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## Bis(1,3-benzothiazole-2-thiolato- $N, \boldsymbol{S}^{\prime}$ )( $2,2^{\prime}$-bipyridine- $N, N^{\prime}$ )cadmium(II)

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## Abstract

The title tris-chelate complex $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}-\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)\right]$ is monomeric, with a coordination sphere of the type $\mathrm{N}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$. The Cd atom is linked to two thiazole N atoms and two exocyclic S atoms from two bidentate 1,3-benzothiazole-2-thiolate anions and two bipyridine N atoms. The Cd -atom coordination geometry is trigonal prismatic.

## Comment

The 1,3-benzothiazole-2-thiolate ( $\mathrm{mbt}^{-}$) anion, $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4}-$ $\mathrm{NS}_{2}^{-}$, is a versatile ligand with more than one donor
atom potentially available for coordination to one or more metal centres in a variety of ways (Raper, 1985). Although extensively studied by spectroscopic methods, crystallographic investigations of zinc and cadmium complexes of this ligand have been limited (McCleverty et al., 1982; Hursthouse, Khan, Mazid, Motevalli \& O'Brien, 1990). We have recently reported the synthesis of the complexes $\left[M\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{py})_{2}\right]$, $\left[M\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(2,2^{\prime}\right.\right.$-bpy $\left.)\right]$ and $\left[M\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}\right.$ (phen) $]$ ( $\mathrm{py}=$ pyridine, phen $=$ phenanthroline, bpy $=$ bipyridine, $M=\mathrm{Zn}$ or Cd ) and the single-crystal structures of $\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{py})_{2}\right],\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(2,2^{\prime}-\right.\right.$ bpy $\left.)\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{py})_{2}\right]$ (Baggio, Garland \& Perec, 1993). The three adducts were found to be monomeric, with distorted tetrahedral $\mathrm{ZnN}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ and distorted octahedral $\mathrm{CdN}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ cores, respectively.

(1)

This report presents results of the crystal structure determination of the tris-chelate complex $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}-\right.$ ( $2,2^{\prime}$-bpy)], (1). Fig. 1 presents the structural diagram and the atomic numbering scheme. The Cd atom lies on the twofold axis and its environment can be adequately described as trigonal prismatic, with no appreciable rotation $\left(<1^{\circ}\right)$ from the regular geometry of the two basal planes defined by $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2^{\prime}, \mathrm{S} 1$ and $\mathrm{N}^{\prime}, \mathrm{N} 2, \mathrm{~S}^{\prime}$, respectively (primes denote atoms generated by the twofold rotation). The intrachelate angles $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}$ and N -$\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}$ are in the narrow range $62.5(1)-69.2(3)^{\circ}$ and reflect the rigid chelate geometry in (1). In the complex $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{py})_{2}\right]$ already noted, the average intrachelate angle $\mathrm{S}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}$ is $62.1(1)^{\circ}$ and the $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{py})-$ $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{py})$ angle is $94.9(2)^{\circ}$. Thus, substitution of the two pyridine N atoms by the bpy N atoms of the bidentate ligand leads to a configuration of three almost equivalent 'bites', with a mean normalized value of 1.05 (Kepert, 1977). Kepert's rules predict for this case a rather undistorted trigonal prismatic geometry as the most stable configuration, in accordance with the present results. Comparison of complex (1) with [ $\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(2,2^{\prime}\right.$-bpy $\left.)\right]$ noted above reveals that in the latter, the $\mathrm{mbt}^{-}$ligands are bonded through the exocyclic $S$ atom only, resulting in a distorted tetrahedral $\mathrm{ZnN}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ geometry. The larger size of the Cd atom allows $S, N$-bidentate bonding of the two $\mathrm{mbt}^{-}$ligands. These structures illustrate the differences in coordination that can result in zinc(II) and cadmium(II) thiolates and may be relevant to their different biological activity (Reddy, Zhang, Schlemper \& Schrauzer, 1992).

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Fig. 1. Displacement ellipsoid plot of the molecule, showing the numbering scheme used.

The bpy group in (1) is bisected by the twofold axis. The resulting symmetry-related cycles are planar (r.m.s. deviation from the plane $0.007 \AA$ ), and slightly noncoplanar [dihedral angle $5.3(3)^{\circ}$ ]. The $\mathrm{mbt}^{-}$ligand is also planar (r.m.s. deviation $0.013 \AA$ ).

The $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S}[2.618(2) \AA$ ) and $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}[2.529(5) \AA$ bond lengths of the bidentate $\mathrm{mbt}^{-}$ligand are slightly shorter and longer, respectively, than the corresponding values in $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{3}\right]^{-}[2.667(6)$ and 2.42 (3) $\AA$ (McCleverty et al., 1982)] and $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}(\mathrm{py})_{2}\right]$ [2.706 (10) and 2.42 (1) $\AA$ (Baggio, Garland \& Perec, 1993)]. The $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{bpy})$ bond length of 2.349 (5) $\AA$ is similar to those reported for related six-coordinate complexes (Orpen et al., 1989). The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds in the $R \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{C}$-S linkages of ca 1.72 and $1.32 \AA$ are shorter than the single C-S ( $1.77 \AA$ ) and C$\mathrm{N}(1.35 \AA$ ) bonds in 2-methylbenzothiazole (Wheatley, 1962) and benzothiazole-2-thione (Chesick \& Donohue, 1971), respectively, suggesting electron delocalization in the $\mathrm{RN}-\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{S}$ groups.

## Experimental

$2,2^{\prime}$-Bipyridine ( $3.12 \mathrm{~g}, 0.02 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) in chloroform-dimethylformamide ( $1: 1,20 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ ) was added to a suspension of polymeric $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]_{n}(2.22 \mathrm{~g}, 0.005 \mathrm{~mol})$ in chloroform $\left(10 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}\right)$ at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h , a yellow solution formed, which was filtered to remove traces of solids and allowed to stand at room temperature. After 3 d , green-yellow crystals were collected by vacuum filtration and washed with acetone.

Crystal data

| $\left[\mathrm{Cd}\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NS}_{2}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)\right]$ | Mo $K \alpha$ radiation |
| :--- | :--- |
| $M_{r}=601.05$ | $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ |
| Monoclinic | Cell parameters from 25 |
| $C 2 / c$ | reflections |
| $a=19.411(4) \AA$ | $\theta=7.5-12.5^{\circ}$ |
| $b=8.5580(10) \AA$ | $\mu=1.274 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $c=14.522(2) \AA$ | $T=293(2) \mathrm{K}$ |
| $\beta=93.21(1)^{\circ}$ | Prism |

$V=2408.6(7) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.658 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

Data collection
Siemens $R 3 m$ diffractometer
$\theta / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction: empirical
$T_{\text {min }}=0.6250, \quad T_{\text {max }}=$ 0.7899

1665 measured reflections 1586 independent reflections 1175 observed reflections
$[I>2 \sigma(I)]$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.041$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.0833$
$S=1.059$
1586 reflections
150 parameters
H-atom parameters not refined
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0342 P)^{2}\right]$ where $P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3$
$0.30 \times 0.22 \times 0.12 \mathrm{~mm}$ Green-yellow
$\theta_{\text {max }}=22.55^{\circ}$
$h=-20 \rightarrow 20$
$k=0 \rightarrow 9$
$l=0 \rightarrow 15$
2 standard reflections monitored every 98 reflections intensity variation: none

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\begin{aligned}
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.30 \mathrm{e}^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.36 \AA^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Extinction correction: none Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (1992, Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\mathrm{eq}}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Cd | 0 | $0.10704(7)$ | $1 / 4$ | $0.0528(3)$ |
| S1 | $-0.05433(9)$ | $-0.0195(2)$ | $0.09865(13)$ | $0.0683(5)$ |
| S2 | $-0.19428(9)$ | $-0.1587(2)$ | $0.13181(12)$ | $0.0744(6)$ |
| N1 | $0.0327(3)$ | $0.3330(6)$ | $0.1716(4)$ | $0.0618(15)$ |
| N2 | $-0.1165(3)$ | $-0.0230(6)$ | $0.2583(4)$ | $0.0546(13)$ |
| C1 | $0.0651(4)$ | $0.3260(9)$ | $0.0931(6)$ | $0.079(2)$ |
| C2 | $0.0882(4)$ | $0.4565(12)$ | $0.0490(5)$ | $0.093(3)$ |
| C3 | $0.0753(5)$ | $0.5977(11)$ | $0.0873(7)$ | $0.109(3)$ |
| C4 | $0.0407(4)$ | $0.6076(9)$ | $0.1660(6)$ | $0.089(2)$ |
| C5 | $0.0191(3)$ | $0.4740(7)$ | $0.2077(4)$ | $0.060(2)$ |
| C6 | $-0.1762(3)$ | $-0.0682(6)$ | $0.3005(5)$ | $0.056(2)$ |
| C7 | $-0.1899(4)$ | $-0.0443(8)$ | $0.3918(5)$ | $0.072(2)$ |
| C8 | $-0.2519(4)$ | $-0.0945(9)$ | $0.4217(5)$ | $0.083(2)$ |
| C9 | $-0.3011(4)$ | $-0.1656(8)$ | $0.3632(6)$ | $0.079(2)$ |
| C10 | $-0.2876(4)$ | $-0.1917(8)$ | $0.2725(6)$ | $0.079(2)$ |
| C11 | $-0.2254(3)$ | $-0.1437(7)$ | $0.2413(4)$ | $0.060(2)$ |
| C12 | $-0.1187(3)$ | $-0.0605(6)$ | $0.1700(5)$ | $0.056(2)$ |

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $2.349(5)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.396(7)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $2.349(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.375(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $2.529(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.359(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $2.529(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.360(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 11^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $2.618(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.371(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $2.618(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 5^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $1.470(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 1-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $1.704(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.381(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{Cl1}$ | $1.737(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $1.407(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{S} 2-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $1.754(6)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $1.371(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.335(8)$ | $\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.383(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.347(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.375(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $1.320(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $1.375(8)$ |


| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{Nl}^{1}$ | 69.2 (3) | C6-N2-Cd | 155.4 (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | 130.7 (2) | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 122.8 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1^{\text {i }}$ - $\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | 94.2 (2) | C3-C2-C1 | 117.4 (8) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 94.2 (2) | C2-C3-C4 | 120.6 (8) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathbf{i}}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N} 2^{\text {i }}$ | 130.7 (2) | C3-C4-C5 | 119.8 (8) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{N}^{\text {i }}$ | 127.8 (2) | N1-C5-C4 | 120.2 (6) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 1$ | 92.34 (14) | N1-C5-C5 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 116.4 (4) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 1$ | 129.79 (13) | C4-C5-C5 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 123.4 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 1$ | 62.55 (13) | C7-C6-N2 | 126.1 (6) |
| $\mathrm{N} \mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 1$ | 95.57 (12) | C7-C6-C11 | 119.6 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{Sl}^{\text {i }}$ | 129.79 (13) | N2-C6-C11 | 114.3 (6) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 1^{\text {i }}$ | 92.34 (14) | C8-C7-C6 | 118.5 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{Sl}^{1}$ | 95.57 (12) | C7-C8-C9 | 122.1 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Cd}-\mathrm{S} 1^{\text {i }}$ | 62.55 (13) | $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 8$ | 119.8 (7) |
| S1-Cd-S1 ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 131.15 (8) | C9- $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | 119.0 (7) |
| C12-S1-Cd | 81.3 (2) | C10- $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 6$ | 120.9 (6) |
| C11-S2-C12 | 90.2 (3) | C10-C11-S2 | 129.5 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5$ | 119.0 (6) | C6- $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{S} 2$ | 109.6 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cd}$ | 122.0 (5) | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{S} 1$ | 123.8 (5) |
| C5-N1-Cd | 119.0 (5) | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{S} 2$ | 113.9 (5) |
| C12-N2-C6 | 112.1 (5) | S1-C12-S2 | 122.4 (4) |
| C12-N2-Cd | 92.3 (4) |  |  |
| Symmetry code: (i) $-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-2$. |  |  |  |

The data were collected using a variable scan speed of $4.19-29.3^{\circ} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$ (Siemens, 1991). The structure was solved through a combination of direct methods and difference Fourier synthesis, using the SHELXTL program package (Sheldrick, 1991). Refinement was performed with SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993) on $F^{2}$ using the whole data set. H atoms were included at their expected positions, with fixed displacement parameters.

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# On the Structure of the Mixed Ligand Complex of [VO] ${ }^{2+}$ with Hydrotris( $3,5-\mathrm{di}-$ methylpyrazolyl)borato and 1,3-Diphenyl-1,3-propanedionato Ligands 

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## Abstract

The structure of (1,3-diphenyl-1,3-propanedionato$\kappa^{2} O, O^{\prime}$ )oxo[tris(3,5-dimethyl-1-pyrazolyl- $\kappa N^{2}$ )hydroborato]vanadium(IV) methyl cyanide, $\left[\mathrm{VO}\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{22^{-}}\right.\right.$ $\left.\left.\mathrm{BN}_{6}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\right] \cdot x \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$, has recently been described and refined [Beddoes, Eardley, Mabbs, Moorcroft \& Passand (1993). Acta Cryst. C49, 19231926] in space group Pna2 (orthorhombic; $a=$ 15.960 (1), $b=12.447$ (1), $c=17.044$ (1) $\AA, Z=4$ ). It is better described in Pnma (conventional setting of Pnam). Revised coordinates are given and the anomalous bond lengths reported earlier are revised.

## Comment

In their report of the structure of $\left[\mathrm{VO}\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{BN}_{6}\right)\right.$ $\left.\left(\mathrm{C}_{15} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\right] \cdot x \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$, (I), described and refined in space group $\mathrm{Pna}_{1}$, the authors (Beddoes, Eardley, Mabbs, Moorcroft \& Passand 1993; hereinafter,


BEMMP) reported that the two, presumably equivalent, $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bonds in the propanedionato group have very different lengths, 1.183 (12) and 1.382 (14) $\AA$, as do the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C}$ bonds in these groups, 1.287 (18) and 1.472 (17) $\AA ; \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{N}$ distances in the pyrazolyl groups (not all are listed by BEMMP) range from 1.26 to $1.45 \AA$. They also noted 'suspect bond lengths in the regions of the phenyl groups', which prompted them to collect data from two separate crystals and, even-

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