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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 298 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006 \text{ \AA}$   
*R* factor = 0.025  
*wR* factor = 0.070  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Tetrakis( $\mu$ -*N*-acetyl-*N*-phenylglycinato)-bis[*N*-acetyl-*N*-phenylglycinato)(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2$ *N,N'*)lanthanum(III)] dihydrate

In the title complex,  $[\text{La}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_3)_6(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the  $\text{La}^{\text{III}}$  atoms are bridged by two terdentate and two bidentate carboxylate groups with an inversion centre between the two  $\text{La}^{\text{III}}$  ions. Each La atom is nine-coordinated by two N atoms of 1,10-phenanthroline and seven O atoms belonging to *N*-acetyl-*N*-phenylglycine molecules, and exhibits distorted tricapped trigonal prismatic geometry. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

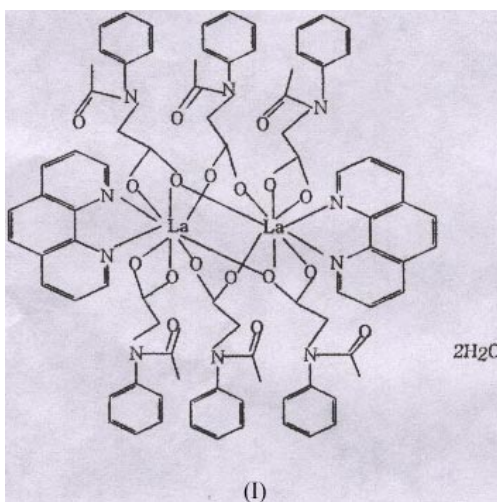
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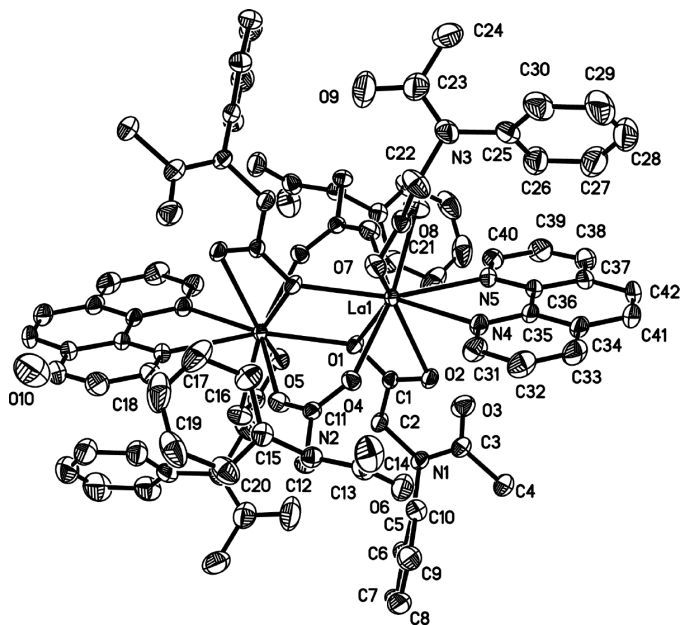
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## Comment

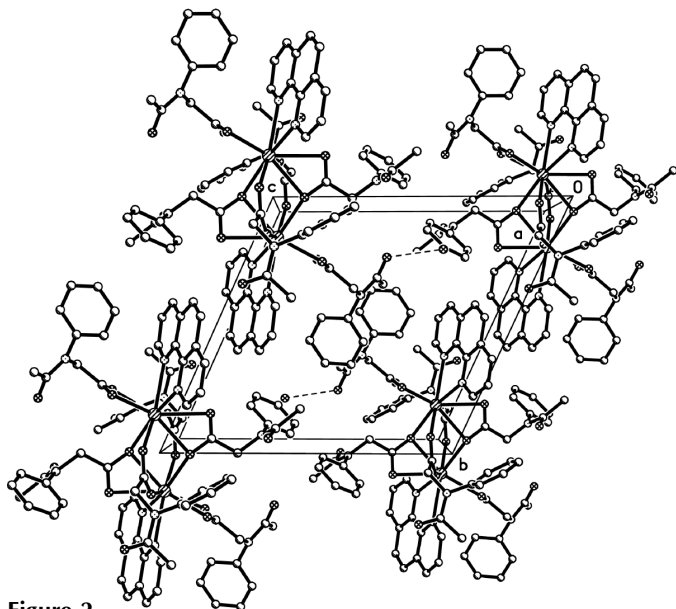
The title complex, (I) (Fig. 1), contains one dinuclear lanthanum/phenanthroline/*N*-acetyl-*N*-phenylglycinate complex and two uncoordinated water molecules. Each lanthanum ion is coordinated by one 1,10-phenanthroline ( $L_1$ ) ligand *via* atoms N4 and N5 (Table 1), one chelating bidentate carboxylate group of an *N*-phenyl-*N*-acetyl-glycine ( $L_2$ ) ligand *via* O7 and O8, two bridging bidentate carboxylate groups of  $L_2$  *via* O5<sup>*i*</sup> (see Table 1 for symmetry code) and O4, and one bridging terdentate carboxylate group of  $L_2$  *via* O1<sup>*i*</sup> and chelating terdentate carboxylate groups of  $L_2$  *via* O1 and O2.



Overall, the coordination geometry around La is that of a distorted tricapped trigonal prism, with the capping positions occupied by atoms N5 of  $L_1$  and O1 and O7 of two  $L_2$  ligands. The two La ions are connected by four  $L_2$  ligands *via* two bidentate and two terdentate carboxylate bridges with an inversion centre between the two La ions. The average of the bridging bidentate La–O bonds (2.452 Å) is slightly shorter than that of the bridging terdentate La–O bonds (2.467 Å), which in turn is shorter than the average of the chelating terdentate La–O bonds (2.584 Å).



**Figure 1**  
The structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure 2**  
The crystal packing of (I), showing the O...O hydrogen-bonded interactions as dashed lines (all H atoms and the water molecules have been omitted for clarity).

The La—O bonds in (I) are shorter than the equivalent bonds in the related compound bis(1,10-phenanthroline)-tris(*trans*-2,3-dimethylacrylato)lanthanum(III) (Lu *et al.*, 2001), where the corresponding La—O bridging bidentate, La—O bridging terdentate, and La—O chelating terdentate distances are 2.473, 2.474 and 2.661 Å, respectively. The other bond lengths and angles in (I) are unexceptional.

The water O atom in (I) does not coordinate to La but participates in intermolecular O—H...O hydrogen bonds (Table 2) which stabilize the crystal packing of (I) (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

La(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·*n*H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mmol) and L<sub>1</sub> (1 mmol) were dissolved in anhydrous ethanol (20 ml). To this solution, an aqueous mixture (30 ml) of L<sub>2</sub> (2 mmol) and NaOH (2 mmol) was added dropwise at 313 K. The mixture was stirred for 4 h and about half of the solvent was evaporated in a rotary vacuum evaporator at the same temperature. The resulting solution was filtered and left to stand in air for about 20 d. Large yellow block-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained (m.p. 531.5 K). Elemental analysis found: C 55.13, H 4.32, N 7.52%; calculated for C<sub>84</sub>H<sub>80</sub>La<sub>2</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>20</sub>: C 55.21, H 4.41, N 7.66%.

### Crystal data

|                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| [La <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> (C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]-2H <sub>2</sub> O | Z = 1                                           |
| <i>M<sub>r</sub></i> = 1827.40                                                                                                                                     | <i>D<sub>x</sub></i> = 1.496 Mg m <sup>-3</sup> |
| Triclinic, <i>P</i> 1                                                                                                                                              | Mo Kα radiation                                 |
| <i>a</i> = 11.777 (3) Å                                                                                                                                            | Cell parameters from 7895 reflections           |
| <i>b</i> = 13.574 (3) Å                                                                                                                                            | <i>θ</i> = 2.3–28.3°                            |
| <i>c</i> = 14.114 (3) Å                                                                                                                                            | <i>μ</i> = 1.12 mm <sup>-1</sup>                |
| <i>α</i> = 65.372 (2)°                                                                                                                                             | <i>T</i> = 298 (2) K                            |
| <i>β</i> = 86.194 (3)°                                                                                                                                             | Block, yellow                                   |
| <i>γ</i> = 81.600 (3)°                                                                                                                                             | 0.45 × 0.32 × 0.18 mm                           |
| <i>V</i> = 2029.0 (8) Å <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                                               |                                                 |

### Data collection

|                                                                  |                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer                    | 7083 independent reflections                    |
| <i>φ</i> and <i>ω</i> scans                                      | 6303 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ) |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1999)         | <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.014                 |
| <i>T</i> <sub>min</sub> = 0.633, <i>T</i> <sub>max</sub> = 0.824 | <i>θ</i> <sub>max</sub> = 25.0°                 |
| 10710 measured reflections                                       | <i>h</i> = -11 → 14                             |
|                                                                  | <i>k</i> = -15 → 16                             |
|                                                                  | <i>l</i> = -13 → 16                             |

### Refinement

|                                                                         |                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Refinement on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                     | <i>w</i> = 1/[σ <sup>2</sup> ( <i>F<sub>o</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> ) + (0.0402 <i>P</i> ) <sup>2</sup> + 1.0763 <i>P</i> ] |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )] = 0.025 | where <i>P</i> = ( <i>F<sub>o</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> + 2 <i>F<sub>c</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> )/3                           |
| <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.070                             | (Δ/σ) <sub>max</sub> = 0.004                                                                                             |
| <i>S</i> = 1.00                                                         | Δρ <sub>max</sub> = 1.15 e Å <sup>-3</sup>                                                                               |
| 7083 reflections                                                        | Δρ <sub>min</sub> = -0.57 e Å <sup>-3</sup>                                                                              |
| 529 parameters                                                          |                                                                                                                          |
| H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  |                                                                                                                          |

**Table 1**

Selected bond distances (Å).

|                     |             |                        |             |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| La1—O4              | 2.431 (2)   | La1—O1                 | 2.5762 (19) |
| La1—O1 <sup>i</sup> | 2.4672 (19) | La1—N4                 | 2.658 (2)   |
| La1—O5 <sup>i</sup> | 2.474 (2)   | La1—N5                 | 2.674 (2)   |
| La1—O8              | 2.513 (2)   | La1—O2                 | 2.675 (2)   |
| La1—O7              | 2.573 (2)   | La1...La1 <sup>i</sup> | 4.0167 (9)  |

Symmetry code: (i) 2 - *x*, -*y*, 2 - *z*.

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| <i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>    | <i>D</i> —H | H... <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> ... <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| O10—H1...O3 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.912 (10)  | 1.960 (14)    | 2.858 (5)             | 168 (3)                 |
| O10—H2...O9 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.910 (10)  | 1.927 (12)    | 2.836 (5)             | 178 (4)                 |

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

The water H atoms were located in a difference map and the O—H distances were restrained to 0.90 (1) Å; the *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) values were allowed to refine. All other H atoms were placed in idealized posi-

tions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H distances of 0.93–0.97 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The highest peak in the difference map is 1.57 Å from atom C35.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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