Supporting Information

Magnetic anisotropy in Ni^{II}-Y^{III} binuclear complexes: on the importance of both the first coordination sphere of the Ni^{II} ion and of the Y^{III} ion belonging to the second coordination sphere

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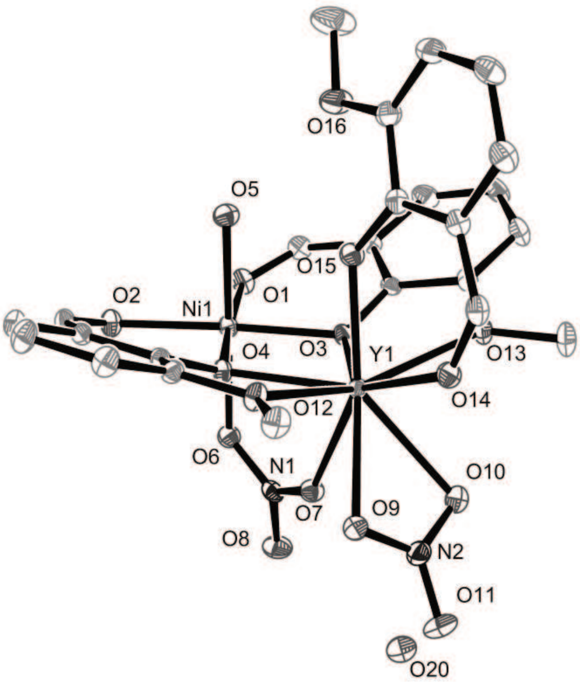

Figure S1. Plot of complex (**2**) with ellipsoids drawn at the 30 % probability level and with atom numbering. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Ni O1 2.0209(14), Ni O2 2.0210(14), Ni O3 1.9919(13), Ni O4 2.0027(13), Ni O5 2.0433(15), Ni O6 2.0838(14), Y O3 2.2864(13), Y O4 2.2832(13), Y O7 2.5423(14), Y O9 2.4358(14), Y O10 2.4500(14), Y O12 2.6035(14), Y O13 2.5418(14), Y O14 2.3143(14), Y O15 2.2222(14), O3 Ni1 O4 84.61(5), O4 Y1 O3 72.09(5), Ni1 O3 Y1 101.76(5), Ni1 O4 Y1 101.53(5)°.

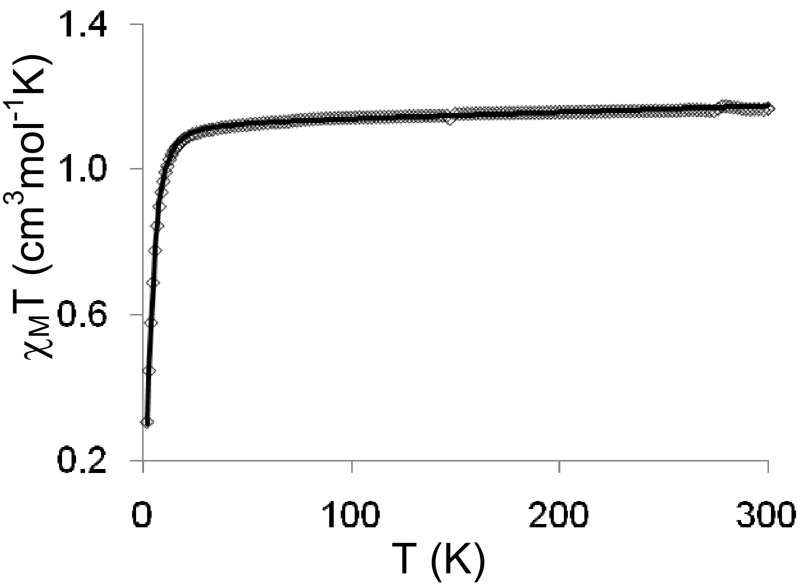

Figure S2. Temperature dependence of the $\chi_M T$ product for (**1**) from 300 to 2 K. The solid line corresponds to the best data fit (D_{Ni} = 10.4 cm^{-1}, and g = 2.12).

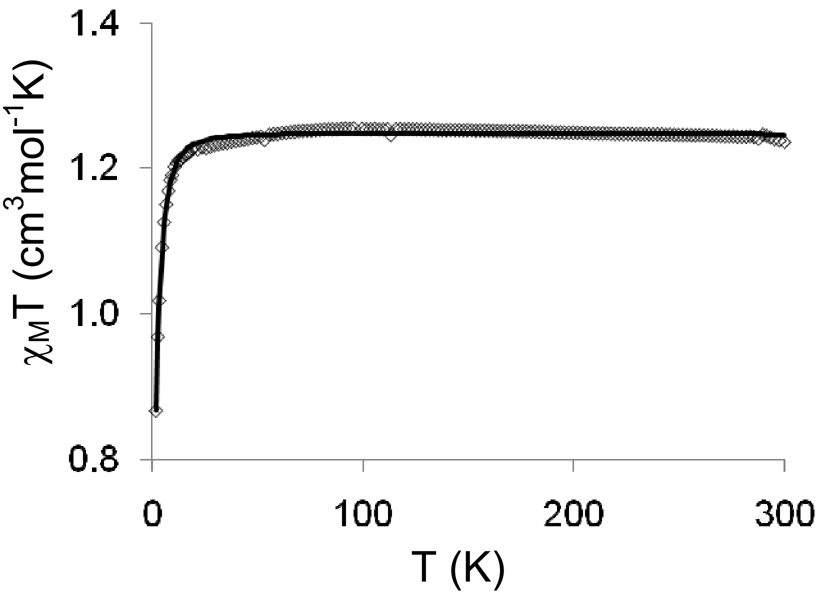

Figure S3. Temperature dependence of the $\chi_M T$ product for (**2**) from 300 to 2 K. The solid line corresponds to the best data fit (D_{Ni} = -6.6 cm^{-1}, and g = 2.23).