

## Supplementary Material

### Dinuclear vs Tetranuclear Co<sup>II</sup>Y<sup>III</sup> complexes: The effect of increasing molecular size on the relaxation dynamics.

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Table S1. Crystallographic data for [ $\{\text{Co}(\mu\text{-L})\text{Y}(\text{NO}_3)\}_2(\mu\text{-CO}_3)_2\} \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**).

Formula	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>86</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>24</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> Y <sub>2</sub>
Mw	1526.98
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group (no.)	P21/n (14)
a (Å)	12.959(3)
b (Å)	12.394(3)
c (Å)	19.345(4)
α (°)	90.000(3)
β (°)	94.40(3)
γ (°)	90.000(3)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3097.9(11)
Z	2
D <sub>c</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.637
μ(MoK <sub>α</sub> ) (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	2.468
T (K)	100(2)
Observed reflections <sup>a</sup>	6376 (5534)
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0536 (0.0290)
Parameters	433
GOF	1.117
R1 <sup>b</sup>	0.0413 (0.0305)
wR2 <sup>c</sup>	0.0749 (0.0695)
Largest peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.432 and -0.866
<sup>a</sup> Values in parentheses for reflections with I > 2σ(I).	
<sup>b</sup> R1 = Σ   Fo  -  Fc   / Σ  Fo .	
<sup>c</sup> wR2 = {Σ[w(Fo <sup>2</sup> - Fc <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>2</sup> ] / Σ[w(Fo <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>2</sup> ]} <sup>1/2</sup> .	

Table S2. Selected distances and angles for [ $\{\text{Co}(\mu\text{-L})\text{Y}(\text{NO}_3)\}_2(\mu\text{-CO}_3)_2\} \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**).

Bond	amstrongs	Bond/distance	armstrongs
Co2-N1	2.182(2)	Y1-O5	2.3607(17)
Co2-N2	2.199(2)	Y1-O5 (I)	2.3530(17)
Co2-N3	2.250(2)	Y1-O7	2.3886(17)
Co2-O2	2.1542(17)	Y1-O9	2.5818(18)
Co2-O3	2.0998(18)	Y1-O10	2.4613(18)
Co2-O6	2.0708(17)	Y1...Co2	3.4873(7)
Y1-N7	2.955(2)	Co2...Co2 (I)	8.278(2)

Y1-O2	2.2939(17)	Y1...Y1 (I)	3.9987(10)
Y1-O3	2.2833(17)	Co2...Co2 (II)	8.290(2)
Y1-O4	2.5328(19)	Co2...Co2 (III)	8.4321(15)
I= 1-x, 1-y, -z; II= -x, 1-y, -z; III= 1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z or 1/2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z			
<b>Angle</b>	<b>degrees</b>	<b>Angle</b>	<b>degrees</b>
N1-Co2-N2	80.44(8)	O3-Co2-N3	90.18(8)
N1-Co2-N3	102.10(8)	O3-Co2-O2	77.37(7)
N2-Co2-N3	80.42(8)	O6-Co2-N1	96.18(8)
O2-Co2-N1	90.04(7)	O6-Co2-N2	167.60(7)
O2-Co2-N2	98.20(7)	O6-Co2-N3	88.70(8)
O2-Co2-N3	167.31(7)	O6-Co2-O2	93.72(7)
O3-Co2-N1	166.25(7)	O6-Co2-O3	90.17(7)
O3-Co2-N2	95.76(8)		

Table S3.- Continuous Shape Measures calculation for the CoN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> coordination polyhedron of

1.

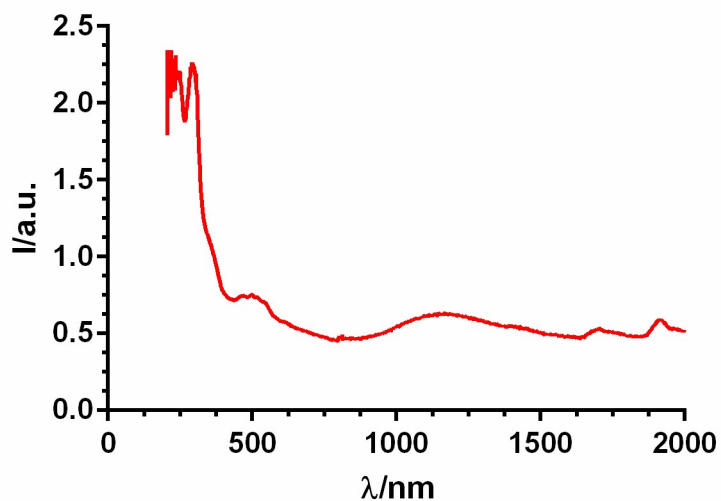
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 S H A P E v2.1 Continuous Shape Measures calculation  
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JPPY-6 5 C5v Johnson pentagonal pyramid J2  
 TPR-6 4 D3h Trigonal prism  
 OC-6 3 Oh Octahedron  
 PPY-6 2 C5v Pentagonal pyramid  
 HP-6 1 D6h Hexagon

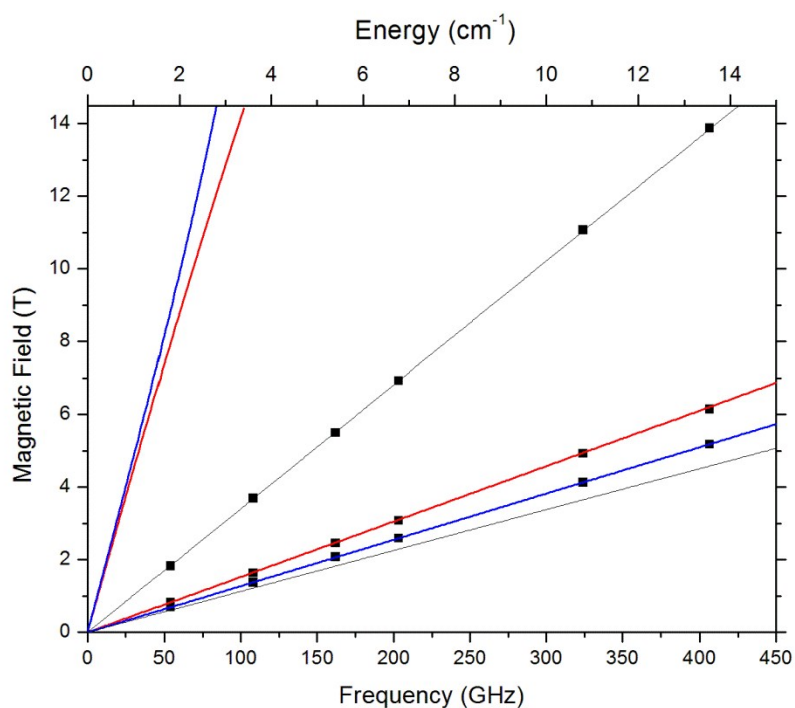
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 , 25.478, 11.801, 1.444, 22.035, 30.762

Table S4.- Contributions to *D*-tensor from CASSCF QDPT calculations.

Compound	1	
	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>
<sup>4</sup> Φ <sub>1</sub>	52.477	-52.062
<sup>4</sup> Φ <sub>2</sub>	31.225	-30.306
<sup>4</sup> Φ <sub>3</sub>	-2.333	0.813
<sup>4</sup> Φ <sub>4</sub>	-6.439	1.340
<sup>4</sup> Φ <sub>5</sub>	-4.410	1.342

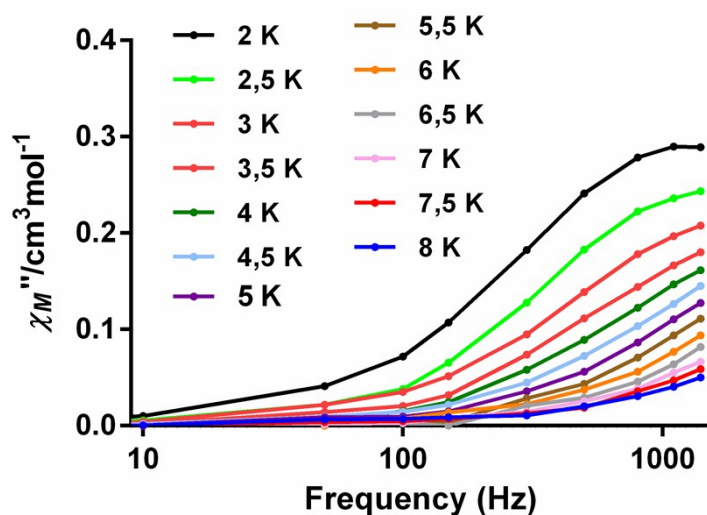


**Figure S1** .- UV-vis-NIR solid state reflectance spectra for **1**.

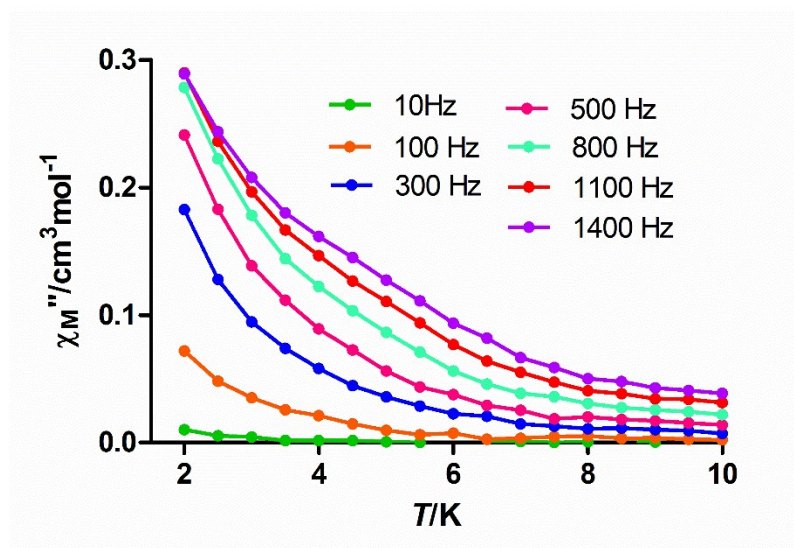


**Figure S2.** Field vs. frequency (or energy) dependence of the turning points in the powder spectra of **1** at 5 K. The squares represent experimental resonances while the lines were drawn using the same spin Hamiltonian parameters as in caption to Figure 3. Red lines: turning points with magnetic field parallel to the  $x$ -axis of the zero-field splitting tensor; blue lines:  $B_0 \parallel y$ ; black lines:  $B_0 \parallel z$ . The lines that have no squares on them represent

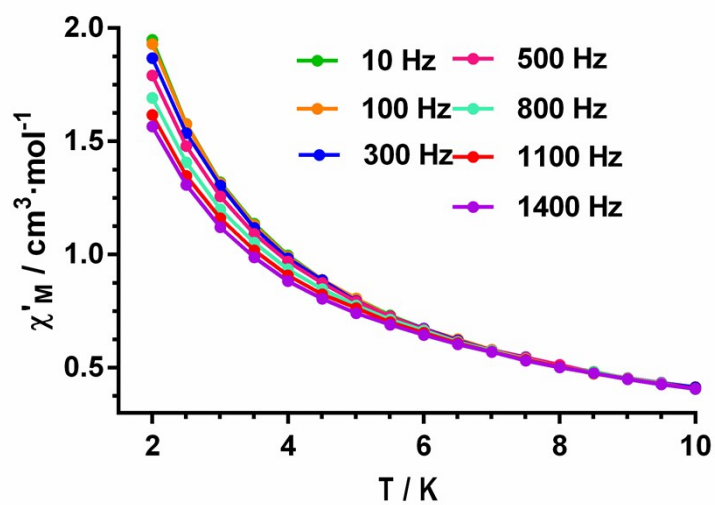
turning points of the intra-Kramers transition within the  $m_s = \pm 3/2$  doublet, which is not populated at low temperature, as  $D$  is large, and positive.



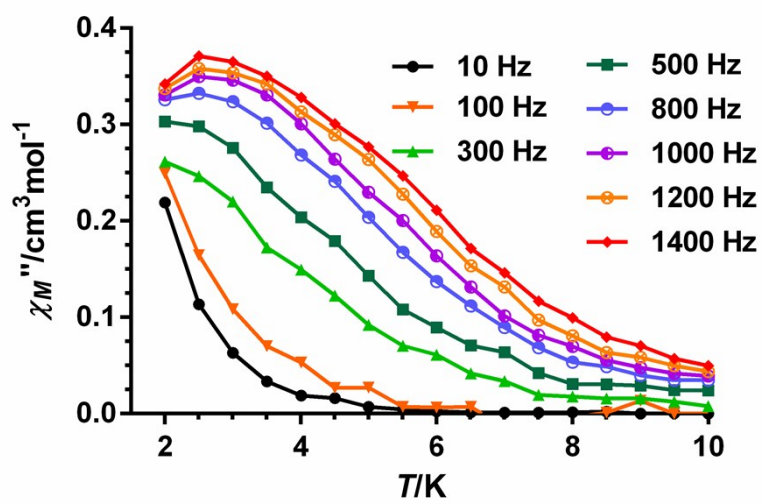
**Figure S3.**- Frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ac susceptibility for **1** under a magnetic field of 0.025 T at different temperatures.



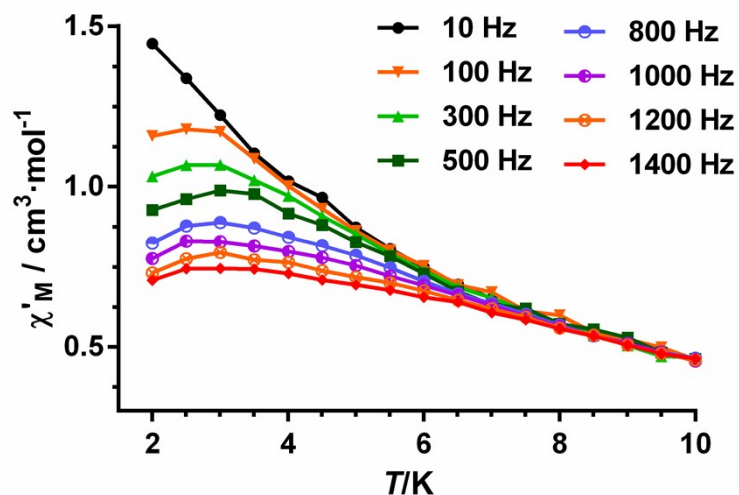
**Figure S4.**- Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase ac susceptibility for **1** under a magnetic field of 0.025 T at different frequencies.



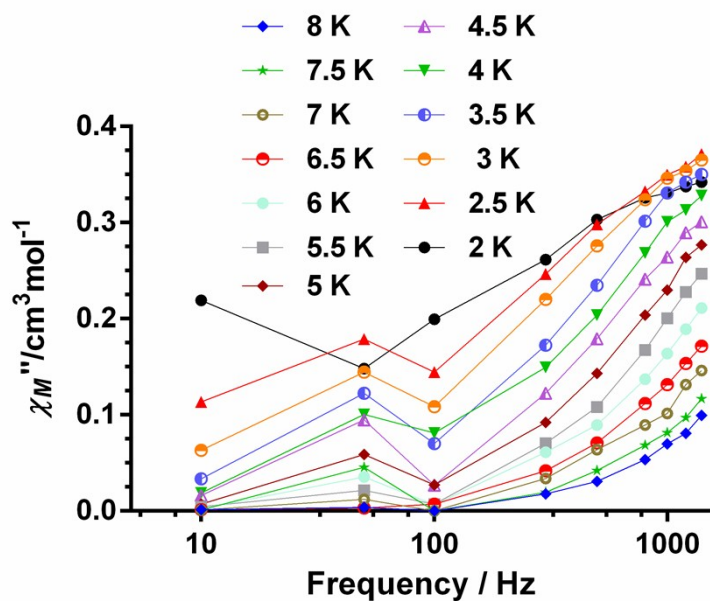
**Figure S5.-** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ac susceptibility for **1** under a magnetic field of 0.025 T at different frequencies.



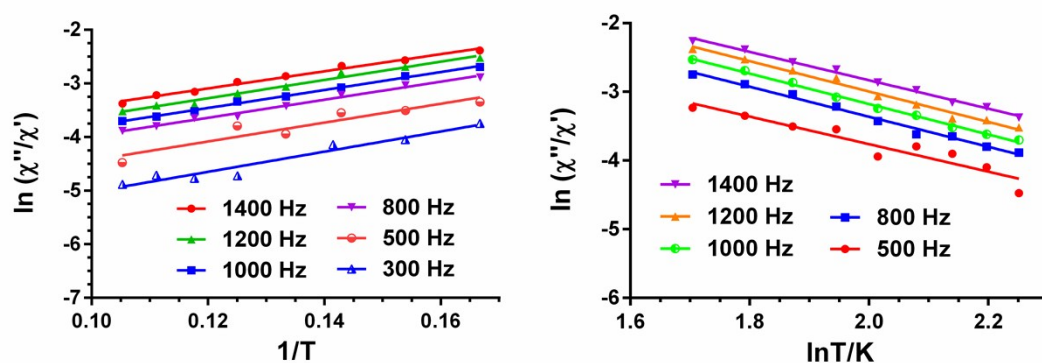
**Figure S6.-** Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase ac susceptibility for **1** under a magnetic field of 0.2 T at different frequencies.



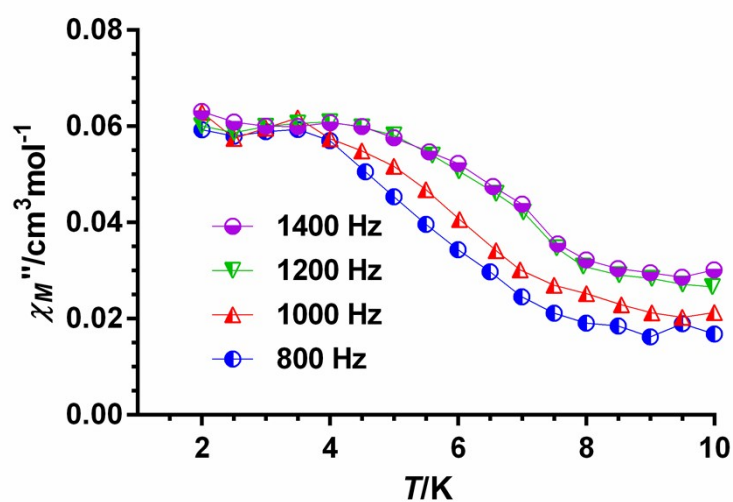
**Figure S7.-** Temperature dependence of the in-phase ac susceptibility for **1** under a magnetic field of 0.2 T at different frequencies.



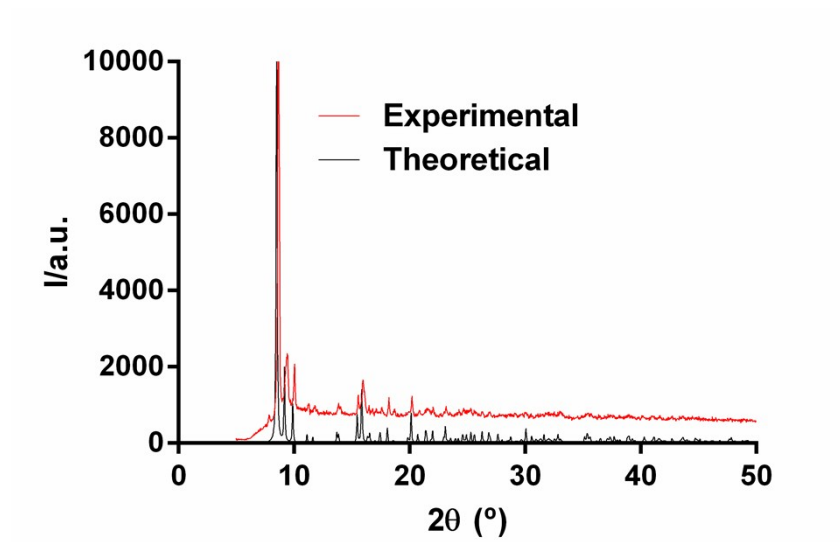
**Figure S8.-** Frequency dependence of the out-of-phase ac susceptibility for **1** under a magnetic field of 0.20 T at different temperatures



**Figure S9.-** Temperature dependence of the ratio of the in-phase and out-of-phase *ac* components at different frequencies under a magnetic field of 0.2 T for **1**. Solid lines correspond to the fit of the experimental data to equation 4 (left) and equation 5 (right).



**Figure S10.-** Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase *ac* susceptibility for **1'** under a magnetic field of 0.20 T at different frequencies.



**Figure S11.**- Experimental and calculated Powder X-Ray diffraction diagrams for **1'**.