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# On the structure of cadmium isopropylxanthate. Corrigendum

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A full description for the structure of bis(O-isopropyldithiocarbonato)cadmium(II),  $[Cd(C_4H_7OS_2)_2]$ , is presented. The structure comprises an interconnected network of 16-membered  $[-Cd-S-C-S-]_4$  rings that arises from the presence of bidentate bridging ligands. The resultant layers are stacked along the a axis.

#### Comment

The structural chemistry of the binary zinc, cadmium and mercury 1,1-dithiolates  $\{e.g.$  xanthate  $(^-S_2COR)$ , dithiocarbamate  $(^-S_2CNR_2)$  and dithiophosphate  $[^-S_2P(OR)_2]\}$  is rich in its diversity with many varied motifs being found (Cox & Tiekink, 1997). Hence, isolated monomeric, dimeric and cyclotetrameric structures are known, as are linear, layer and three-dimensional polymeric arrays. Often the structures are quite complicated and open to interpretation owing to the variety of metal-ligand interactions. In this context, two

distinct motifs are known for  $[Cd(S_2COR)_2]$ . A square-planar geometry is found in the structure with  $R = CH_2CH_2OMe$  (Abrahams *et al.*, 1988), with weak  $Cd \cdot \cdot \cdot S$  interactions above and below the square plane. The other motif features tetra-

hedrally coordinated Cd, *i.e.* when R = Et (Iimura *et al.*, 1972) and R = Bu (Rietveld & Maslen, 1965). The recently reported structure of  $[\text{Cd}(S_2\text{COC}_3\text{H}_7)_2]$  also conforms to this motif (Tomlin *et al.*, 1999). The structure of  $[\text{Cd}(S_2\text{COC}_3\text{H}_7)_2]$ , (I), is shown in Fig. 1. Each Cd atom is tetrahedrally coordinated by four S atoms, each of which is derived from a bridging xanthate ligand; molecular dimensions are as given in the original report. The structure is best described as being based on a square of Cd atoms, with each edge defined by a bridging xanthate, as emphasized in Fig. 1. The 16-membered  $[-\text{Cd}-\text{S}-\text{C}-\text{S}-]_4$  rings that are thus formed are connected to neighbouring rings *via* bridging ligands to form a layer structure. Symmetry-related layers stack along the crystallographic *a* axis separated by hydrophobic interactions.

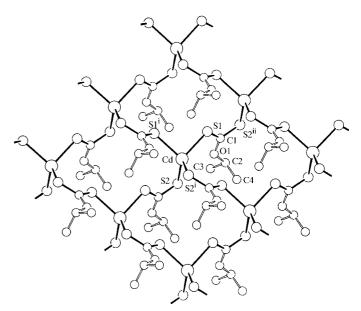


Figure 1

A portion of the layer structure for  $[Cd(S_2COC_3H_7)_2]$  viewed approximately down the a axis. The 16-membered rings are emphasized. The diagram was drawn with *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) using arbitrary ellipsoids. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1-x, 1-y, z; (ii) x,  $y-\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $z-\frac{1}{2}$ .]

Supplementary data for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: BK1523). Services for accessing these data are described at the back of the journal.

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