

## Supporting Information for

# Two 2-D multifunctional cobalt(II) compounds: Field-induced single-ion magnetism and catalytic oxidation of benzylic C-H bonds

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**Table S1.** Selected bond distances and angles of compounds **1** and **2**.

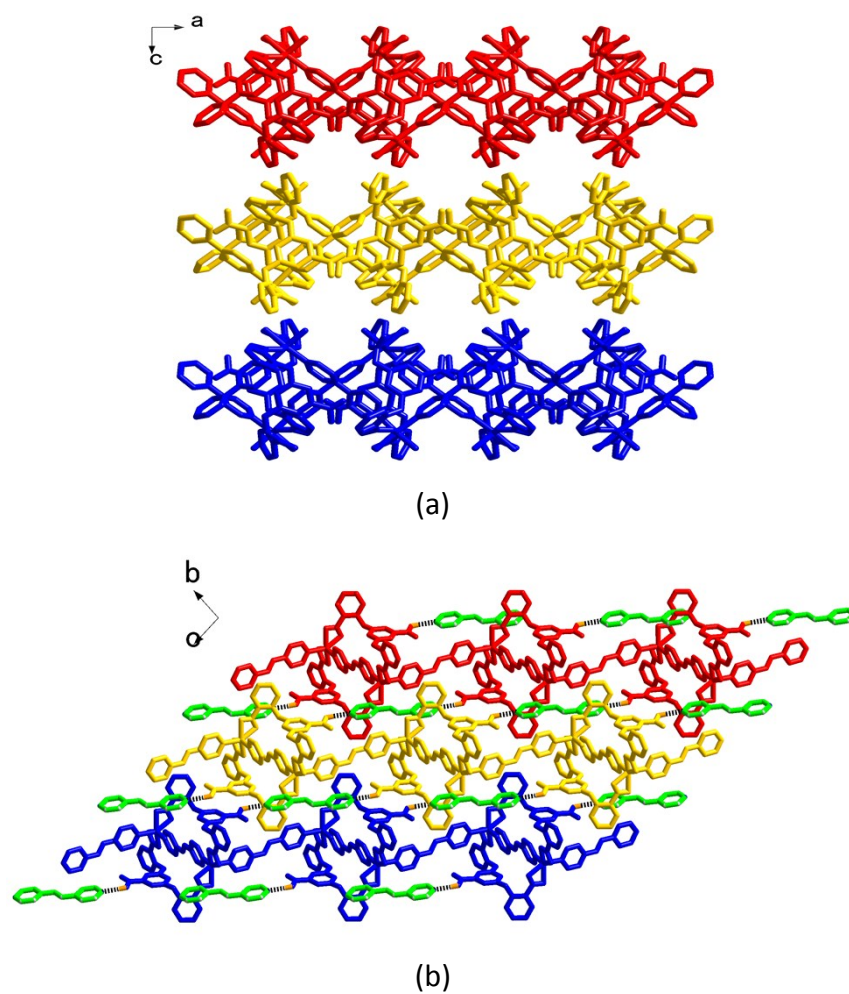
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Co(1)-O(1)	2.135(4)	Co(1)-O(7)	2.081(3)
Co(1)-O(8)	2.134(4)	Co(1)-O(9)	2.099(3)
Co(1)-N(1)	2.170(4)	Co(1)-N(2)	2.121(4)
O(7)-Co(1)-O(9)	94.85(14)	O(7)-Co(1)-N(2)	86.75(14)
O(7)-Co(1)-O(8)	89.25(13)	O(9)-Co(1)-N(2)	88.43(15)
O(9)-Co(1)-O(8)	90.50(14)	O(7)-Co(1)-O(1)	89.22(14)
N(2)-Co(1)-O(8)	175.76(14)	O(9)-Co(1)-O(1)	174.86(14)
N(2)-Co(1)-O(1)	94.94(15)	O(9)-Co(1)-N(1)	89.98(14)
O(8)-Co(1)-O(1)	86.41(14)	N(2)-Co(1)-N(1)	89.71(15)
O(7)-Co(1)-N(1)	173.93(15)	O(8)-Co(1)-N(1)	94.39(15)
O(1)-Co(1)-N(1)	86.17(15)		

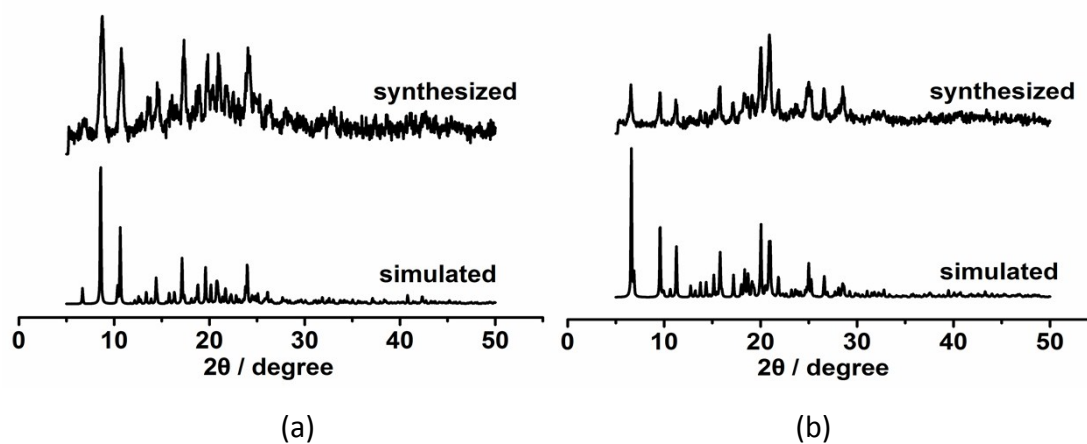
<b>2</b>			
Co(1)-O(1)	2.068(3)	Co(1)-O(2)	2.257(3)
Co(1)-O(7A)	2.144(3)	Co(1)-O(8A)	2.163(3)
Co(1)-N(1)	2.093(3)	Co(1)-N(2)	2.089(3)
O(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	95.88(13)	O(1)-Co(1)-O(7A)	106.52(12)
O(1)-Co(1)-N(1)	96.94(13)	O(1)-Co(1)-O(8A)	165.12(12)
O(7A)-Co(1)-O(2)	92.93(12)	O(8A)-Co(1)-O(2)	110.56(13)
N(1)-Co(1)-O(2)	91.46(13)	N(1)-Co(1)-O(8A)	95.04(13)
N(1)-Co(1)-O(7A)	155.11(14)	N(2)-Co(1)-N(1)	91.92(14)
N(2)-Co(1)-O(7A)	93.81(13)	N(2)-Co(1)-O(2)	156.30(13)
N(2)-Co(1)-O(8A)	92.49(13)		

Symmetry code for compound **2**, A: -x+2, -y+1, -z+2.

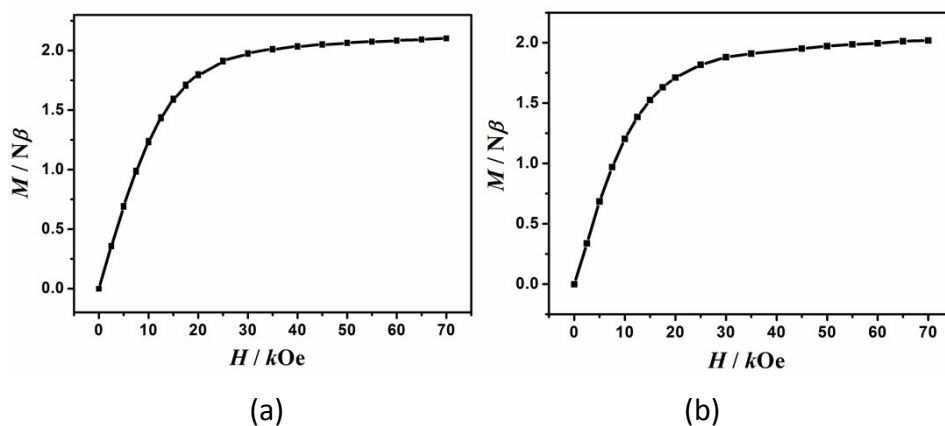
**Fig. S1.** 3D stacking interactions of compounds **1** (a) and **2** (b).



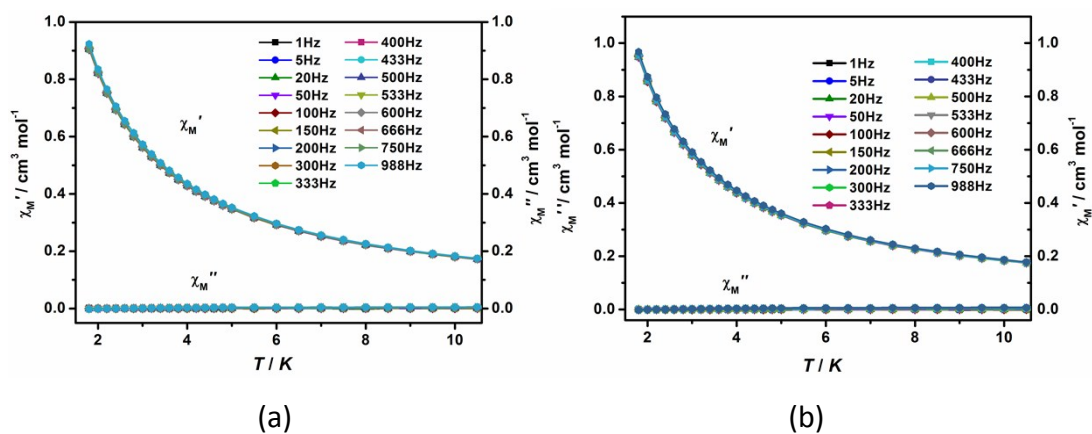
**Fig. S2.** Powder XRD of compounds **1** (a) and **2** (b).



**Fig. S3.** M-H data of compounds **1** (a) and **2** (b) at 2.0K.



**Fig. S4.** The temperature dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ ) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibilities at different frequencies with an oscillation of zero Oe dc field for complex **1** ((a)) and **2** ((b)), respectively.



**Table S2.** The relaxation fitting parameters from Least-Squares Fitting of  $\chi(\omega)$  data for compound **1** from 1.8 to 6.0 K under 2 kOe dc field.

$T$	$\chi_{s,tot}$	$\Delta\chi_1$	$\tau_1$	$\alpha_1$	$\Delta\chi_2$	$\tau_2$	$\alpha_2$
1.8	0.114	0.339	0.221	0.439	0.552	0.00225	0.0896
2.2	0.078	0.311	0.070	0.612	0.450	0.00175	0.0619
2.6	0.053	0.227	0.081	0.728	0.442	0.00144	0.0756
3.0	$0.79 \times 10^{-7}$	0.268	0.120	0.865	0.410	0.00114	0.0677
3.5	$0.108 \times 10^{-6}$	0.184	0.167	0.917	0.387	0.000827	0.0704
4.0	$0.231 \times 10^{-6}$	0.138	0.202	0.953	0.356	0.000574	0.0616
4.5	$0.137 \times 10^{-6}$	0.112	0.427	0.977	0.325	0.000375	0.0470
5.0	$0.307 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0869	0.654	0.992	0.301	0.000232	0.0359
5.5	$0.848 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0604	0.864	0.988	0.286	0.000137	0.0296
6.0	$0.197 \times 10^{-5}$	0.0143	0.634	0.988	0.284	0.000079	0.0265

**Table S3.** The relaxation fitting parameters from Least-Squares Fitting of  $\chi(\omega)$  data for compound **2** from 1.8 to 6.0 K under 2 kOe dc field.

$T$	$\chi_{s,tot}$	$\Delta\chi_1$	$\tau_1$	$\alpha_1$	$\Delta\chi_2$	$\tau_2$	$\alpha_2$
1.8	0.0282	0.182	0.051	0.0668	0.650	0.00096	0.134
2.2	$0.212 \times 10^{-7}$	0.135	0.075	0.156	0.632	0.00062	0.176
2.6	$0.43 \times 10^{-7}$	0.0750	0.070	0.142	0.582	0.00044	0.166
3.0	$0.138 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0293	0.047	$0.659 \times 10^{-7}$	0.536	0.00030	0.153
3.5	$0.150 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0205	0.077	$0.866 \times 10^{-7}$	0.480	0.00018	0.121
4.0	$0.120 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0125	0.149	$0.192 \times 10^{-6}$	0.430	0.00010	0.0789
4.5	$0.175 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0095	0.221	$0.483 \times 10^{-6}$	0.388	0.000061	0.0331
5.0	$0.235 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0063	0.238	$0.945 \times 10^{-13}$	0.353	0.000036	0.0131
5.5	$0.447 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0091	0.264	$0.849 \times 10^{-14}$	0.324	0.000022	$0.361 \times 10^{-12}$
6.0	$0.245 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0015	0.166	$0.235 \times 10^{-13}$	0.299	0.000015	$0.319 \times 10^{-12}$

**Table S4.** Selective oxidation of diphenylmethane by catalyst using TBHP oxidant<sup>[a]</sup>

Entry	Solvent	T(°)	t(h)	TBHP/substrate	Conv.(%)	Sele.(%) <sup>[b]</sup>
1	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	3	90.3	98.1
2	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	80	24	3	76.5	94.2
3	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CN	80	24	3	85.7	96.6
4	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	50	24	3	52.4	96.1
5	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	60	24	3	67.8	97.4
6	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	70	24	3	78.8	95.7
7	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	12	3	54.6	98.5
8	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	16	3	70.4	98.2
9	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	20	3	85.3	98.7
10	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	0	trace	trace
11	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	2.5	84.9	96.8
12	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	3.75	94.4	90.3
13 <sup>[c]</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	3	75.5	97.5
14 <sup>[d]</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	3	90.7	97.6
15 <sup>[e]</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	-	-	-
16 <sup>[f]</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	3	34.2	73.1
17 <sup>[g]</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> Cl	80	24	3	56.7	89.3

[a] Reaction conditions: diphenylmethane (0.125 mmol), compound **1** (10 μmol), chlorobenzene (0.5 mL), *t*-BuOOH (0.375 mmol), 80 °C, 24 h; [b] Selectivity to ketones. The by-product was benzhydrol; [c] Reaction conditions: diphenylmethane (0.125 mmol), compound **1** (5 μmol), chlorobenzene (0.5 mL), *t*-BuOOH (0.375 mmol), 80 °C, 24 h; [d] diphenylmethane (0.125 mmol), compound **1** (15 μmol), chlorobenzene (0.5 mL), *t*-BuOOH (0.375 mmol), 80 °C, 24 h; [e] diphenylmethane (0.125 mmol), compound **1** (10 μmol), chlorobenzene (0.5 mL), 80 °C, 24 h; [f] diphenylmethane (0.125 mmol), chlorobenzene (0.5 mL), *t*-BuOOH (0.375 mmol), 80 °C, 24 h; [g] diphenylmethane (0.125 mmol), CoCl<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (10 μmol), chlorobenzene (0.5 mL), *t*-BuOOH (0.375

mmol), 80 °C, 24 h.

**Fig. S5.** The FT-IR spectra of compound **1** after catalytic cycles.

