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**Two unprecedented decanuclear heterometallic  $[\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}_2\text{Mn}^{\text{III}}_6\text{Ln}^{\text{III}}_2]$   
(Ln = Dy, Tb) complexes displaying relaxation of magnetization †**

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**Table S1** Crystallographic Data for **1** and **2**

Compounds	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Formula <sup>a</sup>	C <sub>92</sub> H <sub>126</sub> Dy <sub>2</sub> Mn <sub>8</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>38</sub>	C <sub>92</sub> H <sub>126</sub> Tb <sub>2</sub> Mn <sub>8</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>38</sub>
Formula weight <sup>a</sup>	2856.62	2849.46
Crystal colour	Dark red	Dark red
Crystal size/mm	0.26 × 0.21 × 0.11	0.35 × 0.28 × 0.12
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
<i>a</i> (Å)	22.2955(10)	22.2950(11)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.4552(6)	14.4491(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	35.1699(16)	35.1815(18)
<i>α</i> (deg)	90.00	90.00
<i>β</i> (deg)	94.4780(10)	94.4410(1)
<i>γ</i> (deg)	90.00	90.00
Unit cell volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	11300.2(9)	11299.4(10)
Temperature/K	173(2)	173(2)
Space group	C2/c	C2/c
<i>Z</i>	4	4
Radiation type	Mo/Kα	Mo/Kα
<i>μ</i> /mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.254	2.184
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.679	1.675
<i>θ</i> range	3.0702-24.8303	3.0686-25.3807
	-26 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 21	-26 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 20
Index ranges	-17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14	-17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17
	-41 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 38	-35 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 41
F(000)	5760	5752
Reflections collected	32988	43935
Unique reflections [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> ]	9857 [0.0549]	9786 [0.0494]
Reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )	6888	7454
Final <i>R</i> indices ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )) <sup>b,c</sup>	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0427	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0427
	w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0764	w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0837
Final <i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0820	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0684
	w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0839	w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0905
<i>S</i> (all data)	1.023	1.022
(Δρ) <sub>max,min</sub> /e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.042 and -0.716	2.031 and -1.171

<sup>a</sup> The formula and the formula weights include the MeCN and H<sub>2</sub>O solvent molecules which were free. <sup>b</sup>  $R_1 = \Sigma(|F_o| - |F_c|)/\Sigma|F_o|$ . <sup>c</sup>  $wR_2 = [\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/\Sigma[w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$ ,  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + [(ap)^2 + bp]]$ , where  $p = [\max(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$ .

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **1**.

Bond lengths			
Dy(1)-O(19)	2.275(3)	Mn(2)-O(10)	2.188(3)
Dy(1)-O(15)	2.353(3)	Mn(2)-O(2)	2.241(3)
Dy(1)-O(17)	2.379(3)	Mn(2)-N(2)	2.261(4)
Dy(1)-O(14)	2.434(3)	Mn(2)-N(3)	2.369(4)
Dy(1)-O(13)	2.471(3)	Mn(3)-O(19)	1.825(3)
Dy(1)-O(18)	2.472(3)	Mn(3)-O(10)	1.901(3)
Dy(1)-O(16)	2.507(3)	Mn(3)-O(2)	1.948(3)
Dy(1)-N(6)	2.635(4)	Mn(3)-O(13)	1.977(3)
Dy(1)-N(5)	2.660(4)	Mn(3)-O(9)	2.143(3)
Mn(1)-O(7)	1.886(3)	Mn(3)-O(1)	2.394(3)
Mn(1)-O(1)	1.911(3)	Mn(4)-O(19)	1.834(3)
Mn(1)-O(17)	1.943(3)	Mn(4)-O(11)	1.921(3)
Mn(1)-N(1)	2.055(4)	Mn(4)-O(15) <sup>a</sup>	1.937(3)
Mn(1)-O(5)	2.159(4)	Mn(4)-O(18)	1.960(3)
Mn(1)-O(13)	2.333(3)	Mn(4)-O(18) <sup>a</sup>	2.309(3)
Mn(2)-O(8)	2.125(3)	Mn(4)-N(4)	2.414(4)
Mn(2)-O(3)	2.145(4)		

Bond angles			
O(19)-Dy(1)-O(17)	83.32(10)	O(3)-Mn(2)-O(10)	153.18(13)
O(15)-Dy(1)-O(17)	165.51(11)	O(3)-Mn(2)-O(2)	134.08(13)
O(19)-Dy(1)-O(14)	147.15(11)	O(10)-Mn(2)-O(2)	70.22(11)
O(15)-Dy(1)-O(14)	120.43(10)	O(10)-Mn(2)-N(2)	89.75(13)
O(17)-Dy(1)-O(18)	102.67(10)	O(19)-Mn(3)-O(10)	95.93(13)
N(6)-Dy(1)-N(5)	137.58(12)	O(19)-Mn(3)-O(2)	172.79(13)
O(16)-Dy(1)-N(6)	62.52(11)	O(10)-Mn(3)-O(2)	82.89(13)
O(19)-Dy(1)-N(5)	108.95(11)	O(19)-Mn(3)-O(1)	110.58(12)
O(7)-Mn(1)-O(1)	170.42(14)	O(13)-Mn(3)-O(1)	77.60(12)
O(7)-Mn(1)-O(17)	92.67(13)	O(9)-Mn(3)-O(1)	148.58(12)
O(1)-Mn(1)-N(1)	81.25(15)	O(19)-Mn(4)-O(11)	94.97(13)
O(17)-Mn(1)-O(5)	98.75(13)	O(19)-Mn(4)-O(15) <sup>a</sup>	174.06(14)
N(1)-Mn(1)-O(5)	90.20(15)	O(11)-Mn(4)-O(15) <sup>a</sup>	90.54(12)
O(17)-Mn(1)-O(13)	78.13(12)	O(19)-Mn(4)-O(18)	81.95(13)
O(8)-Mn(2)-O(3)	97.71(14)	O(19)-Mn(4)-N(4)	90.25(13)
O(8)-Mn(2)-O(10)	92.81(12)	O(11)-Mn(4)-N(4)	74.42(13)

Symmetry code: a 0.5-x, 1.5-y, -z

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **2**.

Bond lengths			
Mn(1)-O(17)	1.836(3)	Mn(3)-O(4)	2.403(3)
Mn(1)-O(1)	1.924(3)	Mn(4)-O(18)	1.883(3)
Mn(1)-O(15) <sup>a</sup>	1.945(3)	Mn(4)-O(4)	1.917(3)
Mn(1)-O(11)	1.973(3)	Mn(4)-O(13)	1.941(3)
Mn(1)-O(11) <sup>a</sup>	2.317(3)	Mn(4)-N(4)	2.057(4)
Mn(1)-N(1)	2.410(4)	Mn(4)-O(9)	2.163(4)
Mn(2)-O(7)	2.129(3)	Mn(4)-O(16)	2.334(3)
Mn(2)-O(5)	2.156(4)	Tb(1)-O(11)	2.478(3)
Mn(2)-O(2)	2.192(3)	Tb(1)- O(12)	2.516(3)
Mn(2)-O(3)	2.248(3)	Tb(1)- O(13)	2.391(3)
Mn(2)-N(3)	2.265(4)	Tb(1)- O(14)	2.459(3)
Mn(2)-N(2)	2.363(4)	Tb(1)-O(15)	2.362(3)
Mn(3)-O(17)	1.822(3)	Tb(1)- O(16)	2.474(3)
Mn(3)-O(2)	1.904(3)	Tb(1)- O(17)	2.286(3)
Mn(3)-O(3)	1.943(3)	Tb(1)- N(5)	2.644(4)
Mn(3)-O(16)	1.985(3)	Tb(1)- N(6)	2.665(4)
Mn(3)-O(8)	2.143(3)		

Bond angles			
O(17)-Mn(1)-O(1)	94.85(13)	O(3)-Mn(3)-O(4)	62.56(12)
O(17)-Mn(1)-O(15) <sup>a</sup>	173.97(14)	O(8)-Mn(3)-O(4)	148.62(12)
O(1)-Mn(1)-O(15) <sup>a</sup>	90.61(13)	O(18)-Mn(4)-O(4)	170.57(15)
O(17)-Mn(1)-O(11)	82.18(13)	O(18)-Mn(4)-O(13)	92.76(14)
O(17)-Mn(1)-N(1)	90.45(14)	O(4)-Mn(4)-N(4)	81.45(15)
O(1)-Mn(1)-N(1)	74.41(13)	O(13)-Mn(4)-O(9)	98.85(14)
O(5)-Mn(2)-O(2)	152.95(15)	O(4)-Mn(4)-O(16)	80.37(12)
O(7)-Mn(2)-O(3)	89.82(13)	O(13)-Mn(4)-O(16)	78.25(12)
O(5)-Mn(2)-O(3)	134.39(14)	O(17)-Tb(1)-O(13)	83.45(11)
O(2)-Mn(2)-O(3)	70.02(11)	O(15)-Tb(1)-O(13)	165.49(11)
O(7)-Mn(2)-N(2)	98.68(14)	O(17)-Tb(1)-O(14)	147.13(11)
N(3)-Mn(2)-N(2)	99.92(14)	O(15)-Tb(1)-O(14)	120.53(11)
O(17)-Mn(3)-O(2)	95.87(13)	O(13)-Tb(1)-O(14)	73.33(11)
O(17)-Mn(3)-O(3)	172.64(14)	O(17)-Tb(1)-O(16)	64.70(10)
O(2)-Mn(3)-O(3)	82.95(13)	O(17)-Tb(1)-N(5)	113.49(11)
O(17)-Mn(3)-O(4)	110.48(13)	O(13)-Tb(1)-N(6)	119.20(11)

Symmetry code: a 0.5-x, 1.5-y, -z

**Table S4** Calculating bond valences by using the bond valence sum (BVS) method

Atom	+2	+3	+4
Mn1	3.15	2.91	3.00
Mn2	1.90	1.77	1.81
Mn3	3.26	2.98	3.13
Mn4	3.15	2.89	3.02

**Table S5** The possible geometries of nonacoordination metal centers.

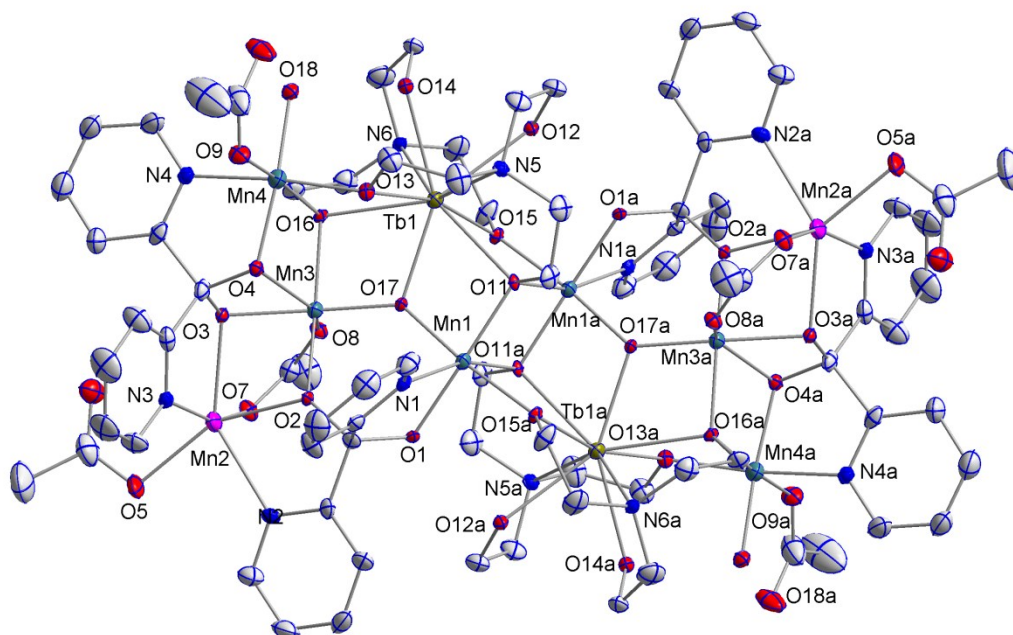
geometry	point group	polyhedron
EP-9	$D_{9h}$	Enneagon
OPY-9	$C_{8v}$	Octagonal pyramid
HBPY-9	$D_{7h}$	Heptagonal bipyramid
JTC-9	$C_{3v}$	Johnson triangular cupola J3
JCCU-9	$C_{4v}$	Capped cube J8
CCU-9	$C_{4v}$	Spherical-relaxed capped cube
JCSAPR-9	$C_{4v}$	Capped square antiprism J10
CSAPR-9	$C_{4v}$	Spherical capped square antiprism
JTCTPR-9	$D_{3h}$	Tricapped trigonal prism J51
TCTPR-9	$D_{3h}$	Spherical tricapped trigonal prism
JTDIC-9	$C_{3v}$	Tridiminished icosahedron J63
HH-9	$C_{2v}$	Hula-hoop
MFF-9	$C_s$	Muffin

**Table S6** Deviation parameters calculated by *SHAPE* from each ideal polyhedron for complexes **1** and **2**.

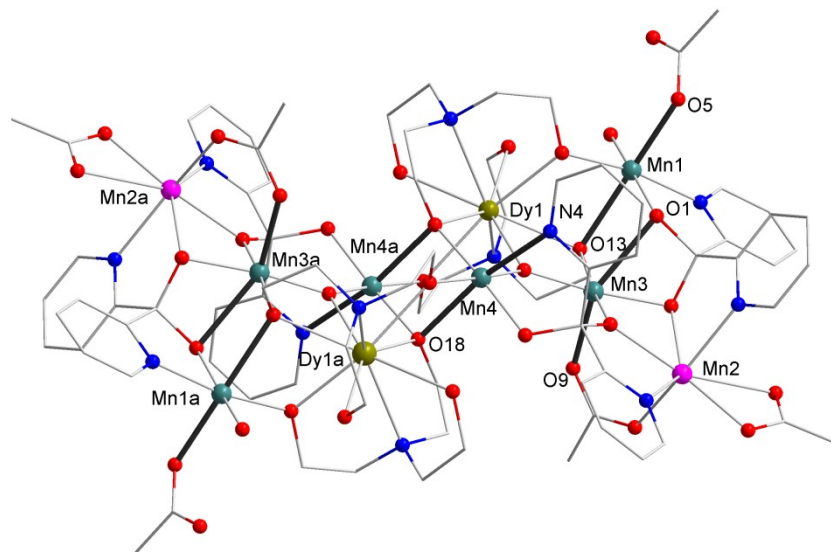
Structure	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
EP-9	45.998	46.246
OPY-9	36.695	35.624
HBPY-9	30.214	30.527
JTC-9	26.989	25.856
JCCU-9	25.391	24.935
CCU-9	26.290	25.745
JCSAPR-9	23.054	22.659
CSAPR-9	23.541	23.490
JTCTPR-9	23.471	23.481
TCTPR-9	24.256	24.175
JTDIC-9	29.560	29.145
HH-9	26.997	26.625
MFF-9	22.893	22.732

**Table S7** The value of A and B by performing linear approximation for different frequency.

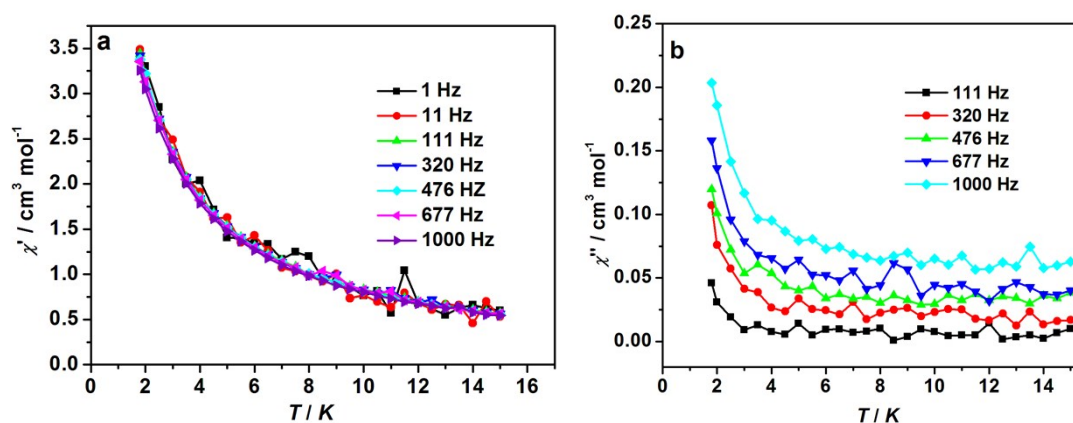
frequency (Hz)	$\tau_0 \times 10^9$ (s)	$E_a$ (K)
111	1.034	20.94
511	1.080	20.84
711	2.734	18.344
1111	2.315	18.50
2111	1.969	18.55
3111	2.318	17.72
4111	1.401	18.93
5111	1.039	19.45
7111	2.659	16.28
9111	0.5445	20.21



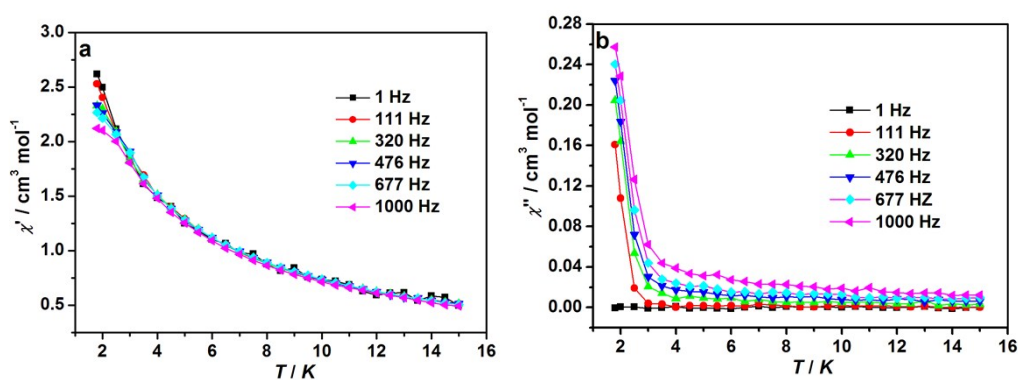
**Fig. S1** ORTEP representation of compound **2** with the thermal ellipsoids of non-metal and metal atoms at 30% and 50% probability, respectively. For clarity, the H atoms and the noncoordinated solvent molecules are omitted (symmetry code: a 0.5-x, 1.5-y, -z), Mn<sup>II</sup> pink, Mn<sup>III</sup> teal, Tb<sup>III</sup> dark yellow, O red, N blue, C gray.



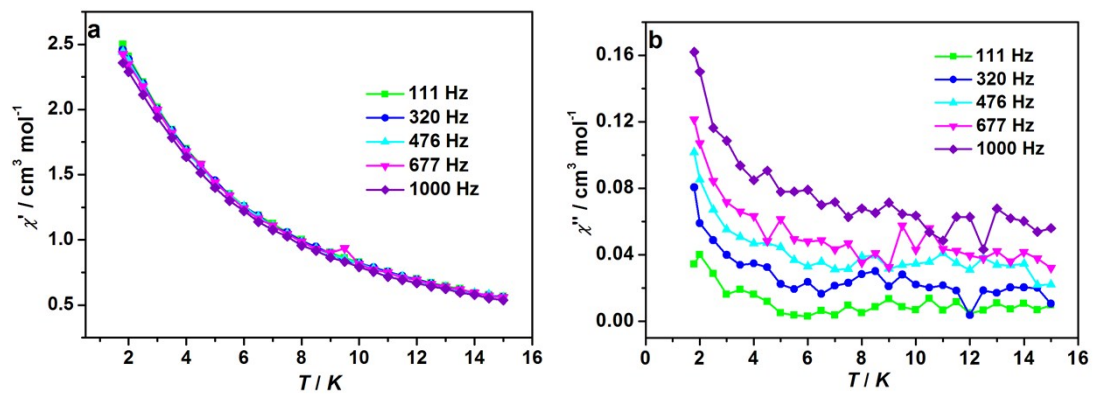
**Fig. S2** Black lines showing the Jahn-Teller axes of Mn<sup>III</sup> in complex **1**, symmetry code: a 0.5-x, 1.5-y, -z.



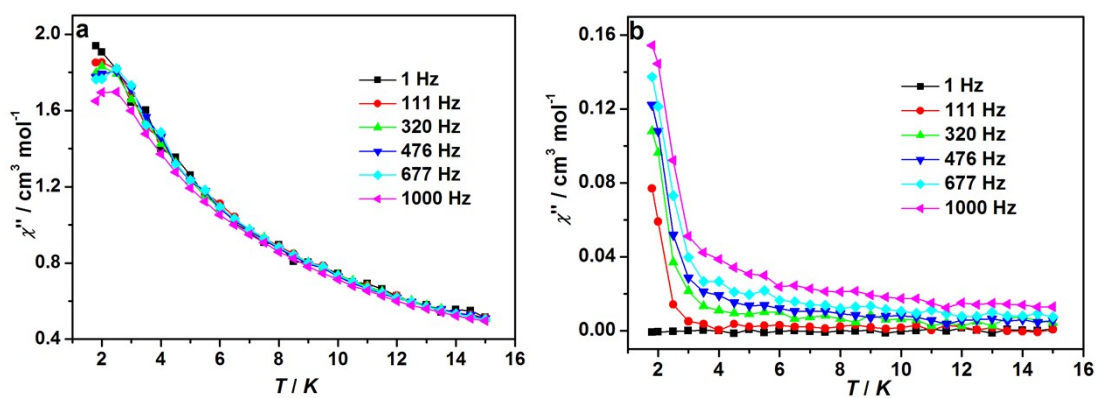
**Fig. S3.** Temperature dependence of the in-phase  $\chi_M'$  (a) and out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  (b) in a 5 Oe ac field oscillating at 1-1000 Hz with a zero applied dc field for **1**.



**Fig. S4** Temperature dependence of the in-phase  $\chi_M'$  (a) and out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  (b) in a 5 Oe ac field oscillating at 1-1000 Hz with a zero applied dc field for **2**.



**Fig. S5.** Temperature dependence of the in-phase  $\chi_M'$  (a) and out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  (b) in a 5 Oe ac field oscillating at 111-1000 Hz with a 2000 Oe applied dc field for **1**.



**Fig. S6.** Temperature dependence of the in-phase  $\chi_M'$  (a) and out-of-phase  $\chi_M''$  (b) in a 5 Oe ac field oscillating at 111-1000 Hz with a 2000 Oe applied dc field for **2**.