

Supporting Information for

**Exchange Coupling and Magnetic Blocking in  
Dilanthanide Complexes Bridged by the Multi-Electron  
Redox-Active Ligand 2,3,5,6-Tetra(2-pyridyl)pyrazine**

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**Table S1.** Redox potentials<sup>a</sup> observed in THF (0.1 M NBu<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>) for complexes **1-3**.

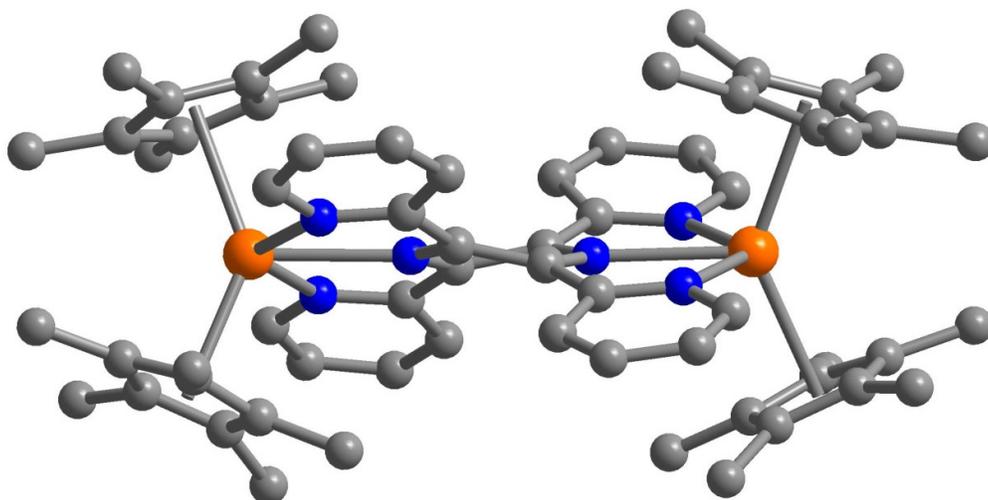
complex	$E^{1/2}(\text{red1})$	$E^{1/2}(\text{red2})$	$E^{1/2}(\text{red3})$	$E^{1/2}(\text{red4})$
<b>1</b>	-0.64	-1.37	-2.21	-2.88
<b>2</b>	-0.68	-1.40	-2.26	-2.94
<b>3</b>	-0.64	-1.36	-2.22	-2.90

<sup>a</sup> Potentials in V; referenced to internal ferrocene (Fc);  $v = 50$  mV/s.

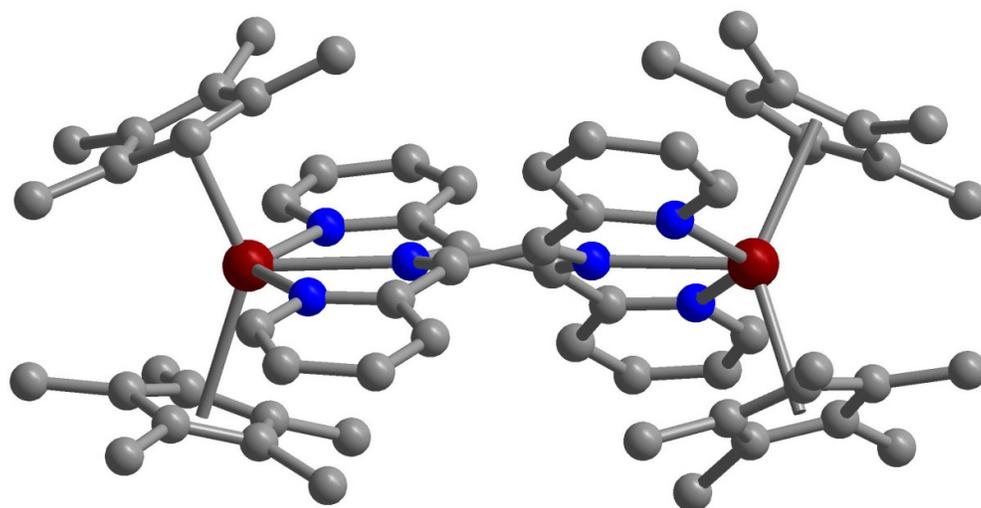
**Table S2.** Crystallographic Data.

Compound	1·4THF	2·3THF	3·3THF	6·7THF
Formula	C104 H128 B Gd2 N6 O4	C100 H120 B N6 O3 Tb2	C100 H120 B Dy2 N6 O3	C110 H160 Dy2 K N8 O13
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P-1</i>	<i>P-1</i>	<i>P-1</i>	<i>Cc</i>
<i>a</i> , Å	16.4717(6)	16.0950(7)	16.083(5)	22.168(3)
<i>b</i> , Å	17.8945(7)	17.7564(9)	17.739(5)	25.230(3)
<i>c</i> , Å	18.2112(7)	18.5863(9)	18.562(5)	20.706(2)
$\alpha$ , °	115.277(2)	115.256(2)	115.198(5)	90
$\beta$ , °	98.616(2)	105.236(2)	105.294(5)	111.311(2)
$\gamma$ , °	102.884(2)	103.493(2)	103.514(5)	90
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	4545.2(3)	4256.5(4)	4243(2)	10789(2)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2	4
$\rho$ , Mg m <sup>-3</sup>	1.353	1.391	1.401	1.334
R1 <sup>a</sup> , wR2 <sup>b</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0423, 0.0745	0.0327, 0.0727	0.0303, 0.0688	0.0511, 0.1190
R1 <sup>a</sup> , wR2 <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0757, 0.0850	0.0361, 0.0738	0.0389, 0.0726	0.0753, 0.1351

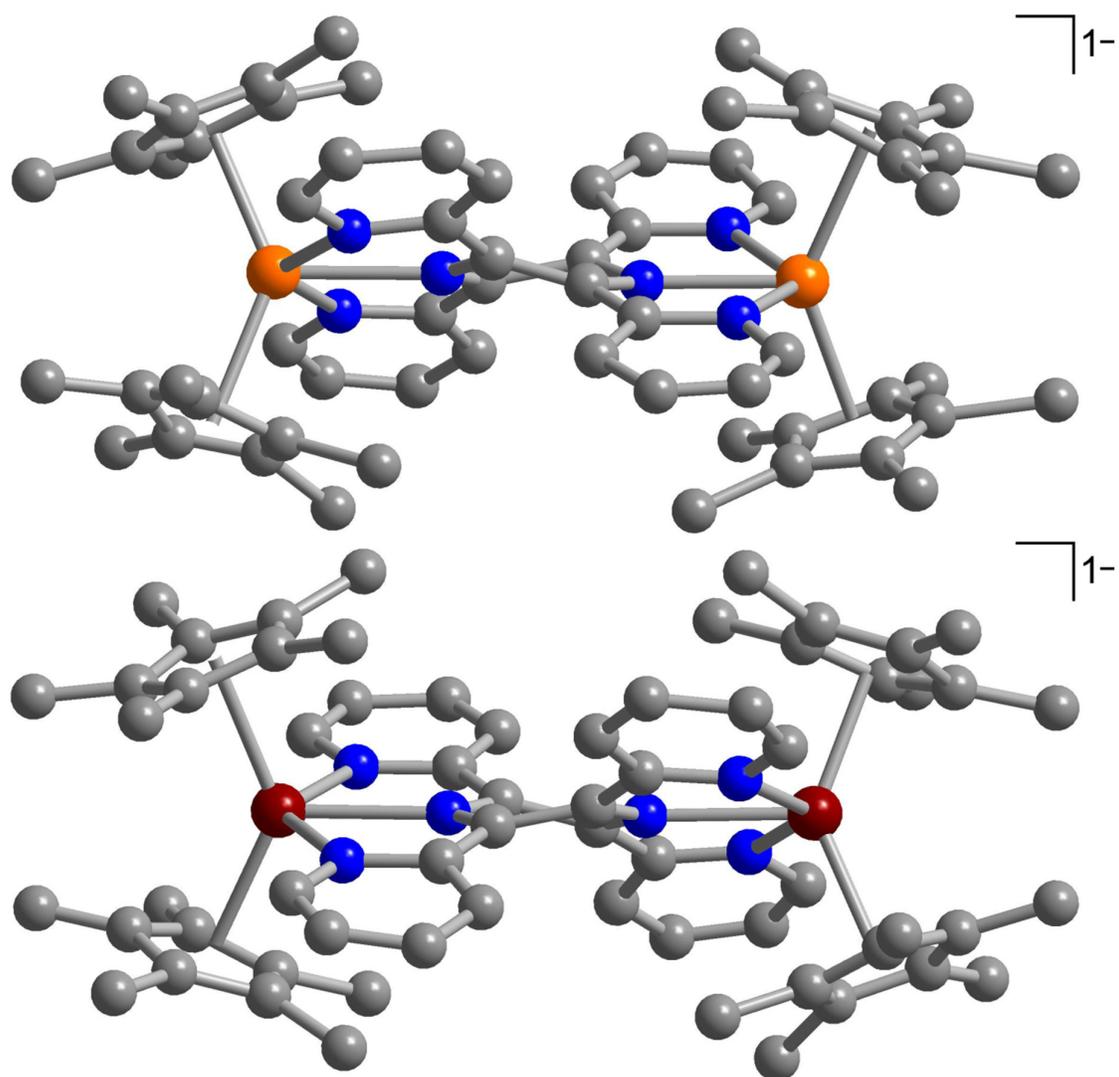
<sup>a</sup>R1 =  $3||F_o| - |F_c||/3|F_o|$ . <sup>b</sup>wR2 =  $[3[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]/3[w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2}$ ,  $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)^2 + bP$ , where  $P = [\max(0 \text{ or } F_o^2) + 2(F_c^2)]/3$ .



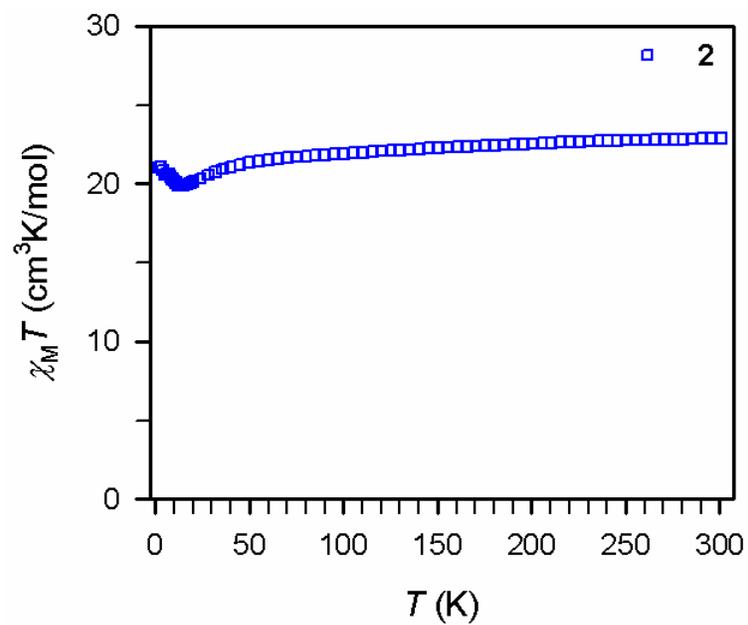
**Figure S1.** Structure of the  $\text{tppz}^{\cdot-}$  radical-bridged cation in complex **1**. Orange, blue and gray spheres represent Gd, N and C atoms, respectively; H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



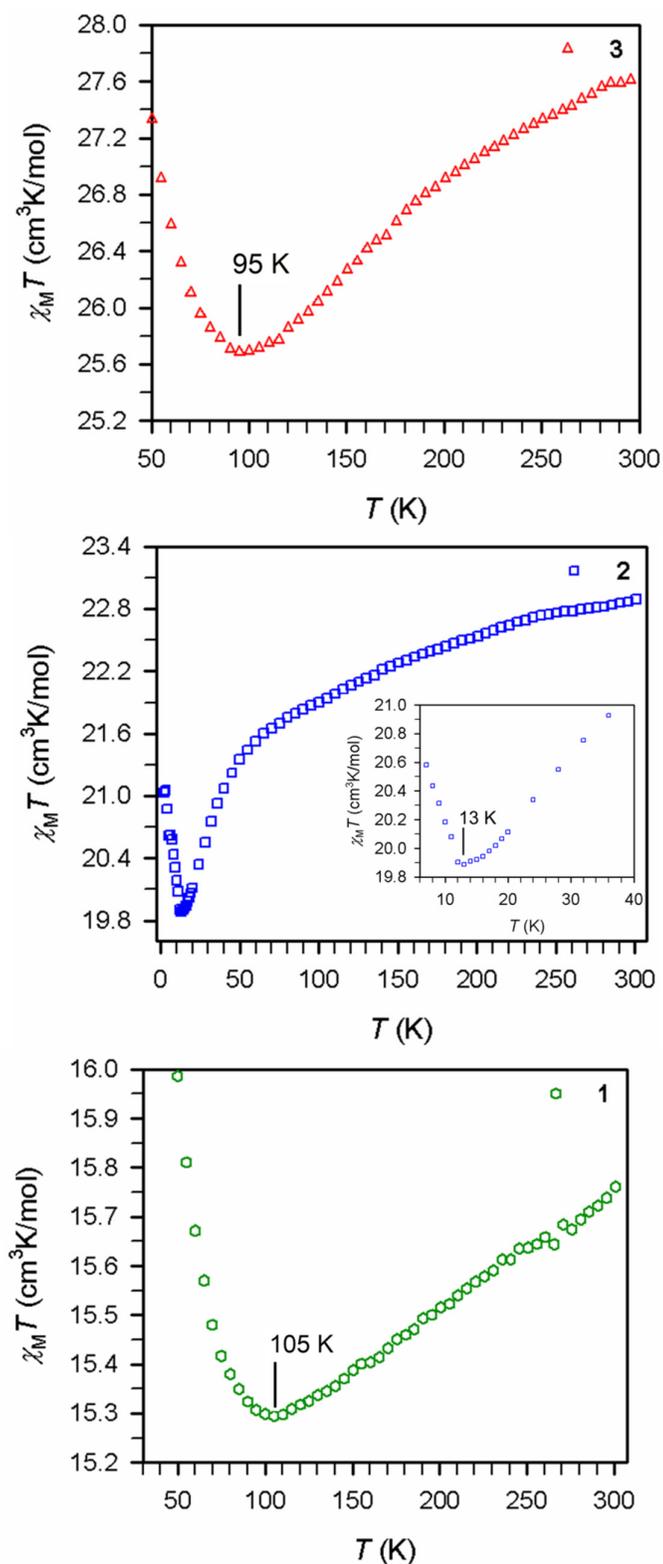
**Figure S2.** Structure of the  $\text{tppz}^{\cdot-}$  radical-bridged cation in complex **2**. Red, blue and gray spheres represent Tb, N and C atoms, respectively; Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.



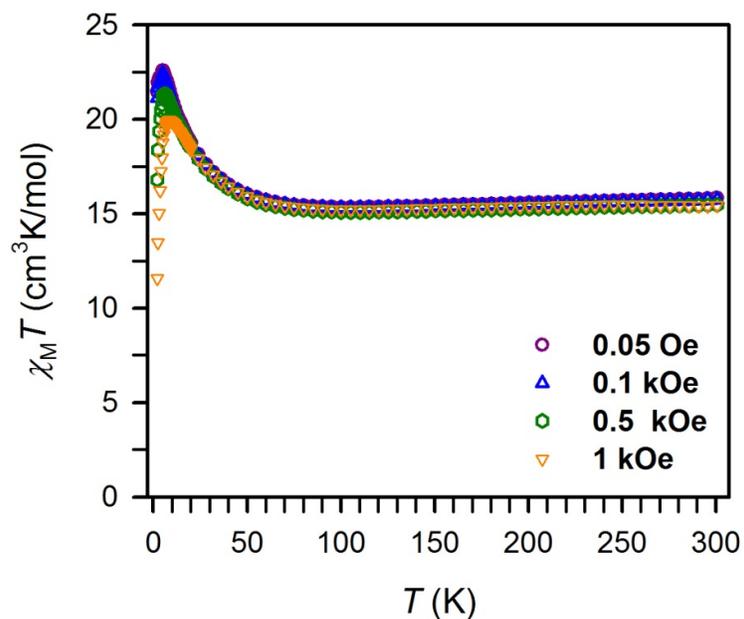
**Figure S3.** Top: Structure of the dinuclear monoanionic fragment in the crystal structure of **4**, showing unaltered intramolecular connectivity upon two  $e^-$  reduction of the monocation in **1**. Orange, blue and gray spheres represent Gd, N and C atoms, respectively; H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Bottom: Structure of the dinuclear monoanionic fragment in the crystal structure of **5**. Red, blue and gray spheres represent Tb, N and C atoms, respectively; H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



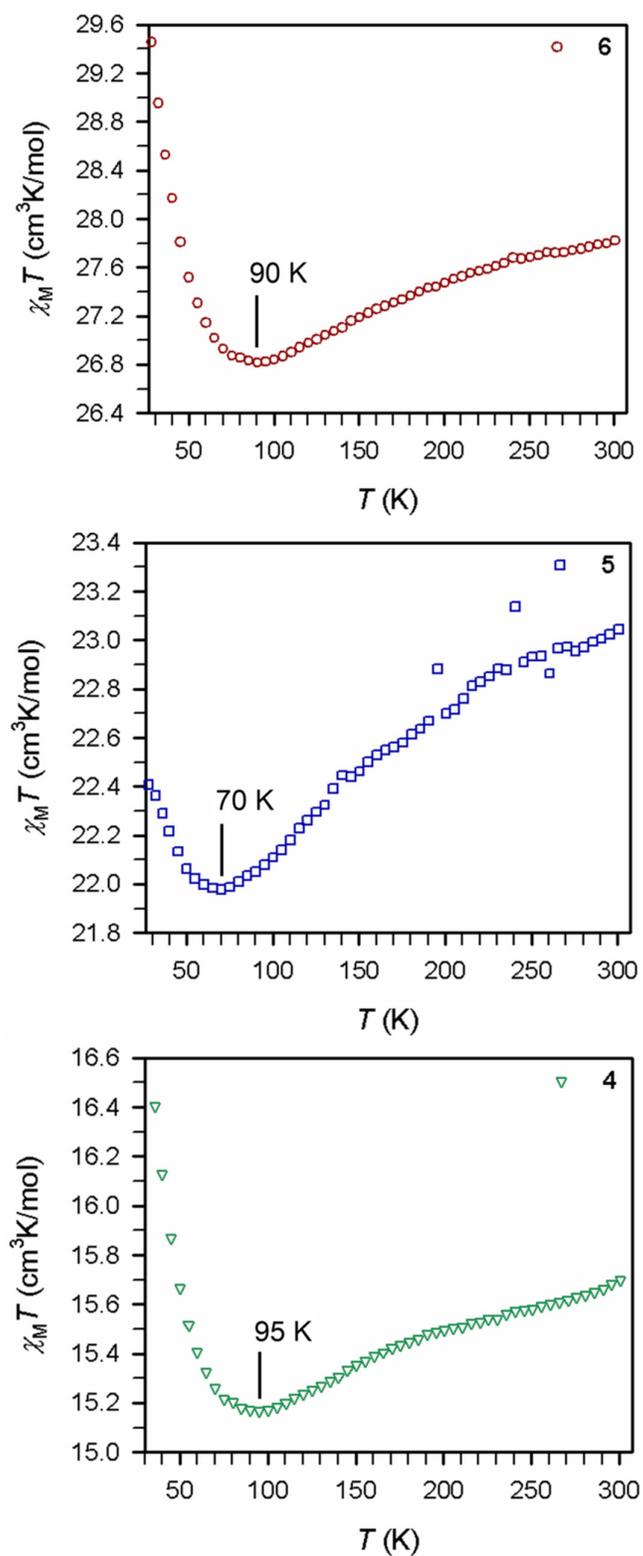
**Figure S4.** Variable-temperature dc magnetic susceptibility data for restrained polycrystalline samples of **2** collected under a 1 kOe applied dc field.



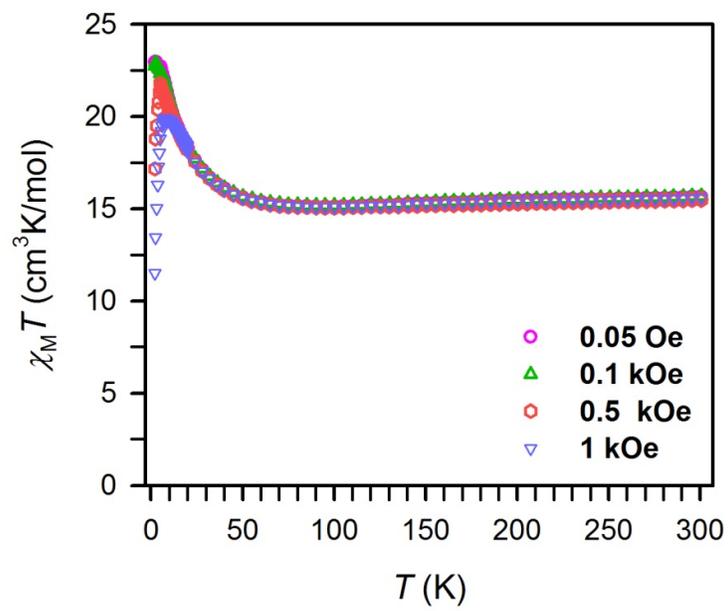
**Figure S5.** Variable temperature dc susceptibility data for **1** (bottom), **2** (middle), and **3** (top), zoomed in to emphasize the minima in  $\chi_M T$  at high- $T$  for each complex. Y-axis values were arbitrarily chosen for each complex in order to provide the best view of the minima for each data set.



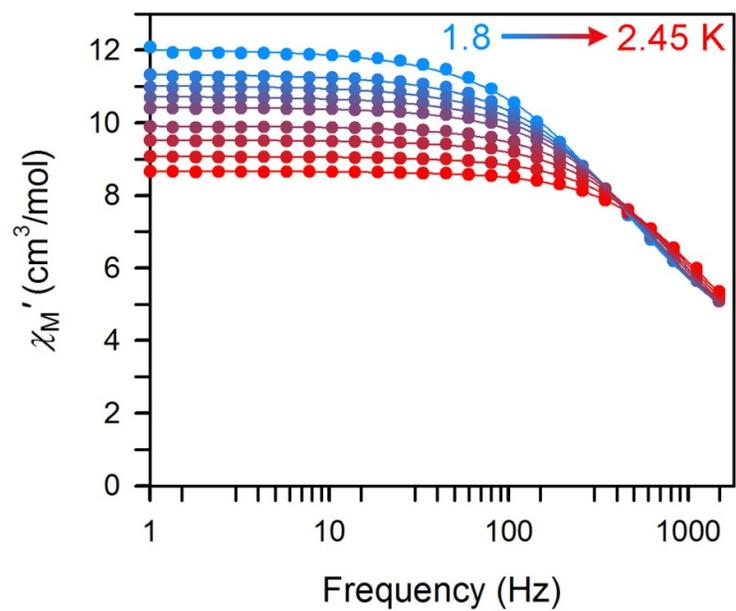
**Figure S6.** Variable temperature dc susceptibility data of polycrystalline **1** collected under 0.05 kOe (purple circles), 0.1 kOe (blue triangles), 0.5 kOe (green hexagons), 1 kOe (orange triangles) applied dc field.



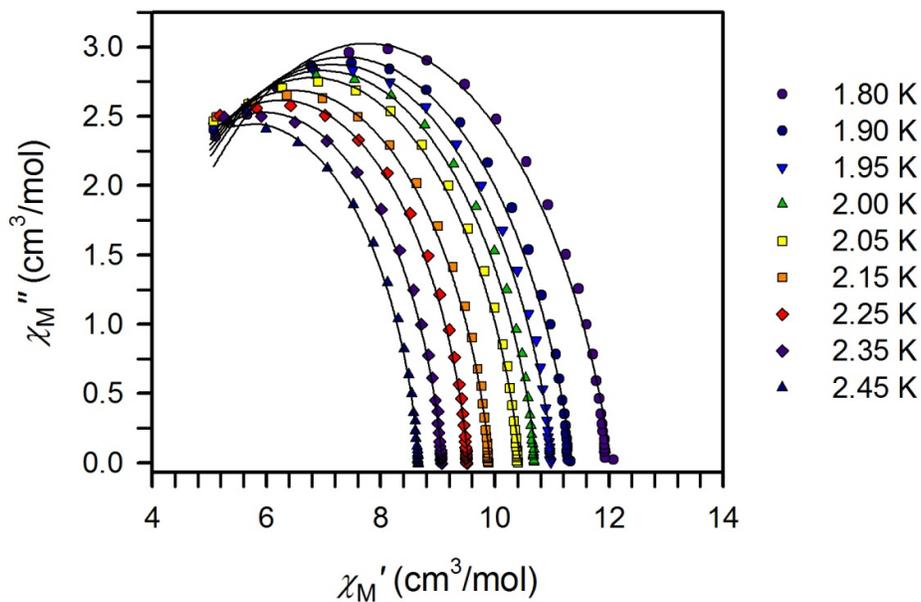
**Figure S7.** Variable temperature dc susceptibility data for **4** (bottom), **5** (middle), and **6** (top), zoomed in to emphasize the minima in  $\chi_M T$  at high- $T$  for each complex. Y-axis values were arbitrarily chosen for each complex in order to provide the best view of the minima for each data set.



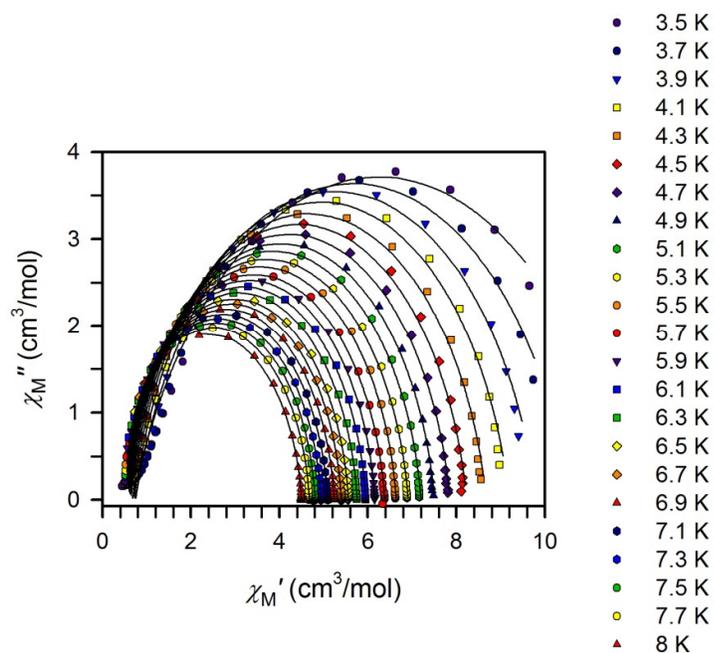
**Figure S8.** Variable temperature dc susceptibility data of polycrystalline **4** collected under 0.05 kOe (pink circles), 0.1 kOe (green triangles), 0.5 kOe (red hexagons), 1 kOe (blue triangles) applied dc field.



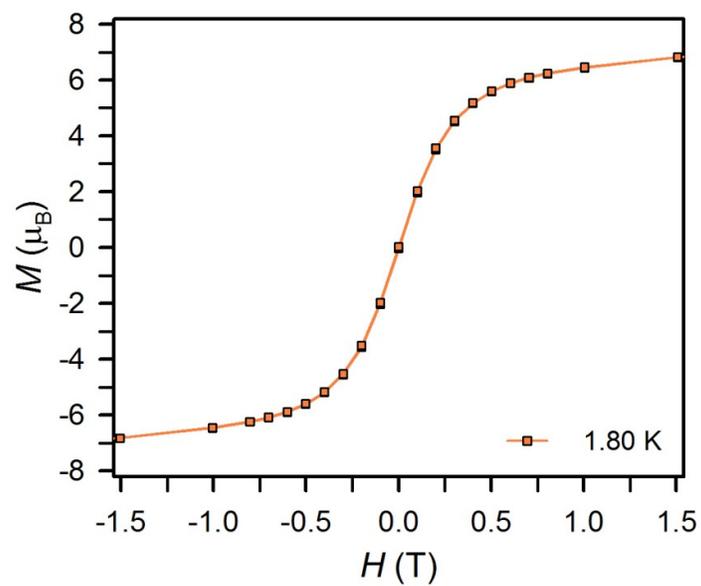
**Figure S9.** In-phase ( $\chi_M'$ , top) components of the ac magnetic susceptibility for **2** under zero applied dc field from 1.8 K (blue circles) to 2.45 K (red circles). Solid lines represent a fit to the data.



**Figure S10.** Cole-Cole (Argand) plots for ac susceptibility collected under zero applied dc field for **2**. Symbols represent the experimental data points and the points representing the fits are connected by solid black lines.



**Figure S11.** Cole-Cole (Argand) plots for ac susceptibility collected under zero applied dc field for **3**. Symbols represent the experimental data points and the points representing the fits are connected by black solid lines.



**Figure S12.** Variable field magnetization ( $M$ ) data for **2** collected at 1.8 K at an average sweep rate of  $0.004 \text{ T s}^{-1}$ .