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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 296$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.040  
 $wR$  factor = 0.062  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**catena-Poly[[aqua(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )-  
cadmium(II)]- $\mu$ -4-carboxylatophenoxyacetato-  
 $\kappa^3O,O':O''$ ]**

The  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  atom in the title coordination polymer,  $[\text{Cd}(4\text{-CPOA})(1,10\text{-phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$  (1,10-phen is 1,10-phenanthroline,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2$ , and 4-CPOA $^{2-}$  is the 4-carboxyphenoxyacetate dianion,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{O}_5$ ), shows a distorted octahedral geometry, defined by three carboxyl O-atom donors from two independent 4-CPOA $^{2-}$  groups, two N-atom donors from one 1,10-phen ligand, and one water molecule. The  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  ions are bridged by carboxylate groups in mono- and bidentate modes, forming a chain structure. The polymeric chains are connected via  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions into a two-dimensional layer structure.

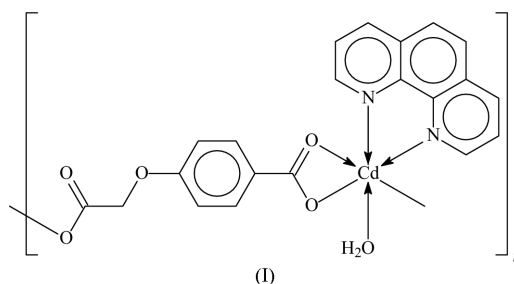
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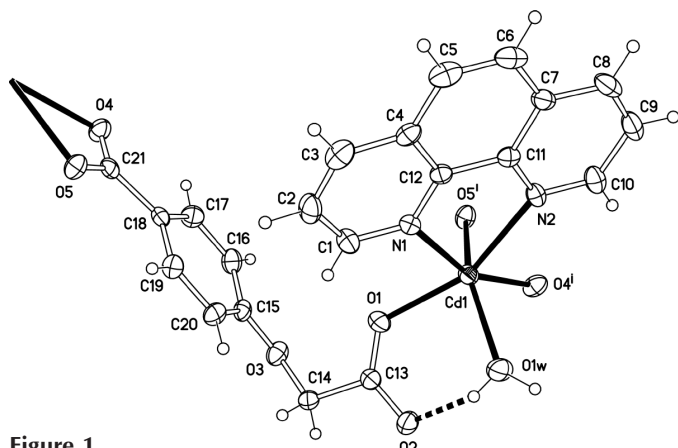
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## Comment

4-Carboxyphenoxyacetic acid (4-CPOAH $_2$ ) is an excellent bridging ligand with both rigid and flexible parts, which not only has multiple coordination possibilities, but can also form regular hydrogen bonds by functioning as both a hydrogen-bond donor and acceptor. However, the coordination chemistry of 4-CPOAH $_2$  still remains largely unexplored to date. Recently, we have reported the structures of three polymers,  $[\text{Ni}(4\text{-CPOA})(2,2'\text{-bipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$  (2,2'-bipy is 2,2' bipyridine), (II),  $[\text{Co}(4\text{-CPOA})(3\text{-PyOH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$  (PyOH is 3-3-hydroxypyridine), (III) and  $[\text{Mn}(4\text{-CPOA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]_n$ , (IV), within which the 4-CPOA $^{2-}$  ligand shows various coordination modes, including bi-, tri- and tetradentate (Gu, Gao, Huo *et al.*, 2004; Gu, Gao, Zhao *et al.*, 2004; Gao *et al.*, 2004). Here, we report the crystal structure of the title  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  coordination polymer,  $[\text{Cd}(4\text{-CPOA})(1,10\text{-phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$ , (I), which was obtained by the hydrothermal reaction of 4-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid, cadmium dinitrate tetrahydrate and 1,10-phenanthroline in an aqueous solution.



As illustrated in Fig. 1, the  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  centre of (I) is in a distorted octahedral geometry. The  $\text{Cd}-\text{O}_{\text{carboxyl}}$  distances are somewhat longer than the  $\text{Cd}-\text{O}_{\text{oxycarboxyl}}$  distances (Table 1). There are similarities between complexes (I), (II) and (III), in that the metal ions of these three complexes have the same distorted octahedral configuration.


**Figure 1**

A plot of the title complex, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond. (Symmetry codes are as given in Table 1).

It is noteworthy that the oxyacetate group functions in a monodentate mode through atom O1, while the carboxyl group chelates the Cd<sup>II</sup> centre through carboxyl atoms O4 and O5. The oxyacetate group is twisted out of the plane of the aromatic ring, the C15–O3–C14–C13 torsion angle being  $-81.8(4)^\circ$ , whereas the carboxyl group, O4–C21–O5, and benzene ring are almost coplanar [dihedral angle  $8.3(3)^\circ$ ].

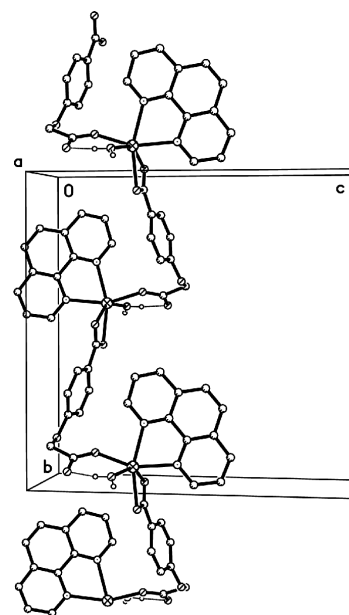
The 4-CPOA<sup>2-</sup> ligands which adopt a tridentate coordinating mode link neighbouring Cd<sup>II</sup> atoms to form a chain structure, the adjacent Cd $\cdots$ Cd separation being 10.455 (2) Å (Fig. 2). In addition, the chains are connected through an intermolecular hydrogen bond between the water molecule and carboxyl atom O5 (Table 2). There are  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions between the phen rings, with a separation of 3.558 (3) Å. The polymeric chains align in a manner which facilitates both hydrogen-bonding and  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interactions, leading to a two-dimensional layer structure (Fig. 3).

## Experimental

The title complex was prepared by the addition of 1,10-phenanthroline (1.99 g, 10 mmol) and cadmium dinitrate tetrahydrate (3.08 g, 10 mmol) to a hot aqueous solution of 4-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid (1.96 g, 10 mmol); the pH was adjusted to 6 with 0.1M sodium hydroxide. The mixture was sealed in a 20 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel bomb and held at 423 K for 4 d. The bomb was cooled naturally to room temperature, and colourless prismatic crystals were obtained after several days. CHN analysis, calculated for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Cd: C 49.97, H 3.19, N 5.55%; found: C 45.13, H 3.22, N 5.51%.

### Crystal data

|   |   |
|---|---|
| [Cd(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )(C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O)] | Mo K $\alpha$ radiation                 |
| $M_r = 504.77$  | Cell parameters from 16 504 reflections |
| Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$  | $\theta = 3.2$ – $27.3^\circ$           |
| $a = 6.9025(14)$ Å  | $\mu = 1.19$ mm <sup>-1</sup>           |
| $b = 16.504(3)$ Å   | $T = 296(2)$ K                          |
| $c = 16.770(3)$ Å   | Prism, colourless                       |
| $V = 1910.4(6)$ Å <sup>3</sup>  | $0.36 \times 0.24 \times 0.18$ mm       |
| $Z = 4$   |   |
| $D_x = 1.755$ Mg m <sup>-3</sup>  |   |


**Figure 2**

The chain structure of the title complex. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms bound to C atoms have been omitted.

### Data collection

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer                        | 4259 independent reflections           |
| $\omega$ scans  | 3477 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995) | $R_{int} = 0.059$                      |
| $T_{min} = 0.675$ , $T_{max} = 0.815$                     | $\theta_{max} = 27.3^\circ$            |
| 16 533 measured reflections                               | $h = -8 \rightarrow 7$                 |
|   | $k = -21 \rightarrow 21$               |
|   | $l = -21 \rightarrow 21$               |

### Refinement

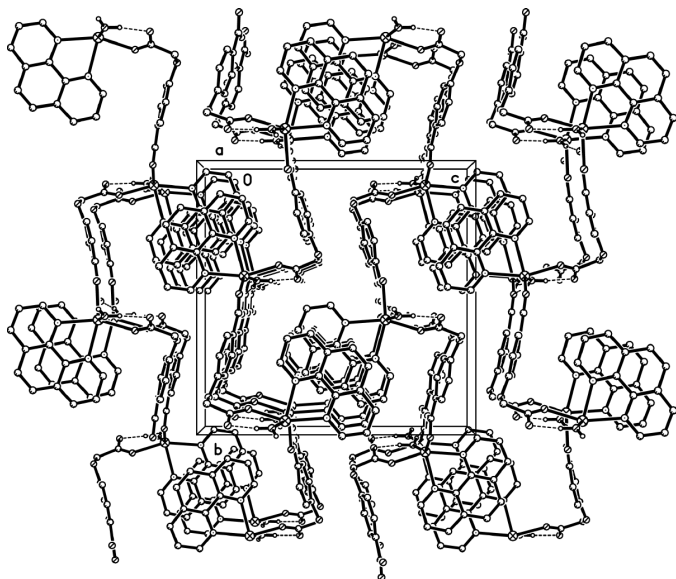
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| Refinement on $F^2$  | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0285P)^2]$                   |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$  | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                            |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.062$  | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$                           |
| $S = 1.03$   | $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.86$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>               |
| 4259 reflections   | $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.37$ e Å <sup>-3</sup>              |
| 278 parameters   | Extinction correction: none                               |
| H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement | Absolute structure: Flack (1983), with 1812 Friedel pairs |
|  | Flack parameter: 0.47 (2)                                 |

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|                        |             |                                      |             |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Cd1–N1                 | 2.343 (3)   | Cd1–O4 <sup>i</sup>                  | 2.298 (2)   |
| Cd1–N2                 | 2.363 (3)   | Cd1–O5 <sup>i</sup>                  | 2.490 (3)   |
| Cd1–O1                 | 2.239 (3)   | Cd1–O1W                              | 2.289 (3)   |
| N1–Cd1–N2              | 71.22 (10)  | N2–Cd1–O1W                           | 103.83 (11) |
| N1–Cd1–O1              | 87.61 (11)  | O1–Cd1–O4 <sup>i</sup>               | 107.72 (12) |
| N1–Cd1–O4 <sup>i</sup> | 159.76 (10) | O1–Cd1–O5 <sup>i</sup>               | 89.74 (10)  |
| N1–Cd1–O5 <sup>i</sup> | 113.96 (12) | O1–Cd1–O1W                           | 88.03 (11)  |
| N1–Cd1–O1W             | 99.85 (14)  | O4 <sup>i</sup> –Cd1–O5 <sup>i</sup> | 54.70 (8)   |
| N2–Cd1–O1              | 157.07 (12) | O4 <sup>i</sup> –Cd1–O1W             | 93.95 (12)  |
| N2–Cd1–O4 <sup>i</sup> | 91.21 (11)  | O5 <sup>i</sup> –Cd1–O1W             | 146.00 (12) |
| N2–Cd1–O5 <sup>i</sup> | 90.93 (11)  |                                      |             |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$



**Figure 3**  
A packing diagram of the title complex. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms bound to C atoms have been omitted.

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bond 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> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| O1W—H1W1...O5 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.85 (4)    | 1.93 (4)      | 2.758 (4)             | 166 (5)                 |
| O1W—H1W2...O2               | 0.85 (2)    | 1.83 (4)      | 2.631 (4)             | 158 (4)                 |

Symmetry codes: (ii)  $-x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.93 or 0.97 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ , and were refined in the

riding-model approximation. Water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined with O—H and H...H distance restraints of 0.85 (1) and 1.39 (1) Å, respectively, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . The absolute structure parameter could not be reliably determined. The crystal is a racemic twin. The ratio of the two components refined to 0.47 (2):0.53 (2).

Data collection: *RAPID AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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