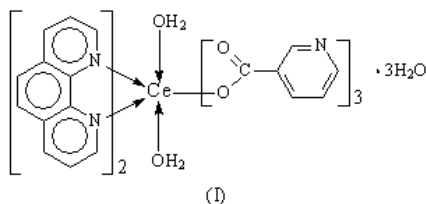


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## Key indicators

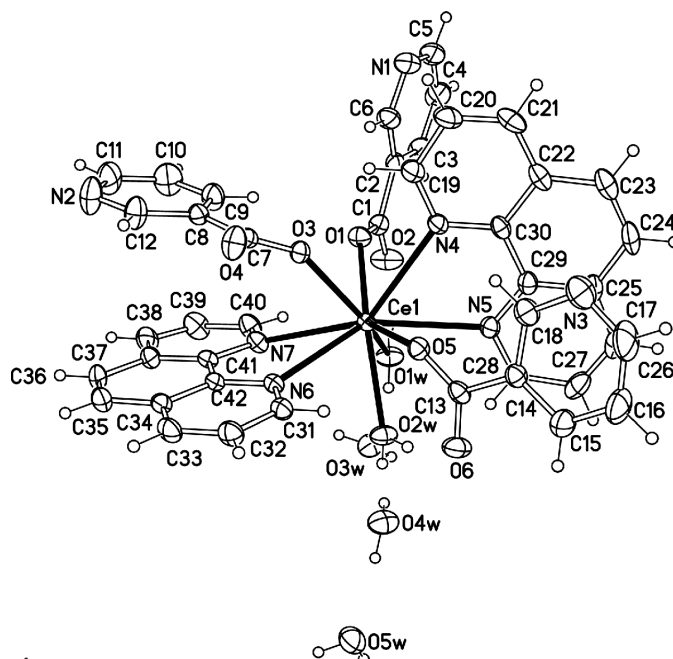
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.034  
 $wR$  factor = 0.077  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.4For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Diaquatrakis(nicotinato- $\kappa O$ )bis(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2 N, N'$ )cerium(III) trihydrateIn the title compound,  $[\text{Ce}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2)_3(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the  $\text{Ce}^{\text{III}}$  atom shows a capped trigonal prismatic  $\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$  coordination. The  $\text{Ce}-\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ce}-\text{N}$  bond distances are 2.390 (2)–2.517 (2) and 2.730 (3)–2.752 (3)  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively.

## Comment

Diaquatrakis(nicotinato- $\kappa O$ )bis(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2 N, N'$ )cerium(III) trihydrate, (I) (Fig. 1), is isostructural with the neodymium(III) analog (Liu & Wang, 2004), the two structures featuring extensive hydrogen bonds (Table 2) that give rise to a layer motif. In (I), the  $\text{Ce}$  atom shows a capped trigonal prismatic coordination (Fig. 2). Selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1.

## Experimental

An aqueous solution (5 ml) of nicotinic acid (0.037 g, 0.3 mmol) was mixed with an aqueous solution (3 ml) of cerium chloride hexahy-



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I), with displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level.

drate (0.035 g, 0.1 mmol) and an ethanol solution (5 ml) of 1,10-phenanthroline (0.054 g, 0.3 mmol). The mixture was filtered. Colorless crystals separated from the solution after several days (yield 31%).

Crystal data

[Ce(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 956.91  
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$   
*a* = 9.058 (1) Å  
*b* = 12.931 (1) Å  
*c* = 17.879 (1) Å  
 $\alpha$  = 85.011 (1)°  
 $\beta$  = 80.643 (1)°  
 $\gamma$  = 84.314 (1)°  
*V* = 2050.8 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.550 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 976 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 1.9–24.3°  
 $\mu$  = 1.18 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 295 (2) K  
 Prism, colorless  
 0.22 × 0.20 × 0.18 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.781, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.816  
 11983 measured reflections

8380 independent reflections  
 6984 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.024  
 $\theta_{max}$  = 26.5°  
*h* = -11 → 8  
*k* = -16 → 16  
*l* = -22 → 14

Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.034  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.077  
*S* = 1.03  
 8380 reflections  
 580 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0282P)^2 + 1.2625P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.36 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.56 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ce1—O1	2.497 (2)	Ce1—N4	2.750 (3)
Ce1—O3	2.390 (2)	Ce1—N5	2.733 (3)
Ce1—O5	2.517 (2)	Ce1—N6	2.752 (3)
Ce1—O1 <sub>w</sub>	2.517 (2)	Ce1—N7	2.730 (3)
Ce1—O2 <sub>w</sub>	2.508 (2)		
O1—Ce1—O3	78.5 (1)	O5—Ce1—N5	68.3 (1)
O1—Ce1—O5	138.7 (1)	O5—Ce1—N6	76.3 (1)
O1—Ce1—O1 <sub>w</sub>	70.5 (1)	O5—Ce1—N7	135.9 (1)
O1—Ce1—O2 <sub>w</sub>	139.8 (1)	O1 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—O2 <sub>w</sub>	69.5 (1)
O1—Ce1—N4	68.8 (1)	O1 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N4	114.1 (1)
O1—Ce1—N5	92.3 (1)	O1 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N5	72.6 (1)
O1—Ce1—N6	130.3 (1)	O1 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N6	118.2 (1)
O1—Ce1—N7	78.8 (1)	O1 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N7	75.5 (1)
O3—Ce1—O5	87.6 (1)	O2 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N4	132.8 (1)
O3—Ce1—O1 <sub>w</sub>	141.9 (1)	O2 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N5	79.1 (1)
O3—Ce1—O2 <sub>w</sub>	135.5 (1)	O2 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N6	69.0 (1)
O3—Ce1—N4	72.4 (1)	O2 <sub>w</sub> —Ce1—N7	88.2 (1)
O3—Ce1—N5	131.3 (1)	N4—Ce1—N5	59.9 (1)
O3—Ce1—N6	67.4 (1)	N4—Ce1—N6	127.7 (1)
O3—Ce1—N7	77.3 (1)	N4—Ce1—N7	139.0 (1)
O5—Ce1—O1 <sub>w</sub>	130.4 (1)	N5—Ce1—N6	137.4 (1)
O5—Ce1—O2 <sub>w</sub>	74.1 (1)	N5—Ce1—N7	148.1 (1)
O5—Ce1—N4	69.9 (1)	N6—Ce1—N7	59.6 (1)

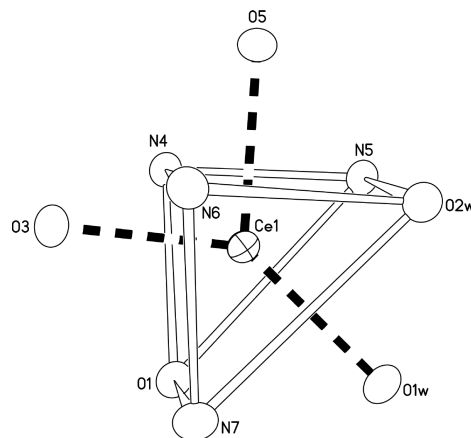


Figure 2 The capped trigonal prismatic geometry around the Ce atom in (I).

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>
O1 <sub>w</sub> —H1 <sub>w</sub> 1···O2	0.85 (1)	1.79 (2)	2.628 (4)	167 (4)
O1 <sub>w</sub> —H1 <sub>w</sub> 2···O3 <sub>w</sub>	0.85 (1)	1.92 (2)	2.748 (4)	165 (4)
O2 <sub>w</sub> —H2 <sub>w</sub> 1···O6	0.86 (1)	1.78 (1)	2.614 (4)	163 (3)
O2 <sub>w</sub> —H2 <sub>w</sub> 2···O4 <sub>w</sub>	0.85 (1)	1.85 (1)	2.706 (4)	177 (4)
O3 <sub>w</sub> —H3 <sub>w</sub> 1···O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.84 (1)	1.90 (1)	2.735 (4)	171 (4)
O3 <sub>w</sub> —H3 <sub>w</sub> 2···O5 <sup>i</sup>	0.84 (1)	2.05 (1)	2.883 (4)	171 (4)
O4 <sub>w</sub> —H4 <sub>w</sub> 1···O3 <sub>w</sub>	0.84 (1)	1.97 (2)	2.781 (4)	163 (4)
O4 <sub>w</sub> —H4 <sub>w</sub> 2···O5 <sub>w</sub>	0.84 (1)	1.93 (1)	2.766 (4)	171 (4)
O5 <sub>w</sub> —H5 <sub>w</sub> 1···N1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.06 (2)	2.873 (5)	160 (4)
O5 <sub>w</sub> —H5 <sub>w</sub> 2···N2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.84 (1)	2.07 (2)	2.890 (5)	165 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i) *x* - 1, *y*, *z*; (ii) *x* - 1, 1 + *y*, *z*; (iii) 1 - *x*, 2 - *y*, 1 - *z*.

The aromatic H atoms were positioned geometrically [C—H = 0.93 Å and *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C)] and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation. The water H atoms were located and refined with distance restraints [O—H = 0.85 (1) Å and H···H = 1.39 (1) Å] and with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(O).

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: SAINT; method used to solve structure: atomic coordinates taken from published Nd structure; 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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