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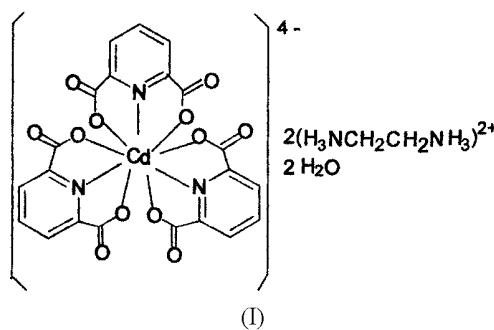
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 298 K  
Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å  
*R* factor = 0.028  
*wR* factor = 0.067  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.5For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Bis(ethylenediamonium) tris(pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylato- $\kappa^3O,O',N$ )cadmium(II) hexahydrate**

In the title complex,  $(C_2H_{10}N_2)_2[Cd(C_7H_3NO_4)_3] \cdot 6H_2O$ , the  $Cd^{II}$  atom is nine-coordinated by three pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylate ligands *via* six O atoms and three N atoms in a distorted tricapped trigonal prismatic structure. A crystallographic twofold rotation axis passes through the Cd atom and three atoms of one pyridine ring, *viz.* N, the C in the *p*-position and its attached H atom. The pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylate ligands, ethylenediamonium cations and uncoordinated water molecules contribute to the formation of intermolecular hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional network.

**Comment**

The title compound, (I), consists of a  $[Cd(C_7H_3NO_4)_3]^{4-}$  anion, two  $(H_3NCH_2CH_2NH_3)^{2+}$  cations and six uncoordinated water molecules. The  $Cd^{II}$  atom is nine-coordinated by three pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylate ligands [denoted by  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3^i$ ; symmetry code: (i)  $2 - x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ], *via* six O atoms and three N atoms (Fig. 1). The coordination geometry around Cd corresponds to a distorted tricapped trigonal prism, with the capping positions occupied by atom N2 of  $L_2$ , O1 of  $L_1$  and O1<sup>*i*</sup> of  $L_3^i$ .



A crystallographic twofold rotation axis passes through the Cd atom and three atoms of ligand  $L_2$ , *viz.* N2, C11 and its attached H atom H5. In the ninefold coordination, there are three unique Cd–O distances and two unique Cd–N distances; these are Cd1–O1 = 2.5408 (15) Å, Cd1–O3 = 2.5225 (15) Å, Cd1–O5 = 2.5671 (15) Å, Cd1–N1 = 2.4194 (17) Å and Cd1–N2 = 2.397 (2) Å. The dihedral angles between the two pyridine rings of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ ,  $L_1$  and  $L_3^i$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3^i$  are 83.0 (6), 91.5 (6) and 97.0 (6)°, respectively.

All NH groups of the cation and all OH groups of uncoordinated water molecules, together with all O atoms of the pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylate ligands, contribute to the formation of intermolecular N–H...O and O–H...O hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional network (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

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## Experimental

Cd(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mmol) was dissolved in distilled water (20 ml). To this solution was added dropwise, at 333 K, an aqueous mixture (30 ml) of L<sub>1</sub> (2 mmol) and ethylenediamine (2 mmol). The mixture was stirred for 4 h and part of the solvent was evaporated in a rotary vacuum evaporator. The resulting solution was filtered and allowed to stand in air for about 1.5 months. Large colourless block-like crystals of (I) were obtained. Analysis calculated for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>41</sub>CdN<sub>7</sub>O<sub>18</sub>: C 35.74, H 4.92, N 11.67%; found: C 35.58, H 4.81, N 11.55%.

## Crystal data

(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>10</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[Cd(C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]·6H<sub>2</sub>O  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 840.05  
 Orthorhombic, *Pbcn*  
*a* = 16.250 (3) Å  
*b* = 10.0614 (15) Å  
*c* = 20.021 (3) Å  
*V* = 3273.4 (9) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.705 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo *Kα* radiation  
 Cell parameters from 5899 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.4–26.6°  
 $\mu$  = 0.76 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 298 (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 0.40 × 0.30 × 0.15 mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
*T*<sub>min</sub> = 0.751, *T*<sub>max</sub> = 0.895  
 19 430 measured reflections

3930 independent reflections  
 2680 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.033  
 $\theta$ <sub>max</sub> = 28.3°  
*h* = -21 → 20  
*k* = -13 → 12  
*l* = -23 → 25

## Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.028  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.067  
*S* = 0.95  
 3930 reflections  
 314 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.035P)^2]$   
 where *P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3  
 (Δ/*σ*)<sub>max</sub> < 0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.46 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.41 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

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>
N3–H6...O8 <sup>i</sup>	0.95 (3)	1.86 (3)	2.801 (3)	168 (2)
N3–H7...O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.91 (3)	1.92 (3)	2.823 (3)	176 (2)
N3–H8...O7 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88 (3)	2.01 (3)	2.852 (3)	160 (2)
N4–H13...O9 <sup>iv</sup>	0.88 (3)	2.31 (3)	2.912 (3)	126 (2)
N4–H14...O6 <sup>v</sup>	0.83 (3)	1.98 (3)	2.779 (3)	162 (3)
N4–H15...O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.83 (3)	2.37 (3)	3.126 (3)	151 (2)
O7–H16...O2 <sup>v</sup>	0.864 (10)	1.875 (12)	2.723 (3)	167 (3)
O7–H17...O6 <sup>ii</sup>	0.867 (10)	2.150 (18)	2.940 (2)	151 (3)
O8–H18...O4 <sup>vi</sup>	0.874 (10)	1.972 (13)	2.819 (2)	163 (3)
O8–H19...O3 <sup>vii</sup>	0.876 (10)	1.804 (13)	2.661 (2)	165 (3)
O9–H20...O7 <sup>viii</sup>	0.861 (10)	2.060 (11)	2.919 (3)	175 (3)
O9–H21...O5 <sup>vii</sup>	0.872 (10)	1.972 (13)	2.810 (2)	161 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) ½ – *x*, ½ + *y*, *z*; (ii) *x* – 1, *y*, *z*; (iii) *x*, 1 + *y*, *z*; (iv) *x*, 1 – *y*, *z* – ½; (v) 1 – *x*, 1 – *y*, – *z*; (vi) *x* – ½, *y* – ½, ½ – *z*; (vii) 1 – *x*, *y*, ½ – *z*; (viii) *x*, 1 – *y*, ½ + *z*.

The water O–H distances were restrained to 0.90 (1) Å and the *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) values were allowed to refine. The amine H atoms were located in a difference Fourier synthesis and refined isotropically. All other H atoms were placed in idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å and *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = *xU*<sub>eq</sub>(C), with *x* in the range 0.8–1.4.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve

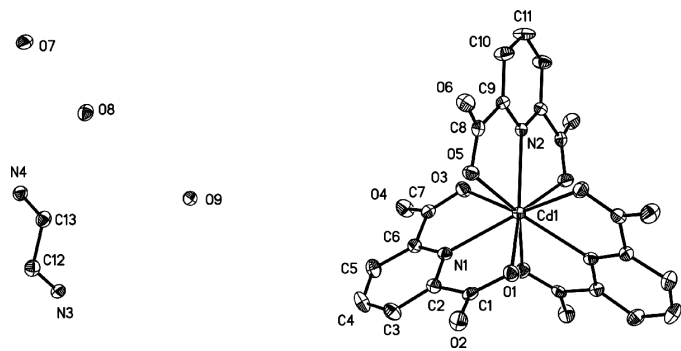


Figure 1

The structure of (I). Atoms of the asymmetric unit are labelled. Unlabelled atoms are related to their corresponding labelled atoms by (*2* – *x*, *y*, ½ – *z*). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

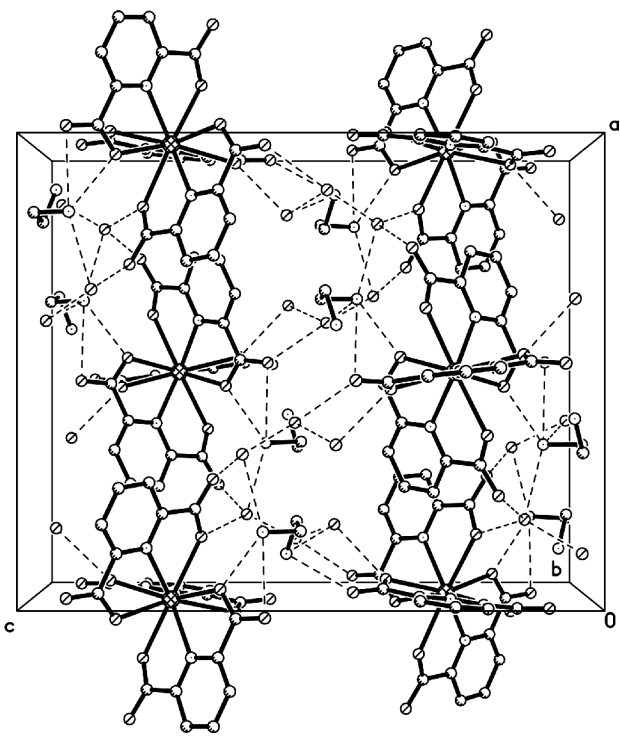


Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), showing the O–H...O and N–H...O hydrogen-bond interactions as dashed lines. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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