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# 1:1 Adducts of 2,2'-[isopropylidene-bis(p-phenyleneoxy)]diacetic acid with dimethylammonium and 4,4'-bipyridine 

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The title compounds, dimethylammonium 2-\{4-[1-(4-carboxy-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylethyl]phenoxy\}acetate, $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}^{+}$.$\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{-}$, (I), and $2,2^{\prime}$-[isopropylidenebis ( $p$-phenyleneoxy)]diacetic acid-4,4'-bipyridine (1/1), $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{6} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$, (II), are 1:1 adducts of $2,2^{\prime}$-[isopropylidenebis ( $p$-phenyleneoxy)]diacetic acid $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} L\right)$ with dimethylammonium or $4,4^{\prime}-$ bipyridine. The component ions in (I) are linked by $\mathrm{N}-$ $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds into continuous two-dimensional layers parallel to the (001) plane. Adjacent layers are stacked via $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds into a three-dimensional network with an $-A B A B$ - alternation of the two-dimensional layers. In (II), two $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ molecules, one bipy molecule and two half bipy molecules are linked by $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds into one-dimensional chains and rectanglar-shaped rings. They are assembled via $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds into an intriguing zero-dimensional plus one-dimensional poly(pseudo)rotaxane motif.

## Comment

Over the past decade, the rational design and synthesis of metal-organic frameworks have received extensive attention in the fields of supramolecular chemistry and crystal engineering (Rosi et al., 2003; Dalgarno et al., 2008). These materials exhibit interesting properties, such as catalysis, biological activity, electrical conductivity, magnetism and photochemical activity. In the past five years, there has been a growing interest in metal-organic frameworks involving semirigid V-shaped dicarboxylate ligands (Tanaka et al., 2008; Zang et al., 2006; Mahata et al., 2008; Furukawa et al., 2008). 2,2'-[Isopropylidenebis(p-phenyleneoxy)]diacetic acid $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} L\right)$ is a typical example of a semi-rigid V-shaped dicarboxylate ligand. To the best of our knowledge, there has been no report to date concerning its coordination compounds. Recently, we have
focused on preparing metal-organic frameworks containing this organic ligand and metal ions. During this process, two interesting adducts of $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ with dimethylammonium and $4,4^{\prime}$ bipyridine, (I) and (II), respectively, were obtained, and we report here their synthesis and crystal structures.

(I)

(II)

Although we failed to formulate coordination polymers at this stage, the present characterization of the crystalline products provides useful information. Thus, when $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ was reacted with a lanthanum nitrate salt (see Experimental) in the presence of $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-dimethylformamide (DMF) under hydrothermal conditions, no metal ions were incorporated into the structure. Instead, the $1: 1$ salt, (I), formed between the monodeprotonated $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ and a dimethylammonium cation (a product resulting from hydrolysis of DMF). The H atom of one carboxyl group is transferred to the dimethylamine N atom, while the other remains as the acid. The carboxyl and carboxylate groups are almost perpendicular to the benzene ring, with dihedral angles of 80.9 (1) and 86.2 (2) $)^{\circ}$, respectively (Table 1 and Fig. 1). The arrangement in the carboxylic acid is the less common syn-anti conformation (Kennard et al., 1982; Lynch et al., 2003). The benzene rings of the bent HL anion subtend a dihedral angle of 86.5 (1) ${ }^{\circ}$.

The supramolecular structure of (I) can be simply analyzed in terms of three substructures. Firstly, the $\mathrm{H} L^{-}$anions result in discrete one-dimensional chains via an $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2 A$ hydrogen bond [symmetry code: $(A)-x+1, y-\frac{1}{2},-z+\frac{1}{2}$ ] running parallel to the [010] direction. Secondly, adjacent


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.


Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of the twodimensional layer running parallel to the (001) plane. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. For the sake of clarity, H atoms not involved in the motif have been omitted. [Symmetry code: $(A) 1-x,-\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$.]
[010] chains are linked together by dimethylammonium cations through strong $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds in concert with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2), forming twodimensional layers built from $R_{4}^{6}(46)$ hydrogen-bond motifs (Bernstein et al., 1995) which are parallel to the (001) plane (Fig. 2). Finally, neighbouring two-dimensional layers are assembled into a three-dimensional network by means of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds with an $-A B A B$ - alternation of the two-dimensional layers (Fig. 3 and Table 2).

The reaction of $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ with $\mathrm{Pb}^{\text {II }}$ ions in the presence of $4,4^{\prime}-$ bipyridyl (bipy) yielded compound (II). As shown in Fig. 4, the asymmetric unit of (II) consists of two $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ molecules and one bipy molecule, together with two half-bipy molecules, these last both possessing inversion centres. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond distances support the existence of un-ionized acid molecules, indicating cocrystal formation (Table 3 ). $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ and bipy crys-


Figure 3
The extended structure of the three-dimensional supramolecular network of (I), viewed along the $a$ axis. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity.
tallize to form two different independent networks, a fourmembered rectangular-shaped ring (Fig. 5a) and a onedimensional wave-like chain (Fig. $5 b$ ). In both networks, the $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ and bipy molecules are linked together by strong O $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 4). In the rectangular-shaped ring, the planes of the pyridyl rings of the bipy molecule are twisted by 25.9 (6) ${ }^{\circ}$ with respect to each other. One of the phenoxyacetic acid groups (containing atom O11) adopts an antiperiplanar conformation, with a dihedral angle of 44.3 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$ between the carboxyl group and the benzene ring. The other phenoxyacetic acid group (containing atom O8) adopts a synplanar conformation, with a dihedral angle of $82.2(1)^{\circ}$. The dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is $88.2(2)^{\circ}$. In the chain network, the bipy molecules, which lie on centres of inversion, both have planar central portions. The conformation of the $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ molecule shows some differences from the $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ molecule in the rectangular ring. One phenoxyacetic acid group (containing atom O3) has an antiperiplanar conformation and the acetic acid arm is almost in the same plane as the


Figure 4
The molecular structure of (II), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

(a)


Figure 5
(c)
(a) The rectangular-shaped ring formed by the intermolecular $\mathrm{O} 11-\mathrm{H} 11 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 1(-x+1,-y+1,-z+1)$ and $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{H} 8 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2(x-1, y, z)$ hydrogen bonds in (II). (b) The one-dimensional chain formed by the $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 4(x-1, y, z-1)$ and $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 3$ hydrogen bonds in (II). H atoms not involved in the interactions have been omitted for clarity. (c) The zero-dimensional plus one-dimensional poly(pseudo)rotaxane motif in (II). H atoms have been omitted for clarity.


Figure 6
The extended supramolecular hydrogen-bonded network of (II). H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity.
benzene ring. The other phenoxyacetic acid group adopts an uncommon syn-anti conformation, like that in (I), and here the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is 85.9 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$.

Interestingly, the rectangular rings and wave-like chains are assembled by $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions and $\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{H} 18 B \cdots$ $\mathrm{O} 12(-x+1,-y+1,-z+1)$ hydrogen bonds into an intriguing zero-dimensional plus one-dimensional poly(pseudo)rotaxane motif (Fig. $5 c$ ). The $\pi-\pi$ interactions occur between the bipy rings containing atoms N 2 and N 3 , with a ring centroid distance of 3.874 (3) $\AA$, an interplanar spacing of 3.541 (2) $\AA$ and an offset angle of $4.20(1)^{\circ}$. The poly(pseudo)rotaxane motifs are linked into a three-dimensional network by a combination of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ hydrogen bonds (Table 4 and Fig. 6).

In conclusion, the two $1: 1$ organic compounds formed by $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ with dimethylammonium and bipy are the first examples of $\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ adducts to be descibed. The phenoxyacetic acid groups in these two adducts show interesting conformations, and an intriguing zero-dimensional plus one-dimensional poly(pseudo)rotaxane structure is found in compound (II) (Fig. 5c).

## Experimental

$\mathrm{H}_{2} L$ was synthesized according to the literature method of Inouye et al. (1995). Compound (I) was obtained by heating a mixture of $\mathrm{La}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{3} \cdot 6 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.130 \mathrm{~g}, 0.3 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{H}_{2} L(0.206 \mathrm{~g}, 0.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ and DMF ( 3 ml ) in a sealed 5 ml reactor at 433 K for 48 h , followed by gradual cooling to room temperature. Colourless block-shaped crystals of (I) were collected by filtration and air-dried. Compound (II) was obtained when a mixture of $\mathrm{Pb}\left(\mathrm{NO}_{3}\right)_{3}(0.109 \mathrm{~g}, 0.33 \mathrm{mmol})$, bipy ( $0.019 \mathrm{~g}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{H}_{2} L(0.042 \mathrm{mg}, 0.12 \mathrm{mmol})$ in $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ $(8 \mathrm{ml})$ was sealed in a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel reactor and heated at 443 K for 72 h . A crop of colourless single platelet-shaped crystals was obtained after cooling the solution to room temperature and these were collected and washed with distilled water.

## Compound (I)

## Crystal data

| $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}^{+} . \mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{O}_{6}{ }^{-}$ | $V=2090.2(9) \AA^{3}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $M_{r}=389.44$ | $Z=4$ |
| Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$ | Mo $K \alpha$ radiation |
| $a=6.9028(14) \AA$ | $\mu=0.09 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $b=27.756(6) \AA$ | $T=295 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $c=12.624(4) \AA$ | $0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.17 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $\beta=120.21(2)^{\circ}$ |  |

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\begin{aligned}
& V=2090.2(9) \AA^{3} \\
& Z=4 \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \mu=0.09 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=295 \mathrm{~K} \\
& 0.20 \times 0.18 \times 0.17 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
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Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA^{\circ},^{\circ}$ ) for (I).

| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.231(3)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 18$ | $1.196(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.258(3)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{C} 18$ | $1.308(3)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| C3-O3-C2-C1 | $-80.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{O} 6-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $-173.4(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $170.0(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{O} 6-\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{C} 18$ | $69.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $-166.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{C} 18-\mathrm{C} 19-\mathrm{O} 6$ | $25.0(3)$ |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\mathrm{A}^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ) for (I).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.82 | 1.70 | 2.507 (2) | 167 |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 B \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.90 | 1.87 | 2.758 (3) | 169 |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 A \cdots \mathrm{O} 3$ | 0.90 | 2.54 | 3.245 (3) | 136 |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 14 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2$ | 0.90 | 1.98 | 2.800 (3) | 151 |
| $\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{H} 20 \mathrm{~A} \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.96 | 2.47 | 3.368 (4) | 155 |
| $\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{H} 20 \mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{O}_{4}{ }^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.96 | 2.58 | 3.300 (4) | 132 |
| $\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{H} 20 \mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {v }}$ | 0.96 | 2.58 | 3.374 (3) | 140 |
| $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{H} 21 A \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {v}}$ | 0.96 | 2.45 | 3.282 (3) | 145 |
| $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{H} 21 B \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\text {vi }}$ | 0.96 | 2.54 | 3.390 (4) | 148 |

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector
diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{\text {min }}=0.982, T_{\text {max }}=0.985$

## Refinement

$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.049$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.134$
$S=1.03$
3693 reflections

## Compound (II)

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{O}_{6} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$
$M_{r}=500.53$
Triclinic, $P \overline{1}$
$a=8.8698$ (15) £
$b=14.673$ (2) $\AA$
$c=20.087(3) \AA$
$\alpha=96.749(2)^{\circ}$
$\beta=94.180(3)^{\circ}$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{\text {min }}=0.980, T_{\text {max }}=0.985$

## Refinement

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\(R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.070\)
\(w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.235\)
\(S=1.02\)
8949 reflections
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10877 measured reflections 3693 independent reflections 2126 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ $R_{\text {int }}=0.043$

## 257 parameters

H -atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.12 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.17 \mathrm{e}^{\AA^{-3}}$

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\gamma=99.751(4)^{\circ}
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$V=2547.1$ (7) $\AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\mu=0.09 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=295 \mathrm{~K}$
$0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.16 \mathrm{~mm}$

13525 measured reflections 8949 independent reflections 4313 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ $R_{\text {int }}=0.045$

## 670 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.74 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.41 \mathrm{e} \mathrm{A}^{-3}$

Table 3
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left({ }^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$ for (II).

| O2-C8 | $1.201(5)$ | O8-C27 | $1.291(6)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| O3-C8 | $1.306(6)$ | O9-C27 | $1.169(5)$ |
| O5-C19 | $1.289(5)$ | O11-C38 | 1.316 (5) |
| O6-C19 | $1.211(5)$ | O12-C38 | 1.218 (5) |
|  |  |  |  |
| C7-O1-C1-C2 | $177.3(4)$ | C26-O7-C20-C21 | $152.7(5)$ |
| C1-O1-C7-C8 | $-177.3(3)$ | C20-O7-C26-C27 | $-179.6(4)$ |
| O1-C7-C8-O3 | $179.2(4)$ | O7-C26-C27-O8 | $164.1(5)$ |
| C18-O4-C15-C14 | $167.5(4)$ | C37-O10-C34-C35 | $-160.6(3)$ |
| C15-O4-C18-C19 | $86.2(4)$ | C34-O10-C37-C38 | $69.6(4)$ |
| O4-C18-C19-O5 | $-14.5(5)$ | O10-C37-C38-O11 | $-161.5(3)$ |

Table 4
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( ${ }_{\mathrm{A}}{ }^{\circ}$ ) for (II).
$C g 1$ and $C g 2$ are the centroids of the $\mathrm{C} 20-\mathrm{C} 25$ and $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 17$ rings, respectively.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | D-H | H $\cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 4^{\text {i }}$ | 0.82 | 1.78 | 2.584 (5) | 166 |
| O5-H5 $\cdots$ N3 | 0.82 | 1.75 | 2.561 (5) | 169 |
| $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{H} 8 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 2^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.82 | 1.84 | 2.647 (5) | 166 |
| $\mathrm{O} 11-\mathrm{H} 11 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 1^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.82 | 1.84 | 2.647 (4) | 167 |
| C18-H18B $\cdots \mathrm{O} 12^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.97 | 2.39 | 3.227 (5) | 144 |
| $\mathrm{C} 35-\mathrm{H} 35 \cdots \mathrm{O} 5^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.93 | 2.54 | 3.245 (5) | 133 |
| $\mathrm{C} 40-\mathrm{H} 40 \cdots \mathrm{O} 12^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.93 | 2.50 | 3.432 (5) | 176 |
| C42-H42 $\cdots$ O 9 | 0.93 | 2.56 | 3.476 (5) | 170 |
| $\mathrm{C} 50-\mathrm{H} 50 \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\text {v }}$ | 0.93 | 2.56 | 3.458 (6) | 162 |
| C52-H52 ${ }^{\text {O }}$ O6 ${ }^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.93 | 2.52 | 3.414 (6) | 162 |
| $\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{H} 16 \cdots \mathrm{Cg} 1^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.93 | 2.90 | 3.669 (5) | 141 |
| $\mathrm{C} 32-\mathrm{H} 32 \cdots \mathrm{Cg} 2^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.93 | 2.89 | 3.625 (5) | 137 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x-1, y, z-1$; (ii) $x-1, y, z$; (iii) $-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$; (iv)
$-x+2,-y+1,-z+1 ;(\mathrm{v}) x+1, y, z$.

H atoms were located in difference maps, but were subsequently placed in calculated positions and treated as riding, with $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}=$ $0.82 \AA, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{H}=0.90 \AA$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93-0.97 \AA$, and refined as riding atoms, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C}$ and N$)$ or $1.5 U_{\mathrm{eq}}\left(\mathrm{C}_{\text {methyl }}\right.$ and O$)$. For (II), the $R$ factor is slightly higher than normally expected due to the fact that the crystal diffracted weakly, and only $48 \%$ of the data can be considered to be observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$.

For both compounds, data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON (Spek, 2009).

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