#### **Supporting Information**

for

#### Phenalenyl-based mononuclear dysprosium complexes

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#### Additional experimental data



**Figure S1:** Chemical structure of  $\beta$ -diketonates and of HPLN.

## X-ray crystal data

**Crystal packing diagrams** 



**Figure S2:** The molecular packing in the single crystal of 1 is illustrated in perspective view of the y–z plane.



**Figure S3:** The molecular packing in the single crystal of **2** is illustrated in perspective view of the y-z plane.



**Figure S4:** The molecular packing in the single crystal of  $[Dy(PLN)_3(H_2O)_2]$  **3** is illustrated in perspective view of the x–z plane.

Identification code	LYH13-1 ( <b>1</b> )	LYH13-2 (2)	LYH41-2 ( <b>3</b> )
Empirical formula	C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>28</sub> ClDyO <sub>7</sub>	$C_{194}H_{136}O_{34}Dy_4$	C <sub>39</sub> H <sub>27</sub> DyO <sub>9</sub>
Formula weight	830.58	3661.03	802.10
Temperature/K	180.15	180.15	180.15
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
a/Å	10.4482(7)	11.0591(8)	29.9539(9)
b/Å	12.5823(8)	17.2521(8)	10.5596(2)
c/Å	13.2433(8)	19.8266(10)	22.9909(6)
α/°	93.446(5)	92.328(4)	90
β/°	112.211(5)	104.285(5)	120.106(2)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	95.762(5)	95.206(5)	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	1594.55(18)	3642.9(4)	6291.0(3)
Ζ	2	1	8
$\rho_{calc} mg/mm^3$	1.730	1.669	1.694
m/mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.483	2.114	2.436
F(000)	826.0	1836.0	3192.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.18  imes 0.15  imes 0.14	$0.24 \times 0.15 \times 0.11$	0.34 imes 0.28 imes
			0.03
Radiation	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)	Mo K $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ =
			0.71073)
$2\Theta$ range for data collection	4.28 to 51.2°	4.28 to 51.28°	4.28 to 51.296°
Index ranges	$-12 \le h \le 12, -15 \le k \le$	$-13 \le h \le 13, -20 \le k \le$	$-36 \le h \le 34, -$
	$15, -16 \le l \le 16$	$20, -22 \le l \le 24$	$11 \le k \le 12, -$
			$27 \leq l \leq 27$
Reflections collected	10913	29552	17247
Independent reflections	5790 [ $R_{int} = 0.0169$ ,	13592 [ $R_{int} = 0.0444$ ,	5879 [R <sub>int</sub> =
	$R_{sigma} = 0.0170$ ]	$R_{sigma} = 0.0628$ ]	0.0289, R <sub>sigma</sub>
			= 0.0202]
Data/restraints/parameters	5790/0/461	13592/4/1059	5879/3/453
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.047	0.914	1.046
Final R indexes [I>= $2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0172, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0336, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0349,$
	0.0441	0.0639	$wR_2 = 0.0813$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0194, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0643, wR_2 =$	$R_1 = 0.0403,$
	0.0447	0.0712	$wR_2 = 0.0837$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e	0.64/-0.69	0.55/-0.85	0.97/-2.04
A <sup>-3</sup>			
CCDC	1055828	1055829	1055830

 Table S1: Crystal data and structure refinement for complexes 1–3.

## Maldi-ToF



Figure S5: MALDI-TOF spectra of all complexes 1–3 and 4 before and after sublimation.

### NMR spectra



**Figure S6:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compounds **1–4** in deuterated DMSO. The NMR spectrum of the pure ligand (bottom) is shown for reference.

# UV-vis spectra



Figure S7: Emission spectra of compounds 1–4 in DMSO.

### Magnetic data

#### Lyh13\_1 [DyL2(HL)·Cl·EtOH] - compound 1







Lyh13\_2C [DyL<sub>3</sub>(HL)]·[DyL<sub>3</sub>·EtOH]·2EtOH - compound 2









$T(\mathbf{K})$	α	$\chi_0 \text{ (cm}^3/\text{mol})$	$\chi_{inf}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	$R^2$
1.9	0.231(14)	3.892(6)	1.443(39)	0.981
2.0	0.232(21)	3.729(9)	1.355(54)	0.961
2.1	0.189(20)	3.571(7)	1.396(45)	0.963
2.2	0.206(16)	3.516(6)	1.319(36)	0.975
2.5	0.279(15)	3.193(6)	1.067(36)	0.979
3.0	0.196(18)	2.683(5)	1.027(31)	0.968
5.0	0.177(15)	1.690(2)	0.656(16)	0.979
7.0	0.188(14)	1.275(2)	0.477(13)	0.982
9.0	0.160(14)	1.005(1)	0.370(13)	0.985
11	0.136(18)	0.833(0)	0.316(16)	0.981
12	0.147(20)	0.767(0)	0.302(21)	0.974
13	0.073(23)	0.711(0)	0.316(25)	0.960

**Table S2:** Parameters obtained from fitting of the Cole–Cole diagram (under a DC field of 0 Oe) of compound **1**.

Table S3: Parameters obtained from fitting of Cole–Cole diagram (under a DC field of 200 Oe) of compound 1.

$T(\mathbf{K})$	α	$\chi_0 \text{ (cm}^3/\text{mol})$	$\chi_{inf}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>
2.0	0.407(12)	3.621(11)	1.109(34)	0.976
2.5	0.444(10)	3.087(9)	0.871(24)	0.983
3.0	0.431(11)	2.676(8)	0.778(23)	0.978
3.5	0.449(11)	2.403(8)	0.665(21)	0.979
4.0	0.470(10)	2.179(7)	0.560(19)	0.981
4.5	0.471(8)	1.965(5)	0.509(15)	0.986

5.0	0.459(6)	1.771(3)	0.477(9)	0.993
6.0	0.400(6)	1.492(2)	0.455(7)	0.995
7.0	0.330(9)	1.286(2)	0.431(8)	0.989
8.0	0.296(14)	1.134(2)	0.387(11)	0.977
9.0	0.239(14)	1.013(2)	0.379(9)	0.982
10	0.213(14)	0.918(1)	0.348(10)	0.982
11	0.177(15)	0.840(0)	0.339(10)	0.983
12	0.111(18)	0.769(0)	0.361(13)	0.976
13	0.125(15)	0.718(0)	0.315(13)	0.986

Table S4: Parameters obtained from fitting of Cole–Cole diagram (under a DC field of 1500 Oe) of compound 2.

<i>T</i> (K)	α	$\chi_0 \text{ (cm}^3/\text{mol})$	$\chi_{inf}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	$R^2$
2.0	0.426(4)	10.180(36)	0.026 (22)	0.994
2.3	0.458(5)	9.105(34)	0.169(33)	0.989
2.5	0.470(5)	8.471(30)	0.259(40)	0.988
2.7	0.476(5)	7.849(22)	0.279(42)	0.992
2.9	0.462(4)	7.276(13)	0.008(35)	0.996
3.1	0.455(5)	6.751(12)	0.177(43)	0.996
3.3	0.417(9)	6.369(17)	0.623(65)	0.989
3.6	0.402(6)	5.898(8)	0.784(44)	0.996
3.9	0.366(8)	5.461(8)	1.032(52)	0.995
4.2	0.341(15)	5.084(12)	1.146(98)	0.981
4.5	0.317(13)	4.750(8)	1.263(89)	0.988
4.8	0.262(11)	4.456(4)	1.560(60)	0.994

5.1	0.218(10)	4.206(3)	1.691(53)	0.995
5.5	0.179(17)	3.918(3)	1.721(104)	0.982

Table S5: Parameters obtained from fitting of Cole–Cole diagram (under a DC field of 3000 Oe) of compound 2.

Т(К)	α	$\chi_0 \text{ (cm}^3/\text{mol})$	$\chi_{inf}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	$R^2$
3.0				
3.5	0.595(19)	5.586(51)	1.683(425)	0.963
4.0	0.450(19)	4.683(21)	0.105(208)	0.975
4.5	0.368(17)	4.267(11)	0.480(147)	0.983
5.0	0.315(25)	3.927(10)	0.855(200)	0.968
5.5	0.266(34)	3.645(9)	1.042(279)	0.947
7.0				

Table S6: Parameters obtained from fitting of Cole–Cole diagram (under a DC field of 0 Oe) of compound 3.

$T(\mathbf{K})$	α	$\chi_0 \text{ (cm}^3/\text{mol})$	$\chi_{inf}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	$R^2$
1.9	0.147(7)	5.86(0)	1.68(6)	0.997
2.0	0.134(7)	5.59(0)	1.64(5)	0.997
2.1	0.136(7)	5.36(0)	1.57(5)	0.997
2.2	0.133(1)	5.15(0)	1.51(5)	0.996
2.3	0.154(7)	5.09(0)	1.37(5)	0.997
2.4	0.135(7)	4.87(0)	1.40(4)	0.997
2.5	0.130(7)	4.70(0)	1.36(4)	0.996
3.0	0.179(8)	4.17(0)	0.94(5)	0.995

3.5	0.153(7)	3.60(0)	0.85(4)	0.995
4.0	0.103(1)	3.20(0)	0.86(3)	0.994

Table S7: Parameters obtained from fitting of Cole–Cole diagram (under a DC field of 500 Oe) of compound 3.

<i>T</i> (K)	α	$\chi_0 \text{ (cm}^3/\text{mol})$	$\chi_{inf}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> /mol)	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>
2.0	0.468(6)	6.51(5)	0.29(1)	0.996
2.5	0.409(8)	5.34(5)	0.27(1)	0.989
3	0.347(10)	4.37(3)	0.25(2)	0.978
3.5	0.308(9)	3.85(2)	0.23(1)	0.976
4.0	0.276(11)	3.36(1)	0.21(2)	0.971
4.5	0.257(10)	3.04(1)	0.20(2)	0.975
5.0	0.232(11)	2.76(1)	0.22(2)	0.977
6.0	0.199(10)	2.33(0)	0.25(2)	0.987
7.0	0.179(10)	2.03(0)	0.29(2)	0.990
8.0	0.158(10)	1.79(0)	0.36(2)	0.993
9.0	0.117(11)	1.60(0)	0.51(2)	0.991
10	0.130(13)	1.46(0)	0.55(3)	0.988

Determination of the orientation of the magnetic anisotropy with Magellan software



**Figure S8:** Orientation of the main anisotropy axis in complex **2** indicated as blue arrows calculated using Magellan Software. Coordinates are taken from the crystal structures depicted in Figures 1–3.