

## Supporting Information

### Enhancing the Magnetic Anisotropy in Low Symmetric Dy-based Complexes by Tuning the Bond Length

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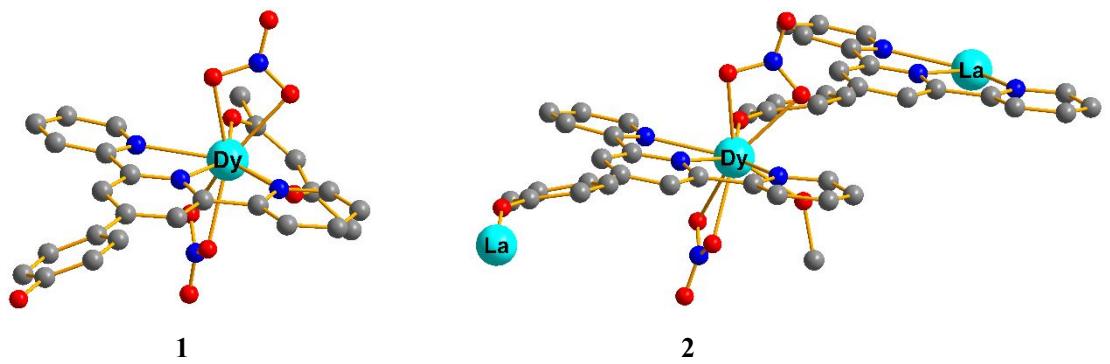
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**Table S1.** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Angles (deg) for **1–2<sup>a</sup>**.

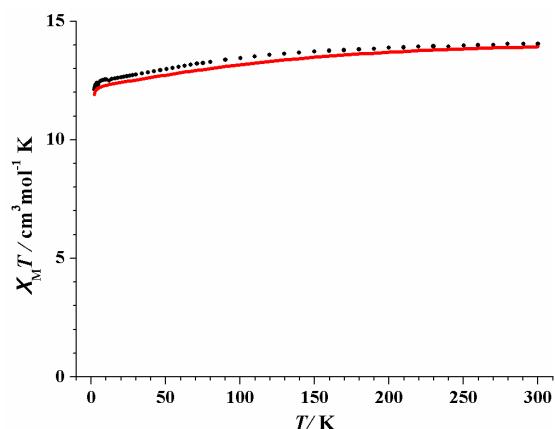
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Dy(1)–O(7)	2.257(6)	2.149(17)
Dy(1)–O(8)	2.281(6)	2.383(19)
Dy(1)–O(1)	2.422(7)	2.47(2)
Dy(1)–O(4)	2.467(7)	2.475(19)
Dy(1)–O(2)	2.492(7)	2.536(17)
Dy(1)–O(5)	2.529(7)	2.549(18)
Dy(1)–N(1)	2.491(8)	2.539(18)
Dy(1)–N(2)	2.533(7)	2.545(17)
Dy(1)–N(3)	2.496(8)	2.524(19)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(2)	51.8(2)	50.7(6)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(4)	148.4(2)	143.7(6)
O(1)–Dy(1)–O(5)	136.5(2)	146.3(6)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(1)	73.0(3)	85.0(7)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(2)	78.8(2)	72.6(5)
O(1)–Dy(1)–N(3)	95.6(3)	76.7(6)
O(2)–Dy(1)–O(5)	145.6(2)	147.4(7)
O(2)–Dy(1)–N(2)	108.1(2)	108.2(6)

O(2)–Dy(1)–N(3)	72.0(2)	124.5(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(2)	146.5(2)	141.9(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–O(5)	50.7(2)	50.3(7)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(1)	86.7(2)	76.6(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(2)	70.6(2)	71.3(6)
O(4)–Dy(1)–N(3)	78.2(2)	90.4(6)
O(5)–Dy(1)–N(2)	106.2(2)	104.4(6)
O(8)–Dy(1)–O(1)	82.7(2)	130.0(6)
O(8)–Dy(1)–O(2)	78.4(2)	79.4(6)
O(8)–Dy(1)–O(4)	120.7(2)	76.9(6)
O(8)–Dy(1)–O(5)	71.6(2)	76.3(6)
O(8)–Dy(1)–N(1)	86.5(2)	78.8(6)
O(8)–Dy(1)–N(2)	149.0(2)	135.6(6)
O(8)–Dy(1)–N(3)	143.0(2)	147.1(6)
N(1)–Dy(1)–O(2)	123.9(3)	69.9(6)
N(1)–Dy(1)–O(5)	71.0(2)	125.0(7)
N(1)–Dy(1)–N(2)	64.5(2)	64.4(6)
N(1)–Dy(1)–N(3)	128.5(2)	128.0(6)
N(3)–Dy(1)–O(5)	126.1(2)	72.3(6)
N(3)–Dy(1)–N(2)	64.1(2)	63.8(6)
O(7)–Dy(1)–O(8)	76.5(2)	–
O(7)–Dy(1)–N(1)	145.8(3)	–
O(7)–Dy(1)–N(2)	133.8(2)	–
O(7)–Dy(1)–N(3)	77.7(2)	–
O(7)–Dy(1)–O(5)	75.5(2)	–
O(7)–Dy(1)–O(1)	132.2(2)	–
O(7)–Dy(1)–O(2)	81.8(2)	–
O(7)–Dy(1)–O(4)	77.2(2)	–
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(1)–O(8)	–	83.7(7)
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(1)–N(1)	–	144.7(6)
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(1)–N(2)	–	140.7(6)
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(1)–N(3)	–	81.0(6)
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(1)–O(5)	–	79.1(7)
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(1)–O(1)	–	83.2(7)
O(7) <sup>#1</sup> –Dy(1)–O(2)	–	76.9(6)
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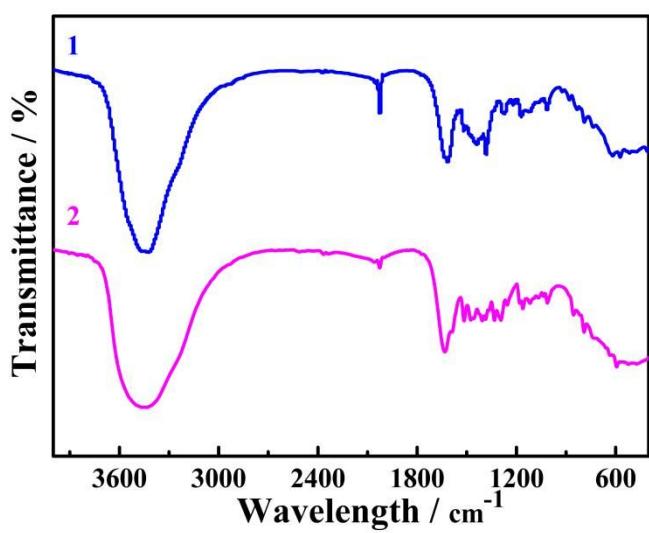
<sup>a</sup> Symmetry codes for **2**: <sup>#1</sup>  $x, y, z - 1$ .



**Figure S1.** Calculated structures of complexes **1** and **2**; H atoms are omitted.



**Figure S2.** Calculated (red solid line) and experimental (circle dot) data of magnetic susceptibility of complex **2**. The intermolecular interaction  $zJ'$  of **2** was fitted to  $0.01\text{cm}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S3.** FT-IR spectra for **1–2**.

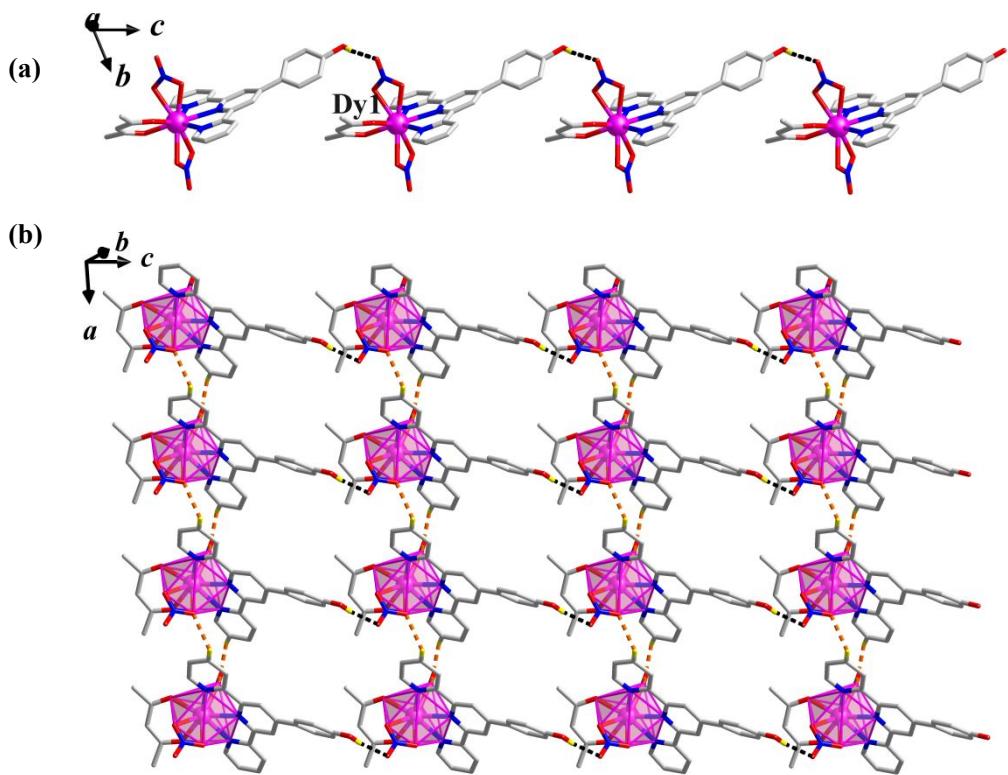
**Table S2.** Calculation of the Agreement Between the Coordination Polyhedron of Dy<sup>III</sup> in **1** and **2** with Various Ideal Polyhedra Using the SHAPE Program.\*

Ideal polyhedron geometry	MFF-9 ( $C_s$ )	CSAPR-9 ( $C_{4v}$ )	JCSAPR-9 ( $C_{4v}$ )	TCTPR-9 ( $D_{3h}$ )
Agreement factor for Dy <sup>III</sup> in <b>1</b>	1.764	2.150	2.809	2.931
Agreement factor for Dy <sup>III</sup> in <b>2</b>	1.613	1.838	2.693	2.412

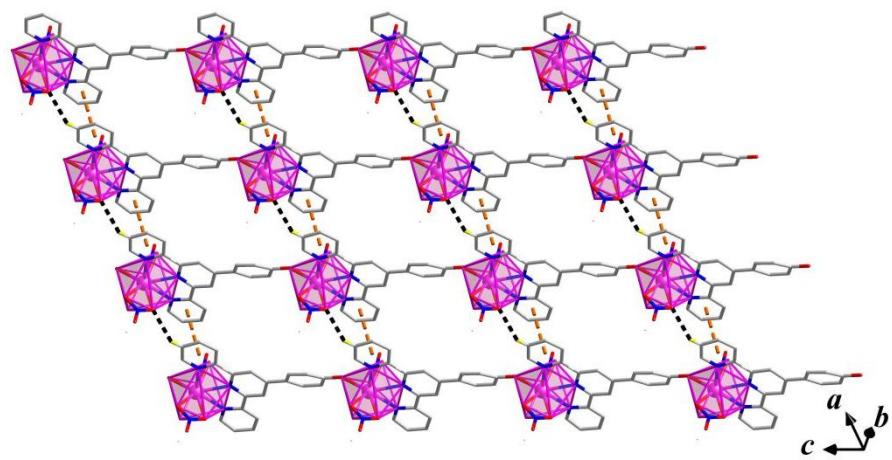
\* MFF = Muffin; CSAPR = Spherical capped square antiprism; JCSAPR = Capped square antiprism J10; TCTPR = Spherical tricapped trigonal prism.

**Table S3.** Hydrogen-Bonding Parameters (Å, deg) for **1**.

D–H···A	<i>d</i> (D–H)	<i>d</i> (H···A)	<i>d</i> (D···A)	$\angle$ DHA
O9—H9···O6	0.82	2.03	2.8376(3)	167
C3—H3···O4	0.93	2.45	3.2066(3)	128



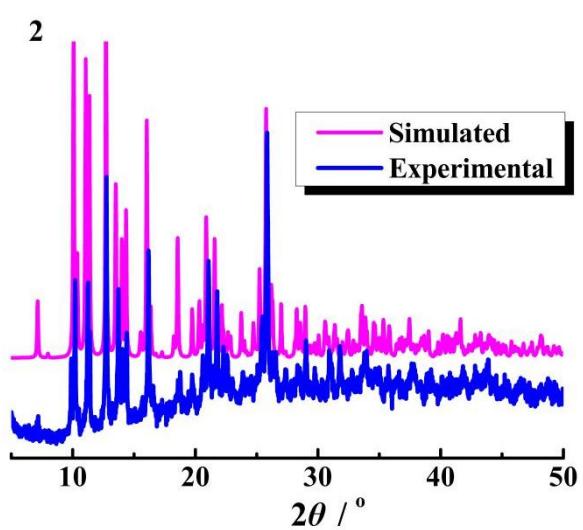
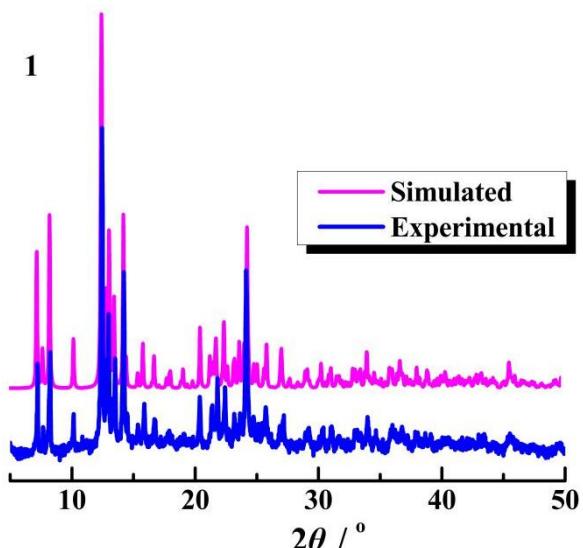
**Figure S4.** 1D supramolecular chain (a) and 2D sheet (b) of **1** extended by different hydrogen-bondings.



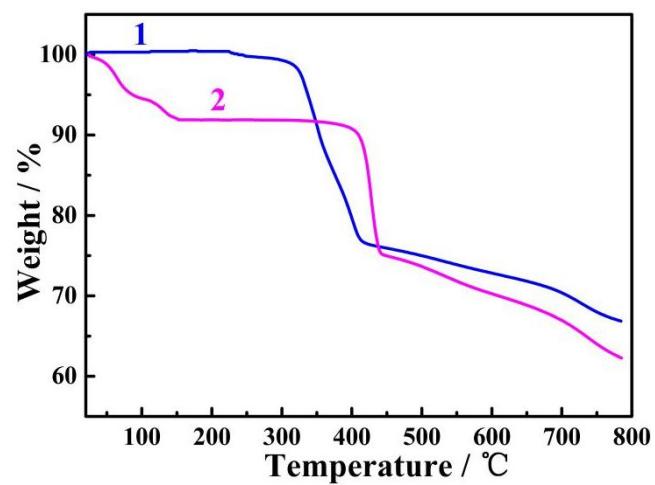
**Figure S5.** 2D supramolecular sheet of **2** expanded by hydrogen-bonding and  $\pi\cdots\pi$  stacking interactions.

**Table S4.** Hydrogen-Bonding Parameters (Å, deg) for **2**.

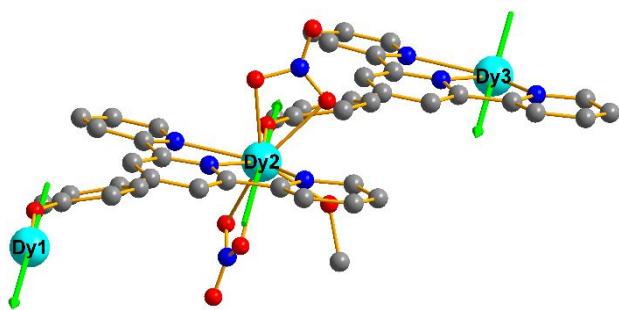
D–H···A	<i>d</i> (D–H)	<i>d</i> (H···A)	<i>d</i> (D···A)	$\angle$ DHA
C14—H14···O1	0.93	2.58	3.3887(13)	145



**Figure. S6** Simulated and experimental PXRD patterns for **1–2**.



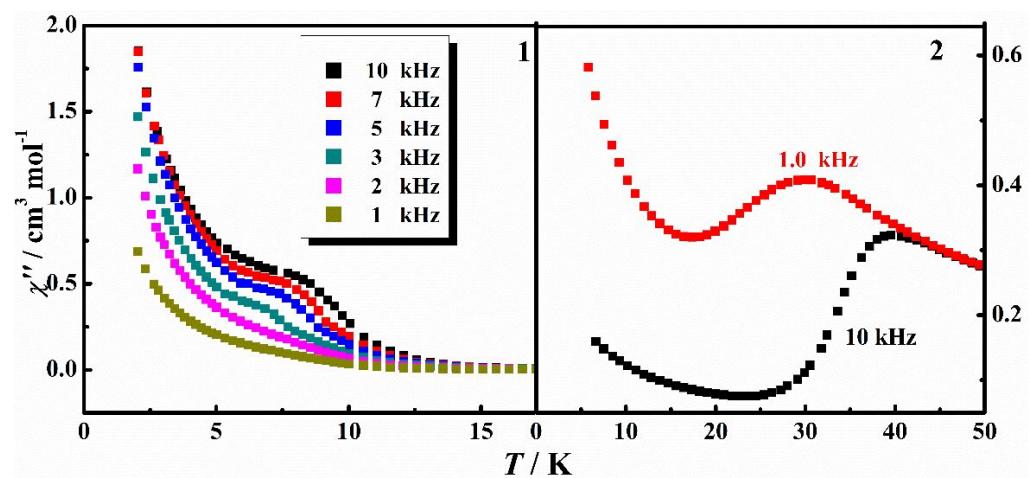
**Figure. S7** TG curves for **1** and **2**.



**Figure S8.** Calculated orientations of the local main magnetic axes of the ground Kramers doublet on neighboring Dy<sup>III</sup> ions of complex **2**.

**Table S5.** Fitted Exchange Coupling Constant  $J_{\text{exch}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), the Calculated Dipole-Dipole Interaction  $J_{\text{dip}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and the Total  $J_{\text{total}}$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) Between Dy<sup>III</sup> Ions in **2**. The Intermolecular Interaction  $zJ'$  of **2** was Fitted to 0.01  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

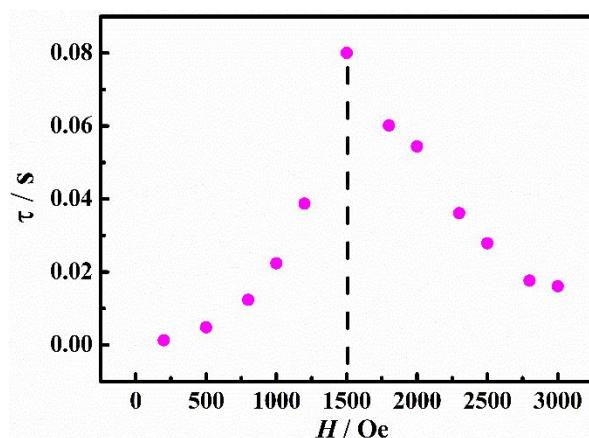
<b>2</b>	$J_{\text{dip}}$	$J_{\text{exch}}$	$J_{\text{total}}$
	0.11	-0.75	-0.64



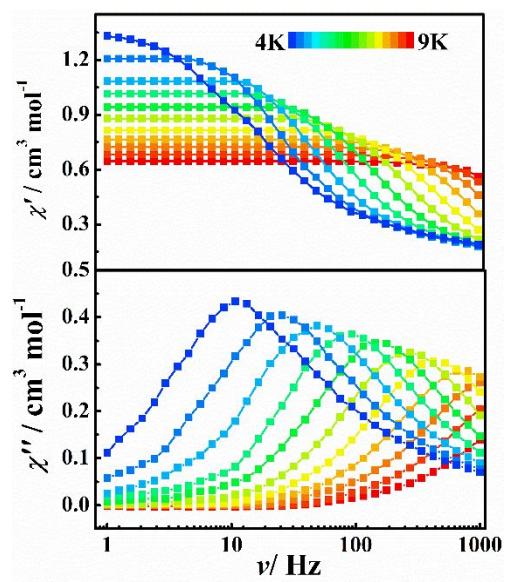
**Figure S9.** Temperature dependence of the out-of-phase ac susceptibilities for **1** (1.0 to 10 kHz) and **2** (1.0 kHz and 10.0 kHz) measured under 3.5 *ac* field with a zero *dc* field.

**Table S6.** Fitting Results for the Cole–Cole Plots of **1** to the Generalized Debye Model Under Zero Field.

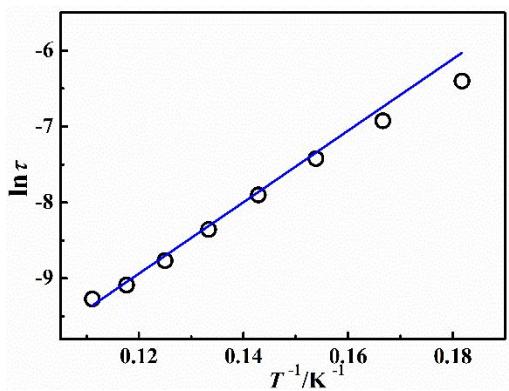
T/ K	$\chi_s / \text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\chi_T / \text{cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1}$	$\tau / \text{s}$	$\alpha$
2	6.53271	1.78182	$2.27 \times 10^{-5}$	0.11622
2.5	5.23252	1.44205	$2.14 \times 10^{-5}$	0.11356
3	4.3648	1.22732	$2.05 \times 10^{-5}$	0.11164
3.5	3.7435	1.08054	$1.96 \times 10^{-5}$	0.10996
4	3.27856	0.97596	$1.87 \times 10^{-5}$	0.10847
4.5	2.91658	0.89052	$1.77 \times 10^{-5}$	0.10699
5	2.62809	0.82787	$1.70 \times 10^{-5}$	0.10413
5.5	2.39282	0.77232	$1.62 \times 10^{-5}$	0.10218
6	2.19612	0.72051	$1.55 \times 10^{-5}$	0.09978
6.5	2.02978	0.68047	$1.48 \times 10^{-5}$	0.09473
7	1.88696	0.64526	$1.40 \times 10^{-5}$	0.08806
7.5	1.76447	0.61063	$1.31 \times 10^{-5}$	0.08162
8	1.65683	0.57609	$1.18 \times 10^{-5}$	0.07306
8.25	1.60789	0.56004	$1.11 \times 10^{-5}$	0.06847
8.5	1.56241	0.54159	$1.04 \times 10^{-5}$	0.06433
8.75	1.52156	0.52168	$9.49 \times 10^{-6}$	0.0627
9	1.48674	0.50323	$8.61 \times 10^{-6}$	0.06451



**Figure S10.** The dc field-dependence of the relaxation time for **2** at 2.0 K.



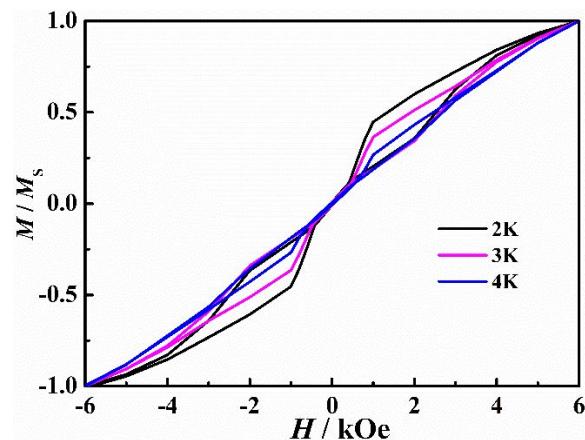
**Figure S11.** Frequency dependence of ac susceptibility measured under 1.5 kOe external field for complex 2.



**Figure S12.** The plot of  $\ln \tau$  vs  $1/T$  for **1** under 1.5 kOe dc field (the solid lines represent the best fits to Arrhenius law).

**Table S7.** Fitting Results for the Cole–Cole Plots of **2** to the Generalized Debye Model Under Zero Field.

T/ K	$\chi_S$ /cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\chi_T$ /cm <sup>3</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\tau$ / s	$\alpha$
6	2.23841	0.07958	$5.98 \times 10^{-4}$	0.2323
7	1.91174	0.07326	$5.45 \times 10^{-4}$	0.22958
8	1.66865	0.06809	$5.04 \times 10^{-4}$	0.22688
9	1.47882	0.06373	$4.71 \times 10^{-4}$	0.22352
10.0	1.41036	0.08367	$4.19 \times 10^{-4}$	0.21995
11.0	1.2815	0.07919	$3.97 \times 10^{-4}$	0.2149
12.0	1.17098	0.07636	$3.73 \times 10^{-4}$	0.20588
14.0	0.99785	0.07186	$3.26 \times 10^{-4}$	0.18437
16.0	0.86561	0.06818	$2.77 \times 10^{-4}$	0.15884
18.0	0.76142	0.0648	$2.29 \times 10^{-4}$	0.13181
20.0	0.68262	0.06228	$1.87 \times 10^{-4}$	0.11052
22.0	0.61614	0.05794	$1.49 \times 10^{-4}$	0.09247
24.0	0.5626	0.05383	$1.16 \times 10^{-4}$	0.08042
26.0	0.5184	0.05082	$8.76 \times 10^{-5}$	0.07411
28.0	0.48142	0.05024	$6.41 \times 10^{-5}$	0.06887
30.0	0.44868	0.05141	$4.41 \times 10^{-5}$	0.06212
32.0	0.42149	0.05259	$2.80 \times 10^{-5}$	0.06325
34.0	0.39586	0.06082	$1.68 \times 10^{-5}$	0.05877
36.0	0.37398	0.08064	$1.01 \times 10^{-5}$	0.05086
38.0	0.35501	0.1048	$6.13 \times 10^{-6}$	0.04686
40.0	0.33785	0.13468	$3.91 \times 10^{-6}$	0.04432



**Figure S13.** Magnetic hysteresis loops of **2** measured at a sweep rate of  $200 \text{ Oe s}^{-1}$ .

**Table S8.** Calculated Energy Levels ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ),  $\mathbf{g}$  ( $g_x$ ,  $g_y$ ,  $g_z$ ) Tensors and  $m_J$  Values of the Lowest Kramers Doublets (KDs) of Individual Dy<sup>III</sup> Fragments of Complexes **1** and **2**.

KDs	1				2			
	$E/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\mathbf{g}$		$m_J$	$E/\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\mathbf{g}$		$m_J$
1	0.0	$g_x$	0.071	$\pm 15/2$	0.0	$g_x$	0.004	$\pm 15/2$
		$g_y$	0.125			$g_y$	0.006	
		$g_z$	19.494			$g_z$	19.785	
2	55.3	$g_x$	0.537	$\pm 13/2$	254.5	$g_x$	0.070	$\pm 13/2$
		$g_y$	0.733			$g_y$	0.118	
		$g_z$	17.644			$g_z$	16.733	
3	127.9	$g_x$	1.922	$\pm 11/2$	379.3	$g_x$	0.501	$\pm 11/2$
		$g_y$	3.477			$g_y$	0.721	
		$g_z$	12.463			$g_z$	13.864	
4	189.3	$g_x$	1.398	$\pm 7/2$	436.0	$g_x$	0.489	$\pm 9/2$
		$g_y$	4.427			$g_y$	1.805	
		$g_z$	11.337			$g_z$	10.558	
5	256.1	$g_x$	7.493	$\pm 9/2$	491.4	$g_x$	8.101	$\pm 7/2$
		$g_y$	5.602			$g_y$	5.924	
		$g_z$	1.126			$g_z$	3.119	
6	329.5	$g_x$	3.377	$\pm 5/2$	524.4	$g_x$	1.809	$\pm 5/2$
		$g_y$	5.133			$g_y$	3.981	
		$g_z$	10.094			$g_z$	13.555	
7	381.9	$g_x$	0.936	$\pm 3/2$	574.2	$g_x$	0.277	$\pm 1/2$
		$g_y$	1.823			$g_y$	0.519	
		$g_z$	15.366			$g_z$	16.647	
8	408.6	$g_x$	0.882	$\pm 1/2$	664.7	$g_x$	0.054	$\pm 3/2$
		$g_y$	4.114			$g_y$	0.142	
		$g_z$	15.166			$g_z$	19.303	

**Table S9.** Exchange Energies  $E$  ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), the Transversal Magnetic Moments Between Each Exchange Doublets  $\Delta_t$  ( $\mu_B$ ) and the Main Values of the  $g_z$  for the Lowest Four Exchange Doublets of **2**.

	<b>2</b>		
	$E$	$\Delta_t$	$g_z$
1	0.000	$0.709 \times 10^{-9}$	19.785
2	0.300	$0.352 \times 10^{-8}$	19.785
3	0.300	$0.289 \times 10^{-8}$	19.785
4	0.600	$0.224 \times 10^{-9}$	59.355

**Table S10.** The Included  $\theta$  Angles of Main Magnetic Axes Between the Ground and Excited KDs of **1** and Individual Dy<sup>III</sup> Fragment of **2**.

Complex	KD	$\theta/\text{degree}$
1	1	0.0
	2	35.4
	3	7.2
	4	63.9
	5	75.3
	6	70.0
	7	76.6
	8	86.0
2	1	0.0
	2	4.2
	3	41.1
	4	24.2
	5	81.2
	6	71.8
	7	83.9
	8	84.0

**Table S11.** Calculated Crystal-field Parameters  $B(k,q)$  for **1** and Individual Dy<sup>III</sup> Fragment of **2**.

<b><math>k</math></b>	<b><math>q</math></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
2	-2	0.4022	$-0.2975 \times 10^1$
	-1	$0.7107 \times 10^1$	-0.7041
	0	$-0.3874 \times 10^1$	$-0.7116 \times 10^1$
	1	0.5057	0.4052
	2	$0.3846 \times 10^1$	$0.2784 \times 10^1$
	-4	$0.1362 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.4025 \times 10^{-2}$
	-3	-0.1628	$0.6678 \times 10^{-1}$
	-2	$-0.3696 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.1436 \times 10^{-1}$
	-1	$-0.3888 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.2754 \times 10^{-1}$
4	0	$-0.5158 \times 10^{-2}$	$-0.3522 \times 10^{-1}$
	1	-0.1510	$-0.3191 \times 10^{-2}$
	2	$0.6619 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.1013 \times 10^{-1}$
	3	-0.3882	-0.2366
	4	$0.2640 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.5967 \times 10^{-1}$
	-6	$-0.4701 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.4202 \times 10^{-2}$
	-5	$0.1014 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.1134 \times 10^{-1}$
	-4	$0.7257 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.5961 \times 10^{-3}$
	-3	$0.1023 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.2999 \times 10^{-4}$
6	-2	$-0.3666 \times 10^{-4}$	$-0.3096 \times 10^{-2}$
	-1	$0.2508 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.3251 \times 10^{-2}$
	0	$-0.9280 \times 10^{-4}$	$-0.2771 \times 10^{-3}$
	1	$0.7924 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.4907 \times 10^{-3}$
	2	$0.1339 \times 10^{-4}$	$0.1714 \times 10^{-2}$
	3	$0.6322 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.1108 \times 10^{-1}$
	4	$0.6081 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.8870 \times 10^{-3}$
5		$-0.1921 \times 10^{-1}$	$-0.1224 \times 10^{-1}$
	6	$0.3677 \times 10^{-3}$	$-0.7300 \times 10^{-3}$

**Table S12.** Natural Bond Order (NBO) Charges Per Atoms in the Ground State of Complexes **1** and **2** Calculated within CASSCF.

Atom	<b>1</b>	Atom	<b>2</b>
Dy1	2.505	Dy1	2.509
N1	-0.351	N1	-0.362
N2	-0.362	N2	-0.336
N3	-0.361	N3	-0.353
O1	-0.672	O1	-0.678
O2	-0.626	O2	-0.652
O4	-0.659	O4	-0.675
O5	-0.612	O5	-0.611
O7	-0.782	O7	-0.953
O8	-0.788	O8	-0.705

**Table S13** In Wave Functions with Definite Projection of the Total Moment  $|JM\rangle$  for the Lowest Three Kramers Doublets (KDs) of the Dy<sup>III</sup> for Complexes **1** and **2**.

	$E/\text{cm}^{-1}$	wave functions
<b>1</b>	0.0	94.76% $ \pm 15/2\rangle$
	55.3	49.87% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +16.74% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +19.54% $ \pm 9/2\rangle$
	127.9	34.55% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$ +29.05% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +13.54% $ \pm 7/2\rangle$ +10.86% $ \pm 5/2\rangle$
<b>2</b>	0.0	98.43% $ \pm 15/2\rangle$
	254.5	94.09% $ \pm 13/2\rangle$
	379.3	54.14% $ \pm 11/2\rangle$ +12.03% $ \pm 1/2\rangle$