

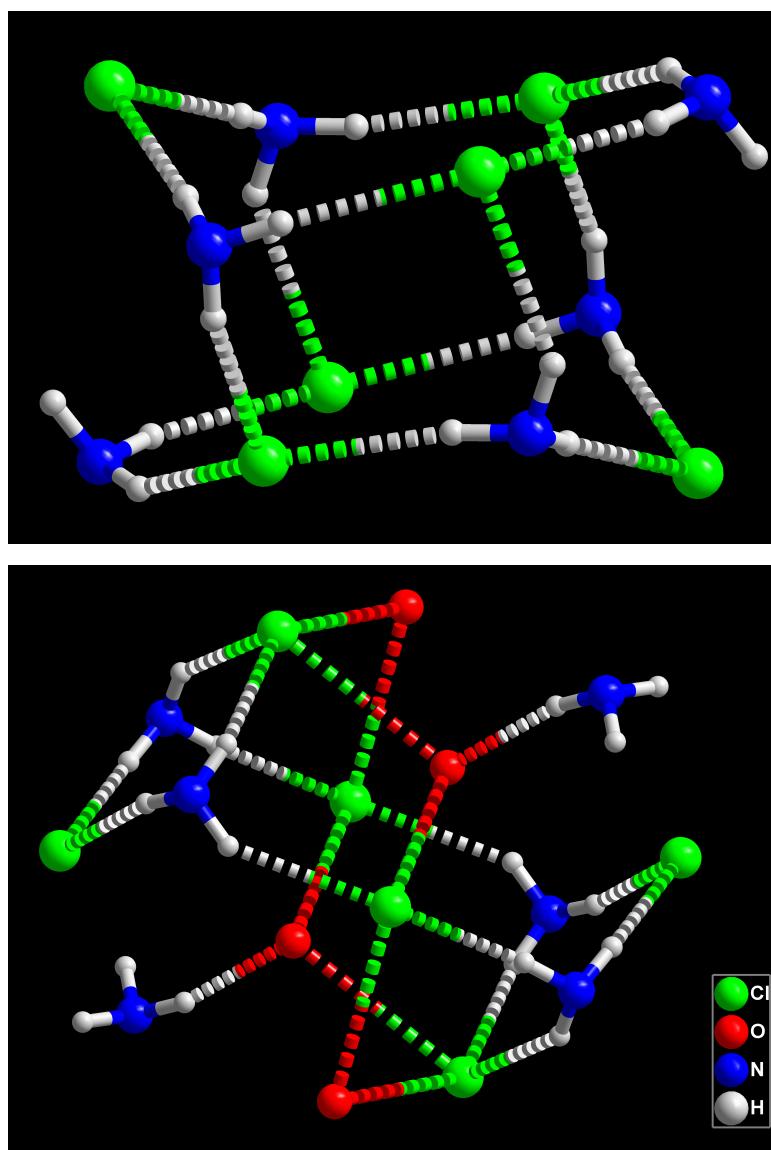
Supporting Information

**Series of Di-, Tri- and Tetranuclear Lanthanide Clusters with Slow Magnetic Relaxation for Dy<sub>2</sub> and Dy<sub>4</sub>**

Jun-Bo Peng, Yan-Ping Ren, Xiang-Jian Kong,\* La-Sheng Long,\* Rong-Bin Huang and Lan-Sun Zheng

*State Key Laboratory of Physical Chemistry of Solid Surface and Department of Chemistry, College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Xiamen University, Xiamen 361005, China.*

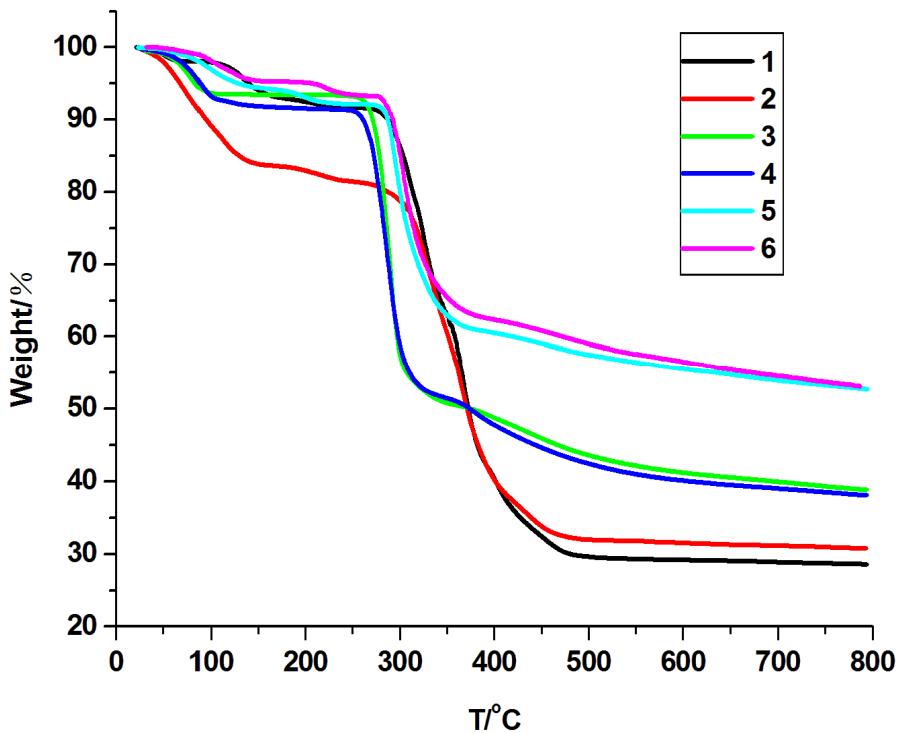
Email: [xjkong@xmu.edu.cn](mailto:xjkong@xmu.edu.cn), [lslong@xmu.edu.cn](mailto:lslong@xmu.edu.cn)



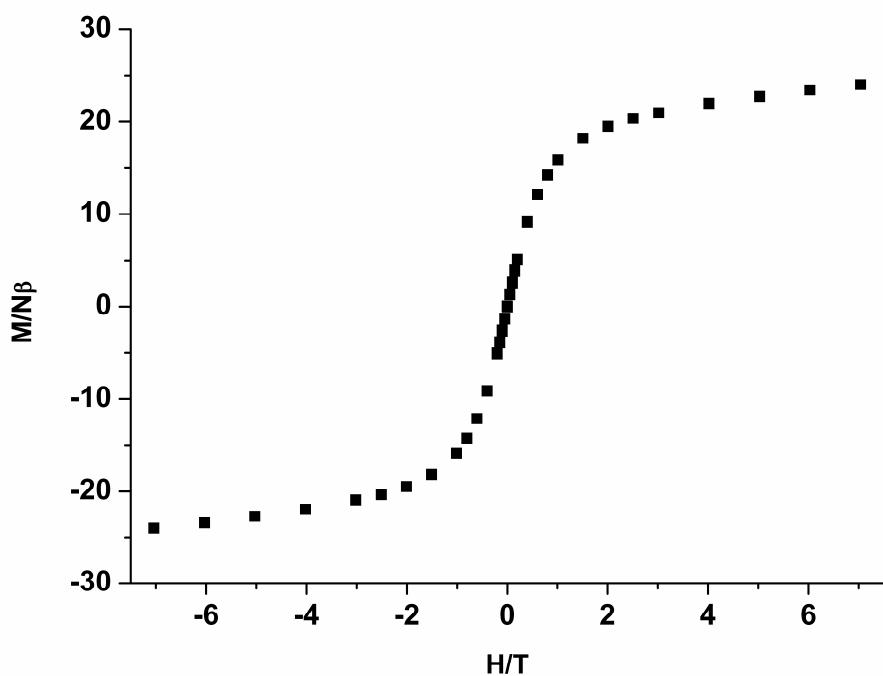
**Fig.S1** Ball and stick view of Cl<sub>6</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub> cluster and [Cl<sub>6</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>4</sub>] cluster in **1**.

### Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)

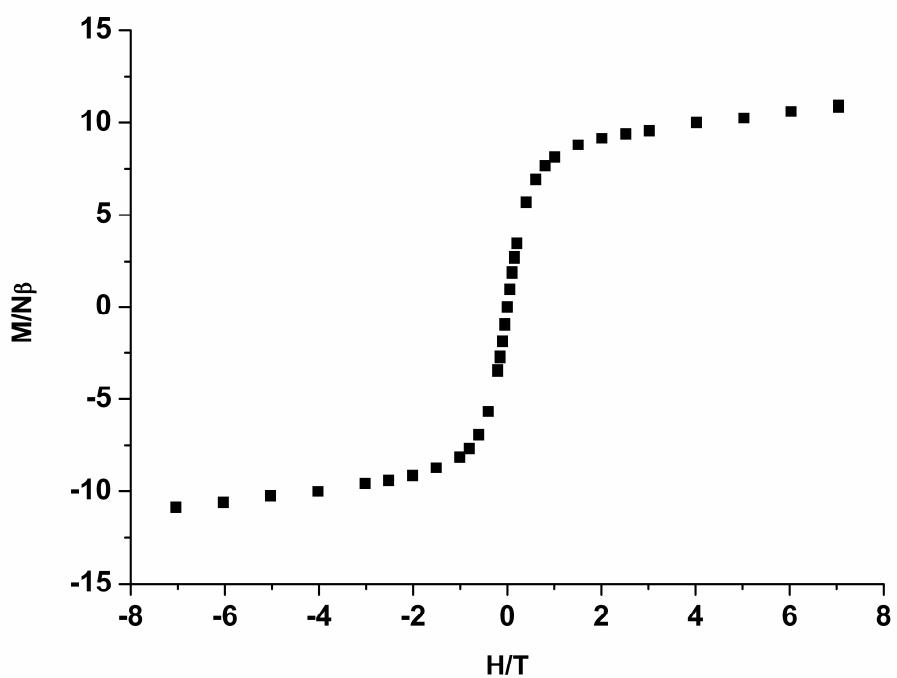
Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) studies were performed in a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup> for complexes **1–6**. As shown in Fig.S2, the TGA diagram of **1** displays an initial weight loss of 8.0% between room temperature and 220 °C, which correspond to the removal of 8 guest water molecules and 16 aqua ligand (calcd 7.9%). Between 220 and 270 °C, **1** shows no weight loss, which is an indication of its stability up to 270 °C. When the temperature is higher than 270 °C, **1** rapidly decomposes. Similarly, the TGA curve of **2–6** display the first weight loss of 18.2 % (calcd 18.3% for **2**), 6.5% (calcd. 6.2% for **3**), 8.1% (calcd. 8.0% for **4** based on 7 guest water molecules), 7.6% (calcd. 7.3% for **5** based on 4 guest water molecules) and 7.1% (calcd 7.2% for **6** based on 4 guest water molecules), respectively, for the loss of the guest water molecules and aqua ligands. All the cluster of **2–6** are stable up to 250 °C.



**Fig.S2** TG Curves for complexes **1–6**.



**Fig.S3** Field dependence of the magnetization of **2** at 2 K.



**Fig.S4** Field dependence of the magnetization of **5** at 2 K.