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## Key indicators

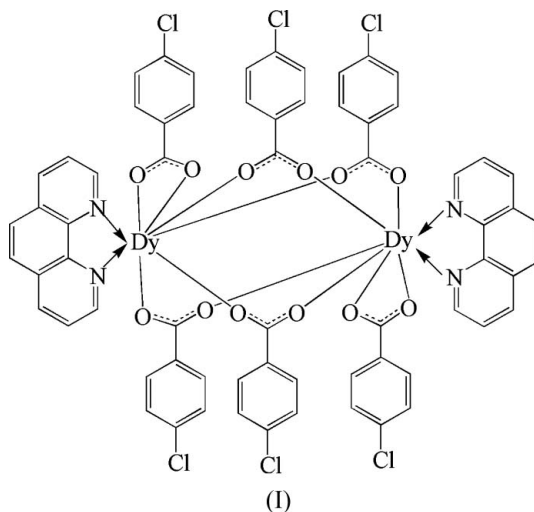
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 290$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.009$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.047  
 $wR$  factor = 0.080  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Tetrakis( $\mu$ -4-chlorobenzoato)bis[(4-chloro-  
benzoato)(1,10-phenanthroline)dysprosium(III)]

In the title dinuclear centrosymmetric compound,  $[\text{Dy}_2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{ClO}_2)_6(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]$ , the  $\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}$  atom is coordinated in a distorted square-antiprismatic geometry by two N atoms from one bidentate chelating phenanthroline ligand and six O atoms from five 4-chlorobenzoate anions. The dinuclear molecules are linked into a three-dimensional network through weak hydrogen bonds and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions.

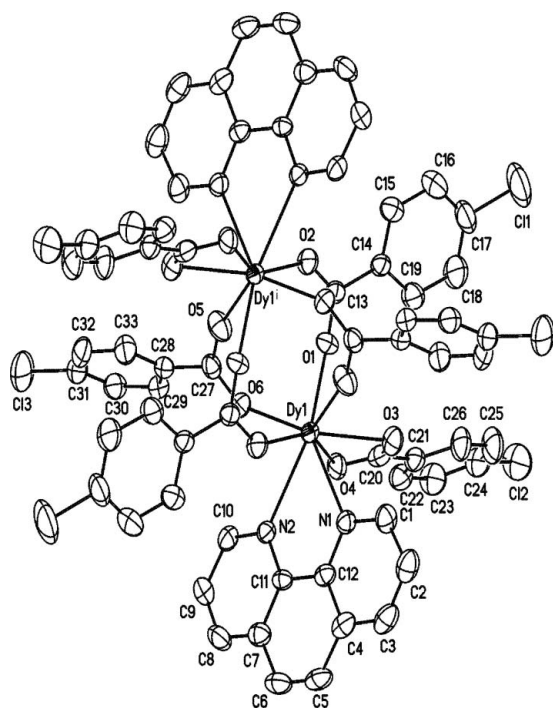
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## Comment

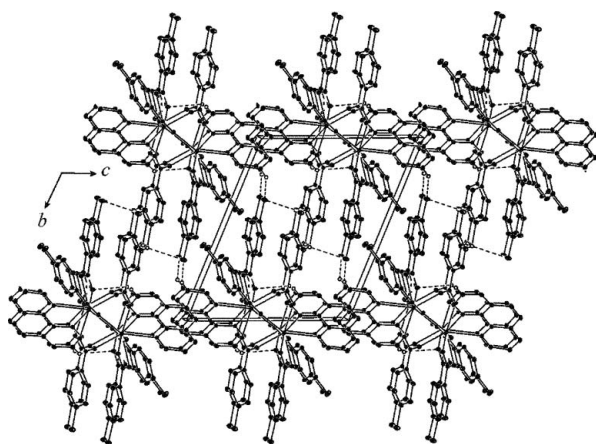
Lanthanide complexes play an important role in specialty materials (Daiguebonne *et al.*, 2000; Farrugia *et al.*, 2000). The crystal structures of compounds of the general formula  $[\text{Ln}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COO})_6]$  have been reported for La, Eu and Tb (Shi *et al.*, 2001); the related compounds  $[\text{Eu}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2\{(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{COO}\}_6]$  (Wang *et al.*, 1999) and  $[\text{Tb}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO})_6]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Wang *et al.*, 2002) are also known. The varied coordination modes of lanthanide elements and halobenzoate groups also stimulated our interest in this work; we reported  $[\text{Ho}(\text{BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO})(\text{phen})(\mu\text{-BrC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO})_{4/2}]_2$  (Zhang *et al.*, 2005). We have now synthesized the title new dinuclear  $\text{Dy}^{\text{III}}$  compound  $[\text{Dy}(\text{ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO})(\text{phen})(\mu\text{-ClC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COO})_{4/2}]_2$ , (I).



In (I), two Dy atoms are bridged by four 4-chlorobenzoate anions to form a binuclear cage structure. Two of these 4-chlorobenzoate anions also behave as chelating ligands. Another 4-chlorobenzoate anion and a 1,10-phenanthroline molecule chelate to the Dy atom (Fig. 1). The eight-coordinate environment of Dy is defined by six O and two N atoms. The chelating phen ligand is planar, and the phen ligands are sandwiched by two phen ligands from two neighboring



**Figure 1**  
Molecular structure (40% probability displacement ellipsoids) of the title compound (H atoms have been omitted). Symmetry code: (i)  $2 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ; unlabelled atoms are also related to labelled atoms by this symmetry operation.



**Figure 2**  
The hydrogen bonds and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking form a two-dimensional structure (the dashed lines indicate the hydrogen bonds).

dinuclear molecules. The mean interplanar distances are 3.20 and 3.29 Å, which are indicative of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions along [100] (Fig. 2). Such weak interactions and an intermolecular C9—H9...O4<sup>iii</sup> [symmetry code: (iii)  $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ; Table 2] hydrogen bond are apparently responsible for the supramolecular assembly of the complex molecules to generate two-dimensional layers parallel to (001). Between adjacent layers, atom C2 acts as a donor to atom Cl2<sup>ii</sup> [symmetry code: (ii)  $2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ] to form interlayer C—H...Cl hydrogen bonds. Through the interlayer hydrogen bonds, the resulting two-dimensional layers are held together into a three-dimensional framework.

## Experimental

The dysprosium(III) complex was obtained from the reaction of freshly prepared  $\text{Dy}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$ , phen and 4-chlorobenzoic acid in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:2 v/v), freshly prepared for an optimal synthesis. 1 M  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$  (6 ml) was added dropwise to a 5.0 ml aqueous solution of  $\text{Dy}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  (0.086 g, 0.251 mmol). The resulting white  $\text{Dy}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$  precipitate was separated out, washed with doubly distilled water until no  $\text{NO}_3^-$  anions remained and added with continuous stirring to  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (15 ml, 1:2 v/v) containing 1,10-phenanthroline monohydrate (0.050 g, 0.253 mmol) and 4-chlorobenzoic acid (0.040 g, 0.255 mmol). The mixture was stirred for ca 2.0 h. Subsequently, the resulting suspension was heated in a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave at 423 K for 7 d. After the autoclave was cooled to room temperature, brown needle crystals were obtained.

### Crystal data

$[\text{Dy}_2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{ClO}_2)_6(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]$   
 $M_r = 1618.72$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 10.071$  (2) Å  
 $b = 11.840$  (2) Å  
 $c = 14.300$  (3) Å  
 $\alpha = 111.02$  (3)°  
 $\beta = 96.58$  (3)°  
 $\gamma = 101.56$  (3)°

$V = 1526.6$  (7) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 1$   
 $D_x = 1.761$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 2.76$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 290$  (2) K  
 Needle, brown  
 $0.29 \times 0.12 \times 0.08$  mm

### Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.679, T_{\max} = 0.802$

15082 measured reflections  
 6889 independent reflections  
 5256 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.055$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.081$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 6889 reflections  
 406 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0001P)^2 + 3.4415P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.98$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -1.15$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Dy1—O5 <sup>i</sup>	2.276 (4)	Dy1—O4	2.357 (4)
Dy1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.316 (4)	Dy1—O3	2.476 (4)
Dy1—O6	2.320 (4)	Dy1—N1	2.552 (4)
Dy1—O1	2.321 (4)	Dy1—N2	2.622 (4)
O5 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	79.15 (14)	O4—Dy1—O3	54.20 (13)
O5 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O6	123.94 (15)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—N1	85.72 (15)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O6	78.48 (14)	O2 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—N1	80.82 (14)
O5 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O1	75.84 (15)	O6—Dy1—N1	138.98 (13)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O1	124.73 (13)	O1—Dy1—N1	143.52 (13)
O6—Dy1—O1	76.23 (13)	O4—Dy1—N1	89.15 (14)
O5 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O4	131.98 (13)	O3—Dy1—N1	70.51 (13)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O4	146.69 (12)	O5 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—N2	139.99 (14)
O6—Dy1—O4	89.13 (14)	O2 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—N2	71.52 (13)
O1—Dy1—O4	80.76 (13)	O6—Dy1—N2	76.39 (13)
O5 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O3	79.33 (14)	O1—Dy1—N2	143.77 (14)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Dy1—O3	145.14 (14)	O4—Dy1—N2	75.55 (12)
O6—Dy1—O3	136.37 (14)	O3—Dy1—N2	110.53 (13)
O1—Dy1—O3	75.25 (13)	N1—Dy1—N2	63.54 (14)

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

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C2—H2 $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.73	3.565 (7)	150
C9—H9 $\cdots$ O4 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.51	3.153 (9)	127
C10—H10 $\cdots$ O6	0.93	2.47	3.065 (7)	122

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

H atoms were included at calculated positions and treated as riding atoms [C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. The largest peak in the final difference map is 1.24 Å from atom O6 and the deepest hole is 0.80 Å from Dy1.

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: *SHELXL97*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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