

# Supporting Information

## **Role of Molecular Symmetry on the Magnetic Relaxation Dynamics of Five-Coordinate Dy(III) Complexes**

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**Table S1** Selected crystallographic data and structure refinement for complexes **1-3**.

Identification code	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>68</sub> H <sub>106</sub> Dy <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>50</sub> DyN <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>54</sub> DyN <sub>5</sub> OSi <sub>3</sub>
Formula weight	1561.14	787.57	783.58
Temperature/K	150.0	170	170
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	1.54178	0.71073
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Unit cell dimensions	a = 10.0282(5) Å	a = 15.7628(5) Å	a = 10.176(2) Å
	b = 19.3323(9) Å	b = 12.1123(4) Å	b = 19.387(6) Å
	c = 19.4044(10) Å	c = 19.7909(7) Å	c = 20.093(5) Å
	α = 90°	α = 90°	α = 90°
	β = 101.790(2)°	β = 90.746(2)°	β = 102.988(9)°
	γ = 90°	γ = 90°	γ = 90°
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3682.5(3)	3776.8(2)	3862.3(17)
Z	2	4	4
Density (calculated)/g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.408	1.385	1.348
Absorption coefficient/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.158	11.719	2.058
F(000)	1604.0	1612.0	1612.0
Theta range for data collection	3.006 to 55.04°	5.61 to 136.88	5.428 to 54.924
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13	-19 ≤ h ≤ 18	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13
	-25 ≤ k ≤ 25	-14 ≤ k ≤ 14	-25 ≤ k ≤ 25
	-25 ≤ l ≤ 25	-23 ≤ l ≤ 23	-26 ≤ l ≤ 26
Reflections collected	76565	40780	86187
Independent reflections	16866 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0556 R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0492]	6905 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0470 R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0314]	8828 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0396 R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0181]
Data/restraints/parameters	16866/19/793	6905/24/406	8828/0/400
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.036	1.025	1.078
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0301 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0643	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0291 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0665	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0211 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0443
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0365 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0666	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0394 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0716	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0255 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0459
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	1.14/-0.61	0.73/-0.69	0.47/-0.67

**Table S2** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Bond Angles (°) for **1-3**.

<b>Complex 1</b>			
Dy1-O1	2.425(4)	O1-Dy1-N4	172.00(14)
Dy1-N4	2.499(5)	O1-Dy1-C8	101.97(15)
Dy1-N1	2.249(5)	N4-Dy1-C8	70.18(15)
Dy1-C8	2.999(5)	N1-Dy1-O1	101.28(16)
Dy1-N3	2.249(4)	N1-Dy1-N4	83.95(16)
Dy1-N2	2.263(5)	N1-Dy1-C8	135.05(16)
Dy2-N8	2.527(5)	N1-Dy1-N3	117.54(17)
Dy2-O2	2.409(5)	N1-Dy1-N2	114.39(17)
Dy2-N7	2.242(5)	N3-Dy1-O1	88.72(15)
Dy2-N5	2.265(5)	N3-Dy1-N4	83.47(16)
Dy2-N6	2.247(5)	N3-Dy1-C8	26.76(16)
Si1-N1	1.719(5)	N3-Dy1-N2	124.50(17)
Si1-C30	1.865(7)	N2-Dy1-O1	99.38(16)
Si1-C29	1.860(7)	N2-Dy1-N4	83.73(16)
Si1-C31	1.888(7)	N2-Dy1-C8	99.01(16)
Si6-N7	1.719(5)	O2-Dy2-N8	171.40(16)
Si6-C67	1.855(7)	N7-Dy2-N8	82.78(16)
Si6-C66	1.861(7)	N7-Dy2-O2	102.63(16)
Si6-C68	1.887(8)	N7-Dy2-N5	115.50(17)
Si2-N2	1.720(5)	N7-Dy2-N6	116.39(17)
Si2-C33	1.890(7)	N5-Dy2-N8	83.44(18)
Si2-C34	1.875(7)	N5-Dy2-O2	99.92(18)
Si3-N3	1.714(5)	N6-Dy2-N8	82.89(17)
Si5-N6	1.723(5)	N6-Dy2-O2	88.69(16)
Si4-N5	1.707(5)	N6-Dy2-N5	123.75(18)

<b>Complex 2</b>			
Dy1-N3	2.253(3)	N3-Dy1-N4	83.90(9)
Dy1-N4	2.500(2)	N3-Dy1-N1	118.59(10)
Dy1-N1	2.258(3)	N3-Dy1-N5	93.77(10)
Dy1-N2	2.242(3)	N3-Dy1-C27	135.46(9)
Dy1-N5	2.532(3)	N1-Dy1-N4	85.18(9)
Si1-N1	1.715(3)	N1-Dy1-N5	100.86(10)
Si1-C29	1.875(4)	N1-Dy1-C27	26.77(9)
Si1-C30	1.862(4)	N2-Dy1-N3	117.83(9)
Si1-N2	1.718(3)	N2-Dy1-N4	83.20(9)
Si2-C9	1.868(4)	N2-Dy1-N1	120.44(10)
Si2-C8	1.870(4)	N2-Dy1-N5	92.98(10)
Si2-C10	1.867(4)	N2-Dy1-C27	95.50(9)
Si3-N3	1.717(3)	N5-Dy1-C27	114.31(10)
Si3-C18	1.870(4)	N1-Si1-C29	113.49(17)

Si3-C20	1.866(4)	N1-Si1-C28	110.85(17)
Si3-C19	1.863(4)	N1-Si1-C30	110.09(16)
N3-C13	1.412(4)	N2-Si2-C9	107.29(15)
N4-C11	1.491(4)	N2-Si2-C8	111.68(16)
N4-C21	1.491(4)	N2-Si2-C10	113.40(16)
N4-C1	1.491(4)	N3-Si3-C18	111.23(16)
N1-C27	1.419(4)	N3-Si3-C20	109.09(16)
N2-C3	1.416(4)	N3-Si3-C19	114.02(17)
N5-C31	1.326(5)	Si3-N3-Dy1	130.84(14)
N5-C35	1.287(6)	C13-N3-Dy1	109.75(19)
C1-N4-Dy1	110.61(18)	C11-N4-Dy1	109.88(17)
Si1-N1-Dy1	135.42(14)	C21-N4-Dy1	108.21(18)
C27-N1-Dy1	107.4(2)	Si2-N2-Dy1	129.61(14)
C3-N2-Dy1	111.05(19)	C31-N5-Dy1	122.5(3)
C35-N5-Dy1	121.5(3)	N1-C27-Dy1	45.79(14)
C22-C27-Dy1	94.2(2)	C26-C27-Dy1	129.3(2)

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**Complex 3**

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Dy1-O1	2.1686(14)	N1-C13	1.407(3)
Dy1-N4	2.5884(17)	O1-Dy1-N4	178.67(6)
Dy1-N3	2.2720(17)	O1-Dy1-N3	100.50(6)
Dy1-N2	2.2904(18)	O1-Dy1-N2	99.08(6)
Dy1-N1	2.2684(17)	O1-Dy1-N1	97.71(6)
Si2-N2	1.7208(18)	N3-Dy1-N4	80.82(6)
Si1-N1	1.7188(18)	N3-Dy1-N2	118.06(6)
Si3-N3	1.7150(19)	N2-Dy1-N4	80.46(6)
Si2-C9	1.875(2)	N1-Dy1-N4	81.50(6)
Si2-C8	1.879(2)	N1-Dy1-N3	113.35(6)
Si2-C7	1.881(2)	N1-Dy1-N2	121.23(6)
Si1-C6	1.869(2)	N2-Si2-C9	109.13(10)
Si1-C5	1.873(3)	N2-Si2-C8	114.95(10)
Si1-C4	1.874(3)	N2-Si2-C7	110.76(10)
Si3-C12	1.874(3)	N1-Si1-C6	110.69(10)
Si3-C11	1.875(2)	N1-Si1-C5	108.17(10)
Si3-C10	1.888(3)	N1-Si1-C4	114.65(11)
O1-N5	1.378(2)	N3-Si3-C12	109.15(10)
N4-C26	1.495(3)	N3-Si3-C11	110.78(11)
N4-C19	1.495(3)	N3-Si3-C10	113.45(11)
N4-C33	1.496(3)	N5-O1-Dy1	175.81(13)
N5-C1	1.495(3)	Si1-N1-Dy1	129.04(9)
N5-C3	1.490(3)	Si3-N3-Dy1	124.80(9)
N5-C2	1.497(3)	C33-N4-Dy1	110.98(12)
N3-C27	1.418(3)	C13-N1-Dy1	109.08(12)
N2-C20	1.414(3)	C27-N3-Dy1	114.34(13)

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**Table S3** Relaxation fitting parameters from least-squares fitting of  $\chi(f)$  data under 500 Oe dc field of **1**.

$T(K)$	$\chi_T$	$\chi_s$	$\alpha$
2	3.991	1.416	0.266
2.3	3.769	1.261	0.184
2.6	3.512	1.147	0.111
3	3.167	1.008	0.051
3.3	2.947	0.946	0.016
3.6	2.743	0.841	0.031
4	2.476	0.764	0.014
4.3	2.325	0.762	0.023
4.6	2.175	0.724	0.017
5	2.011	0.719	0.019
5.5	1.837	0.741	0.021
6	1.686	0.838	0.015

**Table S4** Relaxation fitting parameters from least-squares fitting of  $\chi(f)$  data under 500 Oe dc field of **2**.

$T(K)$	$\chi_T$	$\chi_s$	$\alpha$
2.6	3.278	0.510	0.437
3	2.926	0.872	0.338
3.3	2.692	1.110	0.212
3.6	2.488	1.070	0.160
4	2.244	1.012	0.078
4.3	2.101	0.841	0.109
4.6	1.967	0.675	0.074
5	1.818	0.130	0.106
5.5	1.659	$2.24 \times 10^{-11}$	0.145
6	1.528	$3.81 \times 10^{-11}$	0.231

**Table S5** Relaxation fitting parameters from least-squares fitting of  $\chi(f)$  data under 500 Oe dc field of **3**.

$T(K)$	$\chi_T$	$\chi_s$	$\alpha$
2	4.453	0.657	0.372
2.3	4.084	0.613	0.304
2.6	3.748	0.542	0.288
3	3.370	0.477	0.296
3.3	3.102	0.447	0.317
3.6	2.842	0.488	0.323
4	2.570	0.703	0.302
4.3	2.394	0.833	0.297
4.6	2.222	0.931	0.272
5	2.053	1.014	0.258
5.5	1.871	1.036	0.273
6	1.720	1.079	0.299

**Table S6** Calculated energy levels ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\mathbf{g}$  ( $g_x, g_y, g_z$ ) tensors and predominant  $m_J$  values of the lowest eight Kramers doublets (KDs) of complexes **1a**, **1b**, **2** and **3**, using CASSCF/RASSI-SO with OpenMolcas.

KDs	<b>1a</b>			<b>1b</b>		
	$E$	$\mathbf{g}$	$m_J$	$E$	$\mathbf{g}$	$m_J$
0	0.0	0.180 0.437 19.284	$\pm 15/2$	0.0	0.124 0.279 19.410	$\pm 15/2$
1	140.7	10.385 8.330 2.506	$\pm 13/2$	160.7	1.945 4.763 13.550	$\pm 13/2$
2	213.2	6.646 4.333 1.681	$\pm 5/2$	246.3	7.781 5.448 2.258	$\pm 9/2$
3	295.2	1.051 3.490 12.742	$\pm 7/2$	334.2	0.263 3.509 10.837	$\pm 5/2$
4	343.2	0.118 1.868 15.017	$\pm 3/2$	378.0	0.607 1.546 17.046	$\pm 1/2$
5	368.8	1.223 1.924 16.719	$\pm 1/2$	396.3	1.595 2.182 15.897	$\pm 3/2$
6	469.3	0.250 0.336 19.110	$\pm 11/2$	534.5	0.185 0.467 18.461	$\pm 11/2$
7	574.7	0.036 0.080 19.681	$\pm 9/2$	579.6	0.166 0.610 19.073	$\pm 7/2$
KDs	<b>2</b>			<b>3</b>		
	$E$	$\mathbf{g}$	$m_J$	$E$	$\mathbf{g}$	$m_J$
0	0.0	0.902 3.871 16.514	$\pm 15/2$	0	0.0	0.127 0.316 19.054
1	71.7	3.556 5.248 7.447	$\pm 9/2$	1	83.8	0.575 1.851 14.941
2	160.4	6.167 5.012 3.482	$\pm 5/2$	2	112.2	0.530 1.007 17.069

3	260.7	1.859 4.121 11.939	$\pm 11/2$	3	161.3	3.925 5.182 11.268
4	288.1	1.513 1.899 16.835	$\pm 3/2$	4	203.0	1.533 2.297 13.292
5	393.1	0.334 1.754 17.172	$\pm 1/2$	5	261.1	0.075 2.161 14.872
6	407.8	0.511 2.421 15.505	$\pm 7/2$	6	274.6	0.529 2.279 14.878
7	419.0	0.174 1.224 17.290	$\pm 13/2$	7	403.5	0.007 0.020 19.732

**Table S7** Wave functions with definite projection of the total moment  $|m_J\rangle$  for the lowest eight KDs of complexes **1a**, **1b**, **2** and **3** using CASSCF/RASSI-SO with OpenMolcas.

	states	$E/\text{cm}^{-1}$	wave functions
<b>1a</b>	KD <sub>0</sub>	0.0	92.9% $ \pm 15/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>1</sub>	140.7	42.2% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +22.9% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +15.7% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>2</sub>	213.2	19.5% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +27.1% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +27.7% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +11.2% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>3</sub>	295.2	20.8% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +22.9% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +24.9% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +12.6% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$ +9.6% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>4</sub>	343.2	11.1% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +20.8% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +23.2% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +27.2% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$ +6.8% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +6.7% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>5</sub>	368.8	17.7% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +16.0% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +19.9% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +14.8% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +10.9% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +18.1% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>6</sub>	469.3	13.8% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +19.5% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +18.4% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +18.7% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +19.1% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +7.2% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>7</sub>	574.7	11.0% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +17.7% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +20.5% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +21.3% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +23.9% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
<b>1b</b>	KD <sub>0</sub>	0.0	94.0% $ \pm 15/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>1</sub>	160.7	54.6% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +19.9% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +11.1% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>2</sub>	246.3	16.4% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +30.9% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +25.3% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +11.5% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>3</sub>	334.2	19.5% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +15.0% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +14.0% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +22.8% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +21.9% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>4</sub>	378.0	15.1% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +17.7% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +10.6% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +9.0% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +12.9% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +30.0% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>5</sub>	396.3	17.9% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +20.0% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +20.9% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +10.0% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +22.5% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>6</sub>	534.5	10.4% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +13.8% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +11.6% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +20.4% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +29.2% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +12.2% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>7</sub>	579.6	13.8% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +23.9% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +21.3% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +14.8% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +21.3% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
<b>2</b>	KD <sub>0</sub>	0.0	70.8% $ \pm 15/2\rangle$ +12.1% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +9.2% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>1</sub>	71.7	12.2% $ \pm 15/2\rangle$ +22.6% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +24.4% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +20.9% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +9.4% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>2</sub>	160.4	13.2% $ \pm 15/2\rangle$ +20.7% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +17.7% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +23.1% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +13.7% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>3</sub>	260.7	29.1% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +17.1% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +10.3% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +9.3% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +11.0% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +19.9% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>4</sub>	288.1	21.8% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +29.3% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +22.0% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$ +9.0% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$
	KD <sub>5</sub>	393.1	12.2% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$ +17.1% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +22.1% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$ +19.5% $ \pm 3/2\rangle$ +24.2% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$



	KD <sub>6</sub>	407.8	17.3% ±11/2>+15.8% ±9/2>+14.8% ±5/2>+22.3% ±3/2>+16.0% ±1/2>
	KD <sub>7</sub>	419.0	11.9% ±13/2>+26.8% ±11/2>+24.2% ±9/2>+22.5% ±7/2>+6.9% ±5/2>
<b>3</b>	KD <sub>0</sub>	0.0	88.1% ±15/2>+8.4% ±11/2>
	KD <sub>1</sub>	83.8	49.7% ±13/2>+21.0% ±9/2>+8.7% ±7/2>+6.3% ±11/2>
	KD <sub>2</sub>	112.2	35.1% ±1/2>+29.5% ±3/2>+17.7% ±5/2>+5.8% ±13/2>
	KD <sub>3</sub>	161.3	12.4% ±13/2>+21.5% ±11/2>+16.5% ±7/2>+19.1% ±3/2>+16.5% ±1/2>
	KD <sub>4</sub>	203.0	23.2% ±7/2>+34.4% ±5/2>+12.9% ±3/2>+8.7% ±9/2>+9.2% ±13/2>
	KD <sub>5</sub>	261.0	12.8% ±13/2>+28.2% ±11/2>+25.2% ±9/2>+19.4% ±7/2>+8.7% ±5/2>
	KD <sub>6</sub>	274.7	9.6% ±13/2>+23.5% ±11/2>+32.7% ±9/2>+16.1% ±7/2>+8.2% ±5/2>
	KD <sub>7</sub>	403.5	11.0% ±7/2>+18.2% ±5/2>+27.7% ±3/2>+34.9% ±1/2>

**Table S8** Calculated crystal-field parameters  $B(k, q)$  and the corresponding weights for compounds **1a**, **1b**, **2** and **3** using CASSCF/RASSI-SO with OpenMolcas.

<b>1a</b>				<b>1b</b>			
$k$	$q$	$B(k, q)$	Weight (%)	$k$	$q$	$B(k, q)$	Weight (%)
2	-2	$-0.8059 \times 10^0$	5.89	2	-2	$0.3451 \times 10^0$	2.58
	-1	$-0.4799 \times 10^{-1}$	0.35		-1	$0.1266 \times 10^0$	0.95
	0	$-0.1900 \times 10^1$	13.89		0	$-0.2173 \times 10^1$	16.23
	1	$0.9764 \times 10^0$	7.14		1	$-0.9865 \times 10^0$	7.37
	2	$0.1540 \times 10^1$	11.26		2	$0.1422 \times 10^1$	10.62
4	-4	$0.4223 \times 10^{-4}$	0.05	4	-4	$0.6635 \times 10^{-4}$	0.08
	-3	$-0.2564 \times 10^{-3}$	0.34		-3	$-0.3541 \times 10^{-3}$	0.48
	-2	$0.2679 \times 10^{-2}$	3.55		-2	$-0.1019 \times 10^{-2}$	1.38
	-1	$0.3140 \times 10^{-3}$	0.41		-1	$-0.4204 \times 10^{-3}$	0.56
	0	$-0.4347 \times 10^{-2}$	5.76		0	$-0.4542 \times 10^{-2}$	6.15
	1	$-0.4345 \times 10^{-2}$	5.76		1	$0.4517 \times 10^{-2}$	6.12
	2	$0.5615 \times 10^{-2}$	7.44		2	$0.5926 \times 10^{-2}$	8.03
	3	$-0.3294 \times 10^{-2}$	4.36		3	$0.3513 \times 10^{-2}$	4.76
6	4	$-0.8820 \times 10^{-2}$	11.70	4	$-0.9211 \times 10^{-2}$	12.48	
	-6	$0.1678 \times 10^{-4}$	2.08	6	-6	$-0.9665 \times 10^{-5}$	1.22
	-5	$0.3630 \times 10^{-5}$	0.45		-5	$0.1843 \times 10^{-5}$	0.23
	-4	$0.4637 \times 10^{-5}$	0.57		-4	$-0.1155 \times 10^{-5}$	0.14
	-3	$-0.1048 \times 10^{-5}$	0.13		-3	$-0.1020 \times 10^{-4}$	1.29
	-2	$-0.8241 \times 10^{-5}$	1.02		-2	$0.4034 \times 10^{-5}$	0.51
	-1	$-0.6025 \times 10^{-5}$	0.74		-1	$-0.1394 \times 10^{-4}$	1.77
	0	$-0.1555 \times 10^{-4}$	1.93		0	$-0.1150 \times 10^{-4}$	1.46
	1	$0.1437 \times 10^{-4}$	1.78		1	$-0.1550 \times 10^{-4}$	1.97
	2	$-0.1195 \times 10^{-4}$	1.48		2	$-0.9078 \times 10^{-5}$	1.15
	3	$0.1034 \times 10^{-4}$	1.28		3	$-0.1115 \times 10^{-4}$	1.41
	4	$-0.2470 \times 10^{-4}$	3.07		4	$-0.2328 \times 10^{-4}$	2.96
5	$-0.2602 \times 10^{-4}$	3.23	5		$0.2755 \times 10^{-4}$	3.50	

	6	$0.2290 \times 10^{-4}$	2.84		6	$0.2373 \times 10^{-4}$	3.01
<b>2</b>				<b>3</b>			
<i>k</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>B</i> ( <i>k</i> , <i>q</i> )	Weight (%)	<i>k</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>B</i> ( <i>k</i> , <i>q</i> )	Weight (%)
2	-2	$-0.1223 \times 10^0$	1.03	2	-2	$0.7437 \times 10^0$	7.65
	-1	$0.8921 \times 10^{-1}$	0.75		-1	$0.2953 \times 10^0$	3.04
	0	$-0.1188 \times 10^1$	9.96		0	$-0.1055 \times 10^1$	10.86
	1	$0.2054 \times 10^0$	1.72		1	$0.1601 \times 10^0$	1.64
	2	$0.1917 \times 10^1$	16.07		2	$0.7596 \times 10^{-1}$	0.78
4	-4	$-0.8416 \times 10^{-3}$	1.28	4	-4	$-0.9016 \times 10^{-3}$	1.68
	-3	$0.2079 \times 10^{-3}$	0.31		-3	$-0.3429 \times 10^{-3}$	0.64
	-2	$-0.2304 \times 10^{-2}$	3.50		-2	$-0.6220 \times 10^{-2}$	11.62
	-1	$-0.1594 \times 10^{-3}$	0.24		-1	$-0.1420 \times 10^{-2}$	2.65
	0	$-0.3845 \times 10^{-2}$	5.84		0	$-0.2959 \times 10^{-2}$	5.52
	1	$0.2602 \times 10^{-2}$	3.95		1	$-0.5365 \times 10^{-3}$	1.00
	2	$0.6851 \times 10^{-2}$	10.42		2	$0.6164 \times 10^{-2}$	11.51
	3	$0.4256 \times 10^{-2}$	6.47		3	$-0.1279 \times 10^{-2}$	2.39
4	$-0.9098 \times 10^{-2}$	13.84	4	$-0.7803 \times 10^{-2}$	14.58		
6	-6	$-0.6745 \times 10^{-5}$	0.96	6	-6	$-0.1792 \times 10^{-4}$	3.14
	-5	$-0.3191 \times 10^{-5}$	0.45		-5	$-0.4628 \times 10^{-5}$	0.81
	-4	$-0.1238 \times 10^{-4}$	1.76		-4	$-0.1221 \times 10^{-4}$	2.13
	-3	$0.3479 \times 10^{-5}$	0.49		-3	$-0.1663 \times 10^{-4}$	2.91
	-2	$0.1096 \times 10^{-4}$	1.56		-2	$0.1842 \times 10^{-4}$	3.22
	-1	$0.2523 \times 10^{-5}$	0.35		-1	$-0.2215 \times 10^{-4}$	3.88
	0	$-0.2138 \times 10^{-4}$	3.05		0	$-0.7196 \times 10^{-5}$	1.26
	1	$-0.2162 \times 10^{-4}$	3.08		1	$0.5511 \times 10^{-5}$	0.96
	2	$-0.6993 \times 10^{-5}$	0.99		2	$0.2163 \times 10^{-5}$	0.37
	3	$0.9557 \times 10^{-6}$	0.13		3	$0.5988 \times 10^{-6}$	0.10
	4	$-0.2889 \times 10^{-4}$	4.12		4	$-0.7199 \times 10^{-5}$	1.26
	5	$0.1705 \times 10^{-4}$	2.43		5	$-0.4380 \times 10^{-5}$	0.76
6	$0.2344 \times 10^{-4}$	3.34	6	$0.1066 \times 10^{-4}$	1.86		

**Table S9** Continuous Shape Measures (*CShM*) calculations for complexes **1-3**.

	Structure	PP-5	vOC-5	TBPY-5	SPY-5	JTBPY-5
<b>1 (Dy01)</b>	<b>CShM</b>	34.261	5.781	0.835	4.306	2.207
<b>1 (Dy02)</b>	<b>CShM</b>	34.407	5.892	0.890	4.412	2.185
<b>2</b>	<b>CShM</b>	35.542	7.113	0.737	5.250	1.735
<b>3</b>	<b>CShM</b>	35.217	6.537	0.531	5.027	2.512

PP-5 Pentagon ( $D_{5h}$ )

vOC-5 Vacant octahedron ( $C_{4v}$ )

TBPY-5 Trigonal bipyramid ( $D_{3h}$ )

SPY-5 Spherical square pyramid ( $C_{4v}$ )

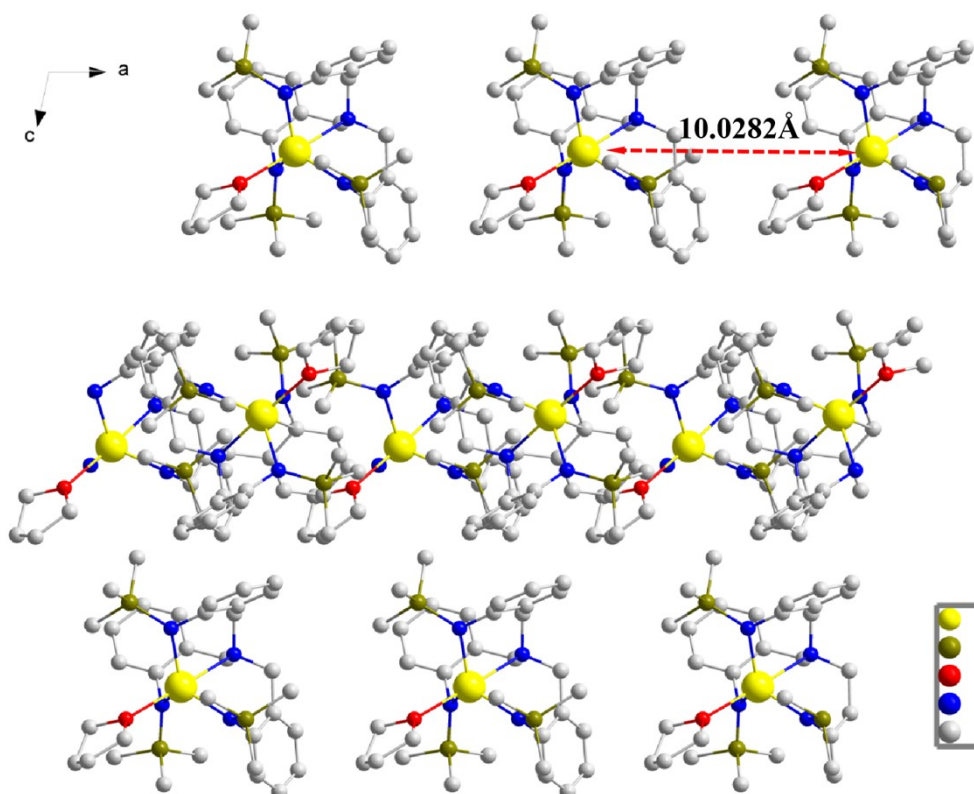
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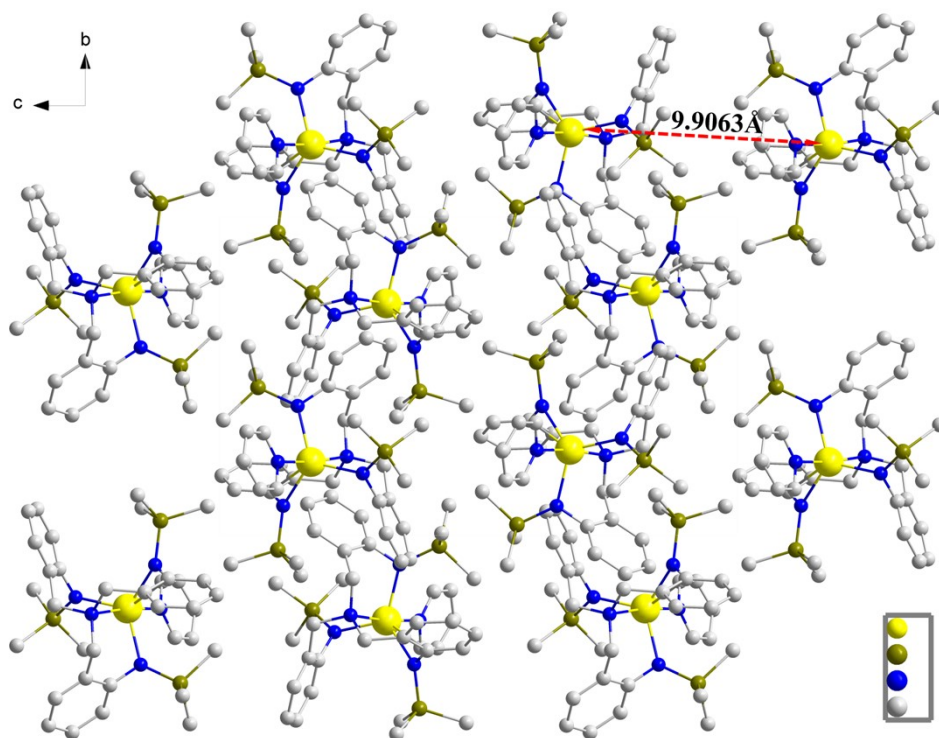
**Table S10** Crystal field parameters for **1-3** fitted from magnetic data.

	$B_0^2$	$B_0^4$	$B_2^4$	$B_0^6$
<b>1(Dy1)</b>	301	-16	208	52
<b>2</b>	187	37	44	38
<b>3</b>	79	56	221	283

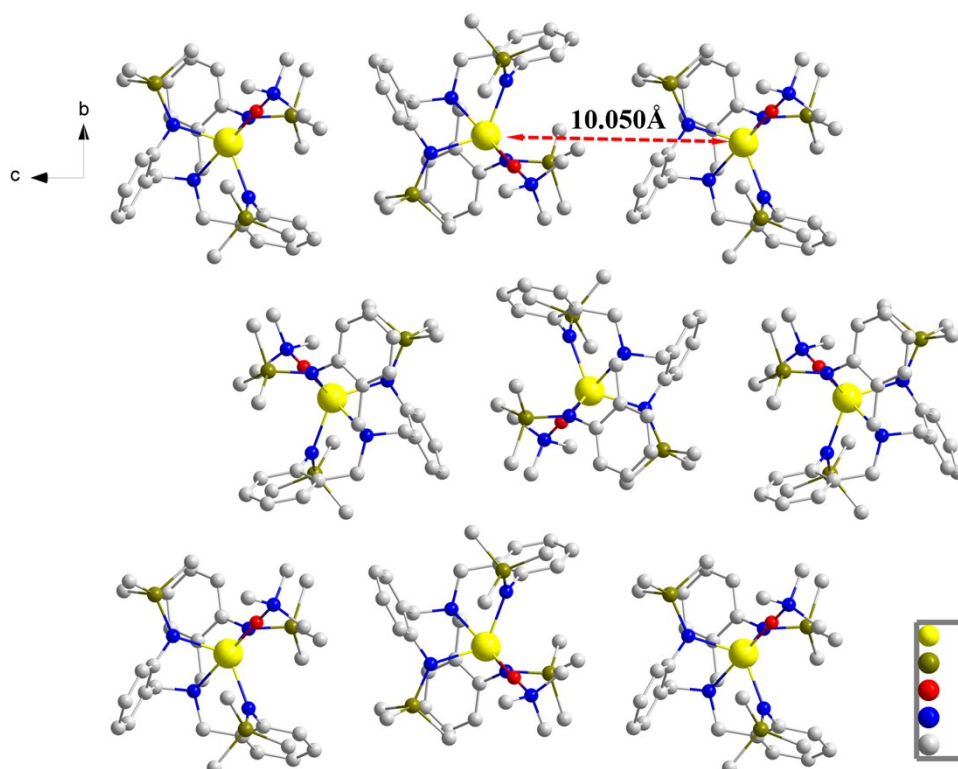
**Table S11** Energy levels and  $g$  for **1-3** fitted from magnetic data.

KDs	<b>1(Dy1)</b>		<b>2</b>		<b>3</b>	
	$E/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$g$	$E/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$g$	$E/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$g$
1	0	0.0000	0	0.0000	0	0.0004
		0.0000		0.0000		0.0066
		19.7734		18.8536		19.0064
2	128	0.0000	91	0.0000	107	0.6460
		0.0000		0.0000		2.4864
		17.2346		15.9878		17.1728

**Fig. S1** Packing arrangement of **1** along the crystallographic  $b$  axis.



**Fig. S2** Packing arrangement of **2** along the crystallographic *a* axis.



**Fig. S3** Packing arrangement of **3** along the crystallographic *a* axis.

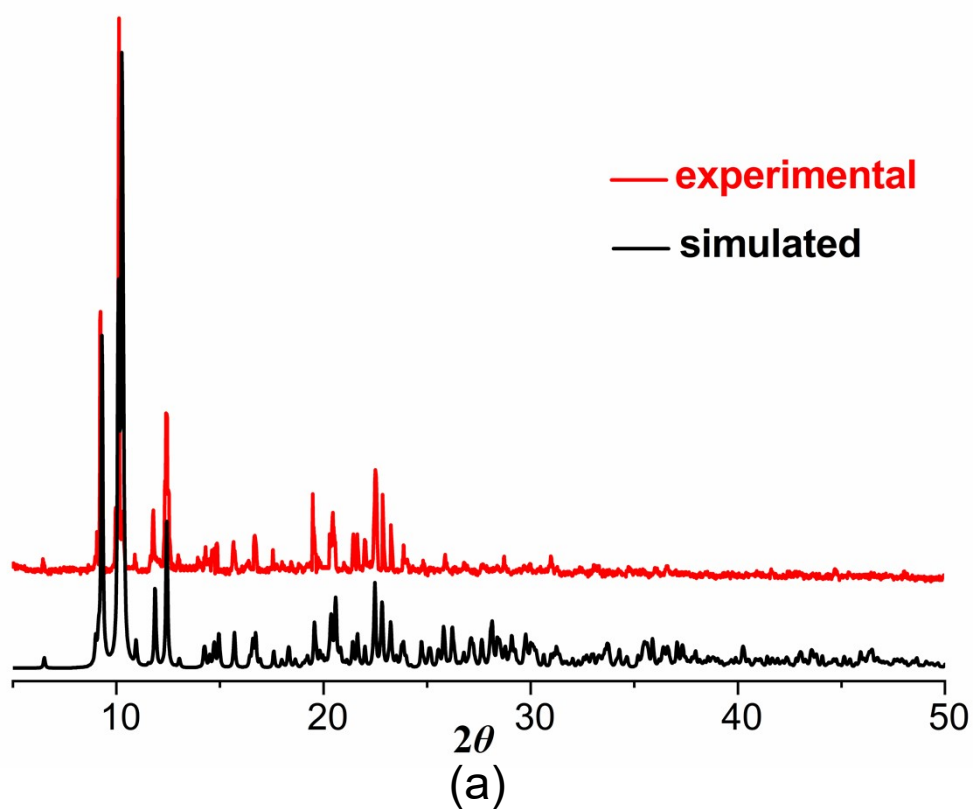


Fig. S4 PXRd patterns for complex 1.

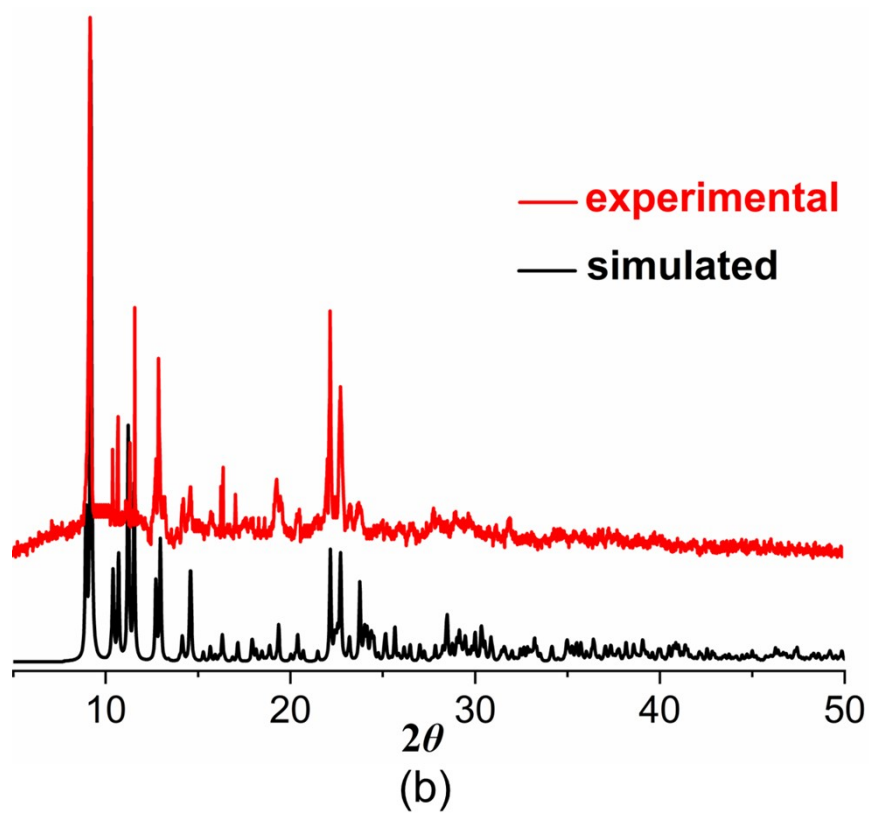
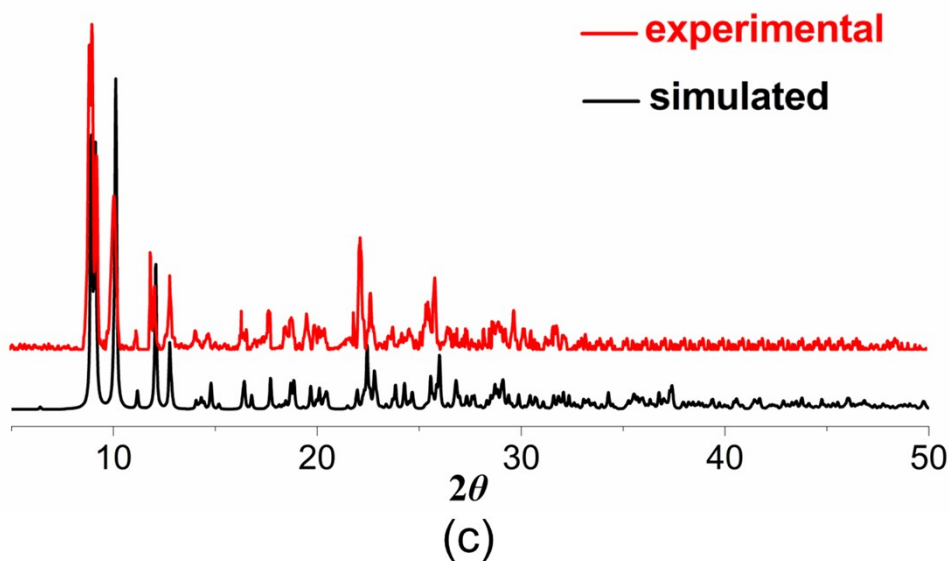
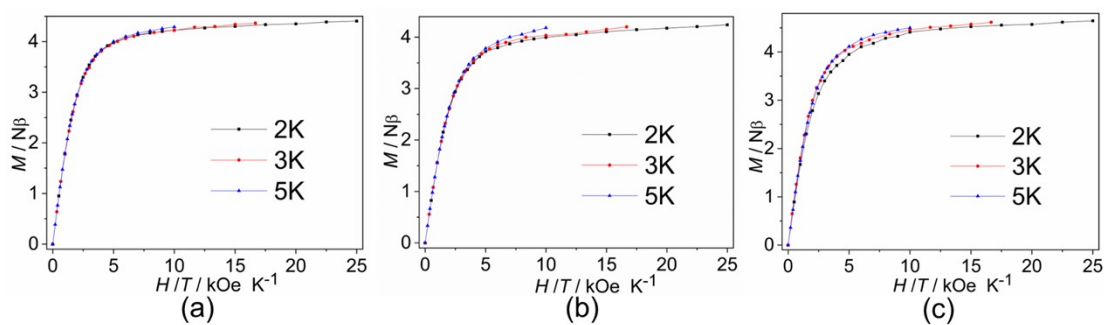


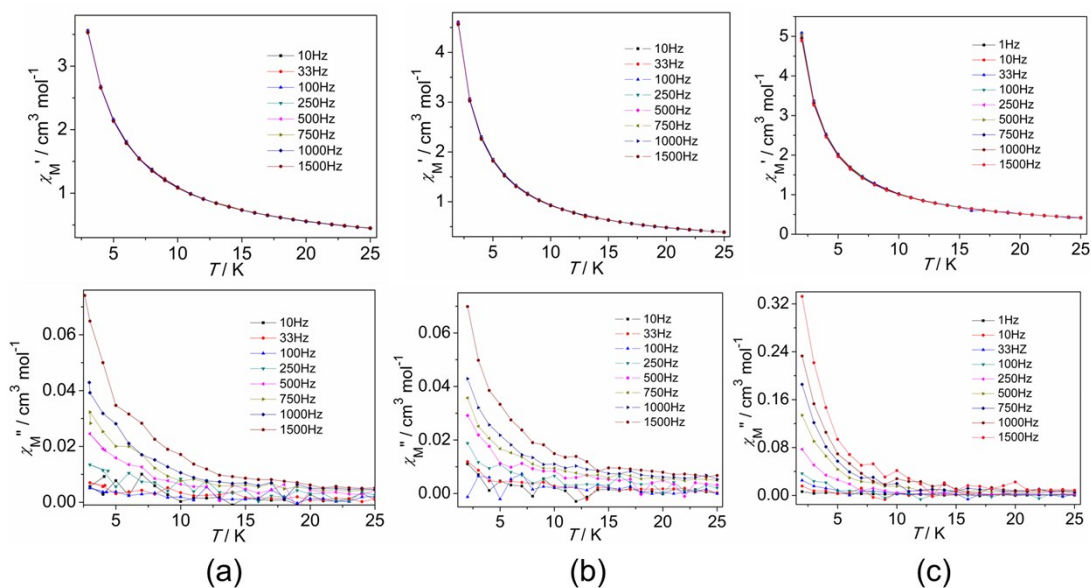
Fig. S5 PXRd patterns for complex 2.



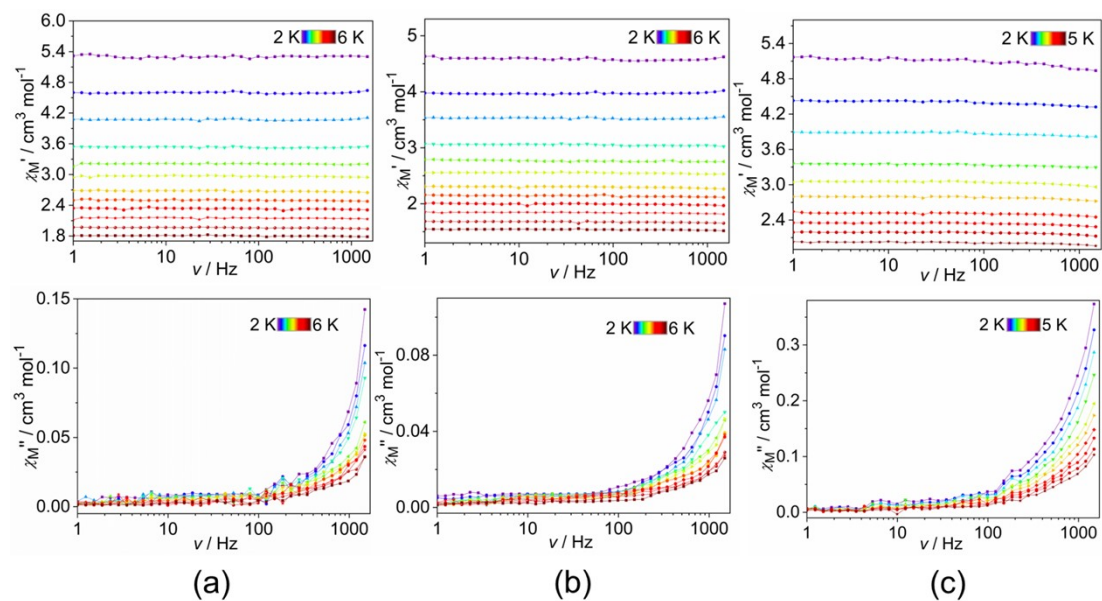
**Fig. S6** PXR D patterns for complex 3.



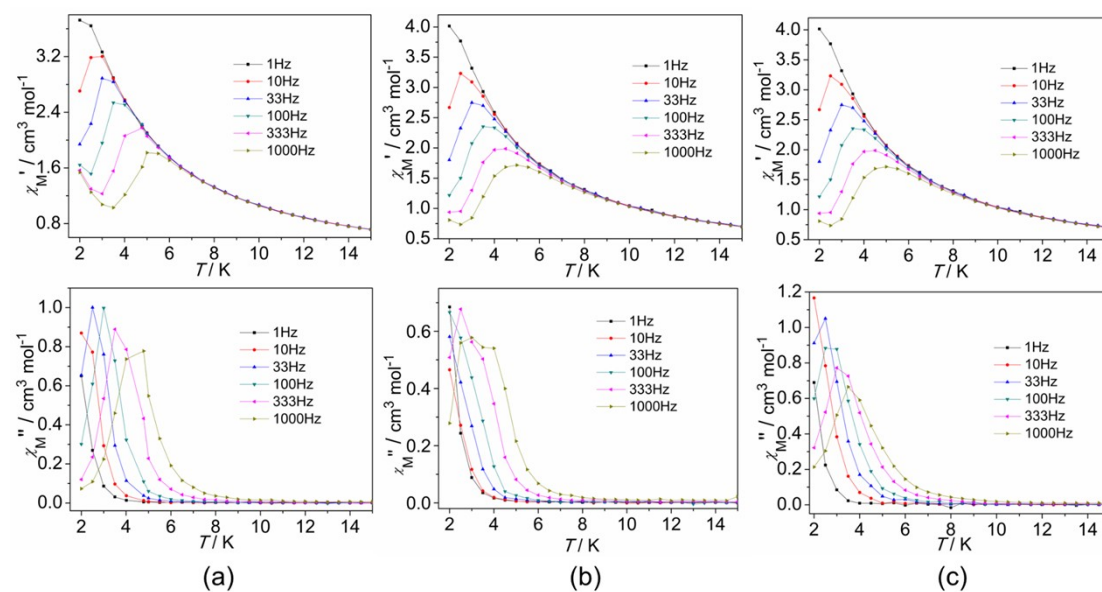
**Fig. S7** Plots of  $M$  vs.  $H/T$  for 1-3 at different temperature.



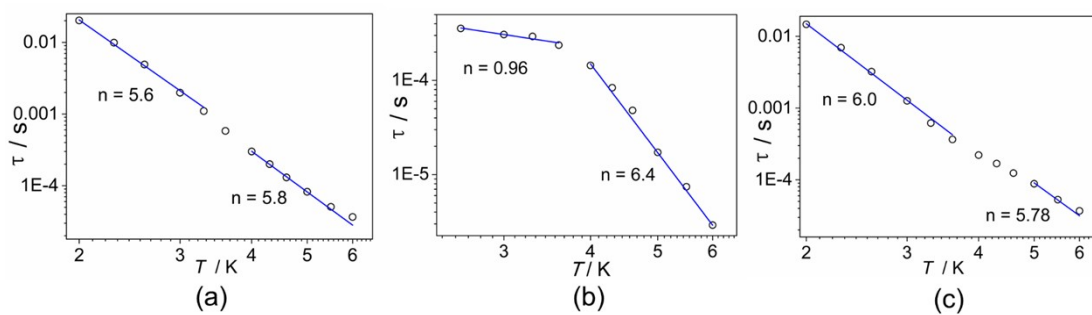
**Fig. S8** Temperature dependence of the in-phase (top) and out (bottom) ac susceptibilities at different frequencies without a dc field for complexes 1-3.



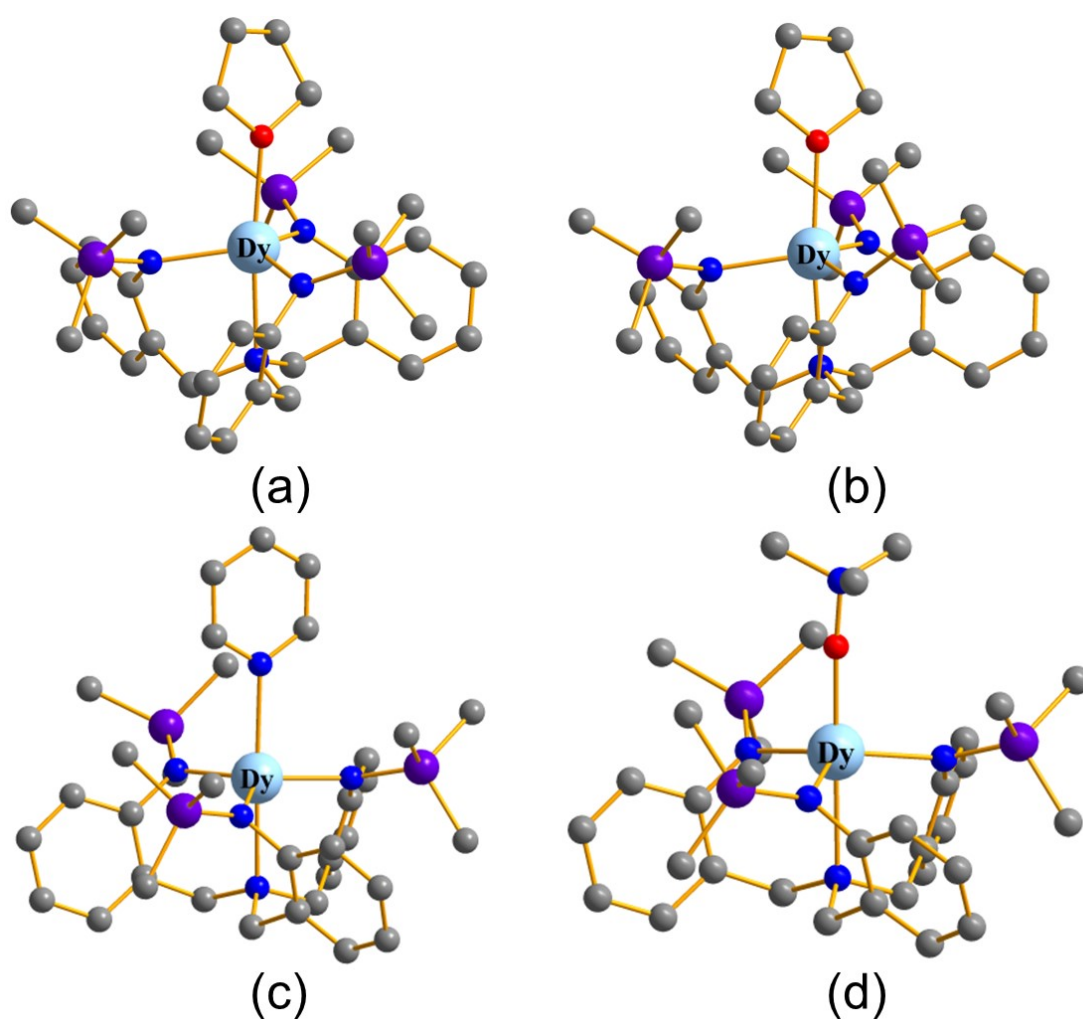
**Fig. S9** Frequency dependence of the in-phase (top) and out (bottom) ac susceptibilities at different frequencies without a dc field for complexes **1-3**.



**Fig. S10** Temperature dependence of the in-phase (top) and out-of-phase (bottom) ac susceptibilities at different frequencies with a dc field of 500 Oe for complexes **1** (a, a'), **2** (b, b') and **3** (c, c').

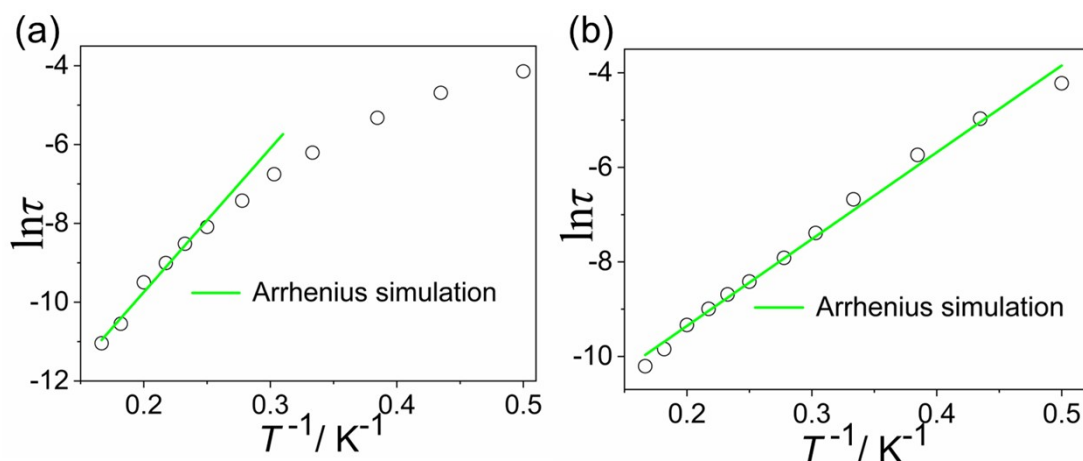


**Fig. S11** Temperature dependent relaxation times of **1** (a), **2** (b) and **3** (c) (log-log scale) under a 500Oe dc field. The lines were fitted to the equation of  $\tau = T^{-n}$  to give  $n$  values.



**Fig. S12** Calculated molecular structures of complexes **1a** (a), **1b** (b), **2** (c) and **3** (d); H atoms are omitted for clarify.





**Fig. S13** Magnetization relaxation time,  $\ln \tau$  vs.  $T^{-1}$  plot under 500 Oe dc field for **1** (a), **3** (b). The green line represents the Arrhenius fit.

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