

## Coupling Dy<sub>3</sub> toroics in macrocycle

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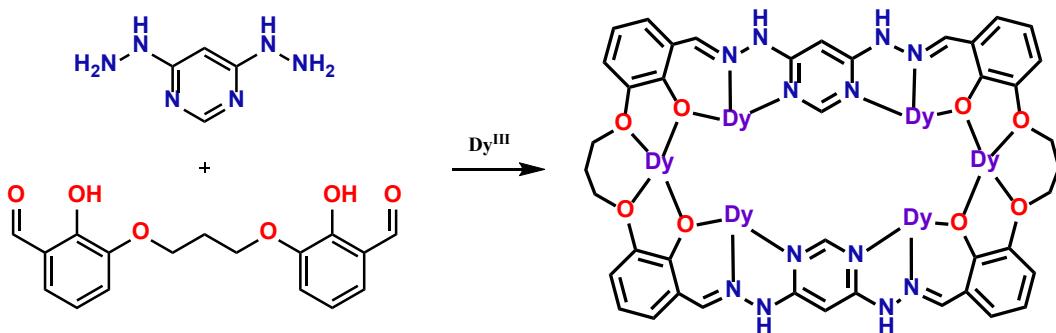
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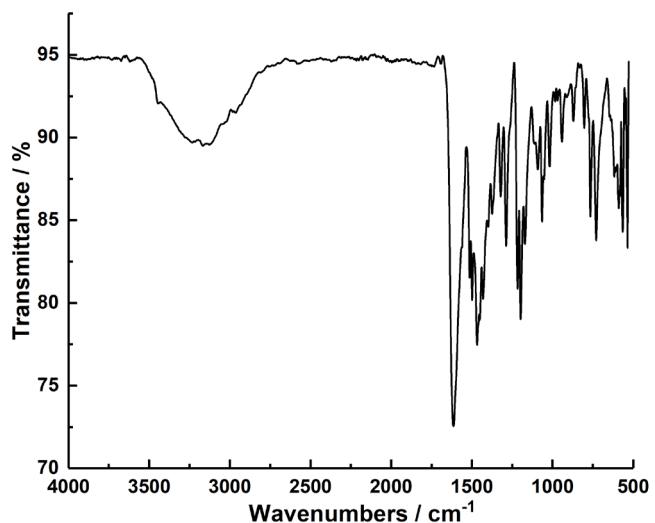
## Magnetic Measurements

Magnetic susceptibility measurements were performed on a Quantum Design MPMS-XL7 SQUID magnetometer equipped with a 7 T magnet. The direct current (dc) magnetic susceptibility measurements were performed on polycrystalline samples in the temperature range of 2~300 K with an applied field of 1000 Oe. The field-dependent magnetizations for all complexes were measured in the field range of 0~7 T. The alternating current (ac) susceptibility measurements were investigated in a 3.0 Oe ac oscillating and zero dc fields. Diamagnetic corrections were made with Pascal's constants for all the constituent atoms as well as the contributions of the sample holder.



**Scheme S1** Schematic drawing of the synthesis of complex **1** by a “one-pot” strategy.

## 2. IR spectroscopy



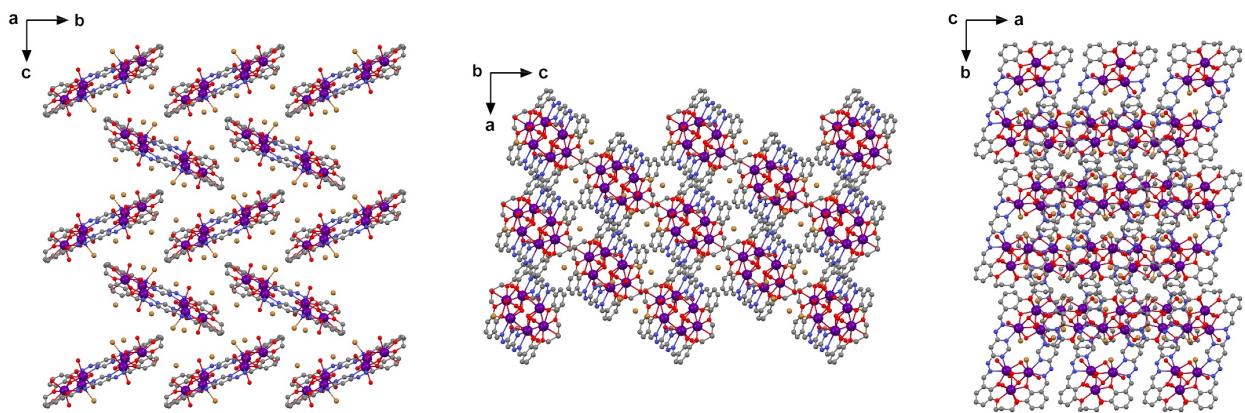
**Fig. S1** IR (ATR) spectrum of solid samples for complex **1**.

### 3. Crystallographic details

Table S1 Crystallographic data for complex **1**.

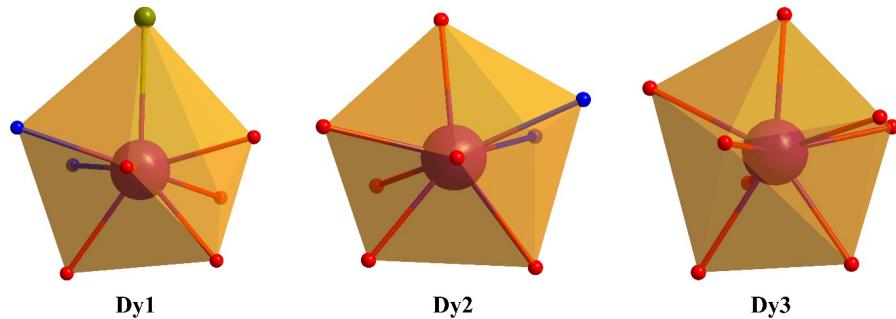
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Formula	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>84</sub> Br <sub>8</sub> Dy <sub>6</sub> N <sub>14</sub> O <sub>28</sub>
FW, g·mol <sup>-1</sup>	2943.59
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
T, K	150.0
λ, Å	0.71073
a, Å	11.9070(17)
b, Å	17.303(2)
c, Å	20.936(3)
α, °	90
β, °	97.553(4)
γ, °	90
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	4276.1(10)
Z	2
ρ <sub>calcd</sub> , g·cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.286
GOF on F <sup>2</sup>	1.036
reflns collected	41373
R <sub>1</sub> ( $I \geq 2 \sigma(I)$ )	0.0683
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1850
CCDC	2411796





**Fig. S2** Packing model along with a, b, and c axes of complex **1**. The purple, brown, blue, red and gray spheres represent Dy, Br, N, O, and C, respectively; hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

#### 4. The *CShM* values calculations

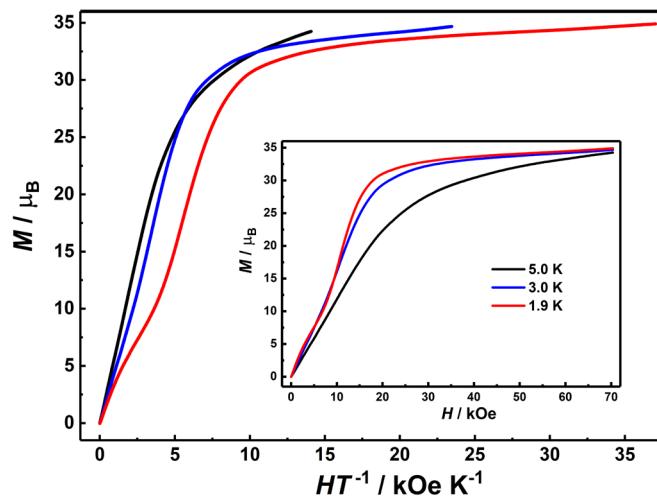


**Fig. S3** Coordination polyhedrons of  $\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}$  ions in complex **1**. The purple, brown, blue and red spheres represent Dy, Br, N, and O, respectively.

**Table S4** The *CShM* values calculated by *SHAPE* 2.1<sup>6, 7</sup> for complex **1**.

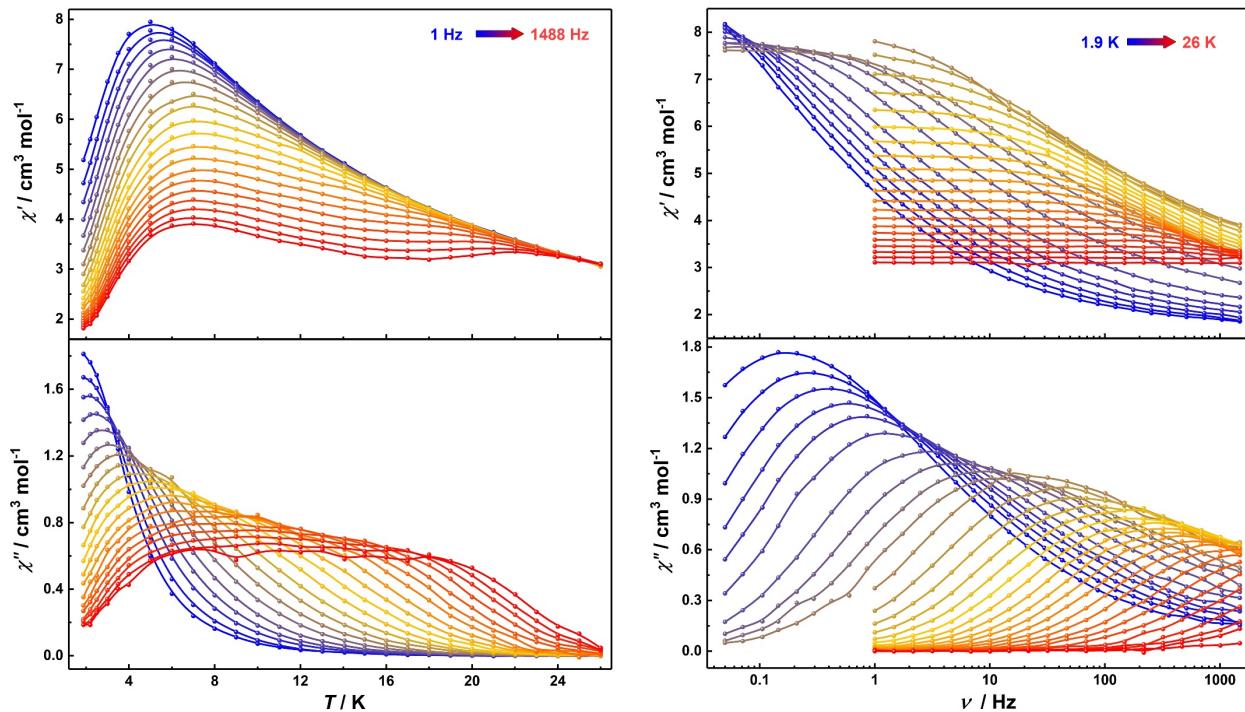
Coordination Geometry	Dy1	Dy2	Dy3
Hexagonal bipyramid ( $D_{6h}$ )	16.251	15.636	15.835
Cube ( $O_h$ )	12.877	12.925	9.457
Square antiprism ( $D_{4d}$ )	3.110	2.595	2.380
Triangular dodecahedron ( $D_{2d}$ )	<b>1.337</b>	<b>0.905</b>	<b>0.654</b>
Johnson gyrobifastigium J26 ( $D_{2d}$ )	13.356	11.830	14.820
Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 ( $C_{2v}$ )	3.624	2.611	3.218
Biaugmented trigonal prism ( $C_{2v}$ )	2.658	2.229	2.579
Snub diphenoid J84 ( $D_{2d}$ )	3.573	2.112	3.218

## 5. Direct current (dc) magnetic susceptibility measurements

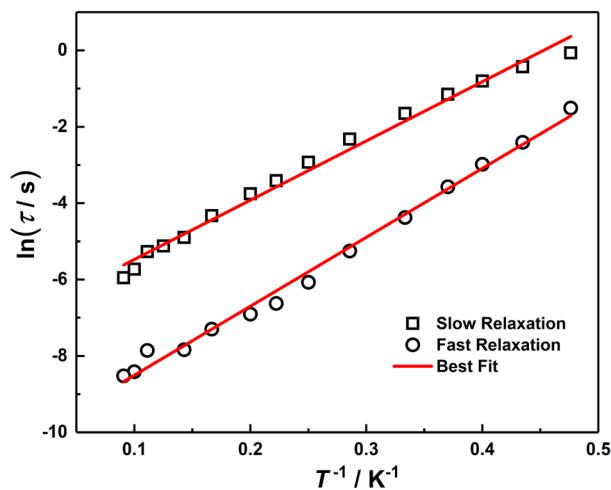


**Fig. S4** Magnetization ( $M$ ) versus  $H/T$  for complex **1** at indicated temperatures. Inset represents the plots of  $M$  versus  $H$ .

## 6. Alternating current (ac) magnetic susceptibility measurements



**Fig. S5** Temperature-dependent (left) and frequency-dependent (right) ac susceptibility of complex **1** under zero dc field.

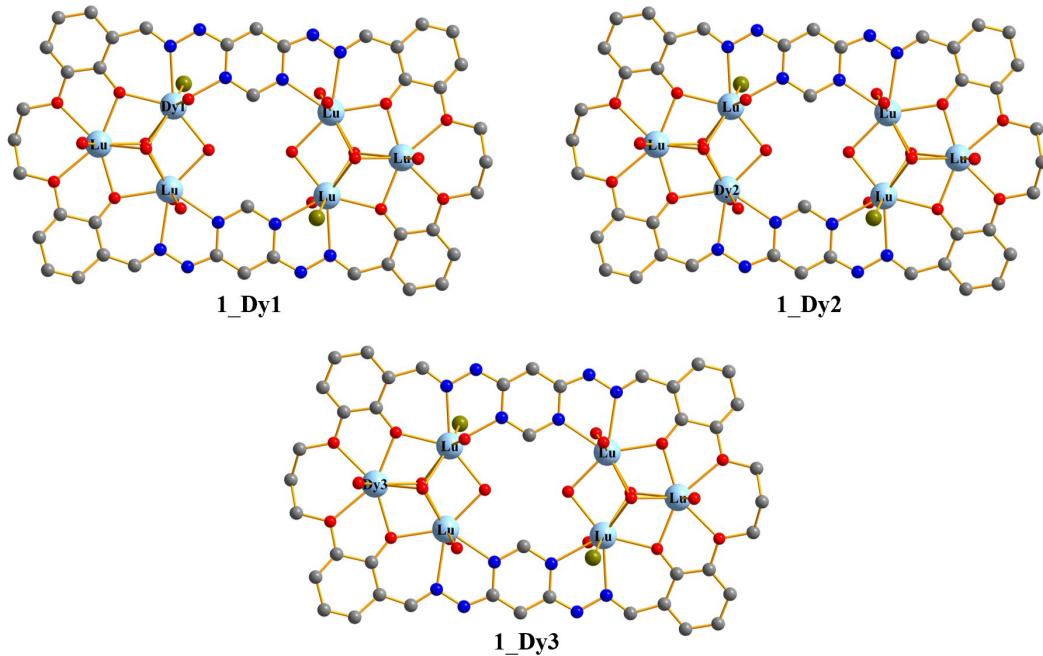


**Fig. S6** Plot of  $\ln\tau$  vs.  $T^{-1}$  for complex **1** obtained under zero dc fields. The red line represents the best-fitted result.



## 7. Computational details

*Ab initio* calculations were carried out with openMolcas<sup>8</sup>, and are of CASSCF/RASSI-SO/SINGLE\_ANISO type. For complex **1**, we only need to calculate three kinds of individual Dy<sup>III</sup> fragments (**1\_Dy1**, **1\_Dy2** and **1\_Dy3**) due to the centrosymmetric molecular structure (see Fig. S7). Each of individual Dy<sup>III</sup> fragments was calculated keeping the experimentally determined structure of the corresponding compound while replacing the other Dy<sup>III</sup> ions with diamagnetic Lu<sup>III</sup>. Two different basis-sets for all atoms are atomic natural orbitals from the ANO-RCC library (Table S6). The calculations employed the second order Douglas-Kroll-Hess Hamiltonian, where scalar relativistic contractions were taken into account in the basis set and the spin-orbit couplings were handled separately in the restricted active space state interaction (RASSI-SO) procedure.<sup>9, 10</sup> Active electrons in 7 active orbitals include all *f* electrons CAS(9 in 7) for Dy<sup>III</sup> in the CASSCF calculations. To exclude all the doubts, we calculated all the roots in the active space. We have mixed the maximum number of spin-free state which was possible with our hardware (all from 21 sextets, 128 from 224 quadruplets, 130 from 490 doublets) for them. The SINGLE\_ANISO<sup>11-13</sup> program was used to obtain the energy levels, *g* tensors, magnetic axes, *et al.* based on the above CASSCF/RASSI-SO calculations.



**Fig. S7** Calculated model structures of individual Dy<sup>III</sup> fragments of **1**; H atoms are omitted for clarity.

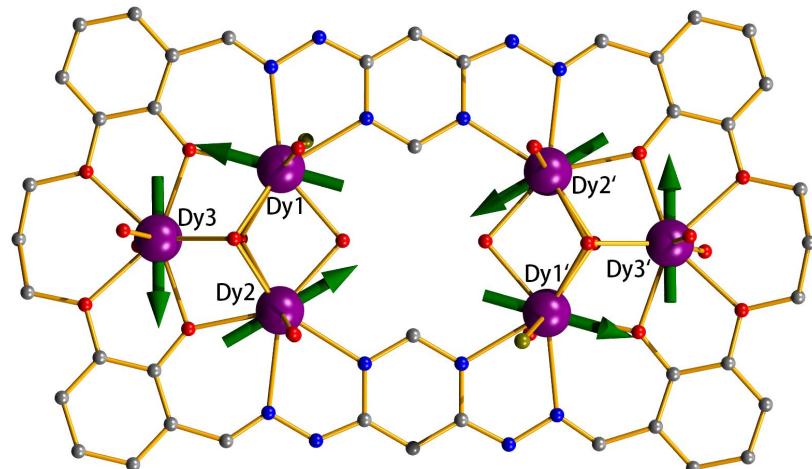
**Table S6** Contractions of the employed basis sets in computational approximations.

	Basis set 1	Basis set 2
Dy	ANO-RCC-VDZP	ANO-RCC-VTZP
Lu	ANO-RCC-VDZ	ANO-RCC-VTZP
Br	ANO-RCC-VDZ	ANO-RCC-VTZ
N	ANO-RCC-VDZ	ANO-RCC-VTZ
O	ANO-RCC-VDZ	ANO-RCC-VTZ
C	ANO-RCC-VDZ	ANO-RCC-VDZ
H	ANO-RCC-VDZ	ANO-RCC-VDZ



**Table S9** Angles between anisotropy axes of the Dy<sup>III</sup> ions in complex **1** calculated based on the basis set 1.

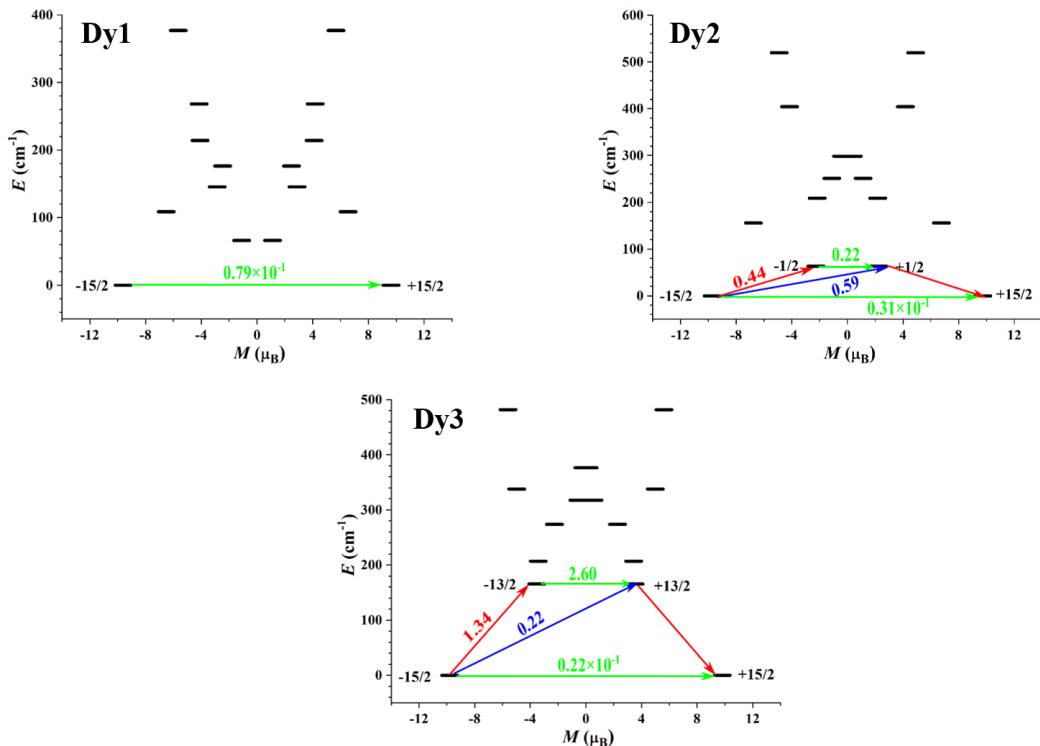
	Dy1	Dy2	Dy3
Dy1		128.679	94.812
Dy2	128.679		136.248
Dy3	94.812	136.248	



**Fig. S9** Orientations of the main magnetic axes of the ground state of **1** calculated based on the basis set 1. All hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.



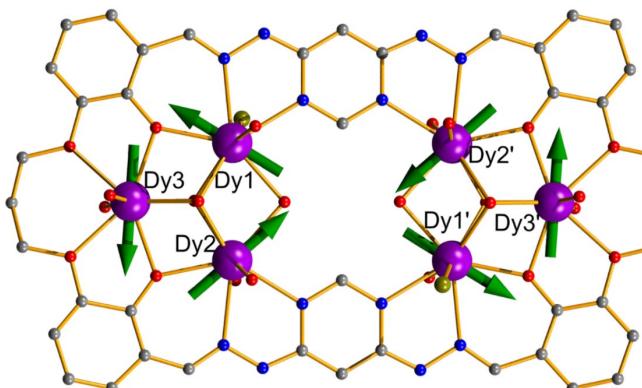




**Fig. S10** Magnetization blocking barriers of complex **1** calculated based on the basis set 2. The thick black lines represent the KDs as a function of their magnetic moment along the magnetic axis. The blue lines correspond to diagonal matrix element of the transversal magnetic moment; the green lines represent Orbach relaxation processes. The path shown by the red arrows represents the most probable path for magnetic relaxation in the corresponding compounds. The numbers at each arrow stand for the mean absolute value of the corresponding matrix element of transition magnetic moment.

**Table S12** Angles between anisotropy axes of the Dy<sup>III</sup> ions in complex **1** calculated based on the basis set 2.

	Dy1	Dy2	Dy3
Dy1		107.4824	117.4337
Dy2	107.4824		134.9893
Dy3	117.4337	134.9893	



**Fig. S11** Calculated orientations of the local main magnetic axes on Dy<sup>III</sup> of complex **1** calculated based on the basis set 2.

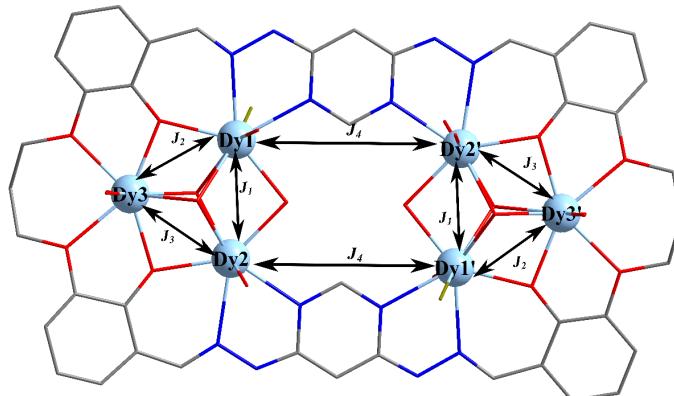
To fit the exchange interactions between the magnetic centers in **1**, we took two steps to obtain them. Firstly, we calculated individual  $\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}$  fragments using CASSCF/RASSI-SO to obtain the corresponding magnetic properties. Then, the exchange interaction between the magnetic centers were considered within the Lines model,<sup>14</sup> while the account of the dipole-dipole magnetic coupling is treated exactly. The Lines model is effective and has been successfully used widely in the research field of  $d$  and  $f$ -elements single-molecule magnets.<sup>15, 16</sup>

For complex **1**, we only consider four types of  $\tilde{J}$ . The Ising exchange Hamiltonian is:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{exch}} = -\tilde{J}_1 [\hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_1} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_2} + \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_1} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_2}] - \tilde{J}_2 [\hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_1} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_3} + \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_1} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_3}] - \tilde{J}_3 [\hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_2} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_3} + \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_2} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_3}] - \tilde{J}_4 [\hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_1} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_2} +$$

$$\hat{S}_{\text{Dy}'_1} \hat{S}_{\text{Dy}_2}] \quad (1)$$

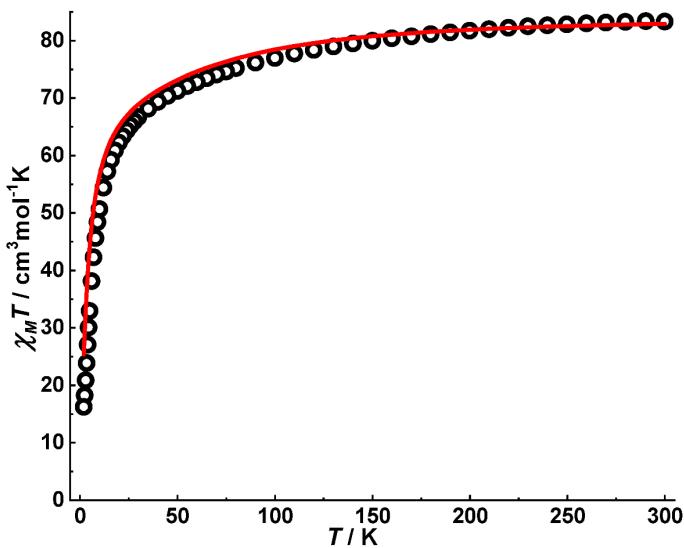
$\tilde{J} = 25J \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between the magnetic axes on two  $\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}$  sites, and  $J$  is the Lines exchange coupling parameter.  $S_{\text{Dy}} = 1/2$  is the ground pseudospin on the  $\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}$  site.  $\tilde{J}_{\text{total}}$  is the parameter of the total magnetic interaction ( $\tilde{J}_{\text{total}} = \tilde{J}_{\text{dip}} + \tilde{J}_{\text{exch}}$ ) between magnetic center ions. The dipolar magnetic coupling can be calculated exactly, while the exchange coupling constant was fitted through comparison of the computed and measured magnetic susceptibilities using the POLY\_ANISO program.<sup>11-13</sup>



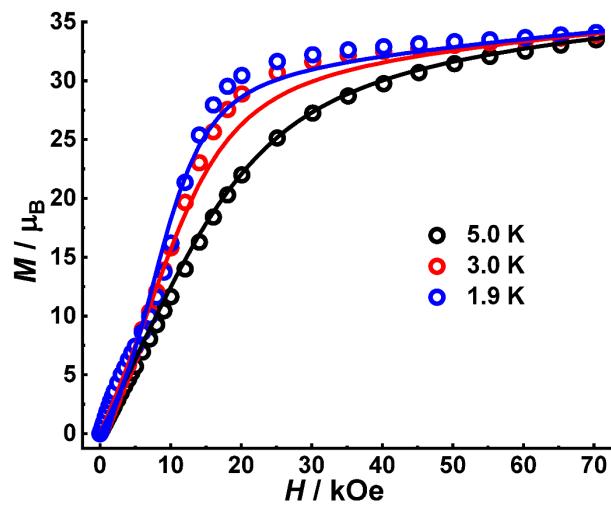
**Fig. S12** Scheme of the  $\text{Dy}\cdots\text{Dy}$  interactions in **1**.







**Fig. S13** Calculated (red solid line) and experimental (black square dot) data of magnetic susceptibility of complex **1**. The intermolecular interaction  $zJ'$  of complex **1** was fitted to  $-0.05 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .



**Fig. S14** Experimental (dots) and calculated (lines) magnetic susceptibilities for **1**.

