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# N,N'-Bis(4-chlorobenzyl)ethane-1,2-diammonium dinitrate

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 298 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å; R factor = 0.056; wR factor = 0.169; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.8.

In the title compound,  $C_{16}H_{20}Cl_2N_2^{2+}\cdot 2NO_3^{-}$ , the cation is located on an inversion center and links to the anions via N- $H \cdots O$  and  $C - H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonding.

#### **Related literature**

For related literature, see: Bernstein et al. (1995).



#### **Experimental**

Crystal data C16H20Cl2N22+·2NO3- $M_r = 435.26$ 

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ a = 5.6168 (7) Å

b = 31.132 (3) Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
c = 5.7361 (8) Å	$\mu = 0.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 91.533 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 298 (2) K
V = 1002.7 (2) Å <sup>3</sup>	$0.56 \times 0.49 \times 0.4$
Z = 2	

#### Data collection

5098 measured reflections
1768 independent reflections
1486 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{\rm int} = 0.034$

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.169 128 parameters H-atom parameters constrained S = 1.00 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 1768 reflections

 $\times$  0.45 mm

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1-H1A\cdotsO1$ $N1-H1B\cdotsO3^{i}$ $C2-H2B\cdotsO2^{ii}$	0.90	1.92	2.818 (3)	177
	0.90	1.98	2.870 (3)	172
	0.97	2.42	3.265 (4)	145

Symmetry codes: (i) x, y, z - 1; (ii) x + 1, y, z.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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#### Comment

We intended to prepare a lanthanum(III) complex with N,N-bis(4-chlorobenzyl)ethane-1,2-diamine. However, we obtained the crystal of the title compound. Here we report its structure (Fig. 1).

In the crystal, the cation is located across on an inversion center, the asymmetric unit contains one half-cation and one anion, the cation and the anion are linked by N—H…O hydrogen bonding (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by two N—H···O hydrogen bonds, the atoms N1(amine) at (x,y,z) and (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at (1/2, 1/2, 1/2) act as hydrogen-bond donors to the atom O3 (nitrate) at (x,y,-1 + z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, -1/2) and the atom O3 (nitrate) at (1 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, -1/2) and the atom O3 (nitrate) at (1 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, -1/2), respectively. Propagation by translation of the two hydrogen bonds generates a chain of  $R_4^4(18)$  rings (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

The molecules are linked by two C—H···O and two N—H···O hydrogen bonds, so forming a [1 0 0] chain of  $R_4^4(20)$  ring, the atoms C2 at (x,y,z) and (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at (1/2, 1/2, 1/2) act as hydrogen-bond donors, *via* H2b, to the atom O2 (nitrate)at (1 + x,y,z) in the molecule centred at(3/2, 1/2, 1/2) and the atom O2 (nitrate)at (-x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at(-1/2, 1/2, 1/2) and the atom O2 (nitrate)at (-x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at (1/2, 1/2, 1/2) act as hydrogen-bond donors, *via* H1a, to the atom O1 (nitrate) at (x,y,z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, 1/2) act as hydrogen-bond donors, *via* H1a, to the atom O1 (nitrate) at (x,y,z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, 1/2) and the atom O1 (nitrate) at (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, 1/2) and the atom O1 (nitrate) at (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, 1/2) and the atom O1 (nitrate) at (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at(1/2, 1/2, 1/2) and the atom O1 (nitrate) at (1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z) in the molecule centred at(3/2, 1/2, 1/2), respectively. Propagation by translation of the two pairs of hydrogen bonds generates a chain of  $R_4^4(20)$  rings along [1 0 0]direction (Table 1 and Fig. 3).

The combination of the [0 0 1] chain and the [1 0 0] chain generates a [0 1 0] stack, the stack lies in a domain of 0.260 < y < 0.740. Neighbouring stacks are linked by the intermolecular Cl···C weak interactions [Cl1···C6<sup>i</sup> = 3.441 (3) Å, symmetry codes: (i)1/2 + x,3/2 - y,-1/2 + z], resulting in a three-dimensional structure.

#### **Experimental**

To a methanol solution (30 ml) of N,N-bis(4-chlorobenzyl)ethane-1,2-diamine (3.42 g, 10 mmol) a methanol solution (10 ml) of lanthanum nitrate (2.16 g, 10 mmol) was added, and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at 333 k. The white solid was filtered off, washed with ethanol and dried at room temperature. Colourless crystals of the title compound suitaible for X-ray structure analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a DMF solution containing the crude solid product over a period of two months.

#### Refinement

H atoms were placed in calculated positions with C—H = 0.93 Å (aromatic), 0.97 Å (methylene) and N—H = 0.90 Å, and refined in riding mode with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$ .

#### **Figures**



Fig. 1. The molecular stucture of compound (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Doubled lines indicate hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (\*)1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z]



Fig. 2. Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a chain of  $R_4^4(18)$  rings along [0 0 1] direction. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted. Dashed lines and doubled lines indicate hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (\*) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (#) x, y, -1 + z; (&) 1 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z].



Fig. 3. Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a chain of  $R_4^4(20)$  rings along [1 0 0]direction. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted. Dashed lines and doubled lines indicate hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (\*)1 – x, 1 – y, 1 – z; (#)1 + x,y,z; (&)-x, 1 – y, 1 – z].

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Crystal data

 $C_{16}H_{20}Cl_2N_2^{2+}\cdot 2NO_3^{-1}$  $F_{000} = 452$  $D_{\rm x} = 1.442 \ {\rm Mg \ m}^{-3}$  $M_r = 435.26$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ Melting point: 523-525 K Mo Kα radiation Hall symbol: -P 2yn  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ a = 5.6168 (7) ÅCell parameters from 2811 reflections  $\theta = 2.5 - 27.9^{\circ}$ b = 31.132 (3) Å c = 5.7361 (8) Å  $\mu = 0.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  $\beta = 91.533 (2)^{\circ}$ T = 298 (2) KV = 1002.7 (2) Å<sup>3</sup> Block, colourless Z = 2 $0.56 \times 0.49 \times 0.45$  mm

Data collection

ns
σ(I)

$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\min} = 1.3^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -6 \rightarrow 6$
$T_{\min} = 0.822, \ T_{\max} = 0.853$	$k = -37 \rightarrow 19$
5098 measured reflections	$l = -6 \rightarrow 6$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
Least-squares matrix: full	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0938P)^2 + 1.0094P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.169$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
<i>S</i> = 1.00	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
1768 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
128 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a), $Fc^*=kFc[1+0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct	Extinction coefficient: 0.40 (3)

methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

#### Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit S are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on F, with F set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2 \operatorname{sigma}(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on F, and R– factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

	x	У	Z	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
Cl1	0.0520 (2)	0.73850 (3)	1.0413 (2)	0.0699 (5)
N1	0.4390 (4)	0.55809 (7)	0.5597 (4)	0.0316 (6)
H1A	0.3978	0.5555	0.7096	0.038*
H1B	0.3039	0.5588	0.4718	0.038*
N2	0.1099 (5)	0.55806 (9)	1.0499 (4)	0.0411 (7)
01	0.3261 (4)	0.55003 (9)	1.0333 (4)	0.0567 (8)
O3	0.0322 (4)	0.56523 (10)	1.2485 (4)	0.0619 (8)
O2	-0.0175 (5)	0.55903 (12)	0.8745 (5)	0.0843 (11)
C1	0.5788 (5)	0.51959 (9)	0.4944 (5)	0.0325 (7)
H1C	0.7148	0.5163	0.6006	0.039*
H1D	0.6371	0.5230	0.3378	0.039*

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C2	0.5679 (5)	0.59956 (10)	0.5305 (5)	0.0395 (8)
H2A	0.5778	0.6062	0.3659	0.047*
H2B	0.7288	0.5969	0.5947	0.047*
C3	0.4409 (5)	0.63547 (9)	0.6525 (5)	0.0357 (7)
C4	0.2310 (6)	0.65296 (10)	0.5608 (6)	0.0424 (8)
H4	0.1703	0.6433	0.4178	0.051*
C5	0.1111 (6)	0.68469 (10)	0.6801 (6)	0.0461 (8)
Н5	-0.0299	0.6962	0.6189	0.055*
C6	0.2042 (6)	0.69886 (10)	0.8906 (6)	0.0437 (8)
C7	0.4130 (6)	0.68286 (11)	0.9844 (6)	0.0481 (9)
H7	0.4747	0.6934	1.1253	0.058*
C8	0.5312 (6)	0.65058 (10)	0.8650 (6)	0.0442 (8)
H8	0.6715	0.6391	0.9280	0.053*

## Atomic displacement parameters $(\text{\AA}^2)$

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	U <sup>23</sup>
Cl1	0.0765 (8)	0.0546 (7)	0.0796 (8)	0.0153 (5)	0.0193 (5)	-0.0206 (5)
N1	0.0344 (13)	0.0332 (13)	0.0274 (12)	0.0030 (10)	0.0051 (9)	-0.0039 (9)
N2	0.0415 (15)	0.0510 (16)	0.0309 (14)	-0.0042 (12)	-0.0003 (11)	-0.0007 (11)
O1	0.0449 (14)	0.093 (2)	0.0330 (12)	0.0156 (13)	0.0078 (10)	0.0070 (12)
O3	0.0445 (14)	0.097 (2)	0.0453 (14)	0.0002 (13)	0.0147 (11)	-0.0157 (13)
O2	0.0629 (18)	0.138 (3)	0.0511 (17)	-0.0002 (18)	-0.0231 (14)	-0.0028 (18)
C1	0.0302 (14)	0.0373 (16)	0.0303 (15)	0.0041 (12)	0.0031 (11)	-0.0023 (11)
C2	0.0383 (16)	0.0395 (17)	0.0411 (17)	-0.0016 (13)	0.0099 (13)	-0.0036 (13)
C3	0.0379 (16)	0.0282 (15)	0.0412 (16)	-0.0001 (12)	0.0079 (12)	0.0008 (12)
C4	0.0434 (18)	0.0396 (17)	0.0440 (18)	0.0002 (13)	-0.0017 (14)	-0.0048 (13)
C5	0.0437 (18)	0.0382 (18)	0.056 (2)	0.0070 (14)	0.0019 (15)	0.0008 (14)
C6	0.0523 (19)	0.0291 (16)	0.0503 (19)	0.0004 (13)	0.0156 (15)	-0.0047 (13)
C7	0.057 (2)	0.049 (2)	0.0389 (18)	-0.0035 (16)	0.0033 (15)	-0.0092 (14)
C8	0.0450 (18)	0.0441 (18)	0.0437 (18)	0.0034 (14)	0.0030 (14)	0.0012 (14)

## Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Cl1—C6	1.744 (3)	C2—H2A	0.9700
Cl1—C6 <sup>i</sup>	3.441 (3)	C2—H2B	0.9700
N1—C1	1.486 (3)	C3—C4	1.389 (4)
N1—C2	1.492 (4)	C3—C8	1.389 (5)
N1—H1A	0.9000	C4—C5	1.387 (4)
N1—H1B	0.9000	C4—H4	0.9300
N2—O2	1.219 (3)	C5—C6	1.375 (5)
N2—O1	1.246 (3)	С5—Н5	0.9300
N2—O3	1.251 (3)	C6—C7	1.371 (5)
C1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>	1.509 (6)	C7—C8	1.394 (4)
C1—H1C	0.9700	С7—Н7	0.9300
C1—H1D	0.9700	С8—Н8	0.9300
C2—C3	1.508 (4)		
C6—Cl1—C6 <sup>i</sup>	169.47 (12)	С3—С2—Н2В	109.5

C1—N1—C2	114.1 (2)	H2A—C2—H2B	108.1
C1—N1—H1A	108.7	C4—C3—C8	119.1 (3)
C2—N1—H1A	108.7	C4—C3—C2	121.5 (3)
C1—N1—H1B	108.7	C8—C3—C2	119.5 (3)
C2—N1—H1B	108.7	C5—C4—C3	120.7 (3)
H1A—N1—H1B	107.6	C5—C4—H4	119.6
O2—N2—O1	119.6 (3)	С3—С4—Н4	119.6
O2—N2—O3	122.4 (3)	C6—C5—C4	118.9 (3)
O1—N2—O3	118.0 (2)	С6—С5—Н5	120.5
N1—C1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>	109.1 (3)	C4—C5—H5	120.5
N1—C1—H1C	109.9	C7—C6—C5	121.9 (3)
C1 <sup>ii</sup> —C1—H1C	109.9	C7—C6—Cl1	119.2 (3)
N1—C1—H1D	109.9	C5—C6—Cl1	118.8 (3)
C1 <sup>ii</sup> —C1—H1D	109.9	C6—C7—C8	118.9 (3)
H1C—C1—H1D	108.3	С6—С7—Н7	120.6
N1—C2—C3	110.6 (2)	С8—С7—Н7	120.6
N1—C2—H2A	109.5	C3—C8—C7	120.5 (3)
C3—C2—H2A	109.5	С3—С8—Н8	119.8
N1—C2—H2B	109.5	С7—С8—Н8	119.8
C2—N1—C1—C1 <sup>ii</sup>	-173.8 (3)	C4—C5—C6—Cl1	-179.5 (2)
C1—N1—C2—C3	-166.4 (2)	C6 <sup>i</sup> —C11—C6—C7	-86.6 (11)
N1—C2—C3—C4	-74.6 (4)	C6 <sup>i</sup> —Cl1—C6—C5	93.6 (10)
N1—C2—C3—C8	103.4 (3)	C5—C6—C7—C8	-1.5 (5)
C8—C3—C4—C5	-0.8 (5)	Cl1—C6—C7—C8	178.8 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	177.2 (3)	C4—C3—C8—C7	0.0 (5)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.5 (5)	C2—C3—C8—C7	-178.1 (3)
C4—C5—C6—C7	0.7 (5)	C6—C7—C8—C3	1.1 (5)

Symmetry codes: (i) x-1/2, -y+3/2, z+1/2; (ii) -x+1, -y+1, -z+1.

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D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	H···A	$D \cdots A$	D—H··· $A$
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C2—H2B···O2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.97	2.42	3.265 (4)	145

Symmetry codes: (iii) *x*, *y*, *z*–1; (iv) *x*+1, *y*, *z*.







