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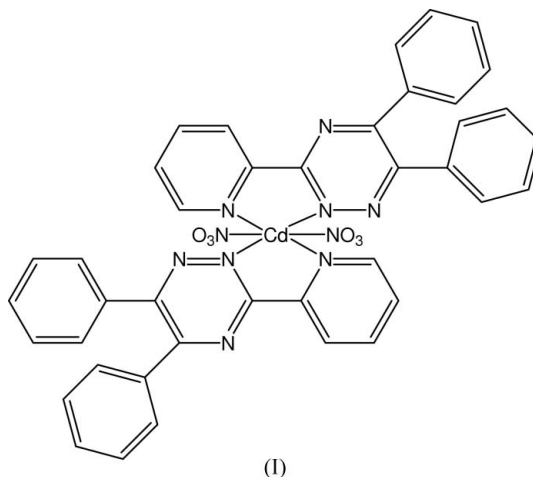
## Bis[5,6-diphenyl-3-(2-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazine- $\kappa^2\text{N},\text{N}'$ ]bis(nitrato- $\kappa\text{O}$ )cadmium(II)

In the centrosymmetric title compound,  $[\text{Cd}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot (\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4)_2]$ , the dihedral angle between the phenyl rings attached to one heterocycle is  $54.13(5)^\circ$ . The crystal structure is stabilized by  $\text{O} \cdots \text{C}$ ,  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ ,  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \pi$  and  $\pi-\pi$  interactions.

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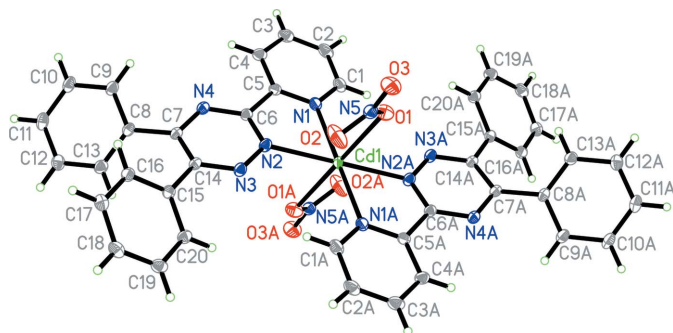
#### Comment

1,2,4-Triazine compounds are well known natural products and show interesting biological, pharmacological and medicinal properties. The 3,5,6-trisubstituted 1,2,4-triazines are a principal class of N-donor heterocyclic ligands. Some can be active as blood platelet aggregation inhibitors and others exhibit antiviral inhibitory activity, significant activity towards leukemia and ovarian cancer, and anti-HIV activity (Soudi *et al.*, 2005; Mashaly *et al.*, 1999). Also 1,2,4-triazine has been used in analytical chemistry to determine the concentration of some trace metal ions (Almog *et al.*, 1996; Croot & Hunter, 2000). Recently we have reported the crystal structure of the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  complex with 5,6-diphenyl-3-(2-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazine (Eltayeb *et al.*, 2006). Now we report the crystal of the  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  complex with the same ligand.



The bond lengths and angles in (I) have normal values (Allen *et al.*, 1987), comparable to a related structure (Eltayeb *et al.*, 2006). The chelate ring ( $\text{Cd1}/\text{N1}/\text{C5}/\text{C6}/\text{N2}$ ) is planar, with a maximum deviation of  $0.070(1) \text{ \AA}$  for atom C6. The dihedral angle between the two phenyl rings is  $54.13(5)^\circ$ .

The relatively short distance [ $2.940(1) \text{ \AA}$ ] between atoms O3 and  $\text{C7}(\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, -z)$  indicates the presence of intermolecular  $\text{O} \cdots \text{C}$  interactions, which contribute to the stabilization of the crystal structure, along with  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \pi$  interactions, the latter involving the C8–C13 phenyl



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atomic numbering. The suffix A indicates the symmetry code ( $\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{3}{2} - y, -z$ ).

ring (Table 1). Cg is the C8–C13 ring centroid. The crystal structure is further stabilized by  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interactions, in which the centroid–centroid distance between the N1/C1–C5 rings at ( $x, y, z$ ) and ( $2 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ) is 3.606 (1) Å, and that between the N1/C1–C5 ring at ( $x, y, z$ ) and the C15–C20 ring at ( $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} + y, z$ ) is 3.727 (1) Å.

## Experimental

To a solution of 5,6-diphenyl-3-(2-pyridyl)-1,2,4-triazine (0.31 g, 1 mmol) in ethanol (20 ml) was added cadmium nitrate tetrahydrate (0.154 g, 0.5 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 1 h. The resulting pale-yellow solution was filtered and left to evaporate slowly at room temperature. Yellow crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained after two weeks (m.p. 559–561 K). IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):  $\nu(\text{C}—\text{H})$  3070, 3040,  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  1618,  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$  1599, 1574, 1509,  $\nu_{\text{asym}}(\text{N}—\text{O})$  1482,  $\nu_{\text{sym}}(\text{N}—\text{O})$  1384,  $\nu(\text{C}—\text{N})$  1255.

### Crystal data

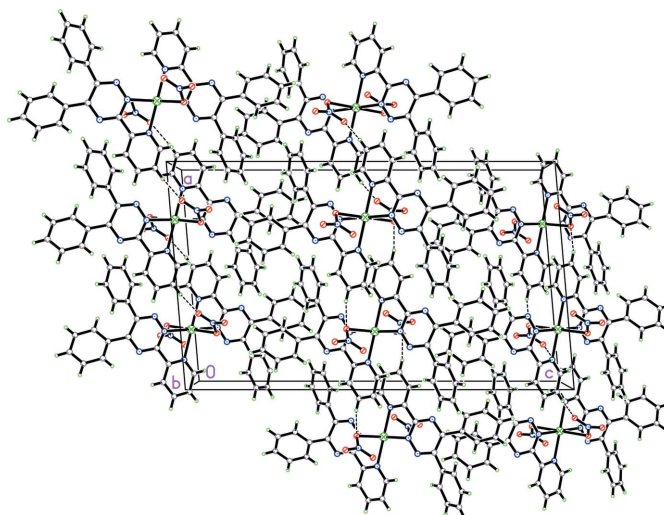
[Cd(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	$Z = 4$
$M_r = 857.12$	$D_x = 1.585 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 15.8191$ (2) Å	$\mu = 0.67 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 8.4756$ (1) Å	$T = 100.0$ (1) K
$c = 26.8765$ (4) Å	Slab, yellow
$\beta = 94.809$ (1)°	$0.31 \times 0.26 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$
$V = 3590.82$ (8) Å <sup>3</sup>	

### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX-2 CCD diffractometer	81732 measured reflections
$\omega$ scans	11133 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2005)	9320 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.817, T_{\text{max}} = 0.923$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$
	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 40.0^\circ$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0397P)^2 + 1.338P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.028$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.082$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$S = 1.13$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.64 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
11133 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.42 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
259 parameters	
H-atom parameters constrained	



**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of (I), viewed down the  $b$  axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D—H \cdots A$	$D—H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D—H \cdots A$
$\text{C2}—\text{H2A} \cdots \text{O2}^{\text{i}}$	0.93	2.41	3.309 (2)	162
$\text{C3}—\text{H3A} \cdots \text{O1}^{\text{ii}}$	0.93	2.47	3.337 (1)	155
$\text{C13}—\text{H13A} \cdots \text{Cg}^{\text{iii}}$	0.93	3.06	3.672 (1)	125
$\text{C17}—\text{H17A} \cdots \text{Cg}^{\text{iv}}$	0.93	3.16	3.852 (1)	132

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z$ ; (ii)  $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z$ ; (iii)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iv)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with  $\text{C}—\text{H} = 0.93$  Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: APEX2; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 2005); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1998); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL and PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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