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Bis[ $\mu_2$ -1,1-(butane-1,4-diyl)-2,3-dicyclohexylguanidinato]bis[(tetrahydrofuran)-lithium](Li—Li)

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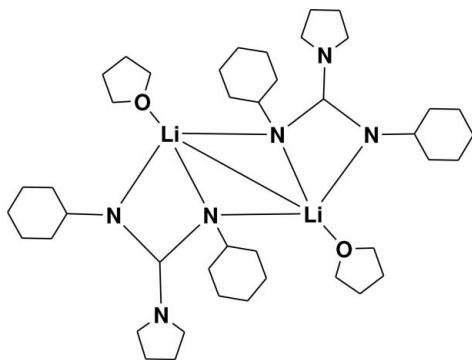
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 223$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.082;  $wR$  factor = 0.237; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.7.

In the dinuclear centrosymmetric title complex,  $[\text{Li}_2(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3)_2(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})_2]$ , the  $\text{Li}^+$  cation is coordinated by three N atoms from two guanidinate ligands and an O atom from tetrahydrofuran (THF) in a strongly distorted tetrahedral environment. In the guanidinate-bridged THF-stabilized dimer the  $\text{Li} \cdots \text{Li}$  separation is short at 2.479 (8) Å.

## Related literature

For related guanidinato compounds, see: Chandra *et al.* (1970); Barker & Kilner (1994); Bailey & Pace (2001); Coles & Hitchcock (2004); Corey *et al.* (2006); Zhou *et al.* (2007).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $[\text{Li}_2(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3)_2(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})_2]$  $M_r = 710.97$ 

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 10.446$  (6) Å  
 $b = 21.454$  (15) Å  
 $c = 10.491$  (6) Å  
 $\beta = 114.13$  (4)°  
 $V = 2146$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.07$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 223$  K  
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.980$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.987$

8457 measured reflections  
 3688 independent reflections  
 2749 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.082$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.237$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 3688 reflections

235 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.68$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.61$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

|                    |           |                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Li—O               | 1.973 (5) | Li—N1              | 2.057 (5) |
| Li—N2 <sup>i</sup> | 1.997 (5) | Li—N1 <sup>i</sup> | 2.204 (5) |

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

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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**Comment**

As a result of the donor ability of the nitrogen centers and the potential to exploit both the steric and electronic effects induced by the programmed variation of organic substituents, the guanidinate anion has generated significant interest as a ligand (Bailey & Pace, 2001; Barker & Kilner, 1994). Since the first guanidinato complexes have been reported (Chandra *et al.*, 1970), guanidinato ligands have been used extensively in the coordination chemistry of transition, f-block, and main-group metals (Corey *et al.*, 2006). Moreover many guanidinato complexes were reported showing good performance in ethylene polymerization (Zhou *et al.*, 2007) and in ring-opening polymerisation reactions (Coles & Hitchcock, 2004) in catalysis applications.

In the title complex, [(THF)LiN(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)C(NC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)N(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>)]<sub>2</sub>, the Li cation is coordinated by three N atoms from two guanidinato ligands and an O atom from tetrahydrofuran as a dimer around a planar Li/N1/LiA/N1A ring (Fig. 1). The core of the centrosymmetric molecule has a fused tricyclic ladder motif comprising a central planar Li/N1/LiA/N1A ring flanked by planar N2/C1/N1/LiA and N2A/C1A/N1A/Li rings. The dihedral angle between the latter two rings is 46.4 (9)°. Inside the guanidinato-bridged THF-stabilized dimer the Li...Li separation is short at 2.479 (8) Å. Electronic delocalization throughout the guanidinate moiety is observed as evidenced by the C-N distances [N1—C1: 1.355 (3) Å, N2—C1: 1.314 (3) Å].

**Experimental**

A solution of N-tetrahydropyrrolyl lithium in diethylether (0.232g, 3mmol) was added dropwise with stirring at 0 C to a solution of N,N'-dicyclohexyl carbodiimide (0.619g, 3mmol) in ether. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The resulting white precipitate was washed with hexane and dried *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in a mixed solvent of THF and hexane, and then filtered. The concentration of the filtrate under reduced pressure gave the colorless crystals suitable for X-ray analysis over several days (yield 0.534g, 50%).

**Refinement**

All of the H atoms were constrained to ideal geometry and refined under the riding model with C–H distances of 0.98-0.99 Å and U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2U<sub>eq</sub>(C).

## Figures

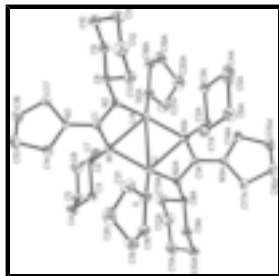


Fig. 1. The molecular structure, showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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$F(000) = 784$

$D_x = 1.100$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

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Cell parameters from 1854 reflections

$\theta = 1.9$ – $25.0$ °

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$R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$

$\theta_{\max} = 25.0$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 1.9$ °

$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$

$k = -25 \rightarrow 25$

$l = -12 \rightarrow 10$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.082$

$wR(F^2) = 0.237$

$S = 1.05$

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1491P)^2 + 0.6111P]$

3688 reflections  
235 parameters  
0 restraints

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.68 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.61 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

### Special details

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|     | <i>x</i>   | <i>y</i>      | <i>z</i>     | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Li  | 1.0428 (4) | 0.04287 (19)  | 0.4484 (4)   | 0.0287 (9)                       |
| N1  | 0.8388 (2) | 0.03737 (9)   | 0.4284 (2)   | 0.0258 (5)                       |
| N2  | 0.7869 (2) | -0.06576 (9)  | 0.3820 (2)   | 0.0282 (5)                       |
| N3  | 0.6042 (2) | 0.00733 (10)  | 0.2715 (2)   | 0.0311 (6)                       |
| O   | 1.0417 (2) | 0.06534 (9)   | 0.26561 (19) | 0.0396 (5)                       |
| C1  | 0.7440 (2) | -0.00756 (11) | 0.3611 (2)   | 0.0245 (6)                       |
| C2  | 0.7853 (2) | 0.09453 (10)  | 0.4653 (3)   | 0.0254 (6)                       |
| H2  | 0.6822     | 0.0952        | 0.4121       | 0.030*                           |
| C3  | 0.8457 (3) | 0.15283 (11)  | 0.4260 (3)   | 0.0316 (6)                       |
| H3A | 0.9480     | 0.1527        | 0.4764       | 0.038*                           |
| H3B | 0.8232     | 0.1521        | 0.3257       | 0.038*                           |
| C4  | 0.7868 (3) | 0.21241 (13)  | 0.4613 (3)   | 0.0442 (8)                       |
| H4A | 0.8314     | 0.2486        | 0.4396       | 0.053*                           |
| H4B | 0.6858     | 0.2148        | 0.4032       | 0.053*                           |
| C5  | 0.8114 (3) | 0.21468 (13)  | 0.6146 (3)   | 0.0465 (8)                       |
| H5A | 0.9120     | 0.2188        | 0.6725       | 0.056*                           |
| H5B | 0.7639     | 0.2512        | 0.6311       | 0.056*                           |
| C6  | 0.7565 (4) | 0.15618 (14)  | 0.6565 (3)   | 0.0476 (8)                       |
| H6A | 0.6539     | 0.1553        | 0.6083       | 0.057*                           |
| H6B | 0.7811     | 0.1573        | 0.7572       | 0.057*                           |
| C7  | 0.8164 (3) | 0.09684 (12)  | 0.6211 (3)   | 0.0359 (7)                       |
| H7A | 0.7751     | 0.0603        | 0.6459       | 0.043*                           |
| H7B | 0.9180     | 0.0955        | 0.6761       | 0.043*                           |
| C8  | 0.7020 (2) | -0.11505 (11) | 0.2911 (3)   | 0.0284 (6)                       |
| H8  | 0.6187     | -0.0960       | 0.2164       | 0.034*                           |
| C9  | 0.6532 (3) | -0.16101 (12) | 0.3720 (3)   | 0.0369 (7)                       |
| H9A | 0.5972     | -0.1388       | 0.4131       | 0.044*                           |
| H9B | 0.7352     | -0.1787       | 0.4485       | 0.044*                           |

## supplementary materials

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|      |            |               |            |             |
|------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| C10  | 0.5658 (3) | -0.21360 (14) | 0.2799 (3) | 0.0456 (8)  |
| H10A | 0.5389     | -0.2428       | 0.3366     | 0.055*      |
| H10B | 0.4799     | -0.1964       | 0.2077     | 0.055*      |
| C11  | 0.6480 (4) | -0.24799 (14) | 0.2117 (4) | 0.0545 (9)  |
| H11A | 0.7279     | -0.2693       | 0.2837     | 0.065*      |
| H11B | 0.5879     | -0.2797       | 0.1479     | 0.065*      |
| C12  | 0.7002 (4) | -0.20397 (15) | 0.1320 (4) | 0.0542 (9)  |
| H12A | 0.6200     | -0.1869       | 0.0525     | 0.065*      |
| H12B | 0.7588     | -0.2270       | 0.0952     | 0.065*      |
| C13  | 0.7857 (3) | -0.15020 (13) | 0.2236 (3) | 0.0415 (7)  |
| H13A | 0.8125     | -0.1213       | 0.1665     | 0.050*      |
| H13B | 0.8718     | -0.1668       | 0.2968     | 0.050*      |
| C14  | 0.5631 (3) | 0.05740 (13)  | 0.1696 (3) | 0.0355 (7)  |
| H14A | 0.5720     | 0.0446        | 0.0839     | 0.043*      |
| H14B | 0.6209     | 0.0945        | 0.2072     | 0.043*      |
| C15  | 0.4109 (4) | 0.0700 (2)    | 0.1417 (5) | 0.0731 (12) |
| H15A | 0.3945     | 0.1149        | 0.1436     | 0.088*      |
| H15B | 0.3486     | 0.0536        | 0.0499     | 0.088*      |
| C16  | 0.3846 (4) | 0.0377 (2)    | 0.2543 (5) | 0.0751 (13) |
| H16A | 0.4007     | 0.0661        | 0.3326     | 0.090*      |
| H16B | 0.2879     | 0.0224        | 0.2191     | 0.090*      |
| C17  | 0.4850 (3) | -0.01453 (14) | 0.2982 (3) | 0.0431 (7)  |
| H17A | 0.4439     | -0.0521       | 0.2436     | 0.052*      |
| H17B | 0.5136     | -0.0238       | 0.3976     | 0.052*      |
| C18  | 1.0836 (3) | 0.12480 (14)  | 0.2329 (3) | 0.0439 (8)  |
| H18A | 1.1860     | 0.1283        | 0.2730     | 0.053*      |
| H18B | 1.0456     | 0.1586        | 0.2699     | 0.053*      |
| C19  | 1.0247 (4) | 0.12776 (17)  | 0.0757 (4) | 0.0571 (9)  |
| H19A | 1.0054     | 0.1708        | 0.0421     | 0.069*      |
| H19B | 1.0884     | 0.1085        | 0.0398     | 0.069*      |
| C20  | 0.8910 (4) | 0.09066 (19)  | 0.0352 (4) | 0.0636 (10) |
| H20A | 0.8603     | 0.0738        | -0.0595    | 0.076*      |
| H20B | 0.8156     | 0.1162        | 0.0406     | 0.076*      |
| C21  | 0.9332 (3) | 0.03918 (16)  | 0.1427 (3) | 0.0501 (8)  |
| H21A | 0.8531     | 0.0260        | 0.1621     | 0.060*      |
| H21B | 0.9685     | 0.0030        | 0.1097     | 0.060*      |

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

|    | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$    |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Li | 0.023 (2)   | 0.028 (2)   | 0.032 (2)   | -0.0009 (17) | 0.0092 (18) | 0.0017 (17) |
| N1 | 0.0210 (11) | 0.0210 (10) | 0.0326 (12) | -0.0009 (8)  | 0.0081 (9)  | -0.0012 (8) |
| N2 | 0.0259 (11) | 0.0206 (11) | 0.0306 (12) | 0.0000 (8)   | 0.0039 (9)  | -0.0021 (8) |
| N3 | 0.0183 (11) | 0.0282 (11) | 0.0417 (13) | -0.0008 (8)  | 0.0070 (9)  | 0.0063 (9)  |
| O  | 0.0414 (12) | 0.0434 (12) | 0.0326 (11) | -0.0087 (9)  | 0.0137 (9)  | 0.0035 (8)  |
| C1 | 0.0214 (13) | 0.0262 (13) | 0.0261 (13) | -0.0007 (10) | 0.0099 (10) | 0.0014 (10) |
| C2 | 0.0208 (12) | 0.0216 (12) | 0.0316 (14) | 0.0022 (9)   | 0.0085 (10) | 0.0003 (10) |
| C3 | 0.0350 (15) | 0.0244 (13) | 0.0347 (15) | -0.0012 (11) | 0.0134 (12) | 0.0015 (10) |

|     |             |             |             |              |             |              |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| C4  | 0.0527 (19) | 0.0236 (14) | 0.0531 (19) | 0.0045 (12)  | 0.0185 (15) | 0.0043 (13)  |
| C5  | 0.0525 (19) | 0.0311 (15) | 0.0538 (19) | 0.0050 (13)  | 0.0197 (15) | -0.0099 (13) |
| C6  | 0.062 (2)   | 0.0454 (18) | 0.0457 (18) | 0.0076 (15)  | 0.0319 (16) | -0.0051 (14) |
| C7  | 0.0409 (16) | 0.0305 (14) | 0.0397 (16) | 0.0016 (12)  | 0.0201 (13) | 0.0028 (12)  |
| C8  | 0.0235 (13) | 0.0246 (13) | 0.0307 (14) | -0.0004 (10) | 0.0044 (11) | -0.0011 (10) |
| C9  | 0.0390 (16) | 0.0295 (14) | 0.0390 (16) | -0.0051 (12) | 0.0128 (13) | -0.0024 (12) |
| C10 | 0.0472 (18) | 0.0338 (16) | 0.0488 (18) | -0.0121 (13) | 0.0124 (14) | -0.0023 (13) |
| C11 | 0.054 (2)   | 0.0286 (16) | 0.065 (2)   | -0.0043 (14) | 0.0080 (17) | -0.0133 (15) |
| C12 | 0.056 (2)   | 0.0511 (19) | 0.057 (2)   | -0.0076 (16) | 0.0242 (17) | -0.0267 (16) |
| C13 | 0.0385 (16) | 0.0404 (16) | 0.0456 (18) | -0.0043 (13) | 0.0173 (14) | -0.0121 (13) |
| C14 | 0.0298 (15) | 0.0366 (15) | 0.0327 (15) | 0.0005 (11)  | 0.0052 (12) | 0.0041 (12)  |
| C15 | 0.042 (2)   | 0.083 (3)   | 0.088 (3)   | 0.0260 (19)  | 0.019 (2)   | 0.043 (2)    |
| C16 | 0.042 (2)   | 0.067 (2)   | 0.123 (4)   | 0.0193 (18)  | 0.041 (2)   | 0.034 (2)    |
| C17 | 0.0260 (15) | 0.0427 (17) | 0.060 (2)   | 0.0015 (12)  | 0.0165 (14) | 0.0078 (14)  |
| C18 | 0.0455 (18) | 0.0397 (16) | 0.0545 (19) | -0.0028 (13) | 0.0285 (15) | 0.0038 (14)  |
| C19 | 0.063 (2)   | 0.060 (2)   | 0.054 (2)   | 0.0105 (17)  | 0.0285 (18) | 0.0237 (17)  |
| C20 | 0.055 (2)   | 0.085 (3)   | 0.043 (2)   | 0.0093 (19)  | 0.0131 (17) | 0.0083 (18)  |
| C21 | 0.052 (2)   | 0.063 (2)   | 0.0344 (16) | -0.0132 (16) | 0.0162 (15) | -0.0061 (15) |

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

|                    |           |          |           |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Li—O               | 1.973 (5) | C8—H8    | 0.9900    |
| Li—N2 <sup>i</sup> | 1.997 (5) | C9—C10   | 1.522 (4) |
| Li—N1              | 2.057 (5) | C9—H9A   | 0.9800    |
| Li—N1 <sup>i</sup> | 2.204 (5) | C9—H9B   | 0.9800    |
| Li—C1 <sup>i</sup> | 2.427 (5) | C10—C11  | 1.515 (5) |
| Li—Li <sup>i</sup> | 2.479 (8) | C10—H10A | 0.9800    |
| N1—C1              | 1.355 (3) | C10—H10B | 0.9800    |
| N1—C2              | 1.464 (3) | C11—C12  | 1.504 (5) |
| N1—Li <sup>i</sup> | 2.204 (5) | C11—H11A | 0.9800    |
| N2—C1              | 1.314 (3) | C11—H11B | 0.9800    |
| N2—C8              | 1.457 (3) | C12—C13  | 1.533 (4) |
| N2—Li <sup>i</sup> | 1.997 (5) | C12—H12A | 0.9800    |
| N3—C1              | 1.413 (3) | C12—H12B | 0.9800    |
| N3—C14             | 1.451 (3) | C13—H13A | 0.9800    |
| N3—C17             | 1.461 (4) | C13—H13B | 0.9800    |
| O—C18              | 1.435 (4) | C14—C15  | 1.518 (4) |
| O—C21              | 1.438 (4) | C14—H14A | 0.9800    |
| C1—Li <sup>i</sup> | 2.427 (5) | C14—H14B | 0.9800    |
| C2—C7              | 1.532 (4) | C15—C16  | 1.489 (6) |
| C2—C3              | 1.531 (3) | C15—H15A | 0.9800    |
| C2—H2              | 0.9900    | C15—H15B | 0.9800    |
| C3—C4              | 1.528 (4) | C16—C17  | 1.475 (5) |
| C3—H3A             | 0.9800    | C16—H16A | 0.9800    |
| C3—H3B             | 0.9800    | C16—H16B | 0.9800    |
| C4—C5              | 1.523 (5) | C17—H17A | 0.9800    |
| C4—H4A             | 0.9800    | C17—H17B | 0.9800    |
| C4—H4B             | 0.9800    | C18—C19  | 1.507 (5) |

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| C5—C6                               | 1.518 (4)   | C18—H18A      | 0.9800    |
| C5—H5A                              | 0.9800      | C18—H18B      | 0.9800    |
| C5—H5B                              | 0.9800      | C19—C20       | 1.510 (5) |
| C6—C7                               | 1.530 (4)   | C19—H19A      | 0.9800    |
| C6—H6A                              | 0.9800      | C19—H19B      | 0.9800    |
| C6—H6B                              | 0.9800      | C20—C21       | 1.510 (5) |
| C7—H7A                              | 0.9800      | C20—H20A      | 0.9800    |
| C7—H7B                              | 0.9800      | C20—H20B      | 0.9800    |
| C8—C9                               | 1.519 (4)   | C21—H21A      | 0.9800    |
| C8—C13                              | 1.529 (4)   | C21—H21B      | 0.9800    |
| O—Li—N2 <sup>i</sup>                | 117.1 (2)   | C8—C9—C10     | 112.2 (2) |
| O—Li—N1                             | 108.7 (2)   | C8—C9—H9A     | 109.2     |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1              | 127.9 (2)   | C10—C9—H9A    | 109.2     |
| O—Li—N1 <sup>i</sup>                | 122.7 (2)   | C8—C9—H9B     | 109.2     |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1 <sup>i</sup> | 65.61 (15)  | C10—C9—H9B    | 109.2     |
| N1—Li—N1 <sup>i</sup>               | 108.94 (18) | H9A—C9—H9B    | 107.9     |
| O—Li—C1 <sup>i</sup>                | 121.0 (2)   | C11—C10—C9    | 110.6 (3) |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—C1 <sup>i</sup> | 32.77 (10)  | C11—C10—H10A  | 109.5     |
| N1—Li—C1 <sup>i</sup>               | 129.0 (2)   | C9—C10—H10A   | 109.5     |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—C1 <sup>i</sup> | 33.59 (10)  | C11—C10—H10B  | 109.5     |
| O—Li—Li <sup>i</sup>                | 138.3 (3)   | C9—C10—H10B   | 109.5     |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—Li <sup>i</sup> | 98.2 (2)    | H10A—C10—H10B | 108.1     |
| N1—Li—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 57.24 (16)  | C12—C11—C10   | 111.2 (3) |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—Li <sup>i</sup> | 51.70 (16)  | C12—C11—H11A  | 109.4     |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—Li <sup>i</sup> | 77.4 (2)    | C10—C11—H11A  | 109.4     |
| C1—N1—C2                            | 117.2 (2)   | C12—C11—H11B  | 109.4     |
| C1—N1—Li                            | 126.8 (2)   | C10—C11—H11B  | 109.4     |
| C2—N1—Li                            | 114.63 (19) | H11A—C11—H11B | 108.0     |
| C1—N1—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 82.27 (18)  | C11—C12—C13   | 112.0 (3) |
| C2—N1—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 133.03 (19) | C11—C12—H12A  | 109.2     |
| Li—N1—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 71.06 (18)  | C13—C12—H12A  | 109.2     |
| C1—N2—C8                            | 120.4 (2)   | C11—C12—H12B  | 109.2     |
| C1—N2—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 91.93 (19)  | C13—C12—H12B  | 109.2     |
| C8—N2—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 147.6 (2)   | H12A—C12—H12B | 107.9     |
| C1—N3—C14                           | 124.9 (2)   | C12—C13—C8    | 111.4 (2) |
| C1—N3—C17                           | 122.0 (2)   | C12—C13—H13A  | 109.3     |
| C14—N3—C17                          | 111.1 (2)   | C8—C13—H13A   | 109.3     |
| C18—O—C21                           | 109.8 (2)   | C12—C13—H13B  | 109.3     |
| C18—O—Li                            | 124.6 (2)   | C8—C13—H13B   | 109.3     |
| C21—O—Li                            | 117.7 (2)   | H13A—C13—H13B | 108.0     |
| N2—C1—N1                            | 117.6 (2)   | N3—C14—C15    | 104.2 (2) |
| N2—C1—N3                            | 121.0 (2)   | N3—C14—H14A   | 110.9     |
| N1—C1—N3                            | 121.5 (2)   | C15—C14—H14A  | 110.9     |
| N2—C1—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 55.31 (16)  | N3—C14—H14B   | 110.9     |



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| N1—C1—Li <sup>i</sup>     | 64.14 (16)  | C15—C14—H14B              | 110.9     |
| N3—C1—Li <sup>i</sup>     | 165.82 (19) | H14A—C14—H14B             | 108.9     |
| N1—C2—C7                  | 111.85 (19) | C16—C15—C14               | 106.5 (3) |
| N1—C2—C3                  | 111.65 (19) | C16—C15—H15A              | 110.4     |
| C7—C2—C3                  | 109.3 (2)   | C14—C15—H15A              | 110.4     |
| N1—C2—H2                  | 108.0       | C16—C15—H15B              | 110.4     |
| C7—C2—H2                  | 108.0       | C14—C15—H15B              | 110.4     |
| C3—C2—H2                  | 108.0       | H15A—C15—H15B             | 108.6     |
| C4—C3—C2                  | 111.5 (2)   | C17—C16—C15               | 105.2 (3) |
| C4—C3—H3A                 | 109.3       | C17—C16—H16A              | 110.7     |
| C2—C3—H3A                 | 109.3       | C15—C16—H16A              | 110.7     |
| C4—C3—H3B                 | 109.3       | C17—C16—H16B              | 110.7     |
| C2—C3—H3B                 | 109.3       | C15—C16—H16B              | 110.7     |
| H3A—C3—H3B                | 108.0       | H16A—C16—H16B             | 108.8     |
| C5—C4—C3                  | 111.8 (2)   | C16—C17—N3                | 104.4 (3) |
| C5—C4—H4A                 | 109.2       | C16—C17—H17A              | 110.9     |
| C3—C4—H4A                 | 109.2       | N3—C17—H17A               | 110.9     |
| C5—C4—H4B                 | 109.2       | C16—C17—H17B              | 110.9     |
| C3—C4—H4B                 | 109.2       | N3—C17—H17B               | 110.9     |
| H4A—C4—H4B                | 107.9       | H17A—C17—H17B             | 108.9     |
| C6—C5—C4                  | 111.0 (2)   | O—C18—C19                 | 105.7 (3) |
| C6—C5—H5A                 | 109.4       | O—C18—H18A                | 110.6     |
| C4—C5—H5A                 | 109.4       | C19—C18—H18A              | 110.6     |
| C6—C5—H5B                 | 109.4       | O—C18—H18B                | 110.6     |
| C4—C5—H5B                 | 109.4       | C19—C18—H18B              | 110.6     |
| H5A—C5—H5B                | 108.0       | H18A—C18—H18B             | 108.7     |
| C5—C6—C7                  | 112.2 (2)   | C20—C19—C18               | 101.7 (3) |
| C5—C6—H6A                 | 109.2       | C20—C19—H19A              | 111.4     |
| C7—C6—H6A                 | 109.2       | C18—C19—H19A              | 111.4     |
| C5—C6—H6B                 | 109.2       | C20—C19—H19B              | 111.4     |
| C7—C6—H6B                 | 109.2       | C18—C19—H19B              | 111.4     |
| H6A—C6—H6B                | 107.9       | H19A—C19—H19B             | 109.3     |
| C6—C7—C2                  | 110.9 (2)   | C19—C20—C21               | 102.8 (3) |
| C6—C7—H7A                 | 109.5       | C19—C20—H20A              | 111.2     |
| C2—C7—H7A                 | 109.5       | C21—C20—H20A              | 111.2     |
| C6—C7—H7B                 | 109.5       | C19—C20—H20B              | 111.2     |
| C2—C7—H7B                 | 109.5       | C21—C20—H20B              | 111.2     |
| H7A—C7—H7B                | 108.0       | H20A—C20—H20B             | 109.1     |
| N2—C8—C9                  | 111.0 (2)   | O—C21—C20                 | 105.5 (3) |
| N2—C8—C13                 | 110.6 (2)   | O—C21—H21A                | 110.6     |
| C9—C8—C13                 | 109.0 (2)   | C20—C21—H21A              | 110.6     |
| N2—C8—H8                  | 108.8       | O—C21—H21B                | 110.6     |
| C9—C8—H8                  | 108.8       | C20—C21—H21B              | 110.6     |
| C13—C8—H8                 | 108.8       | H21A—C21—H21B             | 108.8     |
| O—Li—N1—C1                | 71.7 (3)    | C17—N3—C1—Li <sup>i</sup> | -9.3 (9)  |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C1 | -137.6 (3)  | C1—N1—C2—C7               | 104.0 (2) |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C1 | -64.2 (3)   | Li—N1—C2—C7               | -88.3 (2) |

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| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C1              | -95.4 (3)   | Li <sup>i</sup> —N1—C2—C7  | -1.8 (3)   |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C1              | -64.2 (3)   | C1—N1—C2—C3                | -133.2 (2) |
| O—Li—N1—C2                             | -94.5 (2)   | Li—N1—C2—C3                | 34.5 (3)   |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C2              | 56.1 (3)    | Li <sup>i</sup> —N1—C2—C3  | 121.0 (2)  |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C2              | 129.5 (2)   | N1—C2—C3—C4                | 178.6 (2)  |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C2              | 98.3 (3)    | C7—C2—C3—C4                | -57.2 (3)  |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—C2              | 129.5 (2)   | C2—C3—C4—C5                | 55.9 (3)   |
| O—Li—N1—Li <sup>i</sup>                | 136.0 (3)   | C3—C4—C5—C6                | -53.3 (4)  |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—Li <sup>i</sup> | -73.4 (3)   | C4—C5—C6—C7                | 53.9 (4)   |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—Li <sup>i</sup> | 0.0         | C5—C6—C7—C2                | -56.6 (3)  |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—N1—Li <sup>i</sup> | -31.19 (16) | N1—C2—C7—C6                | -178.7 (2) |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C18              | -45.7 (3)   | C3—C2—C7—C6                | 57.2 (3)   |
| N1—Li—O—C18                            | 108.6 (3)   | C1—N2—C8—C9                | -116.5 (3) |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C18              | -122.8 (3)  | Li <sup>i</sup> —N2—C8—C9  | 58.7 (4)   |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C18              | -83.0 (3)   | C1—N2—C8—C13               | 122.5 (3)  |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C18              | 170.0 (4)   | Li <sup>i</sup> —N2—C8—C13 | -62.4 (4)  |
| N2 <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C21              | 168.5 (2)   | N2—C8—C9—C10               | -179.2 (2) |
| N1—Li—O—C21                            | -37.3 (3)   | C13—C8—C9—C10              | -57.2 (3)  |
| N1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C21              | 91.4 (3)    | C8—C9—C10—C11              | 57.5 (3)   |
| C1 <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C21              | 131.1 (3)   | C9—C10—C11—C12             | -55.1 (3)  |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —Li—O—C21              | 24.1 (5)    | C10—C11—C12—C13            | 54.6 (4)   |
| C8—N2—C1—N1                            | -166.2 (2)  | C11—C12—C13—C8             | -55.4 (4)  |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —N2—C1—N1              | 16.4 (2)    | N2—C8—C13—C12              | 177.7 (2)  |
| C8—N2—C1—N3                            | 13.7 (3)    | C9—C8—C13—C12              | 55.5 (3)   |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —N2—C1—N3              | -163.7 (2)  | C1—N3—C14—C15              | -159.4 (3) |
| C8—N2—C1—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 177.4 (3)   | C17—N3—C14—C15             | 4.6 (3)    |
| C2—N1—C1—N2                            | -149.7 (2)  | N3—C14—C15—C16             | 13.9 (4)   |
| Li—N1—C1—N2                            | 44.3 (3)    | C14—C15—C16—C17            | -27.0 (5)  |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —N1—C1—N2              | -14.9 (2)   | C15—C16—C17—N3             | 29.2 (4)   |
| C2—N1—C1—N3                            | 30.4 (3)    | C1—N3—C17—C16              | 143.2 (3)  |
| Li—N1—C1—N3                            | -135.6 (2)  | C14—N3—C17—C16             | -21.4 (4)  |
| Li <sup>i</sup> —N1—C1—N3              | 165.1 (2)   | C21—O—C18—C19              | -14.8 (3)  |
| C2—N1—C1—Li <sup>i</sup>               | -134.8 (2)  | Li—O—C18—C19               | -162.9 (2) |
| Li—N1—C1—Li <sup>i</sup>               | 59.3 (3)    | O—C18—C19—C20              | 32.7 (3)   |
| C14—N3—C1—N2                           | -136.5 (3)  | C18—C19—C20—C21            | -37.6 (3)  |
| C17—N3—C1—N2                           | 61.1 (3)    | C18—O—C21—C20              | -9.5 (3)   |
| C14—N3—C1—N1                           | 43.4 (4)    | Li—O—C21—C20               | 141.2 (3)  |
| C17—N3—C1—N1                           | -118.9 (3)  | C19—C20—C21—O              | 29.7 (3)   |
| C14—N3—C1—Li <sup>i</sup>              | 153.1 (7)   |                            |            |

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

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