1-O6                                     | 1.977(3) | Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                        | 1.957(3) | Cu1-O6                                       | 2.000(3) | Cu1-O6                                    | 1.964(5) |
| Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                        | 1.940(3) | Cu1-O6                                     | 1.996(3) | Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 1.941(3) | Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                       | 1.928(5) |
| Cu1-O2                                     | 1.956(3) | Cu1-N1                                     | 1.999(3) | Cu1-O2                                       | 2.001(3) | Cu1-N1                                    | 1.987(6) |
| Cu1-O8                                     | 2.270(3) | Cu1-O8                                     | 2.225(3) | Cu1-N1                                       | 1.993(4) | Cu1-O2                                    | 1.949(4) |
| Cu1-N1                                     | 1.986(4) | Cu1-O2                                     | 1.981(3) | Cu1-O8                                       | 2.288(4) | Cu1-O8                                    | 2.295(5) |
|                                            |          |                                            |          | O3-Cu1 <sup>1</sup>                          | 1.941(3) | O3-Cu1 <sup>1</sup>                       | 1.928(5) |
| Selected bond distances<br>around samarium |          | Selected bond distances<br>around europium |          | Selected bond distances<br>around gadolinium |          | Selected bond distances<br>around terbium |          |
| Sm1-O6                                     | 2.437(3) | Eu1-O7                                     | 2.423(3) | Gd1-O7                                       | 2.360(3) | Tb1-O6                                    | 2.341(4) |
| Sm1-O4                                     | 2.383(3) | Eu1-O6                                     | 2.401(3) | Gd1-O6                                       | 2.411(3) | Tb1-O7                                    | 2.396(5) |

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|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Sm1-O7                   | 2.405(3) | Eu1-O5                   | 2.519(3) | Gd1-O2                   | 2.363(3) | Tb1-O4                   | 2.343(4) |
| Sm1-O2                   | 2.375(3) | Eu1-O1                   | 2.525(3) | Gd1-O1                   | 2.511(3) | Tb1-O5                   | 2.504(5) |
| Sm1-O5                   | 2.531(3) | Eu1-O4                   | 2.364(3) | Gd1-O4                   | 2.361(3) | Tb1-O2                   | 2.350(5) |
| Sm1-O1                   | 2.530(3) | Eu1-O9                   | 2.325(3) | Gd1-O9                   | 2.315(3) | Tb1-O1                   | 2.536(5) |
| Sm1-O9                   | 2.309(3) | Eu1-O2                   | 2.380(3) | Gd1-O5                   | 2.557(3) | Tb1-O9                   | 2.284(5) |
| Sm1-O11                  | 2.344(3) | Eu1-O11                  | 2.300(3) | Gd1-O11                  | 2.300(3) | Tb1-O11                  | 2.300(5) |
| <sup>1</sup> 1-X,2-Y,1-Z |          | <sup>1</sup> 1-X,1-Y,1-Z |          | <sup>1</sup> 2-X,2-Y,2-Z |          | <sup>1</sup> 2-X,1-Y,2-Z |          |

Table S2 Selected coordination bond distances (Å) for **5-8**.

| 5                                       |          | 6                                      |          | 7                                      |          | 8                                        |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Selected bond distances around copper   |          |                                        |          |                                        |          |                                          |          |
| Cu3-O6                                  | 1.923(5) | Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                    | 1.947(4) | Cu3-O6                                 | 1.959(4) | Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                      | 1.936(3) |
| Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                     | 1.923(5) | Cu3-O6                                 | 1.947(4) | Cu3-O61                                | 1.959(4) | Cu3-O7                                   | 1.936(3) |
| Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                     | 1.962(5) | Cu3-O7                                 | 1.982(4) | Cu3-O71                                | 1.925(5) | Cu3-O6                                   | 1.976(4) |
| Cu3-O7                                  | 1.962(5) | Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                    | 1.982(4) | Cu3-O7                                 | 1.925(5) | Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                      | 1.976(4) |
| Cu2-O4                                  | 1.992(5) | Cu2-O7                                 | 1.999(4) | Cu2-O7                                 | 1.939(6) | Cu3-O10                                  | 2.987(8) |
| Cu2-O7                                  | 1.994(5) | Cu2-O3                                 | 1.962(4) | Cu2-O3                                 | 1.932(4) | Cu1-O7 <sup>1</sup>                      | 1.961(4) |
| Cu2-O3                                  | 1.943(5) | Cu2-N2                                 | 2.008(4) | Cu2-O4                                 | 1.951(5) | Cu1-O2                                   | 1.956(4) |
| Cu2-N1                                  | 1.987(5) | Cu2-O4                                 | 1.994(4) | Cu2-O10                                | 2.309(5) | Cu1-O3                                   | 1.944(4) |
| Cu2-O10                                 | 2.302(6) | Cu2-O10                                | 2.301(5) | Cu2-N2                                 | 1.976(6) | Cu1-O8                                   | 2.311(5) |
| Cu1-O6                                  | 1.955(5) | Cu1-O6                                 | 1.958(4) | Cu1-O6                                 | 2.003(5) | Cu1-N1                                   | 1.991(5) |
| Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                     | 1.931(5) | Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                    | 1.956(4) | Cu1-O3                                 | 1.959(5) | Cu2-O6                                   | 1.993(4) |
| Cu1-O2                                  | 1.947(4) | Cu1-O2                                 | 1.977(4) | Cu1-O2                                 | 1.994(5) | Cu2-O4                                   | 1.995(4) |
| Cu1-N2                                  | 1.997(6) | Cu1-O8                                 | 2.313(4) | Cu1-N1                                 | 1.989(6) | Cu2-O3                                   | 1.948(4) |
| Cu1-O8                                  | 2.298(5) | Cu1-N1                                 | 1.997(5) | Cu1-O8                                 | 2.359(6) | Cu2-N2                                   | 1.993(5) |
| O3-Cu1 <sup>1</sup>                     | 1.931(5) | O3-Cu1 <sup>1</sup>                    | 1.956(4) |                                        |          | Cu2-O10 <sup>1</sup>                     | 2.353(6) |
| Selected bond distances around samarium |          | Selected bond distances around holmium |          | Selected bond distances around thulium |          | Selected bond distances around ytterbium |          |
| Dy1-O6                                  | 2.338(4) | Ho1-O6                                 | 2.349(4) | Tm1-O6                                 | 2.356(5) | Yb1-O7 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.309(4) |
| Dy1-O11                                 | 2.283(5) | Ho1-O7                                 | 2.375(4) | Tm1-O7 <sup>1</sup>                    | 2.311(5) | Yb1-O6 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.354(4) |
| Dy1-O4                                  | 2.338(4) | Ho1-O4                                 | 2.332(4) | Tm1-O2                                 | 2.301(5) | Yb1-O4 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.295(4) |
| Dy1-O7                                  | 2.394(5) | Ho1-O2                                 | 2.341(4) | Tm1-O9                                 | 2.244(5) | Yb1-O2                                   | 2.298(4) |
| Dy1-O5                                  | 2.500(4) | Ho1-O5                                 | 2.529(4) | Tm1-O4 <sup>1</sup>                    | 2.298(5) | Yb1-O11                                  | 2.242(4) |
| Dy1-O2                                  | 2.338(4) | Ho1-O9                                 | 2.270(4) | Tm1-O1                                 | 2.500(5) | Yb1-O1                                   | 2.520(4) |
| Dy1-O1                                  | 2.538(5) | Ho1-O11                                | 2.310(4) | Tm1-O5 <sup>1</sup>                    | 2.528(5) | Yb1-O9                                   | 2.222(4) |
| Dy1-O9                                  | 2.271(5) | Ho1-O1                                 | 2.505(4) | Tm1-O11                                | 2.217(5) | Yb1-O5 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.501(4) |
|                                         |          |                                        |          | O7-Tm1 <sup>1</sup>                    | 2.311(5) | O7-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.309(4) |
|                                         |          |                                        |          | O4-Tm1 <sup>1</sup>                    | 2.298(5) | O6-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.354(4) |
|                                         |          |                                        |          |                                        |          | O4-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.295(4) |
|                                         |          |                                        |          |                                        |          | O5-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>                      | 2.501(4) |
| <sup>1</sup> 1-X,1-Y,1-Z                |          | <sup>1</sup> 1-X,2-Y,-Z                |          | <sup>1</sup> 1-X,2-Y,1-Z               |          | <sup>1</sup> 2-X,-Y,1-Z                  |          |

Table S3 Selected coordination bond angles (°) for 1-4.

| 1                                               |            | 2                                               |            | 3                                                 |            | 4                                              |            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Bond angles containing both samarium and copper |            | Bond angles containing both europium and copper |            | Bond angles containing both gadolinium and copper |            | Bond angles containing both terbium and copper |            |
| Cu3 <sup>1</sup> -O6-Sm1                        | 102.13(13) | Cu2-O7-Eu1                                      | 99.89(12)  | Cu2-O7-Gd1                                        | 101.37(14) | Cu3-O6-Tb1                                     | 103.28(17) |
| Cu1-O6-Sm1                                      | 99.84(13)  | Cu3-O7-Eu1                                      | 101.98(12) | Cu3-O7-Gd1                                        | 103.60(14) | Cu3-O6-Cu1                                     | 109.1(2)   |
| Cu1-O6-Cu3 <sup>1</sup>                         | 108.30(15) | Cu3 <sup>1</sup> -O6-Eu1                        | 102.23(13) | Cu3-O7-Cu2                                        | 109.36(15) | Cu1-O6-Tb1                                     | 101.65(19) |
| Cu2-O4-Sm1                                      | 99.77(11)  | Cu1-O6-Eu1                                      | 98.57(13)  | Cu3-O6-Gd1                                        | 100.31(13) | Cu2-O7-Tb1                                     | 97.87(19)  |
| Cu3-O7-Sm1                                      | 102.35(12) |                                                 |            | Cu3-O6-Cu1                                        | 119.83(17) | Cu3-O7-Tb1                                     | 99.94(18)  |
| Cu2-O7-Sm1                                      | 98.86(12)  |                                                 |            | Cu1-O6-Gd1                                        | 97.76(13)  | Cu2-O4-Tb1                                     | 99.99(18)  |
| Cu1-O2-Sm1                                      | 102.56(12) |                                                 |            |                                                   |            |                                                |            |
|                                                 |            |                                                 |            |                                                   |            |                                                |            |
|                                                 |            |                                                 |            |                                                   |            |                                                |            |
| Bond angles around copper                       |            |                                                 |            |                                                   |            |                                                |            |
| O6-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                          | 180        | O7-Cu2-O3                                       | 94.73(12)  | O7-Cu2-O10                                        | 93.78(13)  | O3-Cu2-O7                                      | 97.26(19)  |
| O7-Cu3-O6                                       | 87.91(13)  | O4-Cu2-O3                                       | 162.59(12) | O7-Cu2-N2                                         | 175.42(15) | O3-Cu2-O4                                      | 169.35(19) |
| O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6                         | 92.09(13)  | O4-Cu2-O7                                       | 82.26(11)  | O3-Cu2-O7                                         | 94.33(13)  | O3-Cu2-N2                                      | 86.0(2)    |
| O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7                         | 180        | N2-Cu2-O3                                       | 87.90(12)  | O3-Cu2-O4                                         | 165.57(13) | O3-Cu2-O10                                     | 87.7(2)    |
| O4-Cu2-O3                                       | 166.24(12) | N2-Cu2-O7                                       | 175.20(13) | O3-Cu2-O10                                        | 97.80(13)  | O7-Cu2-O10                                     | 87.1(2)    |
| O11-Cu1-O2                                      | 83.19(11)  | N2-Cu2-O4                                       | 94.04(12)  | O3-Cu2-N2                                         | 87.80(14)  | O4-Cu2-O7                                      | 81.86(19)  |
| O7-Cu2-O3                                       | 95.95(12)  | O10-Cu2-O3                                      | 98.29(11)  | O4-Cu2-O7                                         | 82.71(13)  | O4-Cu2-N2                                      | 93.1(2)    |
| O7-Cu2-O4                                       | 83.07(11)  | O10-Cu2-O7                                      | 91.73(11)  | O4-Cu2-O10                                        | 96.49(13)  | O4-Cu2-O10                                     | 102.8(2)   |
| O10-Cu2-O3                                      | 94.47(12)  | O10-Cu2-O4                                      | 98.94(11)  | O4-Cu2-N2                                         | 94.23(14)  | N2-Cu2-O7                                      | 169.4(2)   |
| O10-Cu2-O4                                      | 99.23(12)  | O10-Cu2-N2                                      | 91.87(12)  | N2-Cu2-O10                                        | 89.93(14)  | N2-Cu2-O10                                     | 103.2(3)   |
| O10-Cu2-O7                                      | 89.02(13)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7                         | 180        | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7                           | 180.000(1) | O6-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                         | 180.000(1) |
| N2-Cu2-O3                                       | 85.76(13)  | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7                         | 92.10(13)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6                           | 92.88(14)  | O6-Cu3-O7                                      | 87.18(19)  |
| N2-Cu2-O4                                       | 93.42(13)  | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>            | 87.90(13)  | O7-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                            | 92.88(14)  | O6-Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                         | 92.82(19)  |
| N2-Cu2-O7                                       | 172.06(14) | O6-Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                          | 92.10(13)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>              | 87.12(14)  | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>           | 87.18(19)  |
| N2-Cu2-O10                                      | 98.59(15)  | O6-Cu3-O7                                       | 87.90(13)  | O7-Cu3-O6                                         | 87.12(14)  | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7                        | 92.82(19)  |
| N1-Cu1-O6                                       | 175.32(15) | O6-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>                          | 180        | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6                           | 180.000(1) | O7-Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>                         | 180.000(1) |
| N1-Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 87.68(13)  | O6-Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 95.73(12)  | O6-Cu1-O2                                         | 82.45(13)  | O6-Cu1-N1                                      | 175.6(2)   |
| N1-Cu1-O2                                       | 94.04(14)  | N1-Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 86.12(12)  | O6-Cu1-O8                                         | 86.42(16)  | O6-Cu1-O8                                      | 94.02(19)  |
| N1-Cu1-O8                                       | 91.84(13)  | N1-Cu1-O6                                       | 171.93(13) | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O6                           | 97.03(13)  | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O6                        | 94.43(18)  |
| O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O6                         | 94.72(13)  | O8-Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 94.07(12)  | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O2                           | 168.98(13) | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-N1                        | 87.5(2)    |
| O2-Cu1-O6                                       | 82.48(13)  | O8-Cu1-O6                                       | 88.70(13)  | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-N1                           | 86.10(14)  | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O2                        | 165.7(2)   |
| O2-Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 162.59(12) | O8-Cu1-N1                                       | 99.02(13)  | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O8                           | 87.27(14)  | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O8                        | 97.58(18)  |
| O8-Cu1-O6                                       | 91.78(12)  | O2-Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 166.37(11) | O2-Cu1-O8                                         | 103.65(14) | N1-Cu1-O8                                      | 89.6(2)    |
| O8-Cu1-O3 <sup>1</sup>                          | 98.43(11)  | O2-Cu1-O6                                       | 83.20(11)  | N1-Cu1-O6                                         | 169.53(15) | O2-Cu1-O6                                      | 82.26(18)  |
| O8-Cu1-O2                                       | 98.82(12)  | O2-Cu1-N1                                       | 93.15(12)  | N1-Cu1-O2                                         | 92.56(14)  | O2-Cu1-N1                                      | 94.9(2)    |

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|                             |            | O2-Cu1-O8                   | 99.49(11)  | N1-Cu1-O8                     | 103.74(17) | O2-Cu1-O8                  | 96.6(2)    |
| Bond angles around samarium |            | Bond angles around europium |            | Bond angles around gadolinium |            | Bond angles around terbium |            |
| O4-Sm1-O6                   | 127.24(10) | O6-Eu1-O7                   | 67.80(10)  | O7-Gd1-O6                     | 68.30(11)  | O6-Tb1-O7                  | 68.93(15)  |
| O7-Sm1-O6                   | 67.52(10)  | O5-Eu1-O7                   | 129.62(9)  | O7-Gd1-O2                     | 128.68(11) | O6-Tb1-O4                  | 128.84(16) |
| O7-Sm1-O4                   | 66.88(9)   | O5-Eu1-O6                   | 97.51(10)  | O7-Gd1-O1                     | 147.92(11) | O6-Tb1-O5                  | 147.31(15) |
| O2-Sm1-O6                   | 65.20(10)  | O1-Eu1-O7                   | 148.62(10) | O7-Gd1-O4                     | 66.46(11)  | O6-Tb1-O2                  | 66.54(15)  |
| O2-Sm1-O4                   | 127.10(10) | O1-Eu1-O6                   | 132.36(9)  | O7-Gd1-O5                     | 129.71(11) | O6-Tb1-O1                  | 129.87(15) |
| O2-Sm1-O7                   | 78.17(10)  | O1-Eu1-O5                   | 76.83(9)   | O6-Gd1-O1                     | 132.23(10) | O7-Tb1-O5                  | 132.34(15) |
| O5-Sm1-O6                   | 149.07(11) | O4-Eu1-O7                   | 65.35(9)   | O6-Gd1-O5                     | 101.67(11) | O7-Tb1-O1                  | 101.21(16) |
| O5-Sm1-O4                   | 65.07(9)   | O4-Eu1-O6                   | 78.06(10)  | O2-Gd1-O6                     | 67.03(10)  | O4-Tb1-O7                  | 66.86(16)  |
| O5-Sm1-O7                   | 131.94(9)  | O4-Eu1-O5                   | 64.47(9)   | O2-Gd1-O1                     | 65.29(10)  | O4-Tb1-O5                  | 65.55(15)  |
| O5-Sm1-O2                   | 134.64(10) | O4-Eu1-O1                   | 134.42(9)  | O2-Gd1-O5                     | 83.44(10)  | O4-Tb1-O2                  | 126.44(16) |
| O1-Sm1-O6                   | 128.90(10) | O9-Eu1-O7                   | 75.66(10)  | O1-Gd1-O5                     | 75.69(10)  | O4-Tb1-O1                  | 83.44(15)  |
| O1-Sm1-O4                   | 82.13(10)  | O9-Eu1-O6                   | 91.69(10)  | O4-Gd1-O6                     | 79.08(11)  | O5-Tb1-O1                  | 75.88(16)  |
| O1-Sm1-O7                   | 97.44(10)  | O9-Eu1-O5                   | 154.71(9)  | O4-Gd1-O2                     | 126.03(10) | O2-Tb1-O7                  | 79.28(17)  |
| O1-Sm1-O2                   | 63.94(9)   | O9-Eu1-O1                   | 79.56(9)   | O4-Gd1-O1                     | 133.59(10) | O2-Tb1-O5                  | 133.49(16) |
| O1-Sm1-O5                   | 77.36(10)  | O9-Eu1-O4                   | 140.76(10) | O4-Gd1-O5                     | 63.25(10)  | O2-Tb1-O1                  | 63.33(15)  |
| O9-Sm1-O6                   | 87.00(10)  | O2-Eu1-O7                   | 127.43(9)  | O9-Gd1-O7                     | 76.85(11)  | O9-Tb1-O6                  | 81.13(16)  |
| O9-Sm1-O4                   | 141.88(10) | O2-Eu1-O6                   | 67.03(9)   | O9-Gd1-O6                     | 90.22(12)  | O9-Tb1-O7                  | 149.44(16) |
| O9-Sm1-O7                   | 151.21(10) | O2-Eu1-O5                   | 81.81(8)   | O9-Gd1-O2                     | 79.35(11)  | O9-Tb1-O4                  | 142.34(17) |
| O9-Sm1-O2                   | 79.04(11)  | O2-Eu1-O1                   | 65.34(9)   | O9-Gd1-O1                     | 78.64(11)  | O9-Tb1-O5                  | 77.21(16)  |
| O9-Sm1-O5                   | 76.86(10)  | O2-Eu1-O4                   | 127.24(9)  | O9-Gd1-O4                     | 143.22(10) | O9-Tb1-O2                  | 83.42(17)  |
| O9-Sm1-O1                   | 88.09(11)  | O2-Eu1-O9                   | 80.21(9)   | O9-Gd1-O5                     | 153.32(11) | O9-Tb1-O1                  | 93.13(17)  |
| O11-Sm1-O6                  | 75.91(11)  | O11-Eu1-O7                  | 86.62(10)  | O11-Gd1-O7                    | 81.52(11)  | O9-Tb1-O11                 | 88.58(18)  |
| O11-Sm1-O4                  | 80.02(10)  | O11-Eu1-O6                  | 151.14(10) | O11-Gd1-O6                    | 149.33(11) | O11-Tb1-O6                 | 77.46(16)  |
| O11-Sm1-O7                  | 91.31(10)  | O11-Eu1-O5                  | 88.49(10)  | O11-Gd1-O2                    | 142.12(10) | O11-Tb1-O7                 | 90.73(18)  |
| O11-Sm1-O2                  | 140.87(10) | O11-Eu1-O1                  | 76.50(9)   | O11-Gd1-O1                    | 77.28(10)  | O11-Tb1-O4                 | 78.66(17)  |
| O11-Sm1-O5                  | 79.50(10)  | O11-Eu1-O4                  | 79.23(10)  | O11-Gd1-O4                    | 84.09(11)  | O11-Tb1-O5                 | 77.81(17)  |
| O11-Sm1-O1                  | 155.16(10) | O11-Eu1-O9                  | 94.75(10)  | O11-Gd1-O9                    | 88.10(12)  | O11-Tb1-O2                 | 143.90(16) |
| O11-Sm1-O9                  | 95.38(11)  | O11-Eu1-O2                  | 141.81(10) | O11-Gd1-O5                    | 93.21(11)  | O11-Tb1-O1                 | 152.55(16) |
| <sup>1</sup> 1-X,2-Y,1-Z    |            | <sup>1</sup> 2-X,2-Y,2-Z    |            | <sup>1</sup> 2-X,2-Y,2-Z      |            | <sup>1</sup> 2-X,1-Y,2-Z   |            |

Table S4 Selected coordination bond angles (°) for **5-8**.

| 5                                                 |            | 6                                              |            | 7                                              |          | 8                                              |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Bond angles containing both dysprosium and copper |            | Bond angles containing both holmium and copper |            | Bond angles containing both thulium and copper |          | Bond angles containing both terbium and copper |            |
| Cu3-O6-Dy1                                        | 103.56(19) | Cu3-O6-Ho1                                     | 101.50(18) | Cu3-O6-Tm1                                     | 100.5(2) | Cu3-O7-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>                        | 103.14(16) |
| Cu1-O6-Dy1                                        | 101.37(19) | Cu1-O6-Ho1                                     | 101.75(17) | Cu1-O6-Tm1                                     | 97.9(2)  | Cu1 <sup>1</sup> -O7-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>          | 101.41(15) |
| Cu2-O4-Dy1                                        | 99.63(17)  | Cu3-O7-Ho1                                     | 99.53(15)  | Cu3-O7-Tm1 <sup>1</sup>                        | 103.2(2) | Cu3-O6-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>                        | 100.32(16) |
| Cu3-O7-Dy1                                        | 100.4(2)   | Cu2-O7-Ho1                                     | 98.20(15)  | Cu2-O7-Tm1 <sup>1</sup>                        | 102.0(2) | Cu2-O6-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>                        | 98.31(16)  |

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| Cu2-O7-Dy1                           | 97.74(19)  | Cu1-O2-Ho1                           | 101.42(15) | Cu1-O2-Tm1                           | 99.93(18)  | Cu2-O4-Yb1 <sup>1</sup>              | 100.19(15) |
| Cu1-O2-Dy1                           | 101.62(19) |                                      |            | Cu2-O4-Tm1 <sup>1</sup>              | 102.1(2)   | Cu1-O2-Yb1                           | 101.96(17) |
| Bond angles around copper            |            |                                      |            |                                      |            |                                      |            |
| O6-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>               | 180.0(3)   | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6              | 180.000(1) | O6-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>               | 180.000(1) | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7              | 180.0(2)   |
| O6-Cu3-O7                            | 86.8(2)    | O6-Cu3-O7                            | 87.89(16)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup> | 93.9(2)    | O7-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>               | 93.98(16)  |
| O6-Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 93.2(2)    | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup> | 87.89(16)  | O7-Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup>               | 86.1(2)    | O7-Cu3-O6                            | 86.02(16)  |
| O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7              | 93.2(2)    | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7              | 92.11(16)  | O7-Cu3-O6                            | 93.9(2)    | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6 <sup>1</sup> | 86.02(16)  |
| O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup> | 86.8(2)    | O6-Cu3-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 92.11(16)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6              | 86.1(2)    | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6              | 93.98(16)  |
| O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7              | 180.000(1) | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7              | 180.000(1) | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O7              | 180.0(3)   | O7-Cu3-O10                           | 95.85(15)  |
| O4-Cu2-O7                            | 82.22(18)  | O7-Cu2-N2                            | 171.99(17) | O7-Cu2-O4                            | 81.1(2)    | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O10             | 84.15(15)  |
| O4-Cu2-O10                           | 102.5(2)   | O7-Cu2-O10                           | 84.0(2)    | O7-Cu2-O10                           | 93.6(2)    | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O6              | 180.000(1) |
| O7-Cu2-O10                           | 86.0(3)    | O3-Cu2-O7                            | 99.02(15)  | O7-Cu2-N2                            | 174.9(2)   | O6-Cu3-O10                           | 111.24(17) |
| O3-Cu2-O4                            | 170.0(2)   | O3-Cu2-N2                            | 85.52(16)  | O3-Cu2-O7                            | 94.9(2)    | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Cu3-O10             | 68.76(17)  |
| O3-Cu2-O7                            | 97.31(19)  | O3-Cu2-O4                            | 170.83(16) | O3-Cu2-O4                            | 165.5(2)   | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O8              | 93.88(16)  |
| O3-Cu2-N1                            | 86.4(2)    | O3-Cu2-O10                           | 88.85(18)  | O3-Cu2-O10                           | 97.2(2)    | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-N1              | 174.79(19) |
| O3-Cu2-O10                           | 87.4(2)    | N2-Cu2-O10                           | 102.8(2)   | O3-Cu2-N2                            | 88.0(2)    | O2-Cu1-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 81.50(16)  |
| O3-Cu2-O4                            | 170.0(2)   | O4-Cu2-O7                            | 82.16(15)  | O4-Cu2-O10                           | 96.9(2)    | O2-Cu1-O8                            | 95.90(18)  |
| O3-Cu2-O7                            | 97.31(19)  | O4-Cu2-N2                            | 92.32(16)  | O4-Cu2-N2                            | 95.0(2)    | O2-Cu1-N1                            | 94.72(19)  |
| O3-Cu2-N1                            | 86.4(2)    | O4-Cu2-O10                           | 100.32(18) | N2-Cu2-O10                           | 90.2(2)    | O3-Cu1-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 95.05(16)  |
| O6-Cu1-N2                            | 175.4(2)   | O6-Cu1-O2                            | 82.06(16)  | O6-Cu1-O8                            | 83.5(2)    | O3-Cu1-O2                            | 165.44(17) |
| O6-Cu1-O8                            | 94.17(18)  | O6-Cu1-O8                            | 95.55(17)  | O3-Cu1-O6                            | 98.5(2)    | O3-Cu1-O8                            | 98.45(17)  |
| O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O6              | 94.46(18)  | O6-Cu1-N1                            | 175.93(19) | O3-Cu1-O2                            | 172.1(2)   | O3-Cu1-N1                            | 87.72(19)  |
| O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O2              | 165.3(2)   | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O6              | 96.21(16)  | O3-Cu1-N1                            | 86.2(2)    | N1-Cu1-O8                            | 90.1(2)    |
| O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-N2              | 87.8(2)    | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O2              | 164.85(16) | O3-Cu1-O8                            | 87.2(2)    | O6-Cu2-O4                            | 81.04(16)  |
| O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O8              | 97.8(2)    | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-O8              | 100.85(16) | O2-Cu1-O6                            | 81.6(2)    | O6-Cu2-N2                            | 170.35(19) |
| O2-Cu1-O6                            | 82.40(18)  | O3 <sup>1</sup> -Cu1-N1              | 87.17(17)  | O2-Cu1-O8                            | 100.6(2)   | O6-Cu2-O10 <sup>1</sup>              | 84.1(2)    |
| O2-Cu1-N2                            | 94.4(2)    | O2-Cu1-O8                            | 94.29(16)  | N1-Cu1-O6                            | 170.9(2)   | O4-Cu2-O10 <sup>1</sup>              | 100.56(18) |
| O2-Cu1-O8                            | 96.68(19)  | O2-Cu1-N1                            | 94.09(17)  | N1-Cu1-O2                            | 92.6(2)    | O3-Cu2-O6                            | 98.91(16)  |
| N2-Cu1-O8                            | 89.4(2)    | N1-Cu1-O8                            | 86.02(18)  | N1-Cu1-O8                            | 104.6(3)   | O3-Cu2-O4                            | 171.92(17) |
|                                      |            |                                      |            |                                      |            | O3-Cu2-N2                            | 85.85(18)  |
|                                      |            |                                      |            |                                      |            | O3-Cu2-O10 <sup>1</sup>              | 87.45(18)  |
|                                      |            |                                      |            |                                      |            | N2-Cu2-O4                            | 93.05(18)  |
|                                      |            |                                      |            |                                      |            | N2-Cu2-O10 <sup>1</sup>              | 104.5(2)   |
| Bond angles around dysprosium        |            | Bond angles around holmium           |            | Bond angles around thulium           |            | Bond angles around ytterbium         |            |
| O6-Dy1-O4                            | 128.93(15) | O6-Ho1-O7                            | 70.49(14)  | O6-Tm1-O1                            | 134.03(17) | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O6 <sup>1</sup> | 69.81(13)  |
| O6-Dy1-O7                            | 68.63(16)  | O6-Ho1-O5                            | 147.35(14) | O6-Tm1-O5 <sup>1</sup>               | 101.29(18) | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O1              | 132.05(14) |
| O6-Dy1-O5                            | 146.92(16) | O6-Ho1-O1                            | 131.83(14) | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O6              | 69.23(17)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O5 <sup>1</sup> | 145.42(14) |
| O6-Dy1-O1                            | 130.79(15) | O7-Ho1-O5                            | 133.65(13) | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O1              | 146.19(18) | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O1              | 101.74(15) |
| O11-Dy1-O6                           | 77.05(16)  | O7-Ho1-O1                            | 99.43(14)  | O7 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O5 <sup>1</sup> | 131.02(19) | O6 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O5 <sup>1</sup> | 133.85(13) |
| O11-Dy1-O4                           | 79.19(17)  | O4-Ho1-O6                            | 130.29(13) | O2-Tm1-O6                            | 68.22(16)  | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O7 <sup>1</sup> | 129.88(13) |
| O11-Dy1-O7                           | 90.86(18)  | O4-Ho1-O7                            | 67.75(12)  | O2-Tm1-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 130.08(18) | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O6 <sup>1</sup> | 67.75(13)  |
| O11-Dy1-O5                           | 77.98(16)  | O4-Ho1-O2                            | 127.41(13) | O2-Tm1-O1                            | 65.86(17)  | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O2              | 125.93(14) |

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| O11-Dy1-O2              | 143.63(15) | O4-Ho1-O5  | 65.91(13)  | O2-Tm1-O51                           | 82.34(18)  | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O1              | 82.35(15)  |
| O11-Dy1-O1              | 151.97(15) | O4-Ho1-O1  | 81.24(14)  | O9-Tm1-O6                            | 92.79(19)  | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O5 <sup>1</sup> | 66.16(13)  |
| O4-Dy1-O7               | 67.25(15)  | O2-Ho1-O6  | 66.86(13)  | O9-Tm1-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 77.30(19)  | O2-Yb1-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 67.44(13)  |
| O4-Dy1-O5               | 65.92(15)  | O2-Ho1-O7  | 78.99(13)  | O9-Tm1-O2                            | 79.91(19)  | O2-Yb1-O6 <sup>1</sup>               | 78.13(14)  |
| O4-Dy1-O1               | 83.05(15)  | O2-Ho1-O5  | 130.72(14) | O9-Tm1-O4 <sup>1</sup>               | 143.73(17) | O2-Yb1-O1                            | 64.65(14)  |
| O7-Dy1-O5               | 133.08(15) | O2-Ho1-O1  | 64.97(13)  | O9-Tm1-O1                            | 77.37(18)  | O2-Yb1-O5 <sup>1</sup>               | 133.23(14) |
| O7-Dy1-O1               | 102.07(17) | O9-Ho1-O6  | 83.59(15)  | O9-Tm1-O5 <sup>1</sup>               | 151.34(19) | O11-Yb1-O7 <sup>1</sup>              | 76.74(14)  |
| O5-Dy1-O1               | 75.02(15)  | O9-Ho1-O7  | 152.30(14) | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O6              | 77.27(18)  | O11-Yb1-O6 <sup>1</sup>              | 92.79(15)  |
| O2-Dy1-O6               | 66.69(15)  | O9-Ho1-O4  | 139.74(14) | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O7 <sup>1</sup> | 66.52(18)  | O11-Yb1-O4 <sup>1</sup>              | 79.92(16)  |
| O2-Dy1-O4               | 126.15(16) | O9-Ho1-O2  | 82.03(14)  | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O2              | 125.73(17) | O11-Yb1-O2                           | 144.04(15) |
| O2-Dy1-O7               | 78.88(16)  | O9-Ho1-O5  | 73.98(14)  | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O1              | 133.77(18) | O11-Yb1-O1                           | 150.78(15) |
| O2-Dy1-O5               | 133.45(15) | O9-Ho1-O11 | 90.32(17)  | O4 <sup>1</sup> -Tm1-O5 <sup>1</sup> | 64.54(17)  | O11-Yb1-O5 <sup>1</sup>              | 77.21(15)  |
| O2-Dy1-O1               | 64.11(15)  | O9-Ho1-O1  | 90.49(16)  | O1-Tm1-O5 <sup>1</sup>               | 74.88(17)  | O9-Yb1-O7 <sup>1</sup>               | 81.81(14)  |
| O9-Dy1-O6               | 81.41(16)  | O11-Ho1-O6 | 77.42(15)  | O11-Tm1-O6                           | 149.66(17) | O9-Yb1-O6 <sup>1</sup>               | 150.39(14) |
| O9-Dy1-O11              | 88.29(18)  | O11-Ho1-O7 | 93.30(16)  | O11-Tm1-O7 <sup>1</sup>              | 81.55(18)  | O9-Yb1-O4 <sup>1</sup>               | 141.24(15) |
| O9-Dy1-O4               | 142.04(16) | O11-Ho1-O4 | 79.27(15)  | O11-Tm1-O2                           | 141.43(18) | O9-Yb1-O2                            | 83.44(16)  |
| O9-Dy1-O7               | 149.39(16) | O11-Ho1-O2 | 144.05(14) | O11-Tm1-O9                           | 88.5(2)    | O9-Yb1-O11                           | 88.66(17)  |
| O9-Dy1-O5               | 76.50(16)  | O11-Ho1-O5 | 79.27(16)  | O11-Tm1-O4 <sup>1</sup>              | 83.88(19)  | O9-Yb1-O1                            | 90.83(17)  |
| O9-Dy1-O2               | 83.81(17)  | O11-Ho1-O1 | 150.61(15) | O11-Tm1-O1                           | 75.75(18)  | O9-Yb1-O5 <sup>1</sup>               | 75.23(15)  |
| O9-Dy1-O1               | 92.61(17)  | O1-Ho1-O5  | 72.75(14)  | O11-Tm1-O5 <sup>1</sup>              | 91.57(19)  | O5 <sup>1</sup> -Yb1-O1              | 74.43(15)  |
| <sup>1</sup> -X,1-Y,1-Z |            | 1-X,2-Y,-Z |            | <sup>1</sup> -X,2-Y,1-Z              |            | <sup>1</sup> 2-X,-Y,1-Z              |            |

Table S5 Geometry analysis using the Shape v 2.0 software.

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|          |        |                                            |
|----------|--------|--------------------------------------------|
| OP-8     | 1 D8h  | Octagon                                    |
| HPY-8    | 2 C7v  | Heptagonal pyramid                         |
| HBPY-8   | 3 D6h  | Hexagonal bipyramid                        |
| CU-8     | 4 Oh   | Cube                                       |
| SAPR-8   | 5 D4d  | Square antiprism                           |
| TDD-8    | 6 D2d  | Triangular dodecahedron                    |
| JGBF-8   | 7 D2d  | Johnson gyrobifastigium J26                |
| JETBPY-8 | 8 D3h  | Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14 |
| JBTPr-8  | 9 C2v  | Biaugmented trigonal prism J50             |
| BTPR-8   | 10 C2v | Biaugmented trigonal prism                 |
| JSD-8    | 11 D2d | Snub diphenoid J84                         |
| TT-8     | 12 Td  | Triakis tetrahedron                        |

|         |        |                              |
|---------|--------|------------------------------|
| ETBPY-8 | 13 D3h | Elongated trigonal bipyramid |
|---------|--------|------------------------------|

| [ML<br>8 ] | OP-8  | HPY-<br>8 | HBPY<br>-8 | CU-8  | SAPR<br>-8 | TDD-<br>8 | JGBF-<br>8 | JETB<br>PY-8 | JBTP<br>R-8 | BTPR<br>-8 | JSD-8 | TT-8  | ETBP<br>Y-8 |
|------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Sm         | 29.97 | 24.49     | 13.75      | 12.54 | 4.17       | 1.72,     | 11.12      | 25.86        | 3.19        | 2.88       | 3.15  | 13.25 | 23.52       |
| Eu         | 30.12 | 24.52     | 13.85      | 12.55 | 4.14       | 1.64      | 11.20      | 25.81        | 3.12        | 2.80       | 3.08  | 13.27 | 23.44       |
| Gd         | 31.22 | 23.41     | 15.12      | 13.07 | 4.41       | 1.82      | 12.57      | 25.75        | 2.96        | 2.38       | 3.51  | 13.73 | 22.91       |
| Tb         | 31.21 | 23.61     | 15.16      | 13.11 | 4.30       | 1.72      | 12.59      | 26.09        | 2.94        | 2.40       | 3.43  | 13.80 | 23.33       |
| Dy         | 31.11 | 23.67     | 15.31      | 13.30 | 4.26       | 1.68      | 12.65      | 25.84        | 2.79        | 2.26       | 3.41  | 13.98 | 23.06       |
| Ho         | 30.87 | 24.25     | 14.84      | 12.66 | 3.93       | 1.45      | 12.35      | 25.68        | 2.88        | 2.48       | 3.10  | 13.46 | 23.16       |
| Tm         | 31.29 | 24.16     | 15.49      | 13.54 | 4.17       | 1.61      | 12.57      | 25.76        | 2.64        | 2.24       | 3.29  | 14.25 | 23.11       |
| Yb         | 31.20 | 24.20     | 15.56      | 13.57 | 4.06       | 1.56      | 12.63      | 25.81        | 2.58        | 2.19       | 3.27  | 14.30 | 23.14       |

## Cu1 and Cu2

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|         |       |                                |
|---------|-------|--------------------------------|
| PP-5    | 1 D5h | Pentagon                       |
| vOC-5   | 2 C4v | Vacant octahedron              |
| TBPY-5  | 3 D3h | Trigonal bipyramid             |
| SPY-5   | 4 C4v | Spherical square pyramid       |
| JTBPY-5 | 5 D3h | Johnson trigonal bipyramid J12 |

| [ML5]  |     | PP-5  | vOC-5 | TBPY-5 | SPY-5 | JTBPY-5 |
|--------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-------|---------|
| 1 (Sm) | Cu1 | 32.20 | 1.28  | 3.86   | 0.84  | 6.57    |
|        | Cu2 | 28.92 | 1.00  | 5.11   | 0.78  | 7.54    |
| 2 (Eu) | Cu1 | 28.74 | 1.03  | 5.14   | 0.79  | 7.57    |
|        | Cu2 | 32.10 | 1.28  | 3.85   | 0.86  | 6.52    |
| 3 (Gd) | Cu1 | 25.30 | 1.66  | 6.40   | 1.29  | 8.87    |
|        | Cu2 | 31.55 | 1.21  | 4.36   | 0.81  | 7.12    |
| 4(Tb)  | Cu1 | 31.29 | 1.20  | 4.40   | 0.85  | 7.05    |
|        | Cu2 | 25.69 | 1.59  | 6.40   | 1.22  | 8.80    |
| 5(Dy)  | Cu1 | 31.36 | 1.22  | 4.32   | 0.85  | 7.00    |
|        | Cu2 | 25.39 | 1.65  | 6.53   | 1.30  | 9.02    |
| 6(Ho)  | Cu1 | 29.67 | 1.38  | 4.17   | 1.09  | 7.03    |
|        | Cu2 | 25.33 | 1.51  | 6.30   | 1.41  | 8.70    |
| 7(Tm)  | Cu1 | 31.29 | 1.20  | 4.40   | 0.85  | 7.05    |
|        | Cu2 | 31.65 | 1.30  | 4.47   | 0.87  | 7.32    |
| 8(Yb)  | Cu1 | 31.19 | 1.26  | 4.43   | 0.85  | 7.19    |

|  |     |       |      |      |      |      |
|--|-----|-------|------|------|------|------|
|  | Cu2 | 24.92 | 1.83 | 6.86 | 1.52 | 9.40 |
|--|-----|-------|------|------|------|------|

Table S6. BVS calculation for O6 and O7 atoms.

| atom | BVS calculation | assignment      |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| O6   | 1.39            | OH <sup>-</sup> |
| O7   | 1.24            | OH <sup>-</sup> |

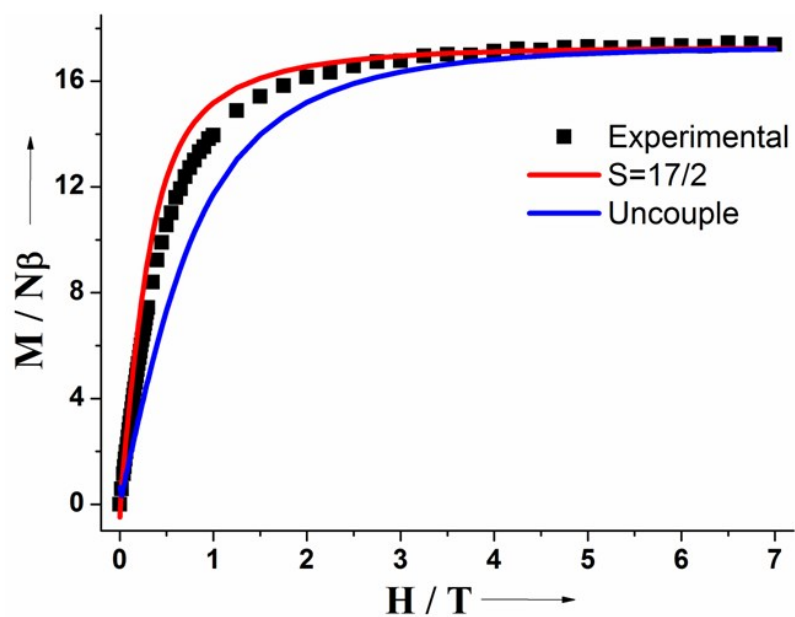


Figure S10 Isothermal field dependent magnetization for **3** at 2 K (black square). The red solid line represents the Brillouin function for five uncoupled Cu and two isolated Gd centers ( $g_{\text{Gd}} = g_{\text{Cu}} = 2.03$ ), and blue solid line represents an  $S = 17/2$  state ( $g_{\text{Gd}} = g_{\text{Cu}} = 2.03$ ), respectively.

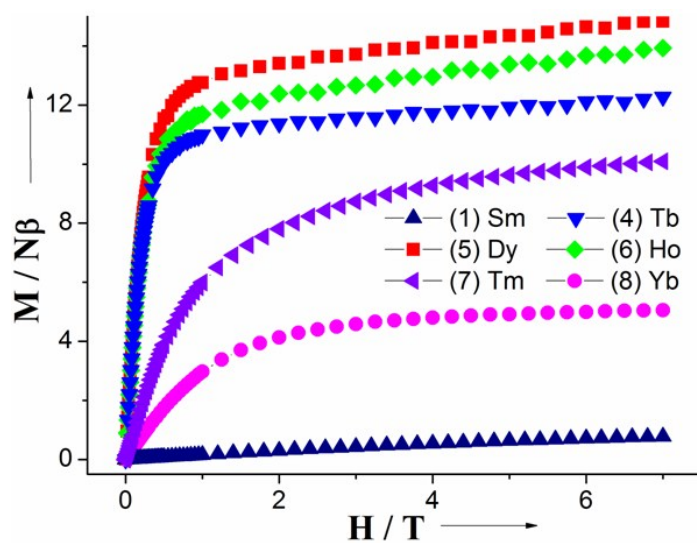


Figure S11 Field dependence of the magnetization for complexes **1** and **4-8** in the field range of 0.0-7.0 T at 2.0 K.

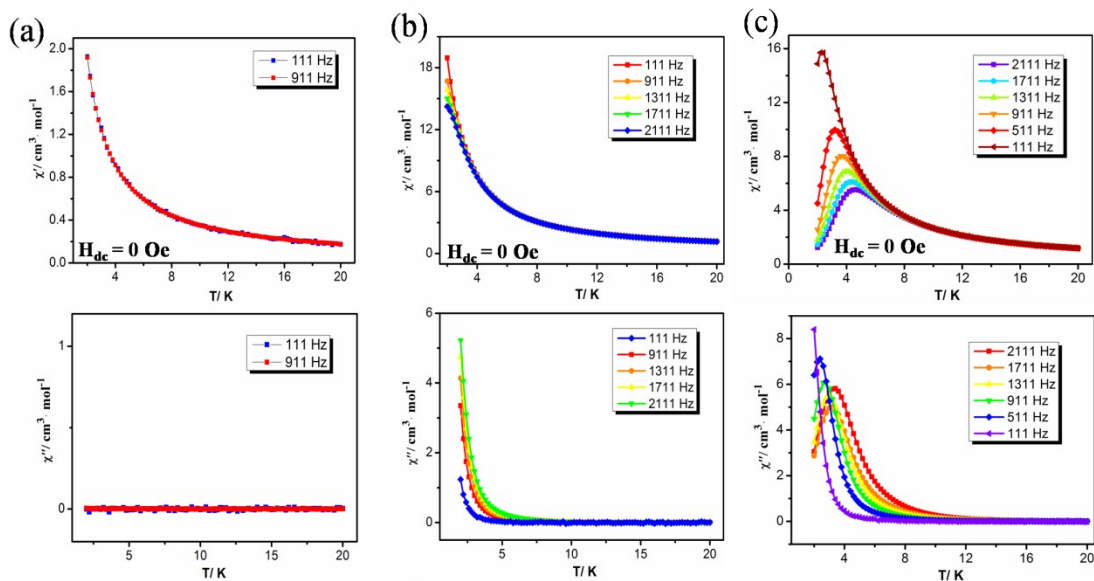


Figure S12 Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibilities in the range of 111-2111 Hz at  $H_{ac} = 3.0$  Oe for (a)  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-Dy}^{\text{III}}$ , (b)  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-Ho}^{\text{III}}$  and (c)  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-Tb}^{\text{III}}$  measured without applied dc field.

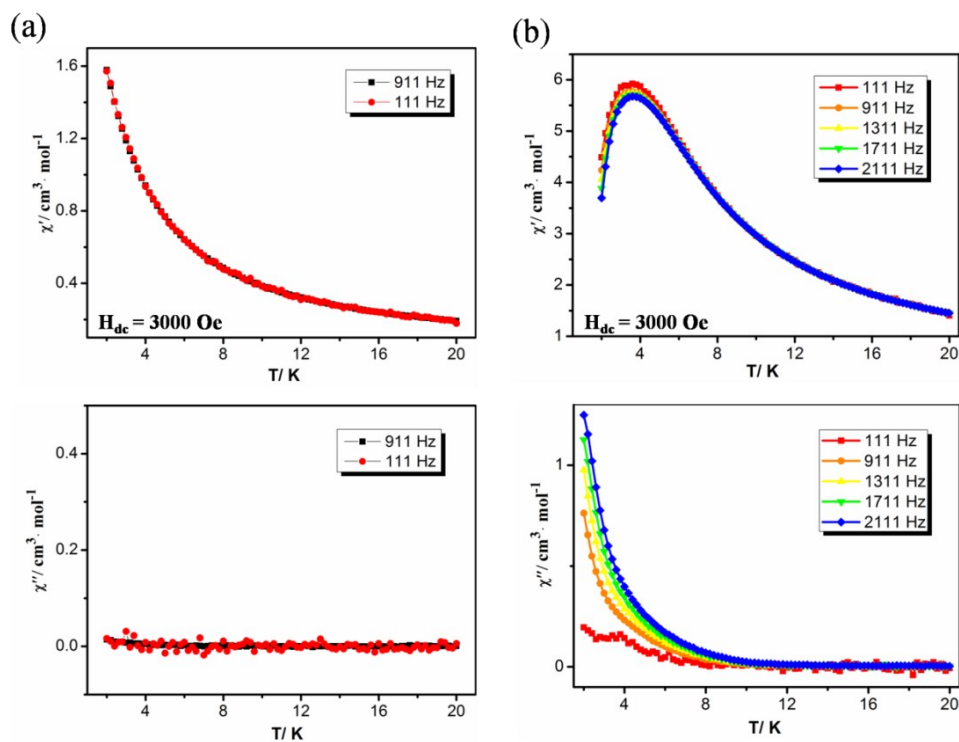


Figure S13 Temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibilities in the range of 111-2111 Hz at  $H_{ac} = 3.0$  Oe for (a)  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-Dy}^{\text{III}}$  and (b)  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-Ho}^{\text{III}}$  measured with a 3000 Oe dc field.

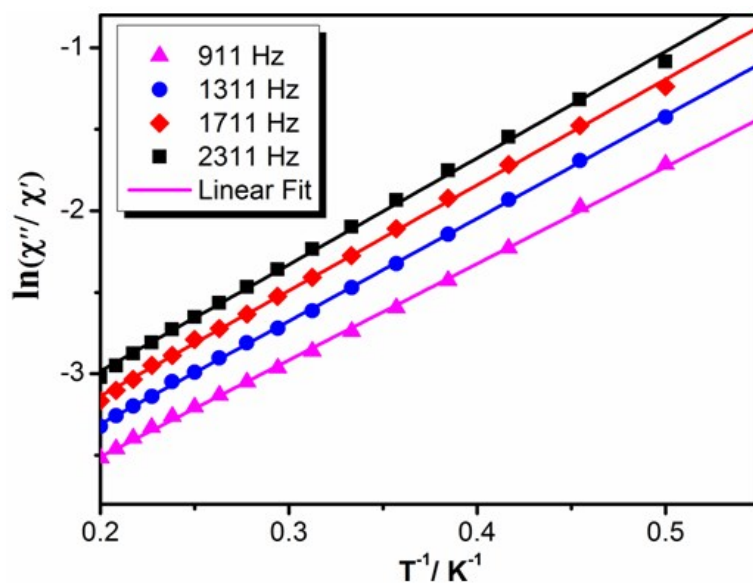


Figure S14 Plots of  $\ln(\chi''/\chi')$  vs.  $1/T$  for  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-Ho}^{\text{III}}$  complex. The solid lines represent the fitting results over the temperature range of 2.0–6.0 K.

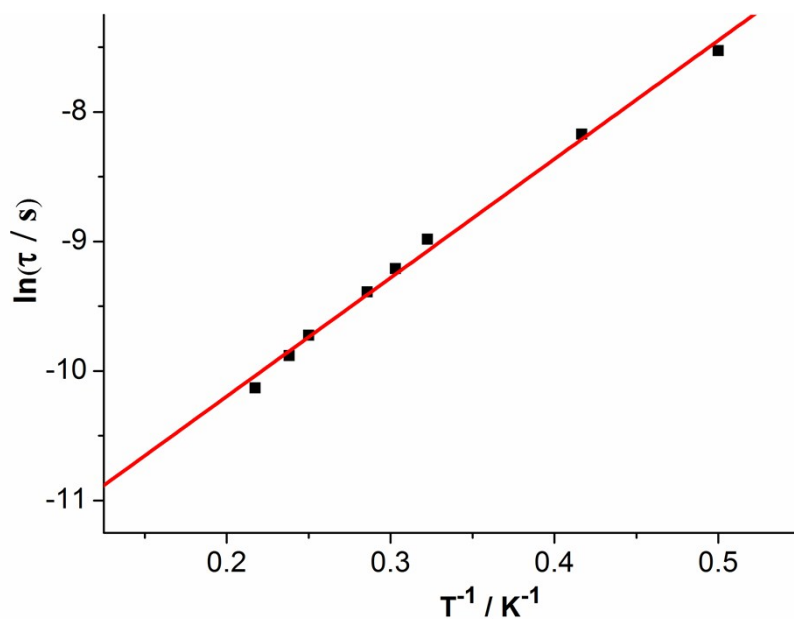


Figure S15 Plots of  $\ln \tau$  vs.  $T^{-1}$  of  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}\text{-Tb}^{\text{III}}$  complex frequency dependence measurement under 3000 Oe and 2.0 K- 4.6 K.