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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å R factor = 0.027 wR factor = 0.071 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.6

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# Heptaaquabis(hydrogen maleato- $\kappa O$ )europium(III) hydrogen maleate monohydrate

The title compound,  $[Eu(C_4H_3O_4)_2(H_2O)_7](C_4H_3O_4) \cdot H_2O$ , is isostructural with the Nd<sup>III</sup> analogue. The Eu<sup>III</sup> atom is coordinated by O atoms from two hydrogen maleate anions and by seven water molecules, forming a distorted monocapped square-antiprismatic coordination geometry.

### Comment

Complexes of lanthanide elements with maleic acid,  $Ln_2L_3 \cdot nH_2O$  and  $Ln(HL)_3 \cdot nH_2O$  (Ln = lanthanide, L =  $C_4H_2O_4^{2^-}$ ), have been studied previously (Oczko *et al.*, 2002). The title compound, [Eu(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>7</sub>](C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)H<sub>2</sub>O, (I), is isostructural with its Nd<sup>III</sup> analogue.



In (I), the Eu<sup>III</sup> atom is coordinated by O atoms from two hydrogen maleate anions and by seven water molecules, forming a distorted monocapped square-antiprismatic coordination geometry (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The dihedral angles between the planes [C9/C10/C11/C12/O11/O10] and [C1/C2/ C3/C4/O3/O2], [C9/C10/C11/C12/O11/O10] and [C5/C6/C7/ C8/O7/O6], and [C1/C2/C3/C4/O3/O2] and [C5/C6/C7/C8/O7/ O6] are 38.4 (19), 34.2 (18) and 5.7 (18)°, respectively.

### **Experimental**

Europium oxide (0.01 mol) and aqueous HCl (0.06 mol) were combined to form a clear EuCl<sub>3</sub> solution, which was heated to near dryness. Aqueous NaOH (20 wt%, 0.06 mol) was added, and the deposited Eu(OH)<sub>3</sub> was filtered and washed with deionized water. Solid Eu(OH)<sub>3</sub> (0.02 mol) was then added to an aqueous solution (100 ml) of maleic acid (0.06 mol) with continous stirring at 323 K for 2 h. The solution was left to evaporate at room temperature, and colourless block-like crystals were formed over the course of 7 d.

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\begin{array}{c} Crystal \ data \\ [Eu(C_4H_3O_4)_2(H_2O)_7]- & \beta \\ (C_4H_3O_4)\cdot H_2O & \gamma \\ M_r = 641.28 & V \\ Triclinic, \ P\overline{1} & Z \\ a = 7.2220 \ (14) \ \text{\AA} & M \\ b = 10.350 \ (2) \ \text{\AA} & \mu \\ c = 16.672 \ (3) \ \text{\AA} & T \\ \alpha = 72.08 \ (3)^\circ & 0. \end{array}
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 $\beta = 88.06 (3)^{\circ}$   $\gamma = 70.89 (3)^{\circ}$   $V = 1117.3 (5) \text{ Å}^3$  Z = 2Mo Ka radiation  $\mu = 2.90 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 293 (2) K $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$  Received 15 March 2007 Accepted 10 April 2007

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### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.375, T_{\rm max} = 0.568$ 4740 measured reflections

#### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$   $wR(F^2) = 0.071$  S = 1.094370 reflections

I] = 0.027299 parameters1H-atom parameters constrained $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.82$  e Å $^{-3}$ is $\Delta \rho_{min} = -1.13$  e Å $^{-3}$ 

### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$O2 - H1 \cdots O3$	1.20	1.21	2.410 (4)	180
$O6 - H2 \cdots O7$	1.20	1.20	2.405 (4)	180
$O10 - H3 \cdots O11$	1.21	1.22	2.434 (5)	180

4370 independent reflections

every 200 reflections

intensity decay: none

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.020$ 3 standard reflections

4144 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

H atoms bound to C atoms were positioned geometrically with C– H = 0.93 Å and refined using a riding model with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . H atoms of the water molecules were placed geometrically with O– H = 0.96 Å so as to form a reasonable hydrogen-bond network and allowed to ride with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ . H atoms of the hydrogen maleate anions were included in positions indicated by difference Fourier maps, approximately midway between O2/O3, O5/O6 and O10/O11, respectively. They were allowed to ride on the closest O atom with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ . The deepest residual electron density hole is located 0.09 Å from atom Eu.

Data collection: CAD-4 Software (Enraf-Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: CAD-4 Software; data reduction: XCAD4 (Harms &



### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level for non-H atoms. Dashed lines indicate  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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