Supporting Information for

Two-Dimensional Inverse Double Sandwich CoB7: Strain-Induced

Non-magnetic to Ferromagnetic Transition

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Table S1. Elastic constants (C_{ij} , N/m), Layer modulus (γ , N/m), Young's modules (Y, N/m), Poisson's ratio (υ) of seven low-lying allotropes of 2D CoB₇ nanosheets (CoB₇-i), for the easy of comparison, the ground state CoB₇-1 is also listed here, although it has already been discussed in the main text.

| CoB7-i | C11 | C ₂₂ | C ₁₂ | C ₆₆ | γ | Young modulus (N/m) | | Poisson's ratio | |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | \mathbf{Y}_{x} | \mathbf{Y}_{y} | \mathfrak{v}_x | v_y |
| CoB7-1 | 386.1 | 305.8 | 72.6 | 174.7 | 209.3 | 368.8 | 292.1 | 0.2374 | 0.1881 |
| CoB7-2 | 281.4 | 294.9 | 20.4 | 166.7 | 154.3 | 280.0 | 293.5 | 0.0693 | 0.0727 |
| CoB7-3 | 461.7 | 333.9 | 35.7 | 112.6 | 216.7 | 457.9 | 331.1 | 0.1069 | 0.0773 |
| CoB7-4 | 368.1 | 300.4 | 36.1 | 135.6 | 185.2 | 363.7 | 296.9 | 0.1203 | 0.0982 |
| CoB7-5 | 444.1 | 299.6 | 15.8 | 134.4 | 193.9 | 443.3 | 299.1 | 0.0528 | 0.0357 |
| CoB 7 –6 | 277.4 | 277.4 | 156.7 | 60.4 | 217.0 | 188.9 | 188.9 | 0.5648 | 0.5648 |
| CoB7-7 | 333.8 | 294.2 | 37.4 | 57.9 | 175.7 | 329.1 | 290.0 | 0.1272 | 0.1121 |
| CoB7-8 | 231.4 | 224.7 | 66.5 | 77.4 | 147.3 | 211.7 | 205.6 | 0.2961 | 0.2875 |