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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.011 Å R factor = 0.056 wR factor = 0.154 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.7

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# Aqua(hexacyanoferrato-*N*)bis(µ-glycine)glycinelanthanum(III) monohydrate

The title compound,  $[La{Fe(CN)_6}(C_2H_5NO_2)_3(H_2O)]_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ , consists of Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> octahedra connected to an eightcoordinate lanthanum *via* two cyanide bridging La-N-C-Fe links. The La<sup>3+</sup> ions are bridged by four glycine molecules, forming a binuclear complex: La $-(O-gly-O)_4-La$ . The three-dimensional framework is completed through hydrogenbonding interactions.

## Comment

In a previous paper, we reported the crystal structure of aqua(hexacyanoferrato-N)bis( $\mu$ -glycine)glycinecerium(III) monohydrate (García-Granda et al., 1996). As a continuation of our studies of the metal-ligand bond interactions in this type of complex, we have determined the crystal structure of the isotypic lanthanum analogue. The La<sup>3+</sup> ion is eight-coordinated (see Scheme below). Only two cyano groups are coordinated to the La atom (La-N1 and La-N2). The rest of the coordination polyhedron is formed by six O atoms, one from a water molecule (O7) and five from glycine moieties. The La<sup>3+</sup> ions are bridged by four glycine molecules, forming a binuclear complex:  $La - (O - gly - O)_4 - La$ . The low-spin Fe<sup>3+</sup> ion is octahedrally coordinated to six cyano groups. Bond distances and angles are close to the expected values (García-Granda et al., 1996). A view of the asymmetric unit is shown in Fig. 1.



## **Experimental**

Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an aqueous equimolecular solution of lanthanum trichloride, potassium ferrocyanide and a fivefold excess of glycine.

Crystal	data
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$[LaFe(CN)_6(C_2H_5NO_2)_3-$	Z = 1
$(H_2O)]_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	$D_x = 1.928 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 1224.24$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Triclinic, P1	Cell parameters from 25
a = 10.029 (2)  Å	reflections
b = 10.198 (2)  Å	$\theta = 10 - 30^{\circ}$
c = 12.233 (2) Å	$\mu = 2.75 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\alpha = 74.96 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2)  K
$\beta = 88.12 \ (2)^{\circ}$	Prism, red
$\gamma = 61.38 \ (2)^{\circ}$	$0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1054.5$ (3) $Å^3$	

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#### Figure 1

View of the asymmetric unit of the title compound, showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level for non-H atoms.

Siemens P3/PC diffractometer	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	$h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan	$k = -11 \rightarrow 11$
(North et al., 1968)	$l = -14 \rightarrow 14$
$T_{\min} = 0.851, T_{\max} = 0.890$	3 standard reflections
7294 measured reflections	every 200 reflections
3656 independent reflections	frequency: 60 min
3270 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	intensity decay: 4.0%
$R_{\rm int} = 0.058$	
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$	independent and constrained

refinement

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 2.58 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -2.18 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1095P)^2]$ 

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.03$
$wR(F^2) = 0.155$
S = 1.06
3656 reflections
287 parameters

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

La-O1	2.705 (7)	O1-C7	1.265 (9)
La-O2	2.602 (7)	O2-C7	1.237 (10)
La-O3	2.547 (5)	O3-C9	1.258 (10)
La-O5	2.450 (5)	O4-C9	1.237 (9)
La-O7	2.545 (6)	O5-C11	1.253 (10)
La-N2	2.641 (8)	O6-C11	1.267 (11)
La-O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.502 (5)	N1-C1	1.148 (11)
La-O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.532 (5)	N2-C2	1.143 (12)
La-N1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.637 (8)	N3-C3	1.131 (12)
Fe-C1	1.941 (8)	N4-C4	1.133 (14)
Fe-C2	1.939 (9)	N5-C5	1.137 (14)
Fe-C3	1.942 (9)	N6-C6	1.138 (13)
Fe-C4	1.954 (10)	N7-C8	1.489 (13)
Fe-C5	1.944 (10)	N8-C10	1.461 (13)
Fe-C6	1.950 (9)	N9-C12	1.474 (13)
02-La-07	71.1 (2)	C1 - Fe - C2	89.9 (3)
03 - La - 05	77 43 (18)	C1 - Fe - C3	887(3)
05 - La - 07	72.91 (19)	C1 - Fe - C4	87.6 (4)
O5-La-N2	71.4 (2)	C1 - Fe - C5	92.3 (4)
O1 <sup>i</sup> -La-O5	142.54 (18)	C1-Fe-C6	177.1 (4)
$O4^{i}$ -La-O5	143.60 (18)	$La^{ii}-N1-C1$	148.9 (7)
O5-La-N1 <sup>ii</sup>	92.1 (2)	La-N2-C2	154.3 (7)

Symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

# Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N7 - H7A \cdots O6^{i}$	0.89	1.91	2.771 (11)	162
$N7 - H7B \cdot \cdot \cdot N5^{ii}$	0.89	2.02	2.890 (13)	164
$N7 - H7C \cdot \cdot \cdot N4^{i}$	0.89	2.19	2.984 (12)	148
$O7 - H7D \cdot \cdot \cdot O6^{iii}$	0.85	1.92	2.744 (8)	164
$O7 - H7E \cdot \cdot \cdot N1^{ii}$	0.85	2.24	3.070 (10)	165
$N8 - H8C \cdot \cdot \cdot N3^{iv}$	0.89	2.54	3.045 (11)	117
N8−H8C···N6 <sup>iv</sup>	0.89	2.55	3.146 (13)	125
$N8-H8D\cdots O6^{v}$	0.89	2.16	2.844 (10)	132
$O8-H8F\cdots O2$	0.90 (16)	2.14 (15)	3.027 (10)	170 (14)
N9-H9 $A$ ···O8 <sup>vi</sup>	0.89	2.34	3.046 (12)	136
N9−H9A···N4 <sup>vii</sup>	0.89	2.60	3.155 (11)	121
N9−H9 <i>B</i> ···O3	0.89	2.16	3.022 (9)	163
N9−H9 <i>C</i> ···O8	0.89	2.14	2.921 (14)	147

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii) x, y - 1, z; (iii) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z; (iv) -x, 2 - y, -z; (v) x - 1, 1 + y, z; (vi) -x, 1 - y, -z; (vii) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z.

The structure was solved using the atomic coordinates of the isotypic cerium analogue (García-Granda et al., 1996). All H atoms were calculated geometrically (except those of the water molecules, initially located from difference Fourier maps) and included in the refinement, but constrained to ride on their parent atom. The H atoms of the O7 water molecule were poorly determined and refinement gave unacceptable geometry; accordingly, their positions were calculated using the program HYDROGEN (Nardelli, 1999) and they were treated like the other calculated H atoms. The isotropic displacement parameters of the H atoms were set to  $1.2U_{eq}$  of their parent atoms.

Data collection: XSCANS (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: XSCANS; data reduction: XSCANS; program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Bergerhoff, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON (Spek, 1990), PARST (Nardelli, 1995) and PARSTCIF (Nardelli, 1991).

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Data collection