

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### **A family of one-dimensional lanthanide complexes bridged by two distinct carboxylate ligands with the Dy analogue displaying magnetic relaxation behaviour**

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**Table S1** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3**

Gd(1)–O(1)	2.3167(19)	Gd(1)–O(2)#2	2.3518(18)
Gd(1)–O(4)	2.4820(17)	Gd(1)–O(5)	2.4269(19)
O(1)–Gd(1)–O(1)#1	146.99(10)	O(1)–Gd(1)–O(2)#2	81.16(7)
O(1)–Gd(1)–O(2)#3	106.73(7)	O(1)–Gd(1)–O(4)	77.69(6)
O(1)–Gd(1)–O(4)#1	72.79(7)	O(1)–Gd(1)–O(5)	140.02(7)
O(1)–Gd(1)–O(5)#1	72.36(7)	O(2)#2–Gd(1)–O(2)#3	152.70(10)
O(2)#2–Gd(1)–O(4)	78.72(7)	O(2)#2–Gd(1)–O(4)#1	128.21(7)
O(2)#2–Gd(1)–O(5)	77.84(7)	O(2)#2–Gd(1)–O(5)#1	79.97(7)
O(4)–Gd(1)–O(4)#1	52.69(8)	O(4)–Gd(1)–O(5)	129.65(6)
O(4)–Gd(1)–O(5)#1	145.42(7)	O(5)–Gd(1)–O(5)#1	70.74(9)

Symmetry codes: #1 -x+1, y, -z+3/2, #2 x, -y, z+1/2, #3 -x+1, -y, -z+1

**Table S2** Hydrogen bonding geometry for **3**: lengths (Å) and angles (°)

D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	<(DHA)
O(5)–H(5A)···O(4)#5	0.944(18)	1.81(2)	2.738(2)	167(4)
O(5)–H(5B)···O(3)#6	0.947(19)	1.987(19)	2.667(4)	127(2)
O(5)–H(5B)···O(3)#7	0.947(19)	2.01(4)	2.800(4)	140(5)
O(6)–H(6A)···O(6)#4	0.85	2.64	3.13(4)	118.0
O(6)–H(6B)···O(5)	0.85	2.30	3.134(14)	166.7

Symmetry codes: #1 -x+1, y, -z+3/2, #2 x, -y, z+1/2, #3 -x+1, -y, -z+1, #4 -x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+2, #5 -x+1, -y, -z+2, #6 x-1/2, y+1/2, z, #7 -x+3/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **5**

Dy(1)–O(1)	2.287(2)	Dy(1)–O(2)#2	2.3127(18)
Dy(1)–O(4)	2.4603(19)	Dy(1)–O(5)	2.418(2)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(1)#1	147.82(11)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(2)#2	81.96(8)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(2)#3	105.79(7)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(4)	78.17(7)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(4)#1	73.09(7)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(5)	139.76(8)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(5)#1	71.88(7)	O(2)#2–Dy(1)–O(2)#3	152.37(12)
O(2)#2–Dy(1)–O(4)	78.57(7)	O(2)#2–Dy(1)–O(4)#1	128.71(8)
O(2)#2–Dy(1)–O(5)	77.68(8)	O(2)#2–Dy(1)–O(5)#1	79.84(8)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(4)#1	53.12(8)	O(4)–Dy(1)–O(5)	129.79(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(5)#1	145.09(7)	O(5)–Dy(1)–O(5)#1	70.60(10)

Symmetry codes: #1 -x+1, y, -z+3/2, #2 x, -y, z+1/2, #3 -x+1, -y, -z+1

**Table S4** Hydrogen bonding geometry for **5**: lengths (Å) and angles (°)

D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	<(DHA)
O(5)–H(5A)···O(4)#4	0.945(17)	1.821(18)	2.764(3)	175(4)
O(5)–H(5B)···O(3)#5	0.906(18)	1.943(17)	2.681(5)	137(3)
O(6)–H(6A)···O(5)	1.027(15)	2.074(15)	3.101(10)	178(9)
O(6)–H(6B)···O(6)#6	0.97(2)	2.45(11)	3.09(3)	123(10)

Symmetry codes: #1 -x+1, y, -z+3/2, #2 x, -y, z+1/2, #3 -x+1, -y, -z+1, #4 -x+1, -y, -z+2, #5 x-1/2, y+1/2, z, #6 -x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+2

**Table S5** Continuous shape measures (CShM) for **5** using SHAPE 2.1

	<b>5</b>
OP-8	27.572
HPY-8	22.288
HBPY-8	12.278
CU-8	9.305
SAPR-8	1.741
TDD-8	2.361
JGBF-8	11.809
JETBPY-8	27.677
JBTPR-8	2.467
BTPR-8	2.172
JSD-8	2.968
TT-8	10.163
ETBPY-8	24.032

OP-8 = ( $D_{8h}$ ) Octagon

HPY-8 = ( $C_{7v}$ ) Heptagonal pyramid

HBPY-8 = ( $D_{6h}$ ) Hexagonal bipyramid

CU-8 = ( $O_h$ ) Cube

SAPR-8 = ( $D_{4d}$ ) Square antiprism

TDD-8 = ( $D_{2d}$ ) Triangular dodecahedron

JGBF-8 = ( $D_{2d}$ ) Johnson gyrobifastigium

J26

JETBPY-8 = ( $D_{3h}$ ) Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14

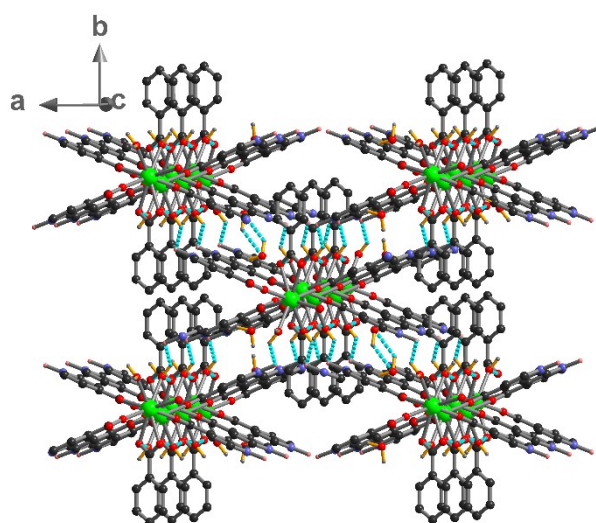
JBTPR-8 = ( $C_{2v}$ ) Biaugmented trigonal prism J50

BTPR-8 = ( $C_{2v}$ ) Biaugmented trigonal prism

JSD-8 = ( $D_{2d}$ ) Snub diphenoid J84

TT-8 = ( $T_d$ ) Triakis tetrahedron

ETBPY-8 = ( $D_{3h}$ ) Elongated trigonal bipyramid



**Fig. S1** View of the packing diagram of complex **5** along the *c*-axis.

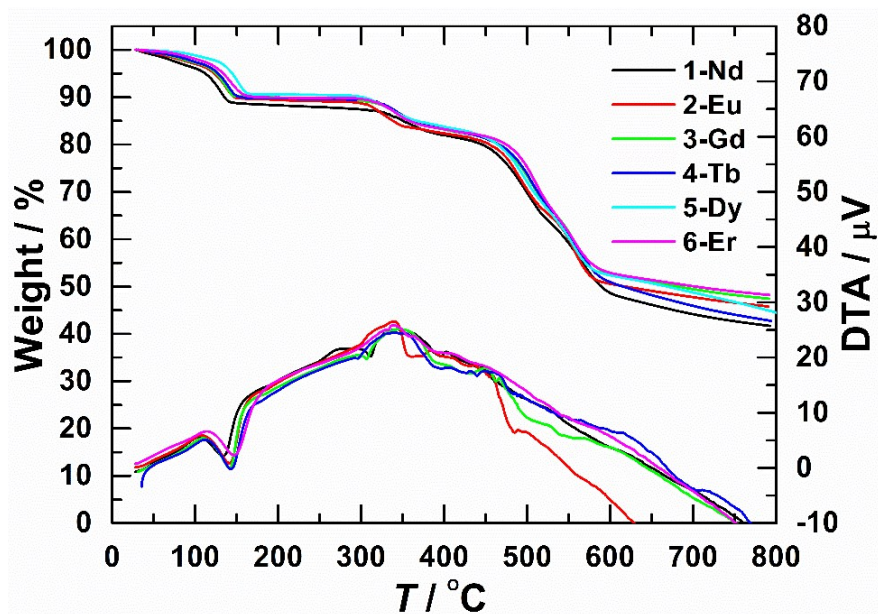


Fig. S2 The TG-DTA curves for complexes 1-6.

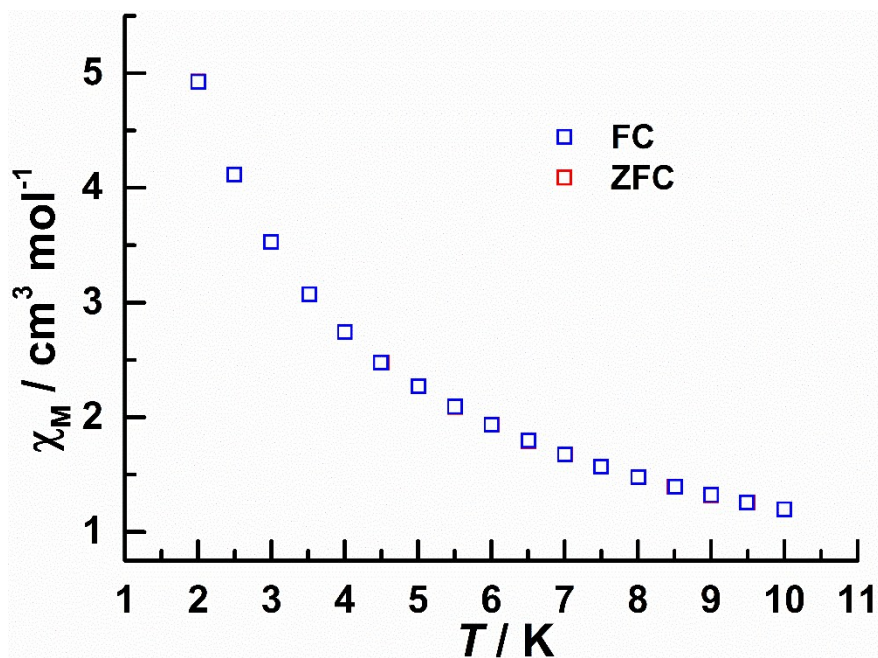


Fig. S3 The zero-field-cooled/field-cooled (ZFC-FC) magnetic susceptibility  $\chi_M$  under a 20 Oe dc field in warm mode for 5.

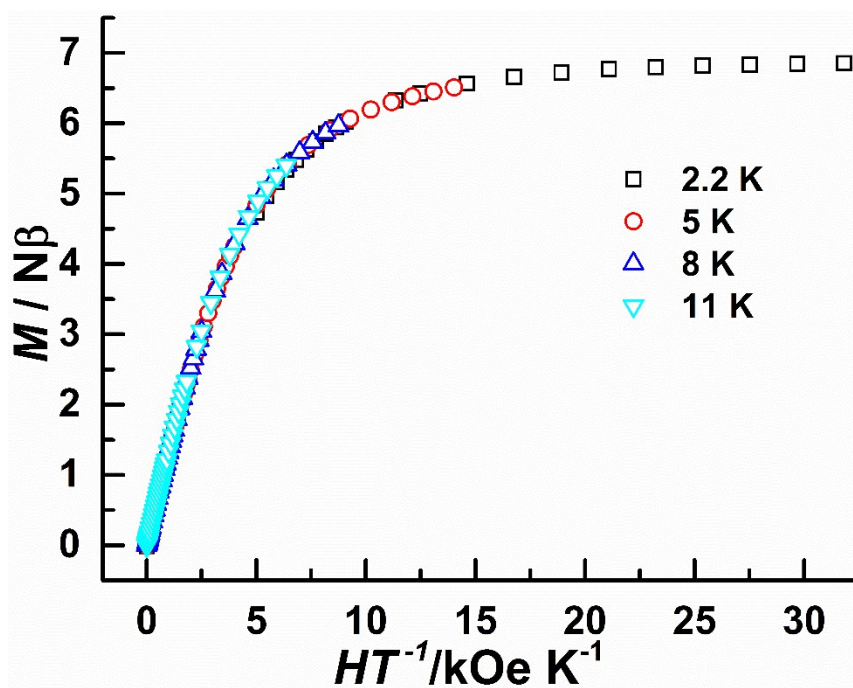


Fig. S4 Field dependence of the magnetization for compound 3 at 2.2, 5, 8, 11 K.

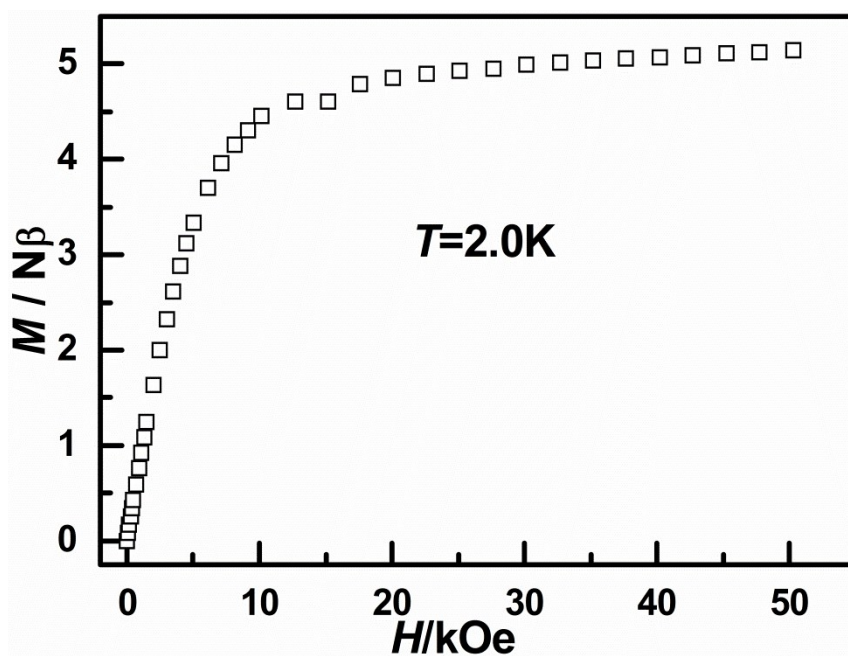
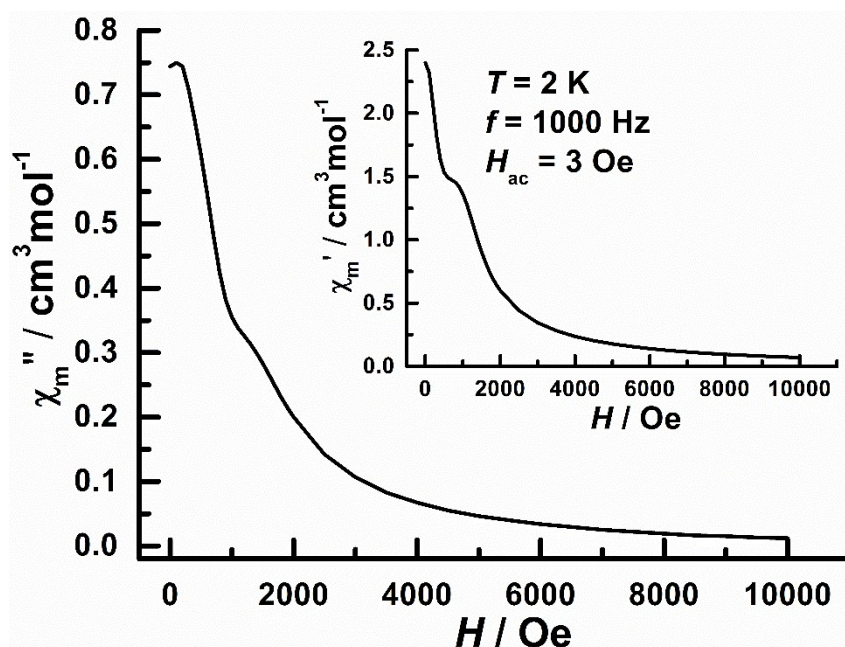
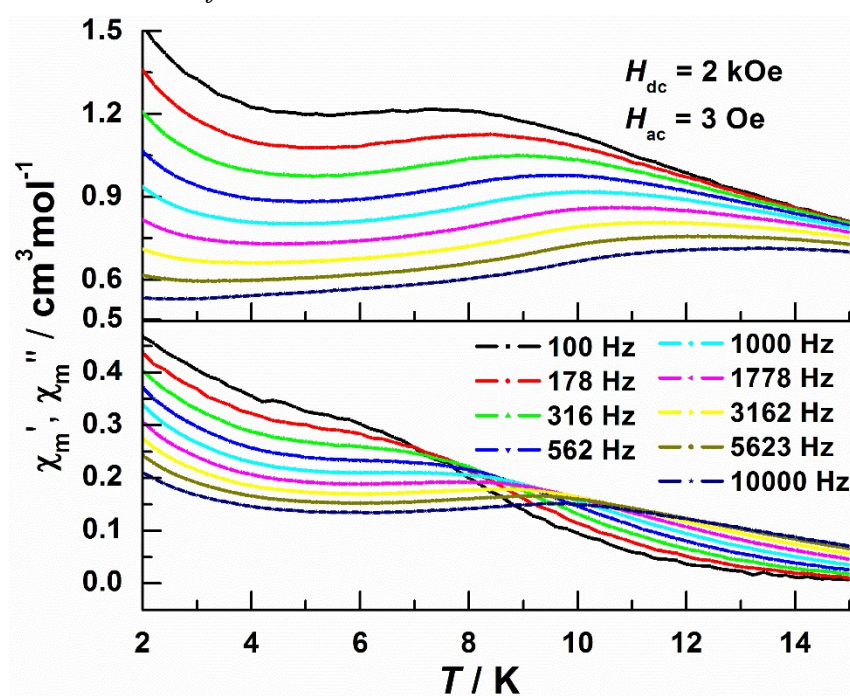


Fig. S5 Field dependence of the magnetization for compound 5 at 2.0 K.

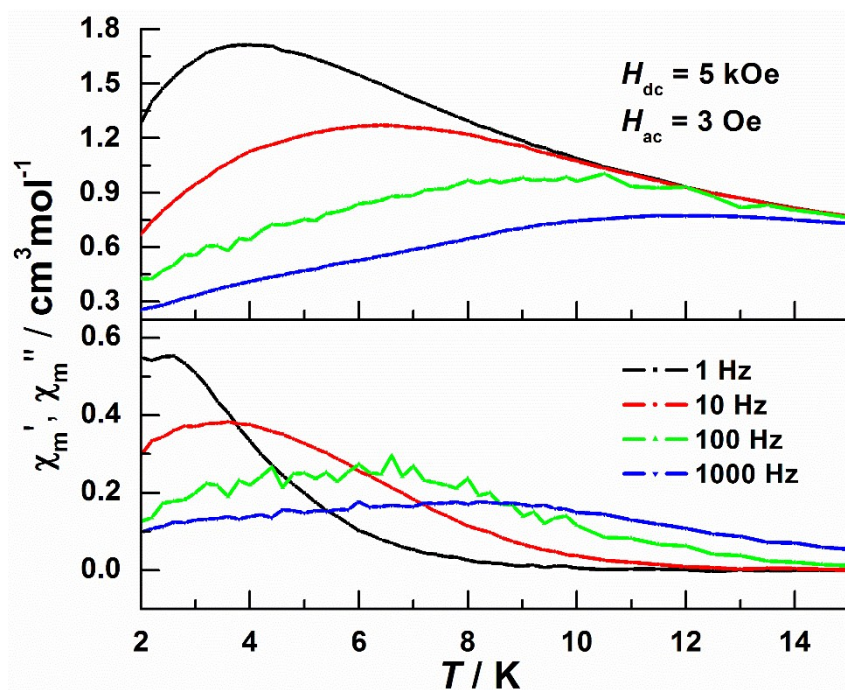




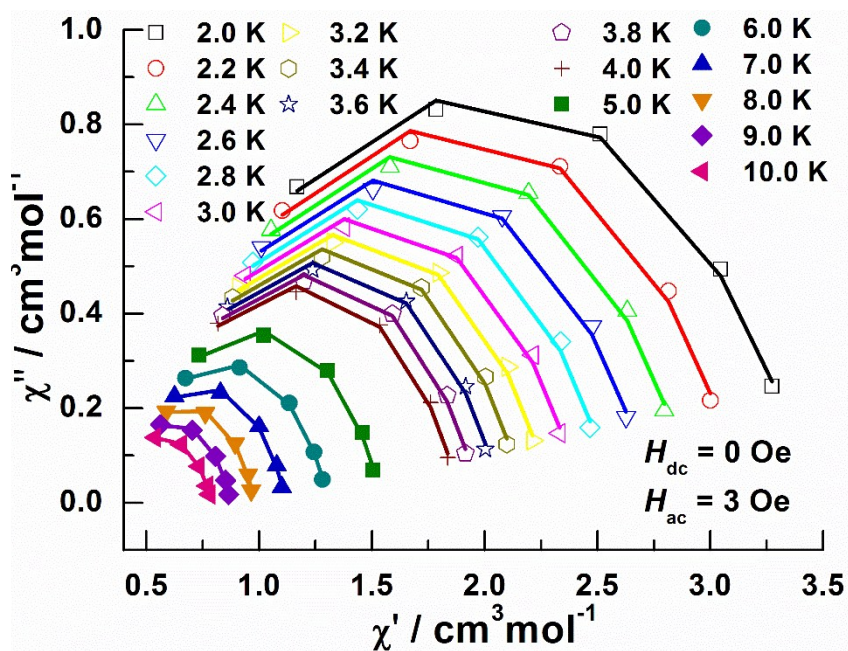
**Fig. S6** Field dependence of the in-phase ( $\chi'$ , inset) and out-of-phase ( $\chi''$ ) ac susceptibilities for 5 with  $f = 1000$  Hz.



**Fig. S7** Temperature dependence of  $\chi'$  and  $\chi''$  ac susceptibility components under a 2 kOe dc field for 5.



**Fig. S8** Temperature dependence of  $\chi'$  and  $\chi''$  ac susceptibility components under a 5 kOe dc field for **5**.



**Fig. S9** The Cole–Cole plots of  $\chi''$  vs.  $\chi'$  at 2.0–4.0 K (0.2 K interval) and 4.0–10.0 K (1.0 K interval) for compound **5** under a 0 Oe dc field. The solid lines are the least-square fitting of the data to a distribution of single relaxation processes.



**Table S6** Relaxation parameters from the best fitting of the Cole–Cole diagrams by the generalized Debye model under a zero dc field for **5**.

$T(\text{K})$	$\chi_s(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	$\chi_T(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	$\tau(\text{s})$	$\alpha$
2.0	0.49	3.45	$6.48 \times 10^{-5}$	0.33
2.2	0.50	3.15	$6.48 \times 10^{-5}$	0.31
2.4	0.50	2.93	$6.28 \times 10^{-5}$	0.31
2.6	0.48	2.75	$6.18 \times 10^{-5}$	0.31
2.8	0.49	2.57	$5.98 \times 10^{-5}$	0.30
3.0	0.48	2.43	$5.88 \times 10^{-5}$	0.30
3.2	0.47	2.30	$5.68 \times 10^{-5}$	0.29
3.4	0.47	2.18	$5.58 \times 10^{-5}$	0.28
3.6	0.46	2.07	$5.38 \times 10^{-5}$	0.28
3.8	0.46	1.98	$5.28 \times 10^{-5}$	0.28
4.0	0.45	1.89	$5.08 \times 10^{-5}$	0.28
5.0	0.43	1.54	$4.48 \times 10^{-5}$	0.26
6.0	0.40	1.31	$3.78 \times 10^{-5}$	0.27
7.0	0.39	1.12	$3.38 \times 10^{-5}$	0.24
8.0	0.38	0.98	$3.08 \times 10^{-5}$	0.24
9.0	0.37	0.87	$2.68 \times 10^{-5}$	0.25
10.0	0.35	0.79	$2.28 \times 10^{-5}$	0.28

**Table S7** Relaxation parameters from the best fitting of the Cole–Cole diagrams by the generalized Debye model under 1 kOe dc field for **5**.

$T(\text{K})$	$\chi_s(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	$\chi_T(\text{cm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1})$	$\tau(\text{s})$	$\alpha$
5.0	0.09	3.09	$8.88 \times 10^{-4}$	0.74
6.0	0.23	2.34	$2.48 \times 10^{-4}$	0.68
7.0	0.34	1.89	$1.18 \times 10^{-4}$	0.61
8.0	0.45	1.58	$5.98 \times 10^{-5}$	0.50
9.0	0.51	1.38	$3.88 \times 10^{-5}$	0.40
10.0	0.56	1.23	$2.88 \times 10^{-5}$	0.31
11.0	0.61	1.12	$2.38 \times 10^{-5}$	0.24

**Table S8** Relaxation parameters from the best fitting of the Cole–Cole diagrams by the generalized Debye model under a 2 kOe dc field for **5**.

$T(\text{K})$	$\chi_s(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\chi_r(\text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1})$	$\tau(\text{s})$	$\alpha$
7.0	0.30	2.24	$2.48 \times 10^{-3}$	0.66
8.0	0.34	1.70	$4.48 \times 10^{-4}$	0.61
9.0	0.35	1.43	$1.58 \times 10^{-4}$	0.57
10.0	0.35	1.28	$5.68 \times 10^{-5}$	0.57
11.0	0.41	1.13	$3.58 \times 10^{-5}$	0.41
12.0	0.45	1.03	$2.28 \times 10^{-5}$	0.48