## **Supporting Information**

## High-nuclear heterometallic oxime clusters assembled from triangular subunit: solvothermal

## syntheses, crystal structures and magnetic properties

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 Table S1. Calculation of the agreement between the coordination polyhedron of complex 1 and various

 ideal polyhedra using the SHAPE program\*

Ideal polyhedron geometry	BTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )	JBTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )	TDD $(D_{2d})$	SAPR $(D_{4d})$
Agreement factor for Dy1	1.781	1.800	2.055	3.011
Agreement factor for Dy2	3.290	3.494	2.789	1.839
Agreement factor for Dy3	3.797	4.582	3.344	5.814
Agreement factor for Dy4	2.364	2.744	2.192	2.404

\*BTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, JBTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, TDD = Triangular dodecahedron, SAPR = Square antiprism.

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Dy(1)–O(5)	2.277(17)	Dy(1)–O(6)	2.369(14)
Dy(1)-O(16)	2.310(16)	Dy(1)–O(18)	2.376(15)
Dy(1)–O(4)	2.331(14)	Dy(1)–O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	2.377(13)
Dy(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	2.486(13)	Dy(1)–O(19) <sup>#1</sup>	2.648(15)
Dy(2)–O(18)	2.319(14)	Dy(2)–O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	2.393(14)
Dy(2)–O(19)	2.339(13)	Dy(2)–O(17)	2.437(13)
Dy(2)-O(16)#1	2.372(15)	Dy(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	2.451(15)
Dy(2)–O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	2.380(15)	Dy(2)–O(10) <sup>#1</sup>	2.465(17)
Dy(3)–O(3)	2.244(19)	Dy(3)–O(13)	2.45(2)
Dy(3)-O(19)#1	2.332(16)	Dy(3)–O(16)	2.460(13)
Dy(3)–O(4)	2.346(17)	Dy(3)–O(15)	2.46(3)
Dy(3)–N(16)	2.42(2)	Dy(3)–O(12)	2.475(16)
Dy(4)–O(11)	2.303(15)	Dy(4)–O(10)	2.359(14)
Dy(4)–O(1)	2.311(17)	Dy(4)–O(8)	2.41(2)
Dy(4)–O(2)	2.320(18)	Dy(4)–O(18) <sup>#1</sup>	2.467(15)
Dy(4)-O(6)#1	2.350(12)	Dy(4)–O(7)	2.52(2)
Ni(1)–N(7)	2.033(19)	Ni(1)–O(12)	2.067(17)
Ni(1)–N(11)	2.042(18)	Ni(1)–N(5)	2.11(2)
Ni(1)-O(10)	2.064(15)	Ni(1)–N(9)	2.13(2)
Ni(2)–N(15)	2.01(2)	Ni(2)–N(13)	2.10(2)
Ni(2)–N(24)	2.021(17)	Ni(2)–N(21)	2.11(2)
Ni(2)–N(19)	2.041(19)	Ni(2)–N(17)	2.13(2)
Ni(3)–O(2)	1.822(18)	Ni(3)–N(8)	1.88(2)
Ni(3)–N(3)	1.84(3)	Ni(3)–N(1)	1.90(2)
O(5)-Dy(1)-O(16)	140.2(6)	O(5)-Dy(1)-O(18)	140.6(6)
O(5)–Dy(1)–O(4)	92.9(6)	O(16)–Dy(1)–O(18)	76.2(5)
O(16)–Dy(1)–O(4)	70.3(5)	O(4)–Dy(1)–O(18)	119.6(6)
O(5)-Dy(1)-O(6)	99.4(6)	O(6)-Dy(1)-O(18)	68.1(5)
O(16)–Dy(1)–O(6)	112.2(6)	O(5)-Dy(1)-O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	89.2(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(6)	80.2(5)	O(16)-Dy(1)-O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	81.5(5)
O(6)-Dy(1)-O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	140.7(4)	O(6)-Dy(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	74.1(5)
O(18)-Dy(1)-O(17)#1	80.9(5)	O(18)–Dy(1)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	61.3(5)
O(5)-Dy(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	79.4(6)	$O(17)^{#1}$ -Dy(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	69.9(5)
O(16)-Dy(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	131.3(5)	O(5)-Dy(1)-O(19)#1	80.5(6)
O(16)-Dy(1)-O(19)#1	60.1(5)	$O(17)^{#1}$ -Dy(1)-O(19) <sup>#1</sup>	67.3(4)
O(4)-Dy(1)-O(19) <sup>#1</sup>	71.7(5)	$O(11)^{\#1}$ -Dy(1)-O(19) <sup>#1</sup>	132.6(5)
O(17)–Dy(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	122.0(4)	O(18)–Dy(1)–O(19) <sup>#1</sup>	128.3(5)
O(18)–Dy(2)–O(19)	119.2(5)	O(19)–Dy(2)–O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	79.6(5)
O(4)-Dy(1)-O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	138.0(5)	$O(16)^{#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	71.4(5)
O(19)-Dy(2)-O(16)#1	64.1(5)	O(18)-Dy(2)-O(17)#1	81.8(5)
O(18)-Dy(2)-O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	136.9(5)	O(19)-Dy(2)-O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	124.8(5)
$O(16)^{#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	74.9(5)	O(16)#1-Dy(2)-O(17)	79.0(5)
O(12) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–O(17) <sup>#1</sup>	121.0(5)	O(12) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–O(17)	145.5(5)

Table S2. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for 1<sup>*a*</sup>

O(18)–Dy(2)–O(17)	75.6(5)	O(17)#1-Dy(2)-O(17)	65.4(6)
O(19)–Dy(2)–O(17)	71.6(5)	O(18)–Dy(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	62.6(5)
$O(16)^{\#1}-Dy(2)-O(11)^{\#1}$	122.7(5)	O(18)-Dy(2)-O(10)#1	71.8(5)
$O(12)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(11)^{\#1}	89.5(5)	O(19)-Dy(2)-O(10) <sup>#1</sup>	91.9(5)
$O(17)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	70.3(4)	O(16)#1-Dy(2)-O(10)#1	136.7(5)
$O(12)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(10)^{\#1}	69.0(5)	O(17)-Dy(2)-O(10)#1	129.3(5)
$O(17)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(10)^{\#1}	142.3(5)	$O(11)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(10)^{\#1}	73.9(4)
O(3)–Dy(3)–O(19) <sup>#1</sup>	85.4(6)	O(19)#1-Dy(3)-N(16)	90.6(7)
O(3)–Dy(3)–O(4)	135.1(6)	O(4)–Dy(3)–N(16)	65.3(7)
O(19) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(3)–O(4)	77.5(6)	O(3)–Dy(3)–O(13)	77.1(8)
O(3)–Dy(3)–N(16)	73.8(7)	O(16)–Dy(3)–O(12)	68.4(5)
O(4)–Dy(3)–O(13)	115.8(7)	O(4)–Dy(3)–O(16)	67.5(5)
N(16)-Dy(3)-O(13)	85.5(8)	N(16)-Dy(3)-O(16)	129.7(7)
O(3)–Dy(3)–O(16)	137.6(5)	O(13)–Dy(3)–O(16)	131.4(7)
O(19) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(3)–O(16)	62.8(5)	O(3)–Dy(3)–O(15)	128.5(8)
O(19) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(3)–O(15)	146.0(7)	O(16)–Dy(3)–O(15)	85.9(7)
O(4)–Dy(3)–O(15)	78.4(8)	O(3)–Dy(3)–O(12)	78.4(5)
N(16)-Dy(3)-O(15)	100.7(9)	O(19) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(3)–O(12)	77.9(5)
O(13)–Dy(3)–O(15)	51.4(9)	O(4)–Dy(3)–O(12)	135.5(5)
O(13)–Dy(3)–O(12)	97.5(7)	O(15)–Dy(3)–O(12)	103.9(8)
O(11)–Dy(4)–O(1)	114.1(7)	O(1)–Dy(4)–O(6) <sup>#1</sup>	74.5(6)
O(11)–Dy(4)–O(2)	81.9(6)	O(2)-Dy(4)-O(6) <sup>#1</sup>	128.9(6)
O(1)–Dy(4)–O(2)	72.0(6)	O(11)–Dy(4)–O(10)	78.6(5)
O(11)-Dy(4)-O(6) <sup>#1</sup>	78.0(5)	O(1)–Dy(4)–O(10)	147.8(6)
O(2)–Dy(4)–O(10)	81.3(5)	O(2)–Dy(4)–O(8)	130.2(7)
O(6)#1-Dy(4)-O(10)	137.6(5)	O(6) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(4)–O(8)	83.8(6)
O(11)–Dy(4)–O(8)	147.2(6)	O(10)–Dy(4)–O(8)	97.8(6)
O(1)–Dy(4)–O(8)	86.3(8)	O(1)-Dy(4)-O(18) <sup>#1</sup>	141.1(5)
O(2)–Dy(4)–O(18) <sup>#1</sup>	138.2(6)	O(8)–Dy(4)–O(7)	51.0(7)
$O(6)^{#1}$ -Dy(4)-O(18) <sup>#1</sup>	66.9(5)	O(1)–Dy(4)–O(7)	76.5(7)
O(10)-Dy(4)-O(18) <sup>#1</sup>	71.1(5)	O(2)–Dy(4)–O(7)	80.1(7)
O(8)-Dy(4)-O(18) <sup>#1</sup>	85.3(6)	O(6) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(4)–O(7)	127.2(6)
O(10)–Dy(4)–O(7)	81.5(6)	O(18) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(4)–O(7)	124.2(6)
N(7)–Ni(1)–O(10)	90.3(7)	O(10)-Ni(1)-O(12)	83.3(7)
N(11)–Ni(1)–O(10)	99.7(8)	N(7)–Ni(1)–N(5)	75.6(8)
N(7)–Ni(1)–O(12)	101.0(9)	N(11)–Ni(1)–N(5)	95.1(8)
N(11)–Ni(1)–O(12)	87.9(7)	N(11)-Ni(1)-N(9)	78.3(8)
N(7)–Ni(1)–N(9)	93.4(9)	O(12)-Ni(1)-N(5)	92.6(8)
O(10)-Ni(1)-N(9)	94.1(8)	N(5)–Ni(1)–N(9)	93.5(9)
N(15)-Ni(2)-N(24)	90.5(8)	N(24)-Ni(2)-N(19)	94.8(7)
N(15)–Ni(2)–N(19)	92.1(8)	N(15)-Ni(2)-N(13)	77.4(9)
N(19)–Ni(2)–N(13)	98.6(8)	N(13)-Ni(2)-N(21)	90.7(8)
N(15)–Ni(2)–N(21)	93.9(8)	N(24)-Ni(2)-N(17)	94.3(8)
N(24)–Ni(2)–N(21)	77.0(8)	N(19)–Ni(2)–N(17)	78.6(8)

N(21)-Ni(2)-N(17)	95.9(8)	N(13)-Ni(2)-N(17)	99.8(9)
O(2)-Ni(3)-N(8)	84.9(9)	O(2)-Ni(3)-N(3)	88.8(9)
N(8)–Ni(3)–N(1)	101.0(10)	N(3)–Ni(3)–N(1)	85.3(10)

<sup>*a*</sup> Symmetry codes: <sup>#1</sup> 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.



Fig. S1 Molecular structure of 2 (Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity, symmetry codes: A = 1 - x, -y, 1 - z).

Ideal polyhedron geometry	BTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )	JBTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )	TDD $(D_{2d})$	SAPR $(D_{4d})$
Agreement factor for Gd1	1.709	1.857	2.104	3.141
Agreement factor for Gd2	3.699	3.959	2.931	2.039
Agreement factor for Gd4	2.715	3.129	2.205	2.288
Ideal polyhedron geometry	TCTPR $(D_{3h})$	CSAPR $(C_{4v})$	MFF (Cs)	JCSAPR ( $C_{4v}$ )
Agreement factor for Gd3	5.248	4.307	3.566	4.833

 Table S3. Calculation of the agreement between the coordination polyhedron of 2 and various ideal

 polyhedra using the SHAPE program\*

\*BTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, JBTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, TDD = Triangular dodecahedron, SAPR = Square antiprism; TCTPR = Spherical tricapped trigonal prism, CSAPR = Spherical capped square antiprism, MFF= Muffin, JCSAPR = Capped square antiprism.

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Gd(1)–O(8)	2.300(11)	Gd(1)-O(2)	2.404(9)
Gd(1)–O(7)	2.336(9)	Gd(1)-O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	2.434(8)
Gd(1)–O(1)	2.357(9)	Gd(1)-O(4)	2.513(9)
Gd(1)–O(9)	2.403(9)	Gd(1)-O(5)	2.612(9)
Gd(1)–N(11)	2.893(12)	Gd(2)–O(2)	2.331(9)
Gd(2)–O(13)	2.390(9)	Gd(2)-O(1)#1	2.427(9)
Gd(2)-O(3)#1	2.402(9)	Gd(2)–O(3)	2.446(9)
Gd(2)–O(5) <sup>#1</sup>	2.422(9)	Gd(2)–O(12)	2.463(9)
Gd(2)–O(4)	2.468(9)	Gd(3)–O(6)	2.253(10)
Gd(3)–O(5)	2.348(9)	Gd(3)–O(14)	2.478(11)
Gd(3)–O(7)	2.368(9)	Gd(3)–O(1)	2.484(9)
Gd(3)–N(8)	2.440(12)	Gd(3)–O(15)	2.485(11)
Gd(3)-N(27) <sup>#1</sup>	2.56(2)	Gd(3)-O(13) <sup>#1</sup>	2.569(9)
Gd(4)–O(4)	2.313(10)	Gd(4)-O(12)	2.414(8)
Gd(4)–O(11)	2.339(10)	Gd(4)-O(17)	2.450(13)
Gd(4)–O(10)	2.354(10)	Gd(4)–O(2)	2.490(8)
Gd(4)–O(9)	2.355(9)	Gd(4)-O(18)	2.537(12)
Ni(1)-O(12)	2.023(9)	Ni(1)-O(13)	2.085(10)
Ni(1)–N(23)	2.028(12)	Ni(1)–N(1) <sup>#1</sup>	2.091(13)
Ni(1)–N(3) <sup>#1</sup>	2.045(11)	Ni(1)–N(21)	2.103(13)
Ni(2)–N(7)	2.035(11)	Ni(2)–N(5)	2.088(14)
Ni(2)–N(11)	2.052(11)	Ni(2)–N(9)	2.092(12)
Ni(2)–N(15)	2.055(11)	Ni(2)–N(13)	2.100(11)
Ni(3)–N(19)	1.814(14)	Ni(3)–N(24)	1.884(13)
Ni(3)–O(11)	1.826(10)	Ni(3)–N(17)	1.887(13)
O(8)–Gd(1)–O(7)	95.6(3)	$O(9)-Gd(1)-O(3)^{\#1}$	139.5(3)
O(8)–Gd(1)–O(1)	141.5(3)	$O(2)-Gd(1)-O(3)^{\#1}$	80.1(3)
O(7)–Gd(1)–O(1)	70.2(3)	O(8)–Gd(1)–O(4)	78.9(3)
O(8)-Gd(1)-O(9)	100.2(3)	$O(7)-Gd(1)-O(3)^{\#1}$	138.8(3)
O(7)-Gd(1)-O(9)	80.3(3)	O(1)-Gd(1)-O(4)	130.0(3)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(9)	111.6(3)	O(9)–Gd(1)–O(4)	73.1(3)
O(8)–Gd(1)–O(2)	139.0(3)	O(2)-Gd(1)-O(4)	60.2(3)
O(7)–Gd(1)–O(2)	119.0(3)	$O(3)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-O(4)$	69.7(3)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(2)	75.4(3)	O(8)–Gd(1)–O(5)	80.5(3)
O(9)-Gd(1)-O(2)	67.7(3)	O(7)–Gd(1)–O(5)	70.8(3)
$O(8)-Gd(1)-O(3)^{#1}$	87.9(3)	O(1)-Gd(1)-O(5)	61.1(3)
$O(1)-Gd(1)-O(3)^{#1}$	81.7(3)	O(2)–Gd(1)–O(5)	129.3(3)
O(4)-Gd(1)-O(5)	134.5(3)	$O(3)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-O(5)$	69.4(3)
O(8)-Gd(1)-N(11)	27.9(3)	O(2)-Gd(1)-N(11)	127.1(3)
O(7)-Gd(1)-N(11)	86.2(3)	$O(3)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-N(11)$	112.0(3)
O(5)-Gd(1)-N(11)	102.0(3)	O(4)–Gd(1)–N(11)	75.8(3)
O(9)-Gd(1)-N(11)	72.8(3)	$O(5)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(12)$	93.3(3)
O(2)-Gd(2)-O(13)	135.5(3)	$O(3)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(3)$	64.8(4)

Table S4. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for  $2^{a}$ 

$O(2)-Gd(2)-O(3)^{\#1}$	82.3(3)	$O(5)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(3)$	72.5(3)
O(13)–Gd(2)–O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	119.8(3)	$O(1)^{#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(3)	80.1(3)
$O(2)-Gd(2)-O(5)^{\#1}$	121.6(3)	O(2)–Gd(2)–O(12)	72.8(3)
O(13)–Gd(2)–O(5) <sup>#1</sup>	80.5(3)	O(13)-Gd(2)-O(12)	67.4(3)
$O(3)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(5)^{\#1}	123.1(3)	O(3) <sup>#1</sup> –Gd(2)–O(12)	143.2(3)
O(13)–Gd(2)–O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	71.8(3)	$O(1)^{#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(12)	135.7(3)
$O(3)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(1)^{\#1}	73.7(3)	O(3)-Gd(2)-O(12)	130.5(3)
$O(5)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(1)^{\#1}	63.1(3)	O(2)–Gd(2)–O(4)	61.8(3)
O(2)–Gd(2)–O(3)	75.4(3)	O(13)-Gd(2)-O(4)	87.9(3)
O(13)–Gd(2)–O(3)	147.6(3)	$O(3)^{#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(4)	71.0(3)
O(12)–Gd(2)–O(4)	73.5(3)	O(3)–Gd(2)–O(4)	121.2(3)
$O(1)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(4)$	122.0(3)	N(8)–Gd(3)–O(15)	99.5(4)
O(6)-Gd(3)-O(5)	85.4(4)	O(5)–Gd(3)–O(1)	63.3(3)
O(6)–Gd(3)–O(7)	134.4(4)	O(7)–Gd(3)–O(1)	67.5(3)
O(5)–Gd(3)–O(7)	75.1(3)	N(8)–Gd(3)–O(1)	128.6(3)
O(6)–Gd(3)–N(8)	73.7(4)	O(14)-Gd(3)-O(1)	133.5(3)
O(5)–Gd(3)–N(8)	87.0(4)	O(6)–Gd(3)–O(15)	129.4(4)
O(7)–Gd(3)–N(8)	64.6(4)	O(5)–Gd(3)–O(15)	145.1(4)
O(6)–Gd(3)–O(14)	77.8(4)	O(7)–Gd(3)–O(15)	77.0(4)
O(7)–Gd(3)–O(14)	113.7(4)	O(14)-Gd(3)-O(15)	51.6(4)
N(8)–Gd(3)–O(14)	83.8(4)	O(1)-Gd(3)-O(15)	86.9(4)
O(6)-Gd(3)-O(1)	137.0(3)	O(6)-Gd(3)-N(27) <sup>#1</sup>	88.9(5)
O(5)-Gd(3)-N(27) <sup>#1</sup>	107.4(5)	O(7)-Gd(3)-O(13) <sup>#1</sup>	134.8(3)
O(7)-Gd(3)-N(27) <sup>#1</sup>	136.0(5)	N(8)-Gd(3)-O(13)#1	148.9(4)
$O(5)-Gd(3)-O(13)^{\#1}$	78.3(3)	$O(14)-Gd(3)-O(13)^{\#1}$	102.4(4)
O(14)-Gd(3)-N(27) <sup>#1</sup>	77.3(5)	O(1)-Gd(3)-O(13) <sup>#1</sup>	68.0(3)
O(1)-Gd(3)-N(27) <sup>#1</sup>	74.7(4)	O(15)-Gd(3)-O(13)#1	108.2(4)
$O(15)-Gd(3)-N(27)^{\#1}$	79.3(5)	$N(27)^{\#1}-Gd(3)-O(13)^{\#1}$	30.4(4)
$O(6)-Gd(3)-O(13)^{\#1}$	77.9(3)	O(10)-Gd(4)-O(18)	78.9(5)
O(4)–Gd(4)–O(11)	83.5(3)	O(9)-Gd(4)-O(12)	137.6(3)
O(4)-Gd(4)-O(10)	112.9(4)	O(4)-Gd(4)-O(17)	145.1(4)
O(11)-Gd(4)-O(10)	70.4(4)	O(11)-Gd(4)-O(17)	131.1(4)
O(4)–Gd(4)–O(9)	77.7(3)	O(10)-Gd(4)-O(17)	87.8(4)
O(11)-Gd(4)-O(9)	129.7(4)	O(9)-Gd(4)-O(17)	81.4(4)
O(10)–Gd(4)–O(9)	74.9(3)	O(12)-Gd(4)-O(17)	101.0(4)
O(4)–Gd(4)–O(12)	77.2(3)	O(4)-Gd(4)-O(2)	61.7(3)
O(11)–Gd(4)–O(12)	80.2(3)	O(11)-Gd(4)-O(2)	138.4(3)
O(10)–Gd(4)–O(12)	147.0(3)	O(10)-Gd(4)-O(2)	141.9(3)
O(9)–Gd(4)–O(2)	67.1(3)	O(12)-Gd(4)-O(18)	81.8(4)
O(12)–Gd(4)–O(2)	71.0(3)	O(17)-Gd(4)-O(18)	51.9(4)
O(17)–Gd(4)–O(2)	84.5(4)	O(2)–Gd(4)–O(18)	122.5(4)
O(11)-Gd(4)-O(18)	80.6(4)	O(9)–Gd(4)–O(18)	126.8(4)
O(12)–Ni(1)–N(23)	90.1(4)	N(23)-Ni(1)-N(1)#1	92.8(5)
O(12)–Ni(1)–N(3) <sup>#1</sup>	100.9(4)	N(3) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(1)-N(1) <sup>#1</sup>	78.4(5)

O(12)-Ni(1)-O(13)	81.9(4)	N(1)#1-Ni(1)-N(21)	93.3(5)
N(23)-Ni(1)-O(13)	100.1(5)	N(23)–Ni(1)–N(21)	77.0(5)
N(3)#1-Ni(1)-O(13)	89.5(4)	N(3)#1-Ni(1)-N(21)	93.1(5)
O(12)-Ni(1)-N(1) <sup>#1</sup>	95.0(4)	O(13)–Ni(1)–N(21)	92.6(4)
N(11)-Ni(2)-N(15)	96.3(5)	N(7)–Ni(2)–N(11)	91.5(5)
N(5)-Ni(2)-N(13)	90.3(5)	N(7)-Ni(2)-N(15)	91.4(4)
N(11)-Ni(2)-N(9)	78.2(5)	N(7)–Ni(2)–N(5)	76.4(5)
N(15)-Ni(2)-N(9)	94.2(5)	N(11)–Ni(2)–N(5)	97.5(5)
N(5)-Ni(2)-N(9)	100.3(5)	N(7)-Ni(2)-N(13)	95.2(4)
N(9)-Ni(2)-N(13)	95.5(4)	N(15)-Ni(2)-N(13)	77.2(5)
N(19)-Ni(3)-O(11)	89.5(5)	N(19)-Ni(3)-N(17)	83.8(6)
O(11)-Ni(3)-N(24)	86.0(5)	N(24)-Ni(3)-N(17)	100.8(6)

<sup>*a*</sup> Symmetry codes: <sup>#1</sup> 1 - x, -y, 1 - z.

Ideal polyhedron geometry	TCTPR $(D_{3h})$	CSAPR ( $C_{4v}$ )	MFF (Cs)	JCSAPR ( $C_{4v}$ )
Agreement factor for Dy1	0.458	1.015	1.307	1.897
Agreement factor for Dy2	4.911	4.115	3.649	4.973
Ideal polyhedron geometry	TDD $(D_{2d})$	BTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )	JBTPR $(C_{2v})$	SAPR $(D_{4d})$
Agreement factor for Dy3	1.502	2.048	2.388	2.816

 Table S5. Calculation of the agreement between the coordination polyhedron of 3 and various ideal

 polyhedra using the SHAPE program\*

\*TCTPR = Spherical tricapped trigonal prism, CSAPR = Spherical capped square antiprism, MFF= Muffin, JCSAPR = Capped square antiprism; TDD = Triangular dodecahedron, BTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, JBTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, SAPR = Square antiprism.

Ideal polyhedron geometry	TCTPR $(D_{3h})$	$\overrightarrow{\text{CSAPR}}(C_{4v})$	MFF (Cs)	JCSAPR ( $C_{4v}$ )
Agreement factor for Gd1	0.403	1.003	1.300	1.911
Agreement factor for Gd2	5.038	4.276	3.763	5.057
Ideal polyhedron geometry	TDD $(D_{2d})$	BTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )	JBTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )	SAPR $(D_{4d})$
Agreement factor for Gd3	1.659	2.032	2.399	2.888

 Table S6. Calculation of the agreement between the coordination polyhedron of 4 and various ideal

 polyhedra using the SHAPE program\*

\*TCTPR = Spherical tricapped trigonal prism, CSAPR = Spherical capped square antiprism, MFF= Muffin, JCSAPR = Capped square antiprism; TDD = Triangular dodecahedron, BTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, JBTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, SAPR = Square antiprism.

Dy(1)–O(2)	2.350(3)	Dy(1)-O(4)	2.422(3)
Dy(1)–O(12)	2.378(5)	Dy(1)–O(1)	2.449(3)
Dy(1)–O(3)	2.510(3)	Dy(2)–O(1)	2.326(3)
Dy(2)–O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	2.340(3)	Dy(2)–O(7)	2.446(4)
Dy(2)–O(8)	2.344(4)	Dy(2)–N(7) <sup>#1</sup>	2.529(4)
Dy(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	2.356(3)	Dy(2)–O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	2.624(3)
Dy(2)–O(5)	2.367(3)	Dy(2)–O(6)	2.440(3)
Dy(3)–O(9)	2.298(3)	Dy(3)-O(5)#1	2.443(3)
Dy(3)–O(2)	2.317(3)	Dy(3)–N(7)	2.451(4)
Dy(3)–O(10)	2.330(3)	Dy(3)–O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	2.455(3)
Dy(3)–N(4) <sup>#1</sup>	2.358(4)	Dy(3)–N(5)	2.584(4)
Ni(1)–N(3)	1.841(4)	Ni(1)–O(4)	1.856(3)
Ni(1)–N(8)	1.844(4)	Ni(1)–N(1)	1.890(4)
Ni(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	1.839(3)	Ni(2)–N(15)	1.848(4)
Ni(2)–N(28) <sup>#1</sup>	1.840(4)	Ni(2)–N(13)	1.886(4)
Ni(3)–N(23) <sup>#1</sup>	2.016(4)	Ni(3)–N(21) <sup>#1</sup>	2.119(4)
Ni(3)–O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	2.029(3)	Ni(3)–N(25)	2.137(4)
Ni(3)–N(27)	2.038(4)	Ni(3)–O(3)	2.173(3)
Ni(4)–O(6)	1.829(3)	Ni(4)–N(16)	1.866(4)
Ni(4)–N(11)	1.858(4)	Ni(4)–N(9)	1.878(4)
Ni(5)–O(10)	1.824(3)	Ni(5)–N(19)	1.859(4)
Ni(5)–N(24)	1.854(4)	Ni(5)–N(17)	1.882(4)
$O(2)^{\#1}-Dy(1)-O(2)$	149.13(15)	O(2)–Dy(1)–O(12)	74.56(8)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	134.54(10)	$O(2)^{#1}-Dy(1)-O(4)$	134.55(10)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	86.74(15)	O(2)–Dy(1)–O(4)	71.67(10)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	70.38(10)	O(12)–Dy(1)–O(4)	136.63(7)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	71.85(10)	O(2)–Dy(1)–O(1)	99.71(10)
$O(4)^{\#1}$ – $Dy(1)$ – $O(1)^{\#1}$	140.17(10)	O(12)–Dy(1)–O(1)	71.70(7)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(3)	130.57(10)	O(4)–Dy(1)–O(1)	140.18(10)
$O(1)^{\#1}-Dy(1)-O(1)$	143.40(15)	O(2)–Dy(1)–O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	65.77(10)
$O(2)^{\#1}-Dy(1)-O(3)$	65.77(10)	O(4)-Dy(1)-O(3)#1	73.69(10)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(3)	129.69(10)	O(1)-Dy(1)-O(3)#1	67.59(10)
O(12)–Dy(1)–O(3)	115.39(7)	O(3)–Dy(1)–O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	129.23(14)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(3)	69.97(10)	O(1)-Dy(2)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	72.71(11)
O(1)–Dy(2)–O(8)	101.68(13)	O(8)–Dy(2)–O(6)	77.35(13)
$O(2)^{\#1}$ – $Dy(2)$ – $O(8)$	133.74(12)	O(11) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–O(6)	71.53(11)
O(1)-Dy(2)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	81.45(11)	O(5)–Dy(2)–O(6)	69.57(11)
$O(2)^{\#1}$ – $Dy(2)$ – $O(11)^{\#1}$	138.91(11)	O(1)–Dy(2)–O(7)	80.39(12)
O(8)-Dy(2)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	81.94(13)	O(2) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–O(7)	79.88(13)
O(1)–Dy(2)–O(5)	136.90(11)	O(8)–Dy(2)–O(7)	54.20(14)
O(2) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–O(5)	67.30(11)	O(11) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–O(7)	127.03(12)
O(8)–Dy(2)–O(5)	94.64(12)	O(5)–Dy(2)–O(7)	77.49(12)

**Table S7.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for  $3^{a}$ 

$O(11)^{\#1}-Dy(2)-O(5)$	140.73(11)	O(6)–Dy(2)–O(7)	117.86(13)
$O(2)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	68.24(10)	O(1)-Dy(2)-N(7) <sup>#1</sup>	101.21(11)
$O(2)^{\#1}-Dy(2)-O(6)$	127.59(11)	$O(2)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-N(7) <sup>#1</sup>	67.68(12)
O(6)-Dy(2)-N(7)#1	75.65(12)	$N(7)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	32.61(10)
O(7)-Dy(2)-N(7)#1	145.03(13)	$O(11)^{\#1}$ -Dy(2)-N(7) <sup>#1</sup>	87.31(11)
O(1)-Dy(2)-O(4)#1	70.23(10)	O(5)-Dy(2)-N(7) <sup>#1</sup>	78.18(11)
O(6)-Dy(2)-O(4)#1	98.89(10)	$O(11)^{\#1}$ – $Dy(2)$ – $O(4)^{\#1}$	73.24(10)
O(7)-Dy(2)-O(4)#1	141.55(12)	O(5)–Dy(2)–O(4) <sup>#1</sup>	107.62(10)
O(10)–Dy(3)–N(5)	149.00(11)	O(9)–Dy(3)–N(7)	138.22(12)
O(9)–Dy(3)–O(2)	133.01(11)	O(2)–Dy(3)–N(7)	69.38(11)
O(9)–Dy(3)–O(10)	73.43(11)	O(10)–Dy(3)–N(7)	147.82(11)
O(2)–Dy(3)–O(10)	83.63(11)	N(4) <sup>#1</sup> -Dy(3)-N(7)	87.56(13)
O(9)-Dy(3)-N(4)#1	91.71(13)	O(5) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(3)–N(7)	78.28(12)
O(2)-Dy(3)-N(4)#1	132.73(12)	O(9)-Dy(3)-O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	143.13(12)
O(10)-Dy(3)-N(4)#1	98.96(13)	O(2)-Dy(3)-O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	67.16(10)
O(9)-Dy(3)-O(5)#1	81.87(12)	O(10)-Dy(3)-O(3)#1	80.51(11)
O(2)–Dy(3)–O(5) <sup>#1</sup>	66.39(11)	$N(4)^{\#1}$ -Dy(3)-O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	66.83(11)
O(10)-Dy(3)-O(5) <sup>#1</sup>	107.25(11)	$O(5)^{\#1}$ -Dy(3)-O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	131.50(10)
$N(4)^{\#1}$ -Dy(3)-O(5) <sup>#1</sup>	149.80(13)	N(7)-Dy(3)-O(3)#1	73.17(11)
O(5) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(3)–N(5)	76.61(11)	O(9)–Dy(3)–N(5)	76.84(11)
N(7)–Dy(3)–N(5)	63.00(12)	O(2)–Dy(3)–N(5)	124.10(11)
O(3) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(3)–N(5)	120.73(11)	N(8)–Ni(1)–O(4)	85.08(15)
N(3)–Ni(1)–O(4)	93.03(15)	N(8)–Ni(1)–N(1)	100.53(16)
N(3)–Ni(1)–N(1)	81.61(16)	O(11)#1-Ni(2)-N(28)#1	85.20(16)
O(11) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(2)-N(15)	91.88(16)	N(28) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(2)-N(13)	100.82(18)
N(4)#1-Dy(3)-N(5)	73.20(13)	N(15)-Ni(2)-N(13)	82.01(17)
N(23)#1-Ni(3)-N(21)#1	77.25(16)	N(23)#1-Ni(3)-O(1)#1	103.49(15)
$O(1)^{\#1}$ -Ni(3)-N(21) <sup>#1</sup>	90.02(14)	O(1)#1-Ni(3)-N(27)	89.89(14)
N(27)-Ni(3)-N(21)#1	95.44(17)	N(23)#1-Ni(3)-N(25)	90.66(17)
O(1) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(3)-O(3)	81.98(12)	N(27)-Ni(3)-N(25)	76.48(16)
N(27)-Ni(3)-O(3)	99.91(14)	N(21)#1-Ni(3)-N(25)	95.82(16)
N(23)#1-Ni(3)-O(3)	89.60(14)	N(25)-Ni(3)-O(3)	95.62(13)
O(6)-Ni(4)-N(11)	89.77(15)	N(16)-Ni(4)-N(9)	101.08(18)
O(6)-Ni(4)-N(16)	86.00(16)	N(11)-Ni(4)-N(9)	83.30(17)
O(10)-Ni(5)-N(19)	90.33(15)	N(24)-Ni(5)-N(17)	101.41(18)
O(10)-Ni(5)-N(24)	84.89(16)	N(19)-Ni(5)-N(17)	83.78(17)

<sup>*a*</sup> Symmetry codes:  ${}^{\#1}2 - x, y, 3/2 - z$ .

Gd(1)–O(7)	2.535(3)	Gd(1)–O(1)	2.453(3)
Gd(1)–O(11)	2.382(3)	Gd(1)–O(12)	2.476(3)
Gd(1)-O(10)	2.402(6)	Gd(2)–O(1)	2.646(3)
Gd(2)–O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	2.362(3)	Gd(2)–O(2)	2.384(3)
Gd(2)–O(11)	2.372(3)	Gd(2)–O(9)	2.447(4)
Gd(2)–O(8)	2.375(4)	Gd(2)–O(6) <sup>#1</sup>	2.468(3)
Gd(2)–O(5) <sup>#1</sup>	2.381(3)	Gd(2)–N(4)	2.558(4)
Gd(3)–N(1)	2.612(4)	Gd(3)–O(3)	2.326(3)
Gd(3)–O(2)	2.469(3)	Gd(3)–O(11)	2.337(3)
Gd(3)–O(7)	2.488(3)	Gd(3)–O(4)	2.349(3)
Gd(3)–N(4)	2.498(4)	Gd(3)–N(27)	2.398(4)
Ni(1)–N(25)	1.883(4)	Ni(1)–N(28)	1.847(4)
Ni(1)-O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	1.856(3)	Ni(1)–N(3) <sup>#1</sup>	1.853(4)
Ni(2)–N(21)	1.891(5)	Ni(2)–O(5)	1.831(4)
Ni(2)–N(24)	1.851(4)	Ni(2)–N(19)	1.848(4)
Ni(3)–N(20)	2.042(4)	Ni(3)–N(17)	2.133(4)
Ni(3)–N(16)	2.028(4)	Ni(3)-O(7)	2.173(3)
Ni(3)–O(12)	2.037(3)	Ni(3)–N(13)	2.118(4)
Ni(4)–N(5)	1.885(4)	Ni(4)-O(6)#1	1.823(3)
Ni(4)–N(8)	1.858(4)	Ni(4)-N(23) <sup>#1</sup>	1.855(4)
Ni(5)–N(12)	1.862(4)	Ni(5)–N(15)	1.876(5)
Ni(5)–O(4)	1.833(3)	Ni(5)–N(9)	1.894(5)
$O(11)^{\#1}$ -Gd(1)-O(11)	148.55(16)	O(11)-Gd(1)-O(12)	99.09(11)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	71.88(11)	O(10)-Gd(1)-O(12)	71.44(8)
O(11)-Gd(1)-O(10)	74.27(8)	O(1)-Gd(1)-O(12)	140.33(10)
$O(11)-Gd(1)-O(12)^{\#1}$	70.70(10)	$O(12)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-O(12)$	142.88(16)
O(11)-Gd(1)-O(1)	71.47(11)	O(11)-Gd(1)-O(7) <sup>#1</sup>	129.31(10)
O(10)-Gd(1)-O(1)	136.10(8)	$O(1)-Gd(1)-O(7)^{\#1}$	69.77(10)
$O(1)-Gd(1)-O(1)^{\#1}$	87.80(15)	$O(12)-Gd(1)-O(7)^{\#1}$	131.57(10)
$O(11)-Gd(1)-O(1)^{\#1}$	135.10(10)	O(12)-Gd(1)-O(7)	67.09(10)
O(11)-Gd(1)-O(7)	66.42(10)	$O(7)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-O(7)$	128.98(14)
O(10)-Gd(1)-O(7)	115.51(7)	$O(1)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-O(7)$	69.76(10)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(7)	74.05(10)	$O(12)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(11)	72.88(11)
$O(12)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(8)$	101.37(13)	O(8)-Gd(2)-O(2)	95.63(14)
O(11)-Gd(2)-O(8)	133.42(13)	$O(5)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(2)	139.86(11)
$O(12)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(5)^{\#1}	81.61(11)	$O(12)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(9)$	81.69(14)
$O(11)-Gd(2)-O(5)^{\#1}$	138.88(11)	O(11)-Gd(2)-O(9)	80.27(13)
$O(8)-Gd(2)-O(5)^{\#1}$	82.38(14)	O(8)-Gd(2)-O(9)	53.37(15)
$O(12)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(2)$	137.24(11)	$O(5)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(9)	127.74(13)
O(11)-Gd(2)-O(2)	67.03(11)	O(2)-Gd(2)-O(9)	77.63(14)
O(11)-Gd(2)-N(4)	67.84(12)	$O(11)-Gd(2)-O(6)^{\#1}$	127.06(11)
$O(5)^{#1}-Gd(2)-N(4)$	86.56(12)	$O(8)-Gd(2)-O(6)^{\#1}$	78.42(14)
O(2)-Gd(2)-N(4)	77.54(12)	$O(5)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(6)^{\#1}	71.25(11)

Table S8. Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for 4<sup>*a*</sup>

O(9)-Gd(2)-N(4)	145.28(14)	O(2)-Gd(2)-O(6) <sup>#1</sup>	69.12(11)
O(6) <sup>#1</sup> -Gd(2)-N(4)	75.09(12)	O(9)-Gd(2)-O(6) <sup>#1</sup>	117.28(14)
$O(12)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(1)$	70.34(10)	$O(12)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-N(4)$	100.87(11)
O(11)-Gd(2)-O(1)	68.25(10)	O(2)–Gd(2)–O(1)	106.46(10)
N(4)-Gd(3)-N(1)	62.34(12)	O(9)–Gd(2)–O(1)	142.58(13)
$O(5)^{\#1}$ -Gd(2)-O(1)	73.07(11)	$O(6)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(1)$	98.13(11)
N(4)-Gd(2)-O(1)	32.06(10)	O(3)–Gd(3)–O(11)	131.84(13)
O(3)–Gd(3)–O(4)	73.53(12)	O(11)-Gd(3)-O(7)	67.86(10)
O(11)-Gd(3)-O(4)	83.98(12)	O(4)-Gd(3)-O(7)	80.24(11)
O(3)-Gd(3)-N(27)	94.01(14)	N(27)-Gd(3)-O(7)	65.71(12)
O(11)-Gd(3)-N(27)	132.00(12)	O(2)–Gd(3)–O(7)	131.70(10)
O(4)-Gd(3)-N(27)	99.46(14)	O(3)-Gd(3)-N(4)	137.80(12)
O(3)–Gd(3)–O(2)	81.30(13)	O(11)-Gd(3)-N(4)	69.40(12)
O(11)-Gd(3)-O(2)	66.18(11)	O(4)-Gd(3)-N(4)	148.02(12)
O(4)–Gd(3)–O(2)	108.60(12)	N(27)-Gd(3)-N(4)	86.42(13)
N(27)-Gd(3)-O(2)	148.72(13)	O(2)-Gd(3)-N(4)	77.16(12)
O(3)–Gd(3)–O(7)	143.65(12)	O(7)–Gd(3)–N(4)	73.61(11)
O(3)–Gd(3)–N(1)	77.45(12)	N(27)-Gd(3)-N(1)	73.01(13)
O(11)-Gd(3)-N(1)	123.49(12)	O(2)–Gd(3)–N(1)	75.79(12)
O(4)–Gd(3)–N(1)	149.43(12)	O(7)–Gd(3)–N(1)	120.29(11)
N(28)-Ni(1)-O(1)#1	93.39(15)	N(3)#1-Ni(1)-N(25)	100.39(18)
$N(3)^{#1}$ -Ni(1)-O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	84.65(15)	O(5)-Ni(2)-N(19)	85.03(17)
N(28)–Ni(1)–N(25)	81.82(17)	N(19)-Ni(2)-N(21)	100.62(19)
O(5)-Ni(2)-N(24)	92.06(16)	O(12)-Ni(3)-N(13)	89.94(15)
N(24)-Ni(2)-N(21)	82.25(18)	N(16)-Ni(3)-O(12)	103.67(16)
N(20)-Ni(3)-N(13)	95.70(18)	O(12)-Ni(3)-N(20)	90.62(15)
N(16)-Ni(3)-N(17)	89.84(18)	N(16)-Ni(3)-N(13)	76.71(18)
N(17)–Ni(3)–O(7)	95.36(14)	N(20)-Ni(3)-N(17)	76.39(17)
O(12)-Ni(3)-O(7)	82.21(12)	N(13)-Ni(3)-N(17)	95.78(17)
N(20)-Ni(3)-O(7)	99.77(15)	N(16)-Ni(3)-O(7)	90.13(15)
O(6)#1-Ni(4)-N(23)#1	85.54(17)	O(6) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(4)-N(8)	90.06(16)
N(23)#1-Ni(4)-N(5)	101.22(19)	N(8)-Ni(4)-N(5)	83.33(18)
O(4)-Ni(5)-N(12)	90.91(17)	N(15)-Ni(5)-N(9)	101.1(2)
O(4)–Ni(5)–N(15)	84.11(18)	N(12)-Ni(5)-N(9)	84.25(19)

<sup>*a*</sup> Symmetry codes: <sup>#1</sup> 1 - x, y, 1/2 - z.



**Fig. S2.** Illustration of the  $C_2$  symmetry in **3** and **5**.

Ideal polyhedron geometry	SAPR $(D_{4d})$	TDD $(D_{2d})$	BTPR $(C_{2v})$	JBTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )
Agreement factor for Dy1	0.980	1.400	1.711	2.215
Agreement factor for Dy3	2.071	2.492	1.629	1.856
Ideal polyhedron geometry	MFF (Cs)	CSAPR ( $C_{4v}$ )	JCSAPR ( $C_{4v}$ )	TCTPR $(D_{3h})$
Agreement factor for Dy2	1.657	3.367	3.767	4.264

**Table S9.** Calculation of the agreement between the coordination polyhedron of **5** and various ideal polyhedra using the SHAPE program<sup>\*</sup>

\*SAPR = Square antiprism, TDD = Triangular dodecahedron, BTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, JBTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism; MFF= Muffin, CSAPR = Spherical capped square antiprism, JCSAPR = Capped square antiprism, TCTPR = Spherical tricapped trigonal prism.

 Table S10. Calculation of the agreement between the coordination polyhedron of complex 6 and various

 ideal polyhedra using the SHAPE program \*

Ideal polyhedron geometry	SAPR $(D_{4d})$	TDD $(D_{2d})$	BTPR $(C_{2v})$	JBTPR ( $C_{2v}$ )
Agreement factor for Gd1	0.974	1.434	1.744	2.322
Agreement factor for Gd3	2.097	2.462	1.609	1.926
Ideal polyhedron geometry	MFF (Cs)	CSAPR $(C_{4v})$	JCSAPR ( $C_{4v}$ )	TCTPR $(D_{3h})$
Agreement factor for Gd2	1.719	3.241	3.727	4.252

\*SAPR = Square antiprism, TDD = Triangular dodecahedron, BTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism, JBTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism; MFF= Muffin, CSAPR = Spherical capped square antiprism, JCSAPR = Capped square antiprism, TCTPR = Spherical tricapped trigonal prism.

Dy(1)-O(10)	2.352(3)	Dy(1)–O(2)	2.353(3)
Dy(1)–O(1)	2.406(3)	Dy(1)–O(12)	2.408(3)
Dy(2)–O(3)	2.331(3)	Dy(2)–O(14)	2.399(4)
Dy(2)–O(12)	2.334(3)	Dy(2)–N(23)	2.421(4)
Dy(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	2.379(3)	Dy(2)–N(21)	2.538(4)
Dy(2)–O(15)	2.392(4)	Dy(2)–O(16)	2.590(4)
Dy(2)–O(13)	2.658(4)	Dy(3)–O(4)	2.315(3)
Dy(3)–O(3)	2.409(3)	Dy(3)–O(12)	2.330(3)
Dy(3)–N(7)	2.417(4)	Dy(3)–O(5)	2.348(3)
Dy(3)–O(1)	2.480(3)	Dy(3)–N(4)	2.378(4)
Dy(3)–N(5)	2.612(4)	Ni(1)-O(2)#1	1.832(3)
Ni(1)–N(3)	1.848(3)	Ni(1)–N(8) <sup>#1</sup>	1.836(4)
Ni(1)–N(1)	1.882(4)	Ni(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	1.841(3)
Ni(2)–N(11)	1.861(4)	Ni(2)–N(28) <sup>#1</sup>	1.842(4)
Ni(2)–N(9)	1.888(5)	Ni(3)–N(19)	2.023(4)
Ni(3)–N(17)	2.109(4)	Ni(3)-O(10)#1	2.053(3)
Ni(3)–O(1)	2.150(3)	Ni(3)–N(27)	2.066(4)
Ni(3)–N(25)	2.096(4)	Ni(4)–O(5)	1.825(3)
Ni(4)–N(15)	1.856(4)	Ni(4)–N(20)	1.840(4)
Ni(4)–N(13)	1.877(4)	O(10)-Dy(1)-O(10) <sup>#1</sup>	86.15(14)
O(10)-Dy(1)-O(2)#1	145.20(9)	O(10)-Dy(1)-O(1)#1	72.45(9)
O(10)–Dy(1)–O(2)	108.40(10)	O(2)–Dy(1)–O(1)	77.21(10)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(1) <sup>#1</sup>	72.98(9)	$O(1)^{#1}-Dy(1)-O(1)$	141.42(13)
O(10)–Dy(1)–O(1)	141.63(9)	O(10)–Dy(1)–O(12)	77.14(9)
$O(2)^{#1}$ -Dy(1)-O(12)	136.90(9)	O(1)–Dy(1)–O(12)	66.36(9)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(12)	79.85(9)	O(10)-Dy(1)-O(12)#1	72.70(10)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	136.89(9)	O(1)-Dy(1)-O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	129.50(9)
O(12)-Dy(1)-O(12) <sup>#1</sup>	138.30(14)	$O(2)^{#1}$ -Dy(1)-O(2)	77.81(14)
O(3)–Dy(2)–O(12)	70.16(10)	O(12)–Dy(2)–N(23)	74.99(11)
O(3)–Dy(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	74.24(10)	O(11) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–N(23)	82.30(11)
O(12)–Dy(2)–O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	81.84(10)	O(15)–Dy(2)–N(23)	137.64(14)
O(3)–Dy(2)–O(15)	77.81(13)	O(14)-Dy(2)-N(23)	121.71(13)
O(12)–Dy(2)–O(15)	147.11(13)	O(14)–Dy(2)–N(21)	79.02(14)
O(11)#1-Dy(2)-O(15)	96.72(12)	O(12)–Dy(2)–N(21)	124.76(11)
O(3)–Dy(2)–O(14)	79.98(13)	O(11)#1-Dy(2)-N(21)	124.52(12)
O(12)–Dy(2)–O(14)	93.87(13)	O(15)–Dy(2)–N(21)	83.11(13)
O(15)–Dy(2)–O(14)	73.02(15)	N(23)-Dy(2)-N(21)	64.06(12)
O(3)–Dy(2)–N(23)	140.12(11)	O(3)–Dy(2)–O(16)	109.54(12)
O(12)–Dy(2)–O(16)	149.58(11)	O(3)–Dy(2)–O(13)	108.93(11)
O(11) <sup>#1</sup> -Dy(2)-O(16)	69.40(12)	O(12)–Dy(2)–O(13)	67.45(11)
O(15)–Dy(2)–O(16)	50.50(15)	O(11) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(2)–O(13)	144.75(10)
O(14)–Dy(2)–O(16)	116.31(14)	O(15)–Dy(2)–O(13)	118.44(13)

**Table S11.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for  $5^{a}$ 

N(23)-Dy(2)-O(16)	91.07(13)	O(14)–Dy(2)–O(13)	50.16(12)
N(21)-Dy(2)-O(16)	68.61(13)	N(23)-Dy(2)-O(13)	73.60(11)
O(16)–Dy(2)–O(13)	134.93(12)	N(21)-Dy(2)-O(13)	66.55(12)
O(4)–Dy(3)–O(12)	125.40(12)	O(4)–Dy(3)–N(7)	135.95(12)
O(4)–Dy(3)–O(5)	72.68(11)	O(12)–Dy(3)–N(7)	80.17(11)
O(4)–Dy(3)–N(4)	93.71(13)	N(4)–Dy(3)–N(7)	89.67(13)
O(12)–Dy(3)–N(4)	132.36(11)	O(3)–Dy(3)–N(7)	79.21(11)
O(5)–Dy(3)–N(4)	87.45(12)	O(4)–Dy(3)–O(1)	147.36(11)
O(4)–Dy(3)–O(3)	79.04(12)	O(12)–Dy(3)–O(1)	66.35(9)
O(12)–Dy(3)–O(3)	68.88(10)	O(5)–Dy(3)–O(1)	80.62(9)
O(5)–Dy(3)–O(3)	113.26(11)	N(4)–Dy(3)–O(1)	66.22(11)
N(4)–Dy(3)–N(5)	73.87(12)	N(7)–Dy(3)–O(1)	72.19(10)
O(3)–Dy(3)–N(5)	80.36(11)	O(4)–Dy(3)–N(5)	75.88(12)
N(7)–Dy(3)–N(5)	62.99(11)	O(12)–Dy(3)–N(5)	135.77(11)
O(1)–Dy(3)–N(5)	118.83(11)	O(5)–Dy(3)–N(5)	142.07(11)
O(2)#1-Ni(1)-N(8)#1	84.98(14)	N(3)–Ni(1)–N(1)	82.33(16)
O(2)#1-Ni(1)-N(3)	92.09(13)	N(8) <sup>#1</sup> –Ni(1)–N(1)	100.54(16)
O(11)#1-Ni(2)-N(28)#1	84.67(15)	N(25)-Ni(3)-N(17)	91.16(14)
O(11) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(2)-N(11)	92.51(15)	N(28)#1-Ni(2)-N(9)	100.86(19)
N(19)–Ni(3)–N(17)	77.25(14)	N(11)-Ni(2)-N(9)	82.01(19)
N(19)-Ni(3)-O(10)#1	93.19(13)	N(27)-Ni(3)-N(25)	78.03(15)
O(10)#1-Ni(3)-N(27)	94.43(13)	O(10) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(3)-N(17)	93.43(13)
N(19)–Ni(3)–N(25)	94.72(15)	N(27)-Ni(3)-N(17)	96.18(15)
N(27)–Ni(3)–O(1)	96.54(13)	N(19)-Ni(3)-O(1)	90.33(13)
N(25)–Ni(3)–O(1)	93.05(13)	O(10) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(3)-O(1)	83.97(11)
N(20)-Ni(4)-N(13)	99.95(19)	O(5)-Ni(4)-N(20)	85.22(15)
N(15)–Ni(4)–N(13)	84.03(19)	O(5)–Ni(4)–N(15)	90.79(15)

<sup>*a*</sup> Symmetry codes: <sup>#1</sup> 2 - x, y, 1/2 - z.

Gd(1)–O(1)	2.377(5)	Gd(1)–O(8)	2.408(5)
Gd(1)–O(7)	2.393(5)	Gd(1)–O(2)	2.424(5)
Gd(2)–O(6)	2.346(6)	Gd(2)–O(9)	2.441(6)
Gd(2)–O(8)	2.365(5)	Gd(2)–O(11)	2.442(7)
Gd(2)–O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	2.405(5)	Gd(2)–N(27)	2.443(7)
Gd(2)–N(25)	2.553(7)	Gd(2)–O(10)	2.560(6)
Gd(2)–O(12)	2.636(6)	Gd(3)–O(6)	2.427(6)
Gd(3)–O(5)	2.334(7)	Gd(3)–N(3)	2.446(7)
Gd(3)–O(8)	2.343(5)	$Gd(3)-O(2)^{\#1}$	2.489(5)
Gd(3)–O(4)	2.374(5)	Gd(3)–N(1)	2.625(7)
Gd(3)–N(8) <sup>#1</sup>	2.419(7)	Ni(1)–O(1)	1.816(5)
Ni(1)–N(7)	1.855(7)	Ni(1)–N(4)	1.844(7)
Ni(1)–N(5)	1.876(7)	Ni(2)–N(16) <sup>#1</sup>	1.832(7)
Ni(2)–N(23)	1.848(8)	Ni(2)-O(3)#1	1.835(5)
Ni(2)–N(21)	1.876(8)	Ni(3)–N(11)	2.015(7)
Ni(3)–N(13)	2.088(7)	Ni(3)-O(7)#1	2.047(5)
Ni(3)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	2.147(5)	Ni(3)–N(15)	2.050(7)
Ni(3)–N(9)	2.087(6)	Ni(4)–O(4)	1.813(6)
Ni(4)–N(19)	1.864(8)	Ni(4)–N(12)	1.843(8)
Ni(4)–N(17)	1.879(9)	O(1)-Gd(1)-O(7)	108.80(17)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(7) <sup>#1</sup>	145.07(18)	$O(7)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-O(7)$	86.1(2)
O(7)-Gd(1)-O(8) <sup>#1</sup>	72.00(17)	$O(1)^{\#1}$ -Gd(1)-O(8)^{\#1}	80.40(17)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(8)	80.39(17)	O(1)-Gd(1)-O(8) <sup>#1</sup>	136.58(17)
O(7)–Gd(1)–O(8)	77.61(18)	O(1)-Gd(1)-O(2)	72.48(17)
O(8) <sup>#1</sup> –Gd(1)–O(8)	138.0(2)	O(7)–Gd(1)–O(2)	72.31(17)
O(8)-Gd(1)-O(2)	129.54(17)	O(8)-Gd(1)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	66.53(17)
O(1)-Gd(1)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	77.35(17)	$O(2)-Gd(1)-O(2)^{\#1}$	141.1(2)
O(7)-Gd(1)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	142.23(17)	$O(1)^{\#1}-Gd(1)-O(1)$	77.3(2)
O(6)–Gd(2)–O(8)	70.03(18)	$O(6)-Gd(2)-O(3)^{\#1}$	73.63(19)
O(8)-Gd(2)-O(3) <sup>#1</sup>	80.69(17)	O(6)-Gd(2)-N(27)	139.7(2)
O(6)-Gd(2)-O(9)	77.2(2)	O(8)-Gd(2)-N(27)	74.99(19)
O(8)–Gd(2)–O(9)	146.0(2)	O(3)#1-Gd(2)-N(27)	81.58(19)
$O(3)^{\#1}-Gd(2)-O(9)$	99.0(2)	O(9)-Gd(2)-N(27)	138.9(2)
O(6)–Gd(2)–O(11)	80.5(2)	O(11)-Gd(2)-N(27)	121.5(2)
O(8)–Gd(2)–O(11)	93.3(2)	O(8)-Gd(2)-N(25)	124.41(19)
O(9)–Gd(2)–O(11)	72.0(2)	O(3) <sup>#1</sup> -Gd(2)-N(25)	124.9(2)
O(6)-Gd(2)-O(10)	108.82(19)	O(9)-Gd(2)-N(25)	83.8(2)
O(8)–Gd(2)–O(10)	149.66(19)	O(11)-Gd(2)-N(25)	79.3(3)
O(3) <sup>#1</sup> -Gd(2)-O(10)	70.38(19)	N(27)-Gd(2)-N(25)	63.8(2)
O(9)–Gd(2)–O(10)	51.7(2)	N(27)-Gd(2)-O(10)	91.5(2)
O(11)-Gd(2)-O(10)	116.7(2)	N(25)-Gd(2)-O(10)	69.3(2)
O(3)#1-Gd(2)-O(12)	143.05(19)	O(6)-Gd(2)-O(12)	109.0(2)
O(9)–Gd(2)–O(12)	117.7(2)	O(8)–Gd(2)–O(12)	66.87(18)

**Table S12.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for  $6^{a}$ 

O(11)–Gd(2)–O(12)	50.0(2)	N(25)-Gd(2)-O(12)	66.8(2)
N(27)-Gd(2)-O(12)	73.6(2)	O(10)-Gd(2)-O(12)	135.8(2)
O(5)–Gd(3)–O(8)	125.1(2)	O(8)-Gd(3)-N(3)	80.0(2)
O(5)–Gd(3)–O(4)	72.8(2)	N(3)-Gd(3)-O(2)#1	72.09(19)
O(8)–Gd(3)–O(4)	80.68(18)	N(8) <sup>#1</sup> -Gd(3)-N(3)	89.4(2)
O(5)-Gd(3)-N(8) <sup>#1</sup>	94.4(3)	O(6)-Gd(3)-N(3)	79.1(2)
O(8)-Gd(3)-N(8) <sup>#1</sup>	132.0(2)	O(5)-Gd(3)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	147.2(2)
O(4)-Gd(3)-N(8) <sup>#1</sup>	87.4(2)	O(8)-Gd(3)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	66.45(17)
O(5)–Gd(3)–O(6)	79.0(2)	O(4)-Gd(3)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	80.18(17)
O(8)–Gd(3)–O(6)	69.02(18)	$N(8)^{\#1}-Gd(3)-O(2)^{\#1}$	65.7(2)
O(4)–Gd(3)–O(6)	113.69(18)	O(6)-Gd(3)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	130.05(18)
O(5)–Gd(3)–N(3)	136.4(2)	O(5)–Gd(3)–N(1)	76.6(2)
O(8)–Gd(3)–N(1)	135.4(2)	O(6)-Gd(3)-N(1)	80.03(19)
O(4)–Gd(3)–N(1)	142.8(2)	N(3)-Gd(3)-N(1)	62.7(2)
$N(8)^{\#1}-Gd(3)-N(1)$	74.2(2)	$O(2)^{\#1}-Gd(3)-N(1)$	118.56(19)
O(1)-Ni(1)-N(4)	85.1(3)	N(7)–Ni(1)–N(5)	81.7(3)
O(1)-Ni(1)-N(7)	92.2(2)	N(4)-Ni(1)-N(5)	100.9(3)
N(16)#1-Ni(2)-O(3)#1	84.6(3)	N(16)#1-Ni(2)-N(21)	100.5(3)
O(3)#1-Ni(2)-N(23)	93.1(3)	N(23)-Ni(2)-N(21)	81.8(3)
N(11)-Ni(3)-O(7) <sup>#1</sup>	93.2(3)	N(15)-Ni(3)-N(9)	96.0(3)
O(7)#1-Ni(3)-N(15)	95.1(2)	N(11)-Ni(3)-N(13)	94.4(3)
N(11)-Ni(3)-N(9)	77.7(3)	N(15)-Ni(3)-N(13)	77.6(3)
O(7)#1-Ni(3)-N(9)	92.1(2)	N(9)–Ni(3)–N(13)	91.5(3)
N(11)-Ni(3)-O(2)#1	90.6(2)	N(15)-Ni(3)-O(2)#1	96.0(2)
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> -Ni(3)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	85.3(2)	N(13)-Ni(3)-O(2) <sup>#1</sup>	92.6(2)
O(4)-Ni(4)-N(19)	91.8(3)	O(4)-Ni(4)-N(12)	84.5(3)
N(19)–Ni(4)–N(17)	83.6(4)	N(12)-Ni(4)-N(17)	100.2(4)

<sup>*a*</sup> Symmetry codes:  ${}^{\#1}-x, y, 1/2 - z$ .



Fig. S3. Magnetic exchange pathways in  $\{Gd_8Ni_4\}$ .

	coupling constant	heta (deg)	$\beta$ (deg)	r <sub>Gd⋯Ni (Gd)</sub> (Å)	magnetic bridges
2					
Gd2…Ni1	$J_1$	104.9 / 105.7	1.219	3.5701	$\mu_3$ -OH <sup>-</sup> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>oximate</sub>
Gd3…Ni1	$J_2$	117.6	-	3.9874	$\mu_3$ -O <sub>oximate</sub> , -NO-
Gd4…Ni1	$J_3$	120.7	-	3.8624	μ3-ОН, –NO–
Gd1…Ni2	$J_4$	-	-	3.6424	-NO-, -NO-, -NO-
Gd3…Ni2	$J_5$	-	-	5.2665	-NO-
Gd4…Ni2	$J_6$	-	-	4.9970	-NO-
Gd1…Gd2	$J_7$	90.7 / 94.3 / 97.0	-	3.5455	$\mu_3$ -OH <sup>-</sup> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub>
Gd1…Gd2A	$J_8$	90.3 / 94.1 / 96.6	-	3.5713	$\mu_3$ -OCH <sub>3</sub> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub>
Gd1…Gd3	$J_9$	95.5 / 98.7 / 102.7	-	3.6749	$\mu_3$ -OCH <sub>3</sub> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub> , $\mu_2$ -O <sub>oximate</sub>
Gd1…Gd4	$J_{10}$	96.8 / 98.6 / 100.6	-	3.6600	$\mu_3$ -OH <sup>-</sup> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub> , $\mu_2$ -O <sub>oximate</sub>
Gd2…Gd2A	$J_{11}$	115.3 / 115.3	0	4.0941	$\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub>
Gd2…Gd3	$J_{12}$	92.9 / 94.2 / 97.9	-	3.5974	$\mu_3$ -OCH <sub>3</sub> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>oximate</sub>
Gd2…Gd4	$J_{13}$	95.7 / 97.1 / 98.3/	-	3.6144	$\mu_3$ -OH <sup>-</sup> , $\mu_3$ -OH <sup>-</sup> , $\mu_3$ -O <sub>temp</sub>

## Table S13. Geometric parameters for the superexchange pathways in 2.