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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 294 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.060  
wR factor = 0.142  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.8

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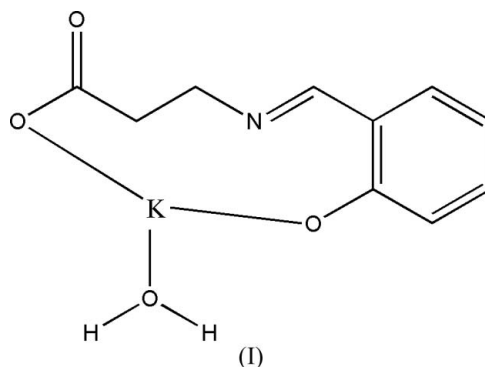
## Aqua(salicylidene- $\beta$ -alaninato- $\kappa^2\text{O},\text{O}'$ )potassium(I)

In the molecule of the title compound,  $[\text{K}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ , the dihedral angle between the planes of the salicylidene and alanine units is  $73.7(3)^\circ$ . In the crystal structure, intermolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds link the molecules into a two-dimensional layer.

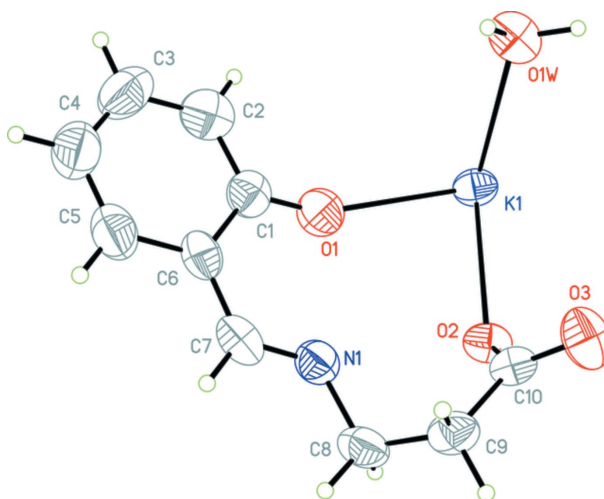
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#### Comment

The title compound, (I), is an effective material for the preparation of rare earth complexes (Parekh *et al.*, 2005). We report here the crystal structure of (I).



In the molecule of (I) (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The C1–C8/N1/O1 and C9/C10/O2/O3 units are nearly planar, with r.m.s. deviations of 0.028 (2) and 0.005 (1)  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively, and a dihedral angle between them of  $73.7(3)^\circ$ .



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

As can be seen from the packing diagram (Fig. 2), intermolecular O—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link the molecules into a two-dimensional layer.

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared by a literature method (Parekh *et al.*, 2005). The resulting solid was recrystallized from an ethanol–diethyl ether (1:1) mixture, giving crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis (yield 66%; m. p. 447 K).

### Crystal data

[K(C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O)]	$V = 1169.5 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 248.30$	$Z = 4$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 17.792 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.45 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 7.9920 (16) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 294 (2) \text{ K}$
$c = 8.3590 (17) \text{ \AA}$	$0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$
$\beta = 100.29 (3)^\circ$	

### Data collection

Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	2289 independent reflections
Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	1477 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.876$ , $T_{\max} = 0.956$	3 standard reflections
2289 measured reflections	frequency: 120 min
	intensity decay: none

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$	136 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.142$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.03$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.40 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2289 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.40 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

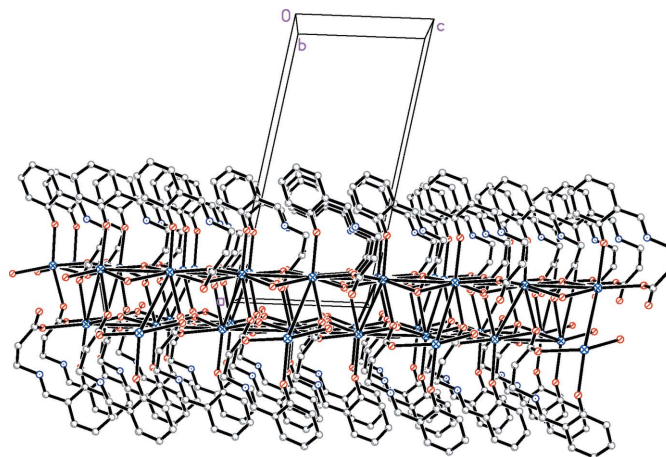
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$O1W-H4B\cdots O2^v$	0.97	2.60	3.475 (3)	150
$O1W-H4A\cdots O3^{vi}$	0.97	2.15	2.741 (3)	118

Symmetry codes: (v)  $-x, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; (vi)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with O—H = 0.97  $\text{\AA}$  (for water) and C—H = 0.93 and 0.97  $\text{\AA}$  and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{O})$ .



**Figure 2**  
A packing diagram for (I). H atoms have been omitted.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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