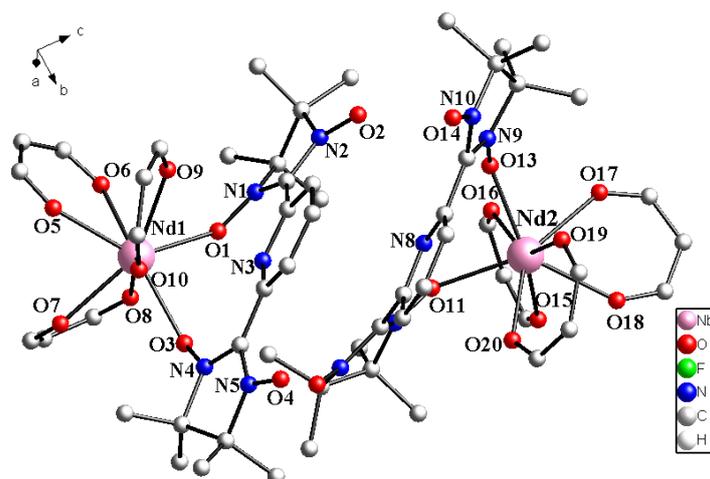


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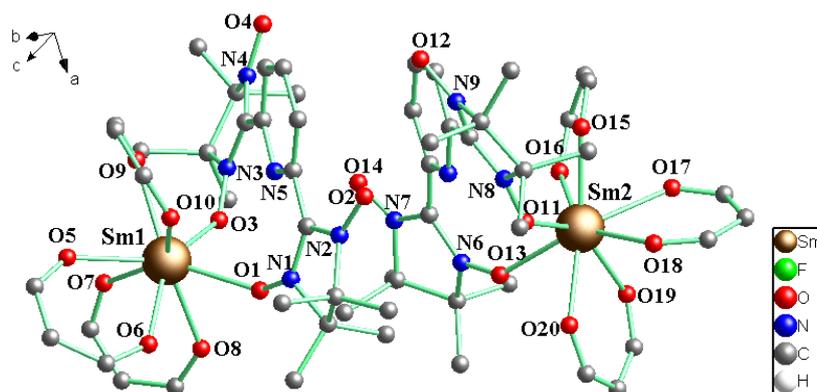
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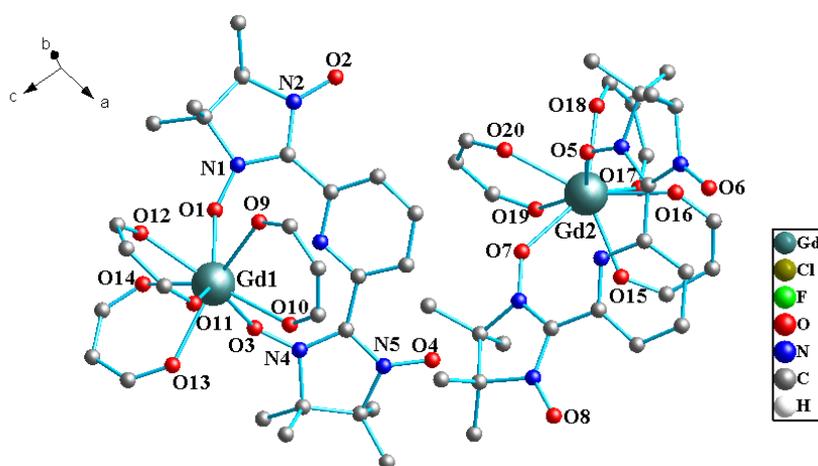
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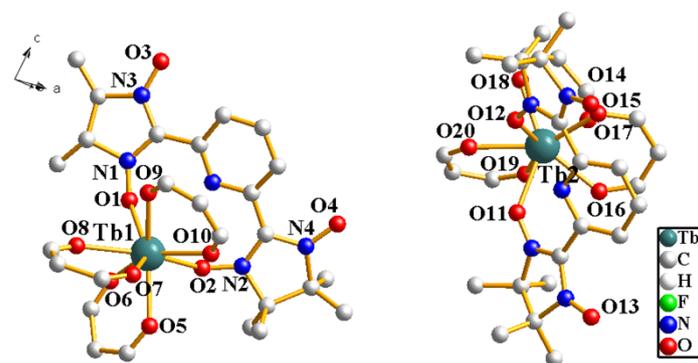
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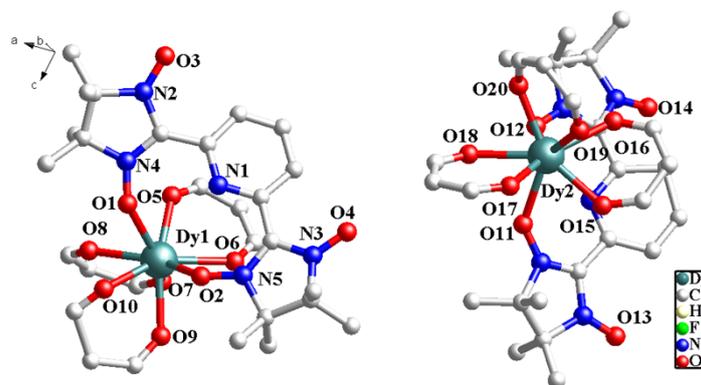
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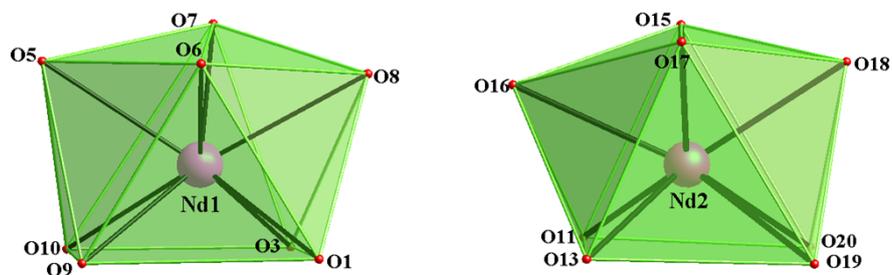
**Fig. S3** Simplified view of the crystal structure of **4**. Fluorine, hydrogen, and some carbon atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Fig. S4** Simplified view of the crystal structure of **5**. Fluorine, hydrogen, and some carbon atoms are omitted for clarity.



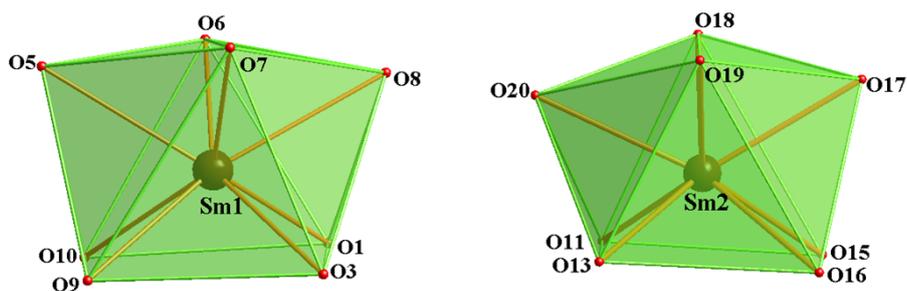
**Fig. S5** Simplified view of the crystal structure of **6**. Fluorine, hydrogen, and some carbon atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Fig. S6** The coordination polyhedral of Nd(III) in complex **2**.

**Table S1.**  $\delta$  ( $^\circ$ ) and  $\varphi$  ( $^\circ$ ) values for complex **2**.

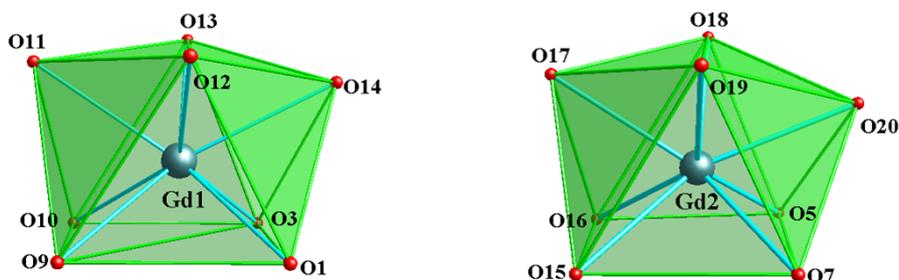
	Nd1		Nd2		DD	TP	SAP
$\delta_1$	O10 [O9 O3] O1 <sup>a</sup>	1.3	O11 [O13 O20] O19 <sup>a</sup>	0.5	29.5	0.0	0.0
$\delta_2$	O5 [O7 O6] O8 <sup>a</sup>	16.6	O16 [O15 O17] O18 <sup>a</sup>	27.1	29.5	21.8	0.0
$\delta_3$	O5 [O9 O6] O1 <sup>a</sup>	47.6	O16 [O13 O17] O19 <sup>a</sup>	53.3	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\delta_4$	O10 [O7O3] O8 <sup>a</sup>	55.6	O11 [O15 O20] O18 <sup>a</sup>	41.8	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\varphi_1$	O6–O3–O5–O10 <sup>b</sup>	24.3	O17–O20–O16–O11 <sup>b</sup>	9.1	0.0	14.1	24.5
$\varphi_2$	O7–O9–O8–O1 <sup>b</sup>	17.1	O15–O13–O18–O19 <sup>b</sup>	22.9	0.0	14.1	24.5



**Fig. S7** The coordination polyhedral of Sm(III) in complex **3**.

**Table S2.**  $\delta$  ( $^\circ$ ) and  $\varphi$  ( $^\circ$ ) values for complex **3**.

	Sm1		Sm2		DD	TP	SAP
$\delta_1$	O10 [O9 O1] O3 <sup>a</sup>	1.2	O11 [O13 O15] O16 <sup>a</sup>	0.2	29.5	0.0	0.0
$\delta_2$	O5 [O6 O7] O8 <sup>a</sup>	17.3	O20 [O18 O19] O17 <sup>a</sup>	27.9	29.5	21.8	0.0
$\delta_3$	O5 [O9 O7] O3 <sup>a</sup>	41.1	O20 [O13 O19] O16 <sup>a</sup>	51.8	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\delta_4$	O10 [O6 O1] O8 <sup>a</sup>	50.2	O11 [O18 O15] O17 <sup>a</sup>	40.3	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\varphi_1$	O7–O1–O5–O10 <sup>b</sup>	22.0	O19–O15–O20–O11 <sup>b</sup>	8.2	0.0	14.1	24.5
$\varphi_2$	O6–O9–O8–O3 <sup>b</sup>	12.5	O18–O13–O17–O16 <sup>b</sup>	20.9	0.0	14.1	24.5



**Fig. S8** The coordination polyhedral of Gd(III) in complex **4**.

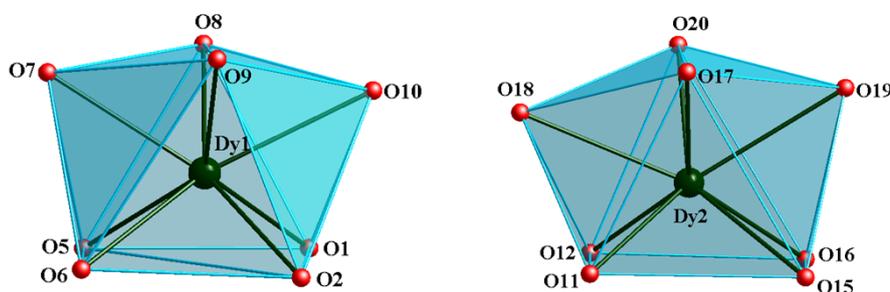
**Table S3.**  $\delta$  ( $^\circ$ ) and  $\varphi$  ( $^\circ$ ) values for complex **4**.

		Gd2		SAP
$\delta_1$		O16 [O15 O5]		0.0
$\delta_2$		O17 [O18 O19]		0.0
$\delta_3$		O17 [O15O19]		52.4
$\delta_4$		O16[O18 O5]		52.4
$\varphi_1$		O19–O5–O17-		24.5
$\varphi_2$		O18–O15–O20		24.5

**Fig. S9** The coordination polyhedral of Tb(III) in complex **5**.

**Table S4.**  $\delta$  ( $^\circ$ ) and  $\varphi$  ( $^\circ$ ) values for complex **5**.

	Tb1		Tb2		DD	TP	SAP
$\delta_1$	O10 [O9 O2] O1 <sup>a</sup>	1.3	O15 [O16 O12] O11 <sup>a</sup>	0.5	29.5	0.0	0.0
$\delta_2$	O7 [O5 O8] O6 <sup>a</sup>	21.1	O17 [O18 O19] O20 <sup>a</sup>	29.2	29.5	21.8	0.0
$\delta_3$	O7 [O9 O8] O1 <sup>a</sup>	47.3	O17 [O16 O19] O11 <sup>a</sup>	41.4	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\delta_4$	O10 [O5 O2] O6 <sup>a</sup>	53.4	O15[O18 O12] O20 <sup>a</sup>	51.7	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\varphi_1$	O8–O2–O7–O10 <sup>b</sup>	23.6	O19–O12–O17–O15 <sup>b</sup>	21.5	0.0	14.1	24.5
$\varphi_2$	O5–O9–O6–O1 <sup>b</sup>	15.4	O18–O16–O20–O11 <sup>b</sup>	7.9	0.0	14.1	24.5



**Fig. S10** The coordination polyhedral of Dy(III) in complex **6**.

**Table S5.**  $\delta$  ( $^\circ$ ) and  $\varphi$  ( $^\circ$ ) values for complex **6**

	Dy1		Dy2		DD	TP	SAP
$\delta_1$	O5 [O6 O1] O2 <sup>a</sup>	1.886	O12 [O11 O16] O15 <sup>a</sup>	0.0793	29.5	0.0	0.0
$\delta_2$	O7 [O8 O9] O10 <sup>a</sup>	20.848	O18 [O20 O17] O19 <sup>a</sup>	29.244	29.5	21.8	0.0
$\delta_3$	O7 [O6 O9] O2 <sup>a</sup>	40.649	O18 [O11 O17] O15 <sup>a</sup>	50.778	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\delta_4$	O5 [O8 O1] O10 <sup>a</sup>	48.670	O12 [O20 O16] O19 <sup>a</sup>	40.056	29.5	48.2	52.4
$\varphi_1$	O9–O1–O7–O5 <sup>b</sup>	19.350	O17–O16–O18–O12 <sup>b</sup>	8.453	0.0	14.1	24.5
$\varphi_2$	O8–O6–O10–O2 <sup>b</sup>	12.465	O20–O11–O19–O15 <sup>b</sup>	19.46	0.0	14.1	24.5

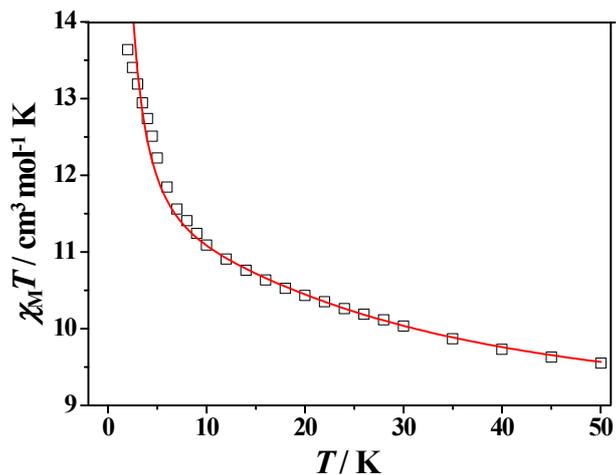


Fig. S11  $\chi_M T$  vs.  $T$  ( $\square$ ) plots for complex 4 at the temperature of 0-50 K.

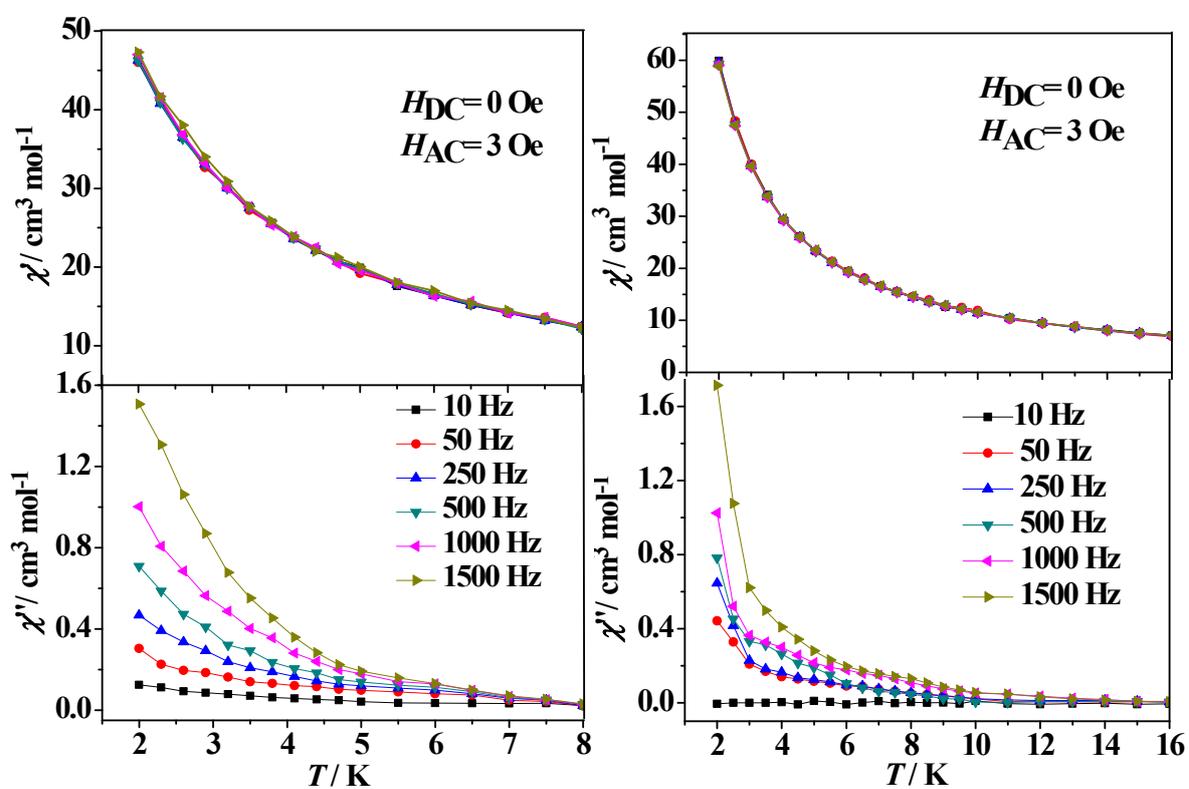


Fig. S12 Temperature dependence of the in-phase(top) and out-of-phase(bottom) components of the AC magnetic susceptibility for complex 5(left) and 6(right) in a 0 Oe DC field with an oscillation of 3 Oe.

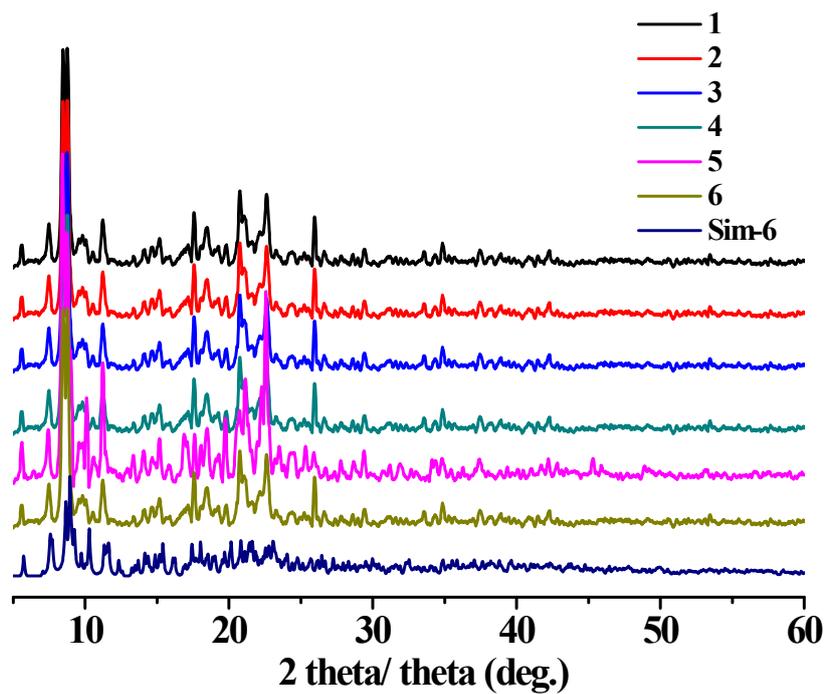


Fig. S13 Powder X-ray diffractions of 1-6.