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### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C-C}) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.034 wR factor = 0.091 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4

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# Lithium hydrogen iodofumarate monohydrate

Yellow crystals of the title compound, poly[[aqualithium(I)]- $\mu_3$ -iodofumarato], [Li(HOOC-CH=CI-COO)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]<sub>n</sub>, crystallized unexpectedly from an aqueous solution containing acetylenedicarboxylic acid and LiI. The lithium cation is coordinated tetrahedrally by four O atoms of three iodofumarate anions and one water molecule. These tetrahedra are connected such that a layered coordination polymer is formed.

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## Comment

During our ongoing studies of coordination polymers based on acetylenedicarboxylic acid (*e.g.* Billetter *et al.*, 2004) we unexpectedly obtained yellow crystals of the title compound, (I), as a single-phase product. The crystal structure of (I) (Fig. 1) is composed of lithium ions tetrahedrally coordinated by four O atoms stemming from three iodofumarate anions and one water molecule [Li-O = 1.915 (7)-1.977 (8) Å]. Two such tetrahedra share a common edge to form a dimeric unit with Li $\cdots$ Li<sup>iv</sup> = 2.773 (15) Å [symmetry code: (iv) 3 - x, -y, 1- z]. These dimeric units are connected by the bifunctional iodofumarate anions to form a two-dimensional coordination network. Surprisingly, no inter-layer hydrogen bonds were found so that weak interatomic forces, *i.e.* van der Waals interactions, must be assumed to hold the layers together (Fig. 2).



It is surprising that (I) was obtained from a solution containing acetylenedicarboxylic acid and LiI. Thus, a *trans* addition of HI to the triple bond of acetylenedicarboxylic acid must have occurred under the conditions of crystallization. We have observed this unusual reaction in a few other experiments, details of which will be published in the near future.

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## Figure 1

A view of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H-atom radii are arbitrary. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} + x$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2} - y$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{5}{2} - x$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + y$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} - z$ .]

## **Experimental**

Acetylenedicarboxylic acid (1.71 g, 15 mmol) was dissolved in deionized water (30 ml). A solution of LiI (1.34 g, 10 mmol) in deionized water (10 ml) was added. The beaker was sealed with a perforated foil. After approximately 100 days, yellow plate-like crystals of (I) were obtained. Analysis calculated for  $C_4H_4ILiO_5$  (265.91): C 18.07, H 1.52%; found: C 17.93, H 1.52%. No yield was determined. DTA/ TG data show that (I) loses its water molecule at about 363 K. This is followed by a multi-step decomposition at 473 K, which cannot be resolved any further.

### Crystal data

[Li(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>IO<sub>4</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]  $M_r = 265.91$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  a = 7.5649 (15) Å b = 6.7833 (8) Å c = 15.502 (3) Å  $\beta = 101.98$  (2)° V = 778.2 (2) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

Data collection

Stoe IPDS-I diffractometer  $\varphi$  scans Absorption correction: numerical [X-RED (Stoe & Cie, 2001); the crystal shape was optimized by X-SHAPE (Stoe & Cie, 1999)]  $T_{min} = 0.202, T_{max} = 0.608$ 10677 measured reflections

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$   $wR(F^2) = 0.091$  S = 1.081740 reflections 113 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$D_x = 2.270 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 1058
reflections
$\theta = 1.9-28.2^{\circ}$
$\mu = 4.08 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
T = 295 (2) K
Plate, yellow
$0.50 \times 0.20 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$

1740 independent reflections 1523 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.050$   $\theta_{max} = 28.0^{\circ}$   $h = -9 \rightarrow 10$   $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$  $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0429P)^{2} + 1.7418P]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 1.12 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -1.52 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 





# Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Li1-042	1.915 (7)	$Li1-O12^{ii}$	1.952 (8)
Li1-O3	1.917 (10)	Li1-O12 <sup>i</sup>	1.977 (8)
O42-Li1-O3	103.4 (4)	O42-Li1-O12 <sup>i</sup>	112.5 (4)
O42-Li1-O12 <sup>ii</sup>	115.8 (4)	O3-Li1-O12 <sup>i</sup>	117.2 (4)
O3-Li1-O12 <sup>ii</sup>	118.2 (4)	O12 <sup>ii</sup> -Li1-O12 <sup>i</sup>	90.2 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y - \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x + \frac{5}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Table 2			
Hydrogen-bond	geometry	(Å,	°).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O41−H41···O11 <sup>i</sup>	0.82 (2)	1.82 (3)	2.618 (4)	164 (6)
$O3-H31\cdots O11^{iii}$	0.81 (2)	2.14 (4)	2.896 (6)	154 (8)

The position of H3 of the iodofumarate anion was positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on its parent atom C3, with C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 0.044 \text{ Å}^2$ . The H atoms of the water molecule and the OH group of the iodofumarate anion were located in

difference Fourier maps at the end of the refinement and refined isotropically with restrained O–H distances of 0.82 (2) Å. The highest peak and deepest hole are located 0.72 and 0.83 Å, respectively, from atom I1.

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-RED (Stoe & Cie, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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