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Supporting Information

Unprecedented Family of Heterometallic Ln^{III}[18-Metallacrown-6]

Complexes: Syntheses, Structures and Magnetic Properties

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atom	Comp	lex1	Com	plex 2	Comple	ex 3	Cor	nplex 4
	+2	+3	+2	+3	+2	+3	+2	+3
Fe1	2.53	2.99	2.57	3.04	2.52	2.99	2.53	2.99
Fe2	2.60	3.07	2.60	3.07	2.60	3.07	2.60	3.07
Fe3	2.55	3.01	2.60	3.07	2.55	3.02	2.62	3.10
Fe4	2.56	3.02	2.61	3.09	2.56	3.02	2.60	3.07
Fe5	2.56	3.03	2.61	3.09	2.56	3.03	2.58	3.05
Fe6	2.54	3.00	2.57	3.03	2.54	3.00	2.54	3.00

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	Table S2. Selected	bond angles for 1–4	
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O(14)-Dy(1)-O(13)	117.87(13)	O(19)-Dy(1)-O(18)	114.65(16)
$(\gamma \text{ angle})$		(y angle)	
α angle (O14, O13)	59.93(13)	α angle (O19, O18)	57.32(16)
O(12)-Dy(1)-O(4)	101.17(14)	O(21)-Dy(1)-O(20)	127.48(16)
(y angle)		(y angle)	
α angle (O12, O4)	50.58(14)	α angle (O21, O20)	63.73(16)
		2	
O(14)-Tb(1)-O(13)	117.96(12)	O(19)- Tb(1)-O(18)	115.88(14)
$(\gamma \text{ angle})$		(y angle)	
α angle (O14, O13)	58.98	α angle (O19, O18)	57.94
O(12)- Tb(1)-O(4)	101.28(12)	O(21)- Tb(1)-O(20)	127.82(16)
$(\gamma \text{ angle})$		(y angle)	
α angle (O12, O4)	50.64	α angle (O21, O20)	63.91
		3	
O(14)-Gd(1)-O(13)	117.8(2)	O(19)- Gd(1)-O(18)	116.2(3)
$(\gamma \text{ angle})$		(y angle)	
α angle (O14, O13)	58.90	α angle (O19, O18)	58.10
O(12)- Gd(1)-O(4)	100.1(3)	O(21)- Gd(1)-O(20)	128.2(3)
$(\gamma \text{ angle})$		(y angle)	
α angle (O12, O4)	50.05	α angle (O21, O20)	64.10
		4	
O(17)-Y(1)-O(16)	114.72(14)	O(15)- Y(1)-O(14)	118.07(12)
$(\gamma \text{ angle})$		(y angle)	
α angle (O17, O16)	57.36	α angle (O15, O14)	59.04
O(4)-Y(1)-O(12)	101.24(13)	O(18)- Y(1)-O(19)	126.75(14)
$(\gamma \text{ angle})$		(y angle)	
α angle (O4,O12)	50.62	α angle (O18, O19)	63.38

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Tab	le S3.	Measured	$\Delta E_{\rm eff}/$	$k_{\rm B}$ and	$1 \tau_0$ val	lues fo	or 2	and a	3.
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	Complex 2		Complex 3		
Frequency (Hz)	$\Delta E_{\rm eff} / k_{\rm B}$ (k)	$ au_0$ (s)	$\frac{\Delta E_{\rm eff} / k_{\rm B}}{\rm (k)}$	$ au_0$ (s)	
320	7.46	1.33×10 ⁻⁵	11.96	8.56×10 ⁻⁷	
445	7.10	1.37×10 ⁻⁵	12.31	6.78×10 ⁻⁷	
576	6.75	1.43×10 ⁻⁵	12.47	5.98×10-7	
666	6.54	1.47×10 ⁻⁵	12.18	6.37×10 ⁻⁷	
779	6.13	1.62×10 ⁻⁵	12.19	6.22×10 ⁻⁷	
999	5.71	1.75×10-5	11.44	8.06×10-7	