## A series of six-member lanthanide-rings based on 2,2bis(hydroxymethyl)-2,2',2"-nitrilotriethanol : synthesis, crystal structures and magnetic properties

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Fig. S1. FT-IR spectra of 1 (red), 2 (blue) and 3 (black).

Table S1.	Crystal	data ai	nd structure	refinement	for	1, 2 and 3.
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	1	2	3
Empirical formula	$C_{97}H_{144}Gd_6N_6O_{44}$	$C_{97}H_{144}Tb_6N_6O_{44}$	$C_{90}H_{136}Dy_6N_6O_{44}$
Formula weight	3041.69	3051.74	2981.05
Temperature/K	293(2)	293(2)	173(2)
Crystal system	trigonal	trigonal	monoclinic
Space group	<i>R</i> -3	<i>R</i> -3	C2/c
$a/ m \AA$	26.842(4)	26.742(4)	32.664(7)
$b/{ m \AA}$	26.842(4)	26.742(4)	11.254(2)

$c/{ m \AA}$	78.271(16)	78.391(16)	30.378(6)
$lpha/^{\circ}$	90	90	90
$eta / ^{\circ}$	90	90	111.76(3)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	120	120	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	48838(17)	48548(17)	10371(4)
Ζ	18	18	4
$D_{\text{calc}}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.976	1.879	1.886
$M (\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$	3.700	3.967	4.358
<i>F</i> (000)	27636.0	25920.0	5784.0
$R_{\rm int}$	0.0283	0.0341	0.0370
parameters	1332	1331	670
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.009	1.051	1.076
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ $I \ge 2\sigma$	$R_1 = 0.0283, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0341, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0559, wR_2 =$
(I)]	0.0764	0.0877	0.1662
Final R indexes [all	$R_1 = 0.0299, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0414, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0610, wR_2 =$
data]	0.0775	0.0911	0.1722
$\Delta  ho_{ m max}/\Delta  ho_{ m min}/{ m e}$ Å-3	2.81/-1.23	3.18/-1.30	3.93/-1.60



Fig. S2. The simulated X-ray powder diffraction patterns (black) and the experimental one (red) of compound 1.



**Fig. S3.** The simulated X-ray powder diffraction patterns (black) and the experimental one (red) of compound **2**.



**Fig. S4.** The simulated X-ray powder diffraction patterns (black) and the experimental one (red) of compound **3**.



Figure S5. TGA curves of 1-3