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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 293 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.031  
wR factor = 0.077  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.9

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Bis(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2\text{N},\text{N}'$ )(sulfato- $\kappa^2\text{O},\text{O}'$ )cadmium(II) 1,2-ethanediol solvate

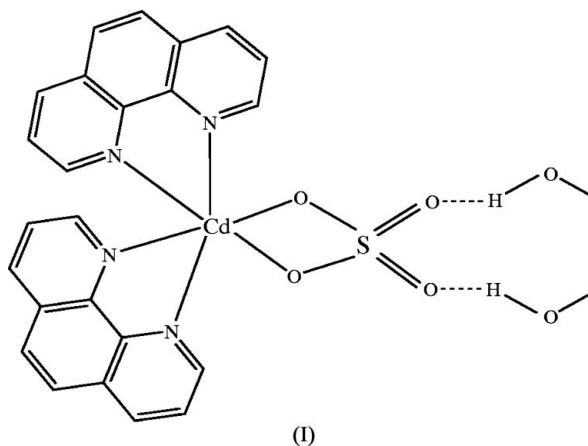
In the structure of the title compound,  $[\text{Cd}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2] \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$ , the  $[\text{Cd}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$  entities are connected by hydrogen bonding. The formula unit lies on a special position of site symmetry 2. The  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  centre is coordinated by four N atoms from two chelating 1,10-phenanthroline ligands and two O atoms from the bidentate sulfate ligand in a distorted octahedral geometry. The two chelating NCCN groups subtend a dihedral angle of  $74.50 (9)^\circ$ .

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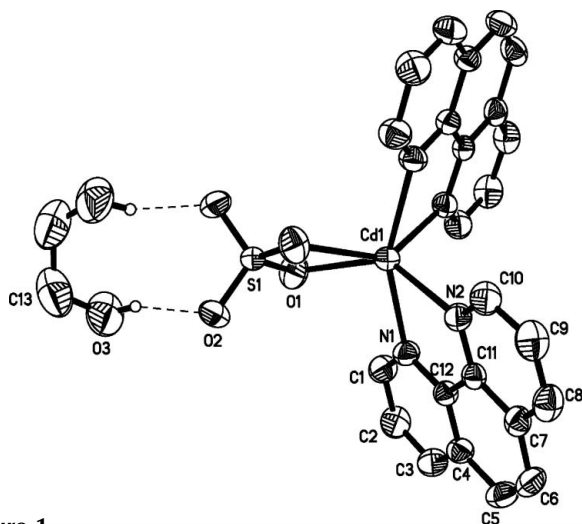
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## Comment

The sulfate ion, as a second ligand, has been found to be versatile when generating mixed-ligand complexes with  $d^{10}$  metal centres. It can act as a monodentate, bidentate or bidentate-bridging ligand, giving rise to monomeric, dimeric or polymeric structures in many complexes (Harvey *et al.*, 2000; 2003; Li *et al.*, 2003; Paul *et al.*, 2002). As such, the coordination modes can be tailored by introducing different neutral ligands into the complexes. The title compound, (I), was obtained unintentionally during an attempt to synthesize a mixed-ligand complex of  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  with 1,10-phenanthroline (phen) and 1,2-bis(2-pyridyl)ethylene *via* a solvothermal reaction. Here, we present the crystal structure of (I), which is isomorphous with the recently reported cobalt(II) structure (Zhong *et al.*, 2006).



Other Cd-phen complexes with a monodentate sulfate ligand (Li *et al.*, 2003) or with a bidentate-bridging sulfate ligand (Harvey *et al.*, 2000) have been synthesized and characterized structurally by X-ray diffraction. Many other mixed-ligand cadmium complexes containing bidentate sulfate ligands (Harvey *et al.*, 2003; Paul *et al.*, 2002) have also been synthesized and reported. The title complex represents an addition to such complexes.


**Figure 1**

The structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme and with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Dashed lines represent O—H...O interactions. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code for unlabelled atoms:  $1 - x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ .]

The metal complex and solvent components of (I) (Fig. 1) are held together by hydrogen bonding. A twofold rotation axis passes through the Cd and S atoms, and also through the centre of the solvent C—C bond. In the complex molecule, each Cd<sup>II</sup> centre is coordinated by four N atoms from two chelating phen ligands and two O atoms from a bidentate sulfate ligand in a distorted octahedral geometry (Table 1). The geometry of the phen and sulfate ligands is in good agreement with those observed in many cadmium complexes. The Cd—N bond distances [2.327 (2)–2.343 (2) Å] are in good accord with those reported in six-coordinate Cd–phen complexes, e.g. [Cd(phen)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>](C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)·4H<sub>2</sub>O, (II) [2.338 (2)–2.383 (2) Å; Yang *et al.*, 2003]. The N—Cd—N bite angle and the dihedral angle between the two chelating NCCN groups are also similar to those found in (II). The Cd—O bond distance [2.361 (2) Å] and O—Cd—O bite angle [59.98 (9)°] are close to those found in the cadmium complex [H<sub>3</sub>N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>NH<sub>3</sub>][Cd<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] [2.334 (5)–2.545 (6) Å and 57.9 (2)°, respectively; Paul *et al.*, 2002].

## Experimental

The title compound, as pale-yellow block-shaped crystals, was obtained by a procedure similar to that described previously by Zhong *et al.* (2006), using 3Cd(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·8H<sub>2</sub>O instead of Co(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·7H<sub>2</sub>O.

### Crystal data

[Cd(SO<sub>4</sub>)(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 630.94  
 Monoclinic, C<sub>2</sub>/c  
*a* = 18.022 (2) Å  
*b* = 12.1978 (14) Å  
*c* = 13.2366 (15) Å  
 β = 121.115 (2)°  
*V* = 2491.2 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 4

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.682 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo-*K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 3452 reflections  
 θ = 3.2–27.5°  
 μ = 1.01 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Block, pale yellow  
 0.35 × 0.29 × 0.20 mm

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD 1K area-detector diffractometer  
 φ and ω scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.719, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.823  
 8598 measured reflections

3101 independent reflections  
 2710 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.031  
 θ<sub>max</sub> = 28.3°  
*h* = -24 → 12  
*k* = -16 → 16  
*l* = -17 → 17

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.031  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.077  
*S* = 1.09  
 3101 reflections  
 173 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0348P)^2 + 1.3354P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 (Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.49 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.35 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cd1—N1	2.327 (2)	S1—O1	1.4841 (18)
Cd1—N2	2.343 (2)	O3—C13	1.372 (5)
Cd1—O1	2.361 (2)	C13—C13 <sup>i</sup>	1.460 (10)
S1—O2	1.4548 (19)		
N1—Cd1—N2	71.91 (7)	O1 <sup>i</sup> —S1—O1	105.37 (16)
O1—Cd1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	59.98 (9)	O3—C13—C13 <sup>i</sup>	117.3 (4)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —S1—O2	110.38 (17)		

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

**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>
O3—H3...O2	0.82	2.01	2.807 (3)	164

The H atoms of the phen ligand were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H = 0.93 Å and *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C). The H atoms of the 1,2-ethanediol solvent were located in a difference map and then allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H = 0.97 and O—H = 0.82 Å, and with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C) or 1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(O).

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

X-ray data were collected at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

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