

**Diimidazolium aquapentakis(nitrato)-neodymate(III)****Hui Zhang,<sup>a,b,\*</sup> Yanmei Wu<sup>a</sup> and Liang Fang<sup>a</sup>**

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**Key indicators**

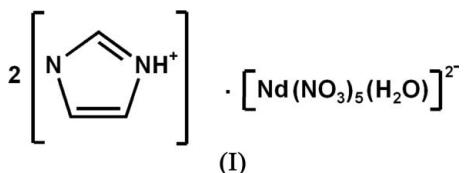
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293\text{ K}$   
 $\text{Mean } \sigma(\text{C-C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$   
 $R\text{ factor} = 0.017$   
 $wR\text{ factor} = 0.042$   
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6

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The asymmetric unit of the title compound,  $(\text{Him})_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  (Him is 1*H*-imidazolium,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{N}_2$ ), contains one  $[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5\text{H}_2\text{O}]^{2-}$  anion and two imidazolium cations. Nd is coordinated by 11 O atoms. N—H···O and O—H···O hydrogen-bond interactions link cations and anions, forming a three-dimensional network.

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Some metal chloride complexes containing imidazolium have been investigated, such as  $(\text{EMI})_3[\text{LaCl}_6]$  (EMI is 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{N}_2$ ) (Matsumoto *et al.*, 2002),  $(\text{EMI})_2[\text{PdCl}_4]$  (II) (Ortwerth *et al.*, 1998) and  $\text{Him}[\text{TaCl}_6]$  (Him is 1*H*-imidazolium) (Levasseur & Beauchamp, 1991). Neodymium nitrate complexes containing alkali metals that have been investigated include  $\text{Na}_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  (Vigdorchik *et al.*, 1990),  $\text{K}_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  (Held *et al.*, 2000) and  $\text{Cs}_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  (Vigdorchik *et al.*, 1989), but little work has been focused on neodmium nitrates containing imidazolium. In the title compound, (I), Nd is coordinated by 11 O atoms from five nitrate ions and one water molecule; Nd is coordinated by 12 O atoms in  $\text{Na}_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5\text{H}_2\text{O}]$  and  $\text{K}_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  and by 10 O atoms in  $\text{Cs}_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ .



Bond distances for Nd—O and N—O are in the range 2.4397 (18)–2.6442 (15) Å and 1.216 (2)–1.271 (2) Å, respectively. O—N—O bond angles are in the range 116.25 (14)–122.37 (15)°. These results are in agreement with those of  $A_2[\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$  ( $A = \text{Na}, \text{K}, \text{Cs}$ ) complexes. In (I), two types of donor H atoms, *viz.* the imidazole NH and the water H (H1W and H2W) atoms are engaged in hydrogen bonds with O atoms of nitrate groups. Hydrogen-bond distances for O—H···O and N—H···O are in the ranges 2.753 (2)–2.822 (2) Å and 2.915 (2)–3.274 (3) Å, respectively. These hydrogen bonds link cations and anions, forming a three-dimensional network.

**Experimental**

Crystals of (I) were obtained from the reaction of  $\text{Nd}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  (5 mmol) and imidazole (5 mmol) in dilute  $\text{HNO}_3$  solution (30 ml) at room temperature. After a few days, pink block crystals appeared.

**Crystal data**

$M_r = 610.49$

Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$

$a = 7.3817(15)$  Å

$b = 7.8831(16)$  Å

$c = 18.073(4)$  Å

$\alpha = 89.37(3)^\circ$

$\beta = 89.49(3)^\circ$

$\gamma = 63.12(3)^\circ$

$V = 938.0(4)$  Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$

$D_x = 2.162$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo K $\alpha$  radiation

Cell parameters from 4652 reflections

$\theta = 1.1\text{--}28.3^\circ$

$\mu = 2.87$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 293(2)$  K

Block, pink

0.20 × 0.18 × 0.15 mm

**Data collection**

Bruker APEX CCD diffractometer

$\omega$  scan

Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS* in *SAINT*; Bruker, 1998)

$T_{\min} = 0.56$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.65$

12985 measured reflections

4652 independent reflections

4530 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

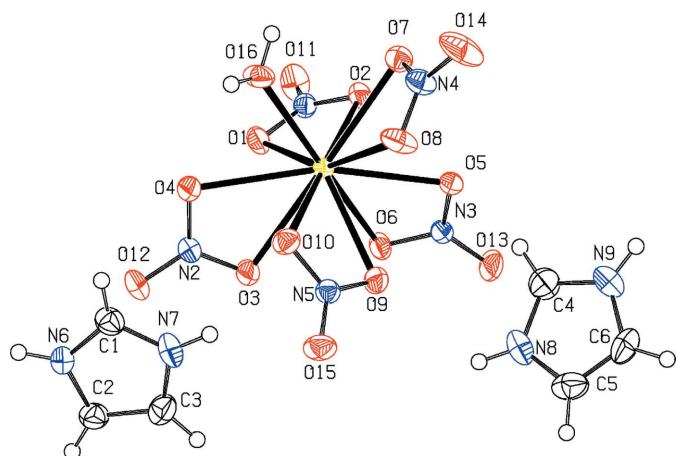
$R_{\text{int}} = 0.026$

$\theta_{\max} = 28.3^\circ$

$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -10 \rightarrow 10$

$l = -24 \rightarrow 24$

**Figure 1**

The asymmetric unit of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.017$

$wR(F^2) = 0.042$

$S = 1.05$

4652 reflections

298 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0177P)^2 + 0.3143P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.003$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.55$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.46$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Extinction correction: *SHELXL*

Extinction coefficient: 0.0174 (5)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Nd1—O16	2.4397 (18)	O3—N2	1.268 (2)
Nd1—O8	2.5468 (16)	O4—N2	1.271 (2)
Nd1—O1	2.5560 (15)	O5—N3	1.262 (2)
Nd1—O10	2.5633 (14)	O6—N3	1.2582 (19)
Nd1—O5	2.5652 (16)	O7—N4	1.262 (2)
Nd1—O9	2.5685 (14)	O8—N4	1.262 (2)
Nd1—O3	2.5709 (16)	O9—N5	1.267 (2)
Nd1—O6	2.5839 (17)	O10—N5	1.265 (2)
Nd1—O7	2.6221 (16)	O11—N1	1.2258 (19)
Nd1—O4	2.6242 (15)	O12—N2	1.216 (2)
Nd1—O2	2.6442 (15)	O13—N3	1.227 (2)
O1—N1	1.2675 (19)	O14—N4	1.218 (2)
O2—N1	1.2515 (19)	O15—N5	1.216 (2)
O16—Nd1—O1	89.53 (6)	O12—N2—O3	122.18 (16)
O16—Nd1—O10	83.83 (5)	O12—N2—O4	121.57 (16)
O10—Nd1—O9	49.74 (5)	O3—N2—O4	116.25 (14)
O5—Nd1—O6	49.48 (5)	O13—N3—O6	121.47 (15)
O16—Nd1—O7	66.49 (6)	O13—N3—O5	120.91 (15)
O8—Nd1—O7	49.10 (5)	O6—N3—O5	117.57 (14)
O16—Nd1—O4	64.70 (6)	O14—N4—O7	121.82 (17)
O3—Nd1—O4	49.02 (5)	O14—N4—O8	121.43 (17)
O1—Nd1—O2	48.73 (4)	O7—N4—O8	116.75 (15)
O3—Nd1—O2	110.55 (5)	O15—N5—O10	121.12 (15)
O11—N1—O2	122.37 (15)	O15—N5—O9	121.96 (16)
O11—N1—O1	120.71 (15)	O10—N5—O9	116.90 (14)
O2—N1—O1	116.92 (14)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D\cdots H$	$D—H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D—H\cdots A$
O16—H2W···O11 <sup>i</sup>	0.79 (3)	1.96 (3)	2.753 (2)	175 (3)
O16—H1W···O15 <sup>ii</sup>	0.81 (3)	2.01 (3)	2.822 (2)	173 (3)
N9—H9···O14 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	2.51	3.073 (3)	124
N9—H9···O7 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	2.49	3.274 (3)	152
N9—H9···O13 <sup>iv</sup>	0.86	2.48	3.079 (3)	128
N8—H8···O2 <sup>v</sup>	0.86	2.21	2.919 (2)	140
N8—H8···O9	0.86	2.55	3.112 (3)	124
N7—H7···O10 <sup>vi</sup>	0.86	2.55	3.160 (2)	128
N7—H7···O6 <sup>iv</sup>	0.86	2.39	3.054 (2)	135
N7—H7···O15 <sup>vii</sup>	0.86	2.28	2.921 (2)	132
N6—H6···O4 <sup>vii</sup>	0.86	2.11	2.915 (2)	156

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (ii)  $x - 1, y + 1, z$ ; (iii)  $-x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 1$ ; (iv)  $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; (v)  $x, y - 1, z$ ; (vi)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; (vii)  $x + 1, y - 1, z + 1$ .

Imidazole H atoms were constrained to an ideal geometry with C—H and N—H distances of 0.93 and 0.86 Å, respectively. H atoms were refined with fixed isotropic displacement parameters  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$ . Aqua H1W and H2W atoms were located in a difference electronic density map, and their positions and isotropic displacement parameters were refined freely.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Farrugia, 1997) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Berndt, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997).

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