

## Supporting Information

Title: Formation of Monometallic Single-molecule Magnets with a  $S$  value of 3/2 in Diluted Frozen Solution

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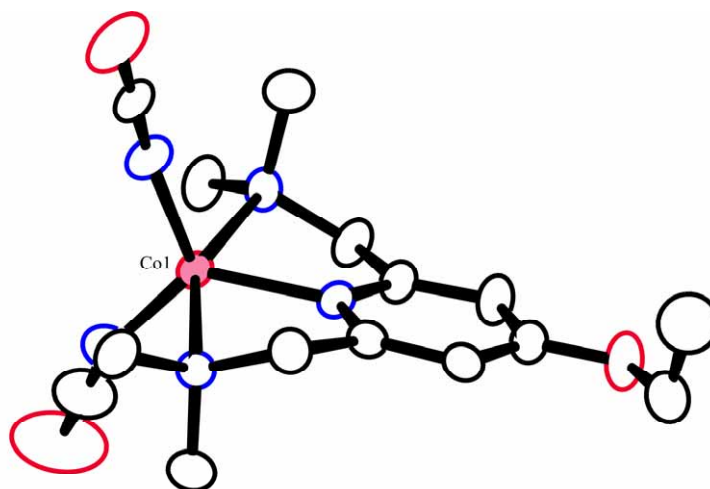


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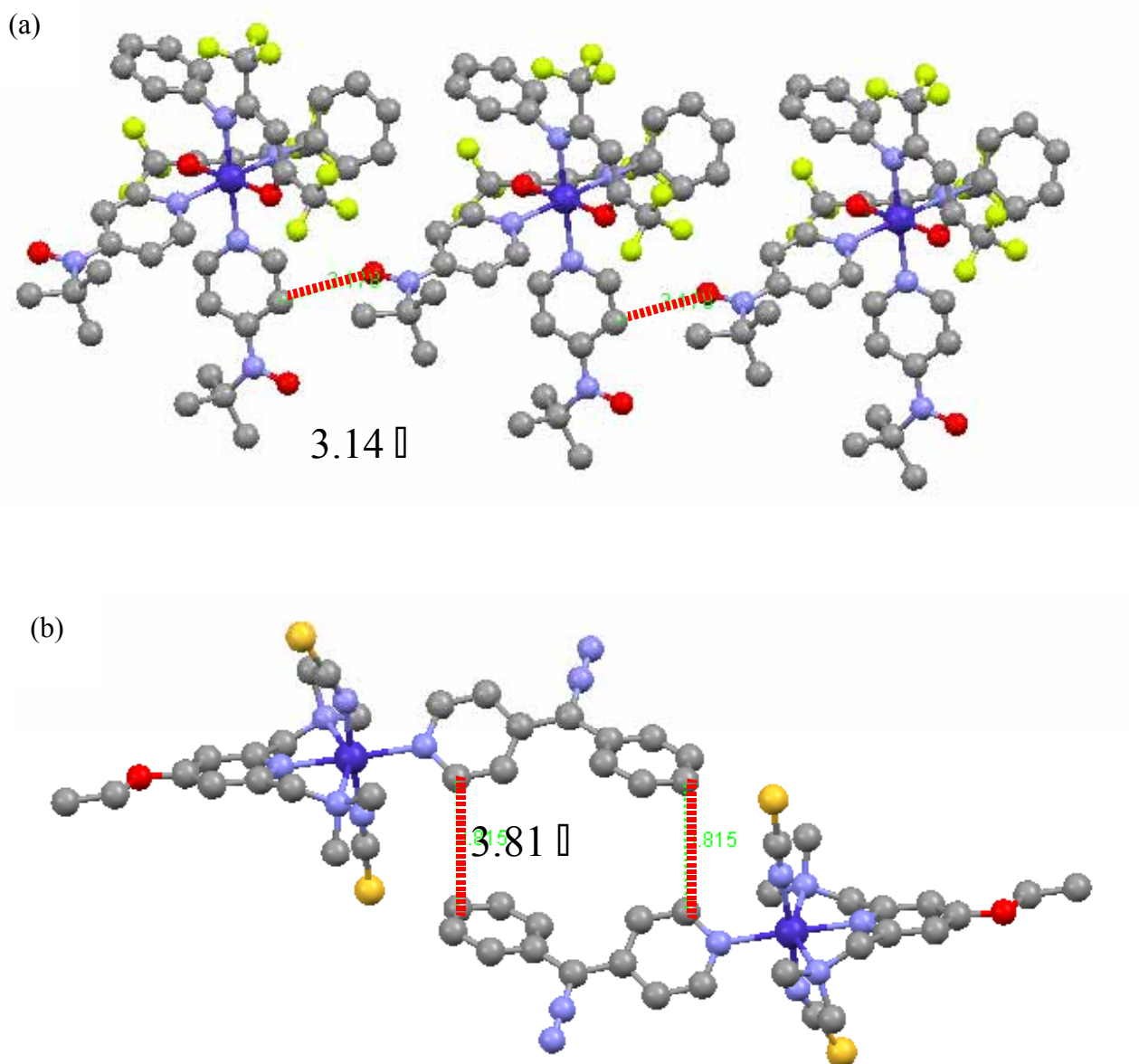


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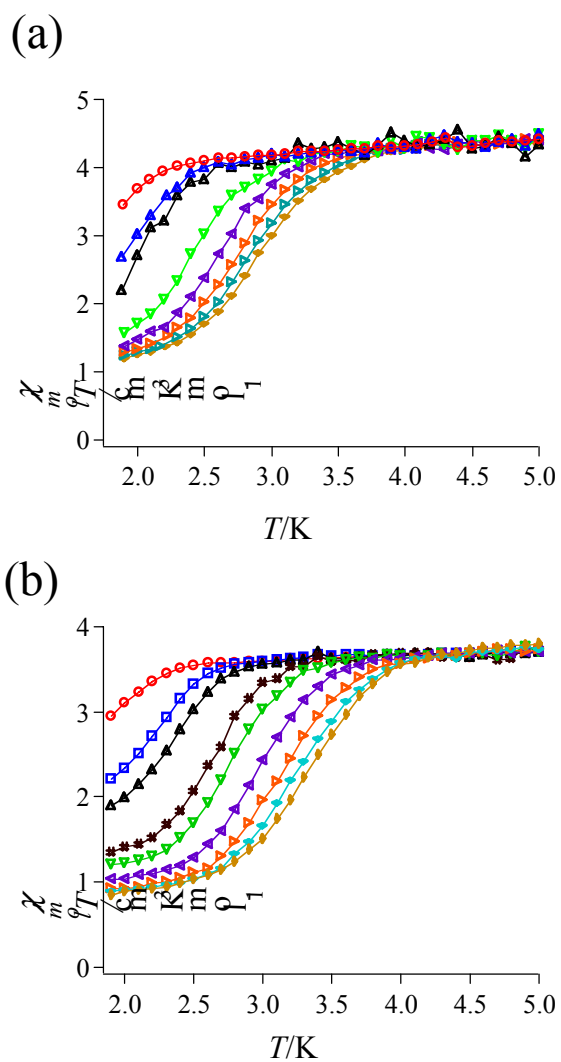


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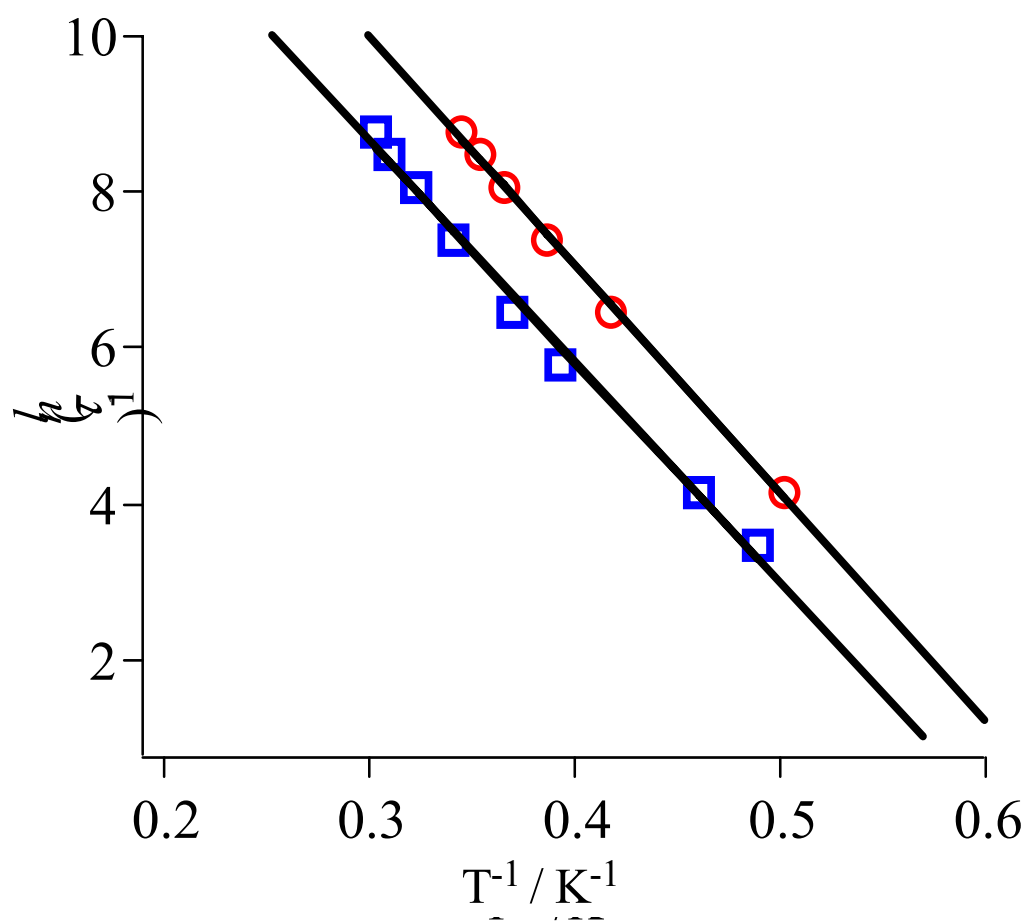


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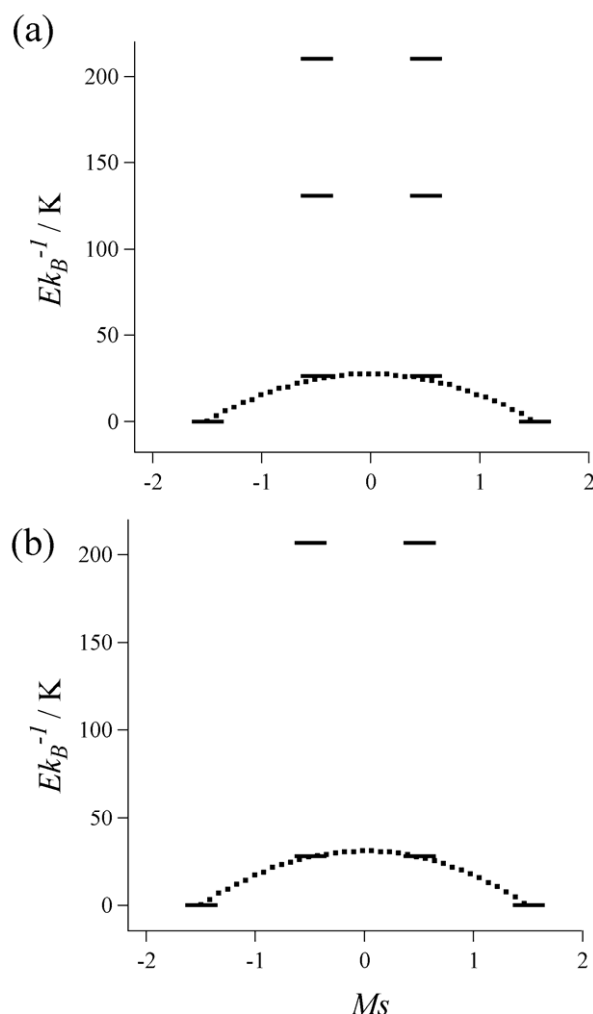


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$$\hat{H} = \Delta \bullet (\hat{L}_z^2 - \frac{1}{3} \hat{L}^2) - \frac{3}{2} k \hat{L} \parallel \hat{S}_0 - 2J \hat{\mathbf{A}} \hat{S}_0 \parallel \hat{S}_i + m_B \hat{\mathbf{A}} \frac{3}{2} k \hat{L} + g_e \hat{\mathbf{A}} \hat{S}_i \parallel B$$

$i=1$   $i=0$

where  $\Delta$  and  $\hat{L}$  are the energy splitting between  $^4A_{2g}$  and  $^4E_g$  states and an effective angular momentum with its magnitude of  $L = 1$ , respectively,  $\hat{S}_0$  and  $\hat{S}_i$  are spin operators of the Co(II) ion ( $S_0 = 3/2$ ) and two radicals ( $S_i = 1/2$ ,  $n = 2$ ) or one carbene ( $S_i = 1$ ,  $n = 1$ ),  $\mu_B$  and  $g_e$  are the Bohr magneton and the Landé  $g$  factor for free electron, and parameters  $k$ ,  $\lambda$ , and  $J$  stand for the Stevens orbital reduction factor of Co(II), the spin-orbit coupling of Co(II), and the superexchange interaction between Co(II) and each radical, respectively.

The optimized parameters for **1**;  $\Delta/k_B = -300$  K,  $\lambda/k_B = -150$  K(fixed),  $k = 0.8$ (fixed), and  $J/k_B = 50.1$  K

The optimized parameters for **2c**;  $\Delta/k_B = -330$  K,  $\lambda/k_B = -150$  K(fixed),  $k = 0.8$ (fixed),

and  $J/k_B = 51.2$  K

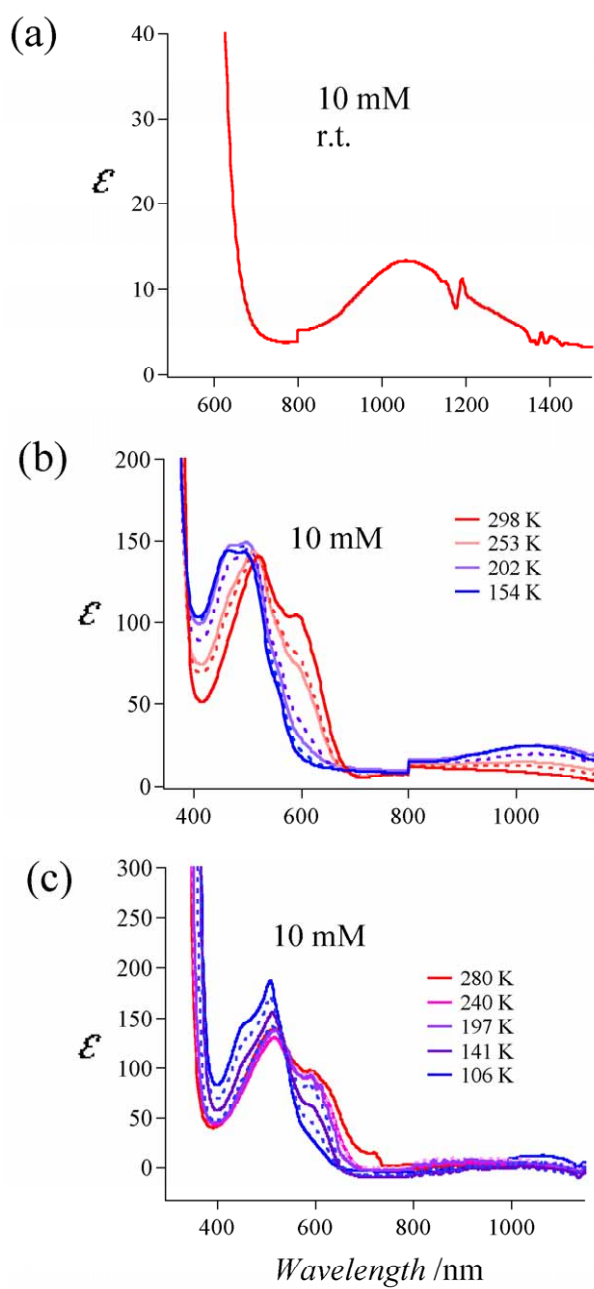


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