

## Supporting information

### **Chiral and kryptoracemic Dy(III) complexes with field-induced single molecule magnet behavior**

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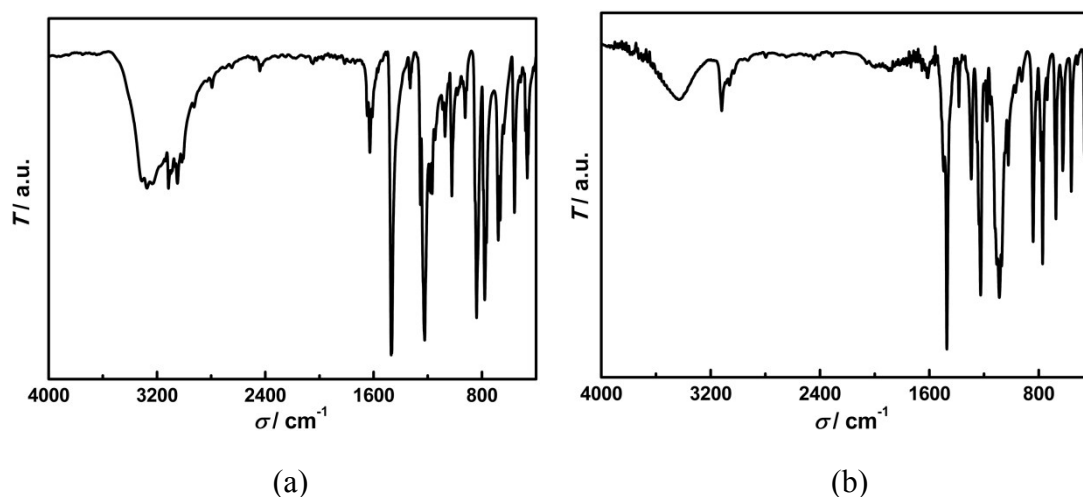
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**Fig. S1** IR spectra for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).

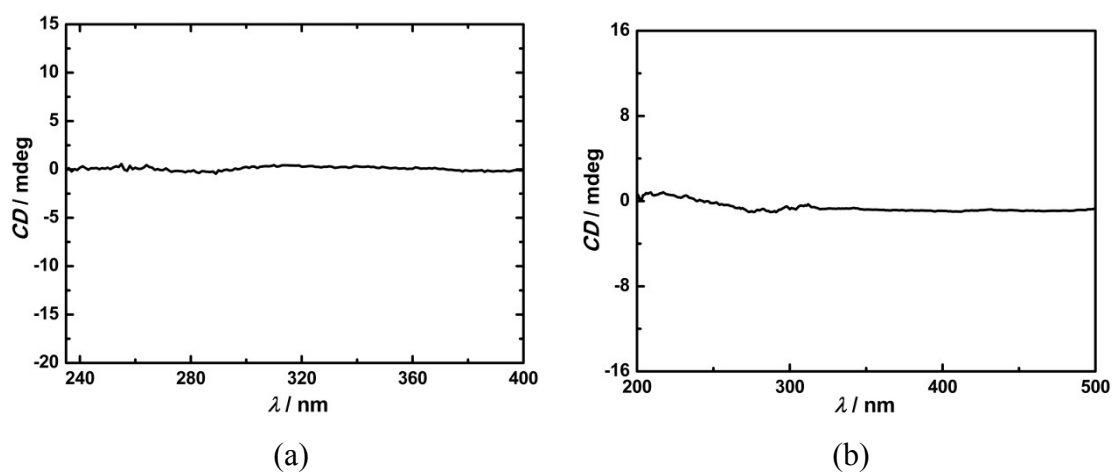
**Table S1** Various experiments were carried out for crystalline products.

| Lathanide salts                                                                                                | The ratio of PNO<br>to Dy ions | Solvent                                                                      | Products |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| DyBr <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O                                                                           | 7:1                            | CH <sub>3</sub> CN                                                           | 1        |
| Dy(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O                                                          | 7:1 / 10:1 / 12:1 /            | CH <sub>3</sub> CN / CH <sub>3</sub> OH / C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH / | ×        |
|                                                                                                                | 16:1                           | CH <sub>3</sub> CN+ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH                         |          |
| Dy(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O                                                           | 7:1                            | CH <sub>3</sub> CN / C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH /                      | ×        |
|                                                                                                                |                                | CH <sub>3</sub> CN+C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH /                        |          |
| Dy(OAc) <sub>3</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O                                                                        | 7:1                            | CH <sub>3</sub> CN+CH <sub>3</sub> OH                                        | ×        |
|                                                                                                                |                                | CH <sub>3</sub> CN / CH <sub>3</sub> CN+C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH /   |          |
| Dy(OTf) <sub>3</sub>                                                                                           | 7:1 / 8:1 / 10:1               | CH <sub>3</sub> CN / C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH / CH <sub>3</sub> OH   | ×        |
| Dy(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O+DyCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O                      | 7:1 (14:1:1)                   | CH <sub>3</sub> CN                                                           | ×        |
| Dy(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O+Dy(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6<br>H <sub>2</sub> O | 7:1 (35:2:3 /<br>21:1:2)       | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH                                             | 2        |
| Dy(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O+ Dy(OTf) <sub>3</sub>                                     | 7:1 (35:1:4)                   | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH                                             | ×        |
| Dy(OTf) <sub>3</sub> +Dy(acac) <sub>3</sub>                                                                    | 7:1 (35:4:1)                   | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH                                             | ×        |

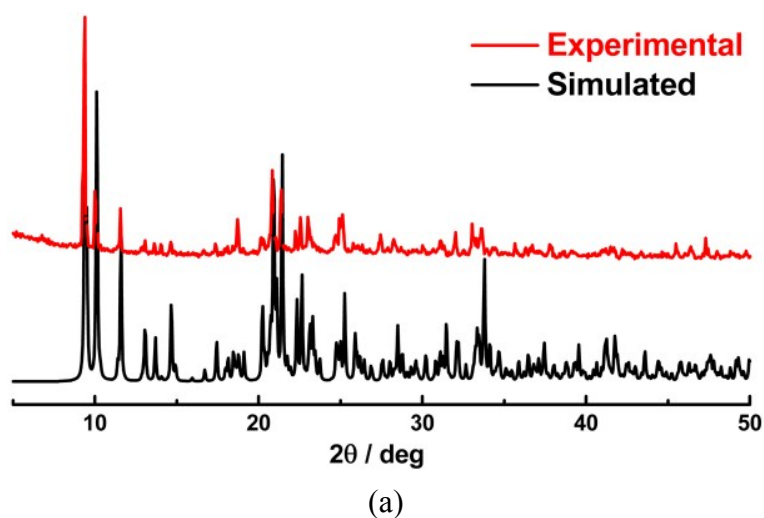
**Table S2** Continuous shape measures (CShM) for complexes **1** and **2**.

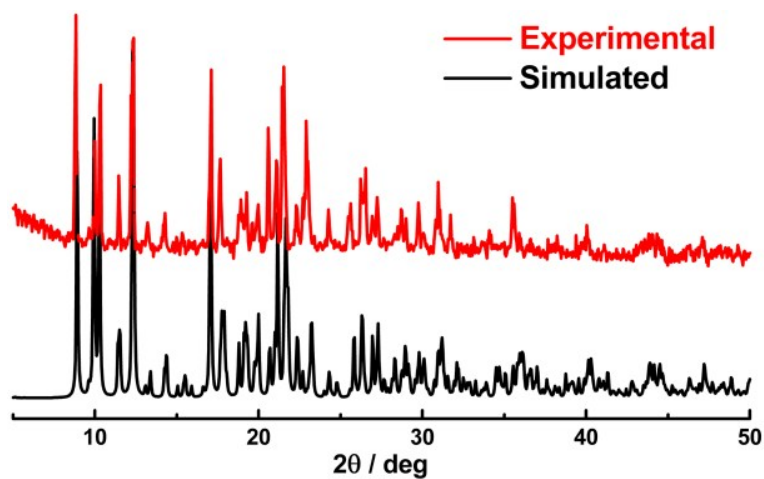
| Complexes | Ions | SAPR ( $D_{4d}$ ) | TDD ( $D_{2d}$ ) | JBTPR ( $C_{2v}$ ) | BTPR ( $C_{2v}$ ) |
|-----------|------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1         | Dy1  | 1.928             | <b>0.488</b>     | 2.328              | 1.534             |
| 2         | Dy1  | <b>1.271</b>      | 2.001            | 2.672              | 1.981             |
|           | Dy2  | <b>1.689</b>      | 2.429            | 2.323              | <b>1.687</b>      |

SAPR = Square antiprism, TDD = Triangular dodecahedron, JBTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism J50, BTPR = Biaugmented trigonal prism.



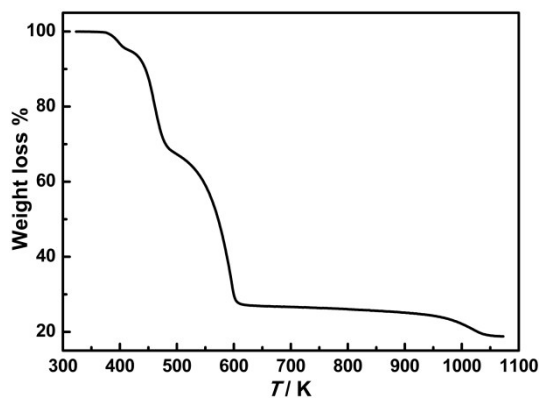
**Fig. S2** Solid-state CD spectra of bulk samples for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).



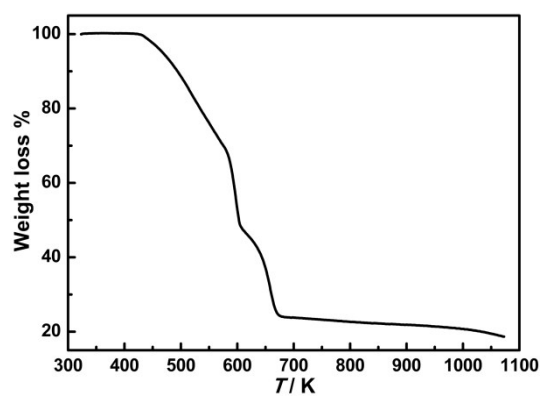


(b)

**Fig. S3** Experimental and simulated PXRD patterns for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).

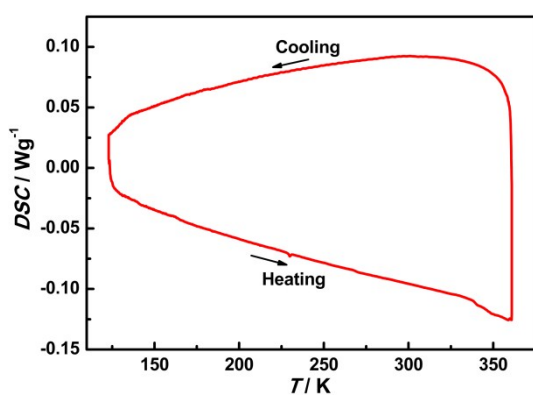


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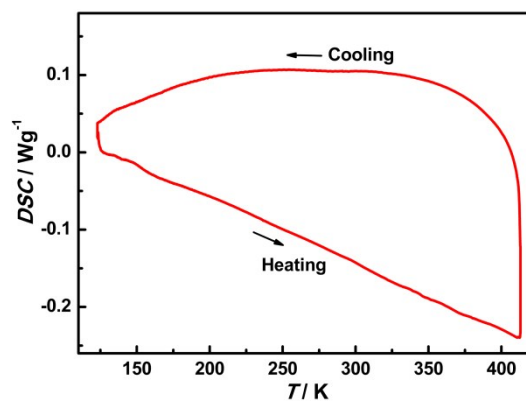


(b)

**Fig. S4** TGA curves for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).

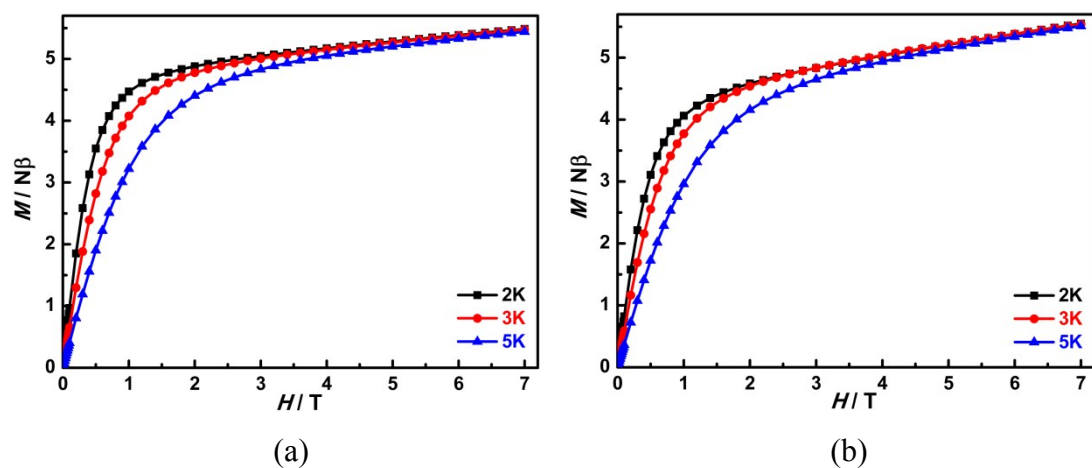


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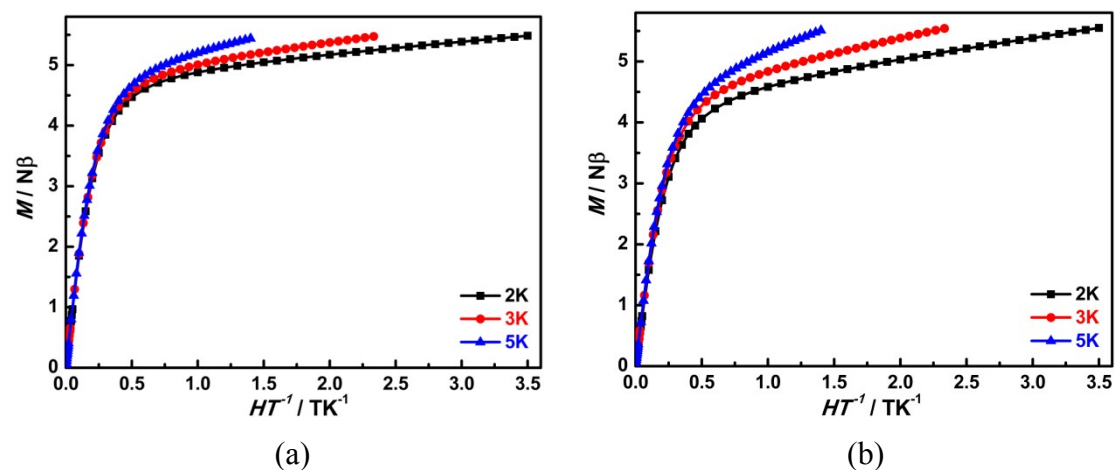


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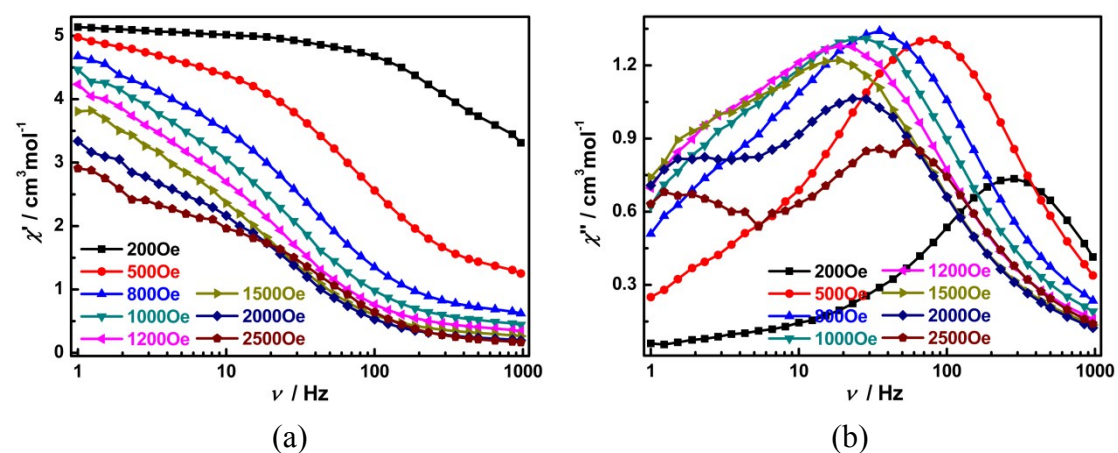
**Fig. S5** DSC curves for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).



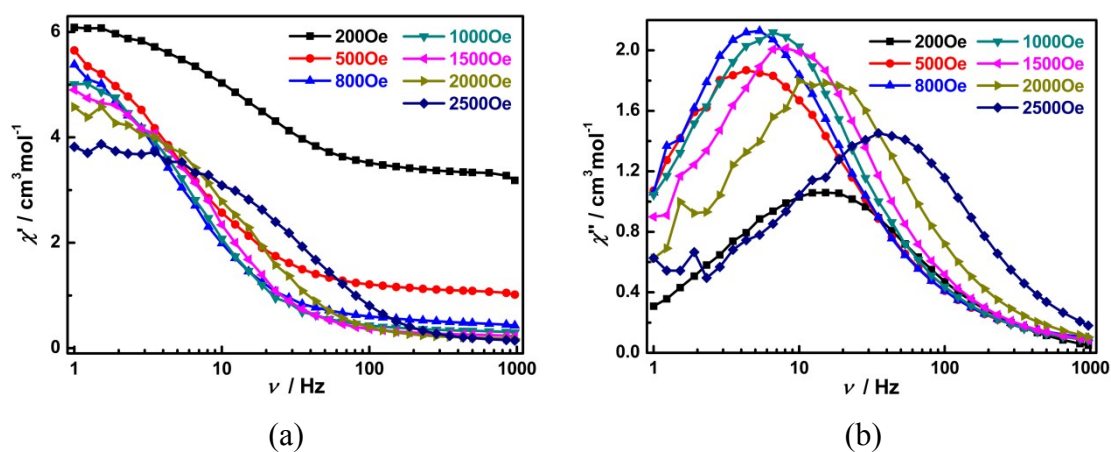
**Fig. S6**  $M$  vs.  $H$  plots for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).



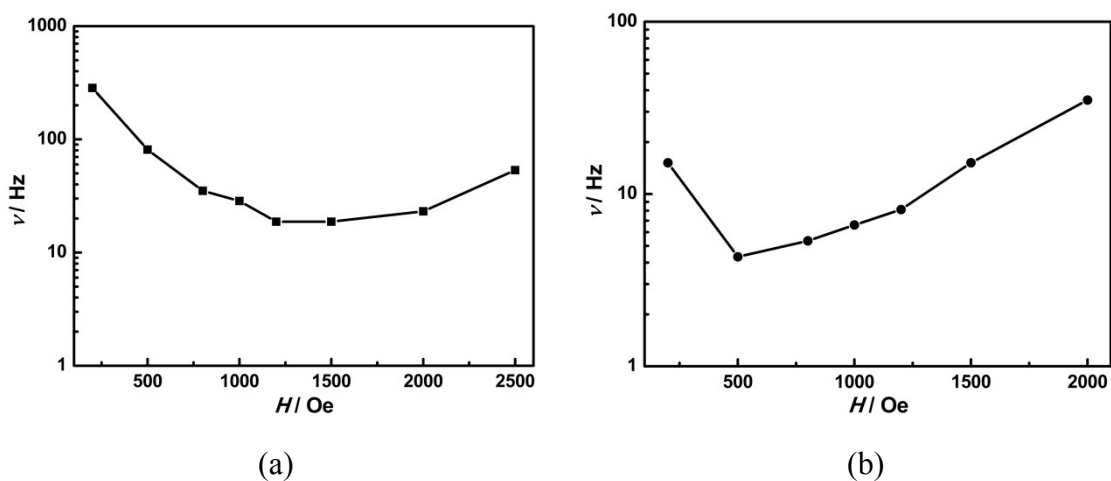
**Fig. S7**  $M$  vs.  $HT^{-1}$  plots for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).



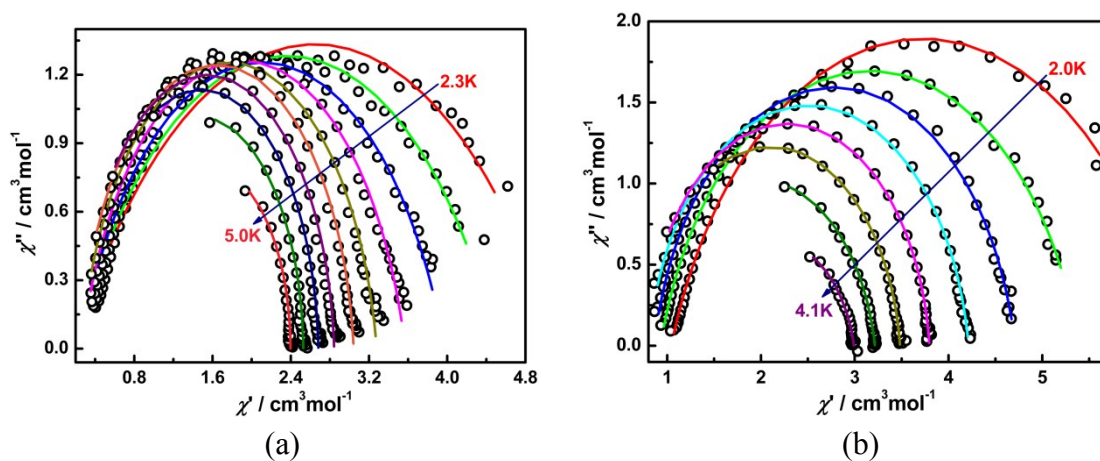
**Fig. S8** Frequency dependence of in-phase (a) and out-of-phase (b) ac susceptibility signals under different dc fields at 2K for **1**.



**Fig. S9** Frequency dependence of in-phase (a) and out-of-phase (b) ac susceptibility signals under different dc fields at 2K for **2**.



**Fig. S10** Field dependence of the characteristic frequency for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b) at 2K.



**Fig. S11** The Cole-Cole plots for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b). The solid lines are the

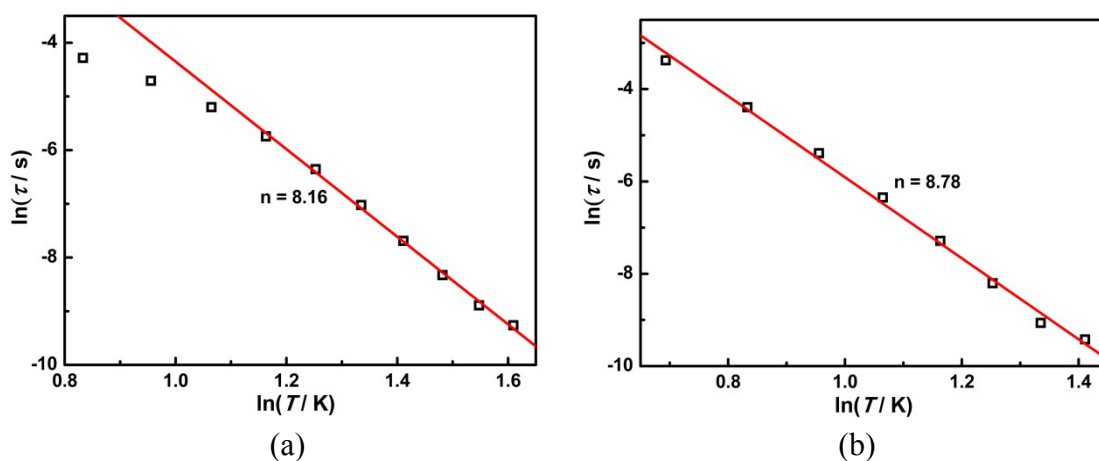
best fits to a generalized Debye model.

**Table S3** Cole-Cole parameters of **1** under 1200Oe dc field.

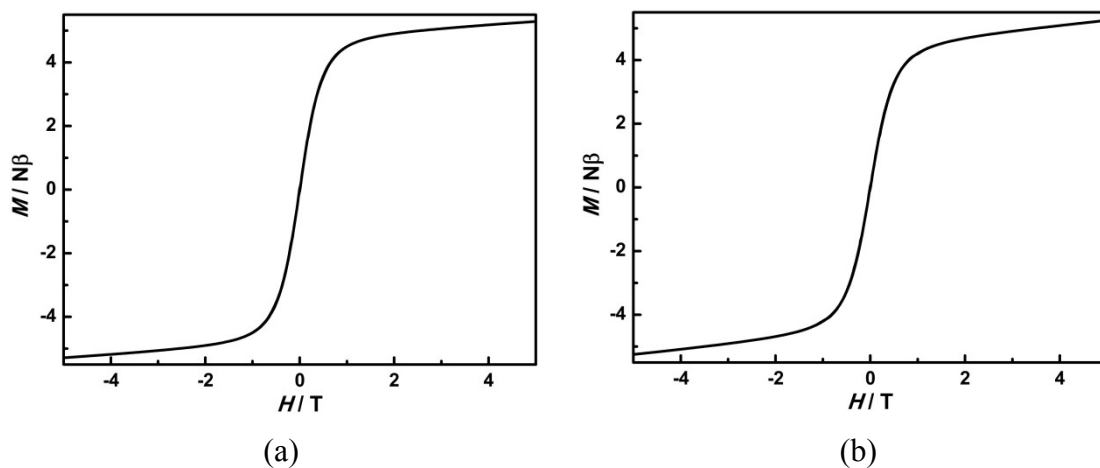
| $T / \text{K}$ | $\chi_S / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$ | $\chi_T / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$ | $\tau / \text{s}$ | $\alpha$ | $R$      |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 2.3            | 1.93E-01                              | 5.10E+00                              | 1.38E-02          | 3.66E-01 | 2.60E-01 |
| 2.6            | 2.11E-01                              | 4.52E+00                              | 9.01E-03          | 3.16E-01 | 1.71E-01 |
| 2.9            | 2.37E-01                              | 3.98E+00                              | 5.52E-03          | 2.47E-01 | 1.00E-01 |
| 3.2            | 2.63E-01                              | 3.57E+00                              | 3.20E-03          | 1.70E-01 | 7.22E-02 |
| 3.5            | 2.57E-01                              | 3.28E+00                              | 1.74E-03          | 1.17E-01 | 8.07E-02 |
| 3.8            | 2.55E-01                              | 3.04E+00                              | 8.91E-04          | 7.22E-02 | 4.87E-02 |
| 4.1            | 2.49E-01                              | 2.84E+00                              | 4.57E-04          | 4.94E-02 | 4.10E-02 |
| 4.4            | 2.92E-01                              | 2.68E+00                              | 2.42E-04          | 3.19E-02 | 2.73E-02 |
| 4.7            | 4.37E-01                              | 2.53E+00                              | 1.38E-04          | 2.00E-02 | 1.72E-02 |
| 5.0            | 8.16E-01                              | 2.40E+00                              | 9.48E-05          | 7.86E-03 | 1.10E-02 |

**Table S4** Cole-Cole parameters of **2** under 500Oe dc field.

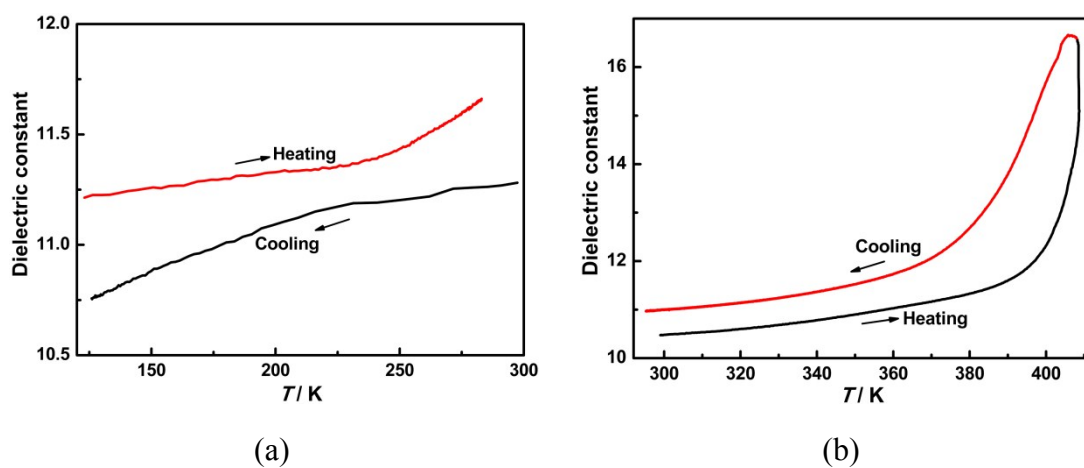
| $T / \text{K}$ | $\chi_S / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$ | $\chi_T / \text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}$ | $\tau / \text{s}$ | $\alpha$ | $R$      |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| 2              | 1.04E+00                              | 6.41E+00                              | 3.42E-02          | 2.17E-01 | 4.90E-02 |
| 2.3            | 9.28E-01                              | 5.39E+00                              | 1.24E-02          | 1.73E-01 | 1.90E-02 |
| 2.6            | 8.61E-01                              | 4.71E+00                              | 4.57E-03          | 1.19E-01 | 3.22E-02 |
| 2.9            | 8.02E-01                              | 4.21E+00                              | 1.75E-03          | 8.87E-02 | 2.08E-02 |
| 3.2            | 7.67E-01                              | 3.80E+00                              | 6.84E-04          | 6.40E-02 | 2.32E-02 |
| 3.5            | 7.16E-01                              | 3.48E+00                              | 2.73E-04          | 7.58E-02 | 1.77E-02 |
| 3.8            | 7.71E-01                              | 3.21E+00                              | 1.16E-04          | 1.15E-01 | 1.05E-02 |
| 4.1            | 1.40E+00                              | 2.99E+00                              | 8.09E-05          | 1.49E-01 | 1.09E-02 |



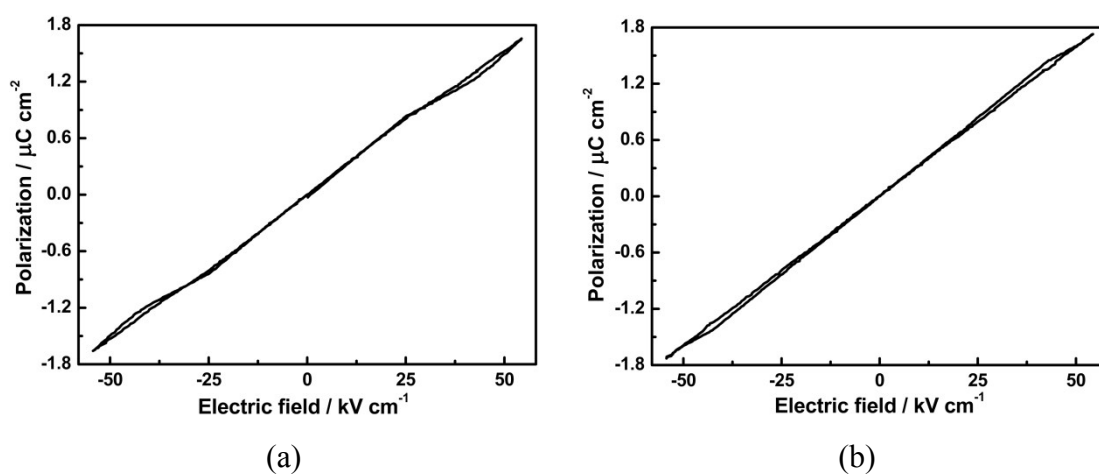
**Fig. S12**  $\ln\tau$  vs.  $\ln T$  plots for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b). The red lines are the best fits to a power law.



**Fig. S13** Field dependence of the magnetization at 2K for complexes **1** (a) and **2** (b).



**Fig. S14** Temperature dependence of the dielectric constant at 1MHz for complex **2**.



**Fig. S15** Selective P-E curves for complex **2** at 253K (a) and 273K (b).