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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

Heterodinuclear M<sup>II</sup>-Ln<sup>III</sup> single molecule magnets constructed

from exchange-coupled single ion magnets

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Fig. S1. Crystal structure of complexes 2-4.



**Fig. S2**. Temperature dependence of  $\chi_m T$  per Zn<sup>II</sup>Dy<sup>III</sup> unit for a diluted sample Z ZnDy<sub>0.0885</sub>Y<sub>0.9115</sub> (Dy:Y = 1:10.3 determined by ICP analysis) of complex **1**.



Fig. S3. Field dependence of magnetization for complex 1 at 2.0 K.



Fig. S4. Field dependence of magnetization for complex 2 at 2.0 K. The red line is the best fitting result with g = 2.39, D = 10.3 cm<sup>-1</sup> and  $E = 4 \times 10^{-4}$  cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S5. Field dependence of magnetization for complex 3 at 2.0 K.



Fig. S6. Field dependence of magnetization for complex 4 at 2.0 K. The red line is the best fitting result with g = 1.89 and D = 0.17 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S7. Temperature dependence of in-phase magnetic susceptibility of complex 1 under 2 kOe dc field.



Fig. S8. Temperature dependence of in-phase magnetic susceptibility of complex 2 under 2 kOe dc field.



Fig. S9. Temperature dependence of in-phase magnetic susceptibility of complex 3 under 2 kOe dc field.



**Fig. S10.** Cole-Cole plots in 2 kOe applied dc filed for complexes **1** (top) and **2** (bottom). The solid lines represent the best fit by using the parameters in Tables S1 and S2, respectively.

<i>T</i> (K)	χs	χt	β	α <sub>1</sub>	$ au_1$	α <sub>2</sub>	$\tau_2$
3	8.05E-17	8.82	0.30	0.11	0.048	0.31	0.64
4	6.92E-18	7.53	0.33	0.36	0.91	0.22	0.024

Table S1. Relaxation Fitting Parameters from Least-Squares Fitting of  $\chi(\omega)$  data for Complex 1

Table S2. Relaxation Fitting Parameters from Least-Squares Fitting of  $\chi(\omega)$  data for Complex 2

<i>T</i> (K)	χs	χt	β	$\alpha_1$	$\tau_1$	α <sub>2</sub>	$\tau_2$
2	0.0049	0.95	0.79	0.14	0.0072	0.38	0.40
2.5	2.32E-16	0.77	0.71	0.059	0.0041	0.62	0.034

The corresponding expression of molar magnetic susceptibility for complex 4 is given in Eq. (S1).

$$\hat{H} = -2J_{\text{CoGd}} \hat{S}_{\text{Gd}} \hat{S}_{\text{Co}}$$

$$\chi_{\text{m}} = \frac{N\beta^{2}}{3k(T-\theta)} \cdot \frac{330g_{(5)}^{2} \exp(24x) + 180g_{(4)}^{2} \exp(14x) + 84g_{(3)}^{2} \exp(6x) + 30g_{(2)}^{2}}{11\exp(24x) + 9\exp(14x) + 7\exp(6x) + 5} \quad (S1)$$

$$x = J_{\text{CoGd}} / kT,$$

$$g_{(5)} = \frac{7}{10}g_{\text{Gd}} + \frac{3}{10}g_{\text{Co}},$$

$$g_{(4)} = \frac{8}{10}g_{\text{Gd}} + \frac{2}{10}g_{\text{Co}},$$

$$g_{(3)} = g_{\text{Gd}},$$

$$g_{(2)} = \frac{3}{2}g_{\text{Gd}} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\text{Co}}$$