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*The crystal structure of pentakis(diacetamide)bar-* $\lim(II)$  perchlorate,  $[Ba((CH_3CO)_2NH)_5](ClO_4)_{2}$ , *has been determined from three-dimentional X-ray diffraction data using CuKa radiation. The unit cell constants are a = 13.052(5)A, b = 14.406(6)* Å,  $c =$ 19.508(8) Å and  $\beta = 107.6(3)$ °. The monoclinic colorless crystals belong to the space group P2<sub>1</sub>/c. The ob*served and calculated (Z = 4) densities are 1.608 g/ cm3 and 1.602 g/cm" respectively. Two sets of intensity data (nkl and hnl) were recorded on film by the equi-inclination Weissenberg method and their intensities estimated visually. A total of 4041 independent reflections above background were used in the Patterson and Fourier summations for structure determination. The structure was refined by full-matrix least squares to an unweighted conventional R factor of 0.094. The five diacetamide molecules assume a modified trans-trans (diacetamide- B) configuration with a small twist from planarity (5–15°) about the oxygen– oxygen line as they bond as bidentates to barium forming a ten co-ordinated complex. The six membered rings formed by the diacetamide ligand with barium are folded to varying degrees (7-42") about the oxygen-oxygen lines. The bonded oxygen atoms are located at the vertexes of a distorted symmetrically bicapped square antiprism (Dad). Barium-oxygen bond distances vary from 2.73(2)* Å to 2.91(2) Å. The *complex is unique in that it is the first reported case of a ten co-ordinated complex, characterized by Xrays, where all of the ligands are non-ionic, chemically identical bidentates. The hybrid orbitals of barium that could reasonably be involved in sigma covalent bonding with the oxygen atoms are*  $sp^3d^5f_{z(5z^3-3r^2)}$ *.* 

# **Introduction**

Reactions of diacetamide (DA) with alkaline earth salts were reported to yield complexes of unusual coordination<sup>1,2</sup>. Two of the compounds,  $[Ca(DA)_5]$  $(CIO<sub>4</sub>)$ <sub>2</sub> and  $[Ba(DA)<sub>5</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)$ <sub>2</sub>, were postulated

as having a co-ordination number of nine $1, 2$ . Such a high co-ordination number for alkaline earth complexes is unusual<sup>3</sup> but reasonable. Since the structure of only few nine co-ordinate complexes has been reported $4-9$ a single crystal X-ray structural determination of pentakis(diacetamide)barium(II) perchlorate was undertaken in order to establish unequivocally the structure of the compound and to help explain infrared data previously obtained.

# **Experimental**

### *Preparation*

Diacetamide, prepared by the acylation of acetamide with acetic anhydride<sup>10</sup>, was recrystallized from ethyl ether. Anhydrous barium perchlorate and diacetamide in the molar ratio of 1: 12 were mixed and 5 ml increments of dry acetone were added to dissolve the mixture. Large crystals of the barium complex obtained by slow addition of ethyl ether to the acetone solution were collected and washed with portions of ethyl ether to remove excess diacetamide. The infrared spectrum was identical to that reported<sup>1,2</sup>. Anal. Calcd. for  $Ba(DA)_{5}(ClO<sub>4</sub>)_{2}$ : Ba, 16.32. Found Ba, 16.87%.

#### *X-Ray*

The density of the crystals were determined by the flotation method using methyl iodide and carbon tetrachloride. Three crystal were mounted perpendicular to one another and each inserted inside sealed quartz capilaries. Lattice parameters were determined at room temperature using nickel-filtered copper radiation. Unit cell translations were evaluated from rotation photographs by extrapolation to a Bragg angle of 90". The error is the standard deviation of the intercept. The monoclinic angle,  $\beta$ , was measured from a Weissenberg photograph of the h01 zone. The error reported is the standard deviation of the mean. Oscillation and preliminary Weissenberg photographs (Okl, lkl, h01, hll) indicated that the crystals belong to the space group  $P2<sub>1</sub>/c$  within the monoclinic system. Four molecules of  $Ba(DA)_{5}(ClO<sub>4</sub>)_{2}$  are present per unit cell. The crystal data are listed in Table I.

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TABLE I. Crystallographic Data for  $[Ba((CH_3CO)_2NH)_5]$  $(CIO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$ .

$M.W. = 841.77$ Crystallographic system: monoclinic	
Space group: $P21/c$	
Unit cell parameters:	$a = 13.052(5)A^{a}$
	$b = 14.406(6)$ A
	$c = 19.503(8)$ A
	$\beta = 107.6(3)^{\circ}$
	$V = 3490.9A3$
	$Z = 4$
$d_{\text{caled}} = 1.602$ g/cm <sup>3</sup>	$\mu_{\text{CuKa}} = 103.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
$d_{obs}$ = 1.608 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	$\lambda = 1.5418A$
$F_{000}$ = 1584	

a The quantities enclosed in brackets are the estimated standard deviations.

Two sets of intensity data were collected by the multiple-film equi-inclination Weissenberg technique: one set (hOl-hlO1) using a crystal mounted about the  $b$ -axis and of dimensions 0.08, 0.5, 0.1 mm  $(a,b,c)$ , and another set (Okl-10kl) using a crystal mounted about the a-axis and of dimensions 0.11, 0.23, 0.23, 0.13 mm  $(a,b,c,n)$  and bound by the faces (100),  $(010)$ ,  $(101)$ . The intensities were estimated visually by means of comparison with calibrated strip made by timed exposure of a selected reflection in a Weissenberg film of the corresponding crystal. Correction for spot shape differences were also estimated visually. A total of 3650 independent reflections out of 6461 *POS*sible ones in the nkl set, and a total of 2351 out of 6009 in the set hnl, were observable. The raw intensities were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects $11$ . Cylindrical absorption corrections were applied to the data from the  $b$ -mounted crystal<sup>12</sup>. The absorption term for the a-mounted crystal, however, is more complex because of the shape and morphology. The problem was by-passed by using the same  $\mu$ R value for all the nkl layers, where R is the radius for each of the layers Okl-10kl. Doing this, absorption correction as a function of sin $\Theta$  were made within each layer, but variation in cylindrical absorption factors between layers due to changes in R were not taken into consideration. The layer absorption factor was incorporated in the layer scaling factor upon intercorrelation of data from two axes. Reflections within each of the sets nkl and hnl were intercorrelated with data from the other set thus putting them all on a common scale. A total of 4041 non-zero independent reflections, obtained after combining the two sets, were used for structure determination.

### *Solution and refinement*

*The* phases of the structure factors are dominated by contributions from the barium atoms as the ratio  $Z_{\text{heavy}}^2/ZZ_{\text{light}}^2$  is 1.15. The abundance of intensity data from two axes rendered the parameters of the light atoms more defineable. A three-dimensional Patterson summation<sup>13</sup> revealed the co-ordinates of the barium atom. A three-dimensional Fourier summation<sup>14</sup> phased on the barium atom alone was sufficient to reveal the approximate positions of the remaining fourty-five atoms in the asymmetric unit. Very few minor peaks were observed. The R factor at this point was 0.34. The inclusion in the Fourier summation of the fourty-five non-hydrogen atoms reduced the R factor to 0.22 and the intensity of the superfluous peaks to negligible values.

A least squares diagonal matrix approximation<sup>15</sup> was used for the initial refinement of the structure and reduced the isotropic unweighted R factor to 0.131. Subsequent full matrix least squares refinement<sup>16</sup>, using a CDC6600 computer, reduced the isotropic unweighted R factor to 0.128. A difference electron density array run at this point showed some anisotropy in the thermal vibration of the barium atom, and except in the vicinity of the barium atom, the residual peaks had an intensity of less than  $0.7$  e/ $A<sup>3</sup>$ . Exclusion from refinement of 73 reflections with intensities at the limit of observability17 brought the unweighted isotropic R factor to 0.123 and the weighted isotropic R factor to 0.138. A variance-covariance matrix was also obtained at the end of this cycle and was later used in the evaluation of standard deviations in bond lengths and angles". Calculation and assignment of anisotropic temperature factors for all of the atoms resulted in a final unweighted R factor of 0.094 and a final weighted R factor of 0.113. The maximum shift in the last cycle of refinement was less than  $0.01\sigma$ .

The mean atomic scattering factors for neutral barium were those calculated by L. H. Thomas and K. Umeda from the Thomas-Fermi-Dirac statistical mo $del^{19}$  and were corrected for real and imaginary dispersion effects<sup>20</sup>. The function minimized in the least squares fit is  $\sum w(|F_0|-k|F_c|)^2$  where w is a weighting factor. The unweighted R factor, R, is defined as  $\Sigma(|F_o|-k|F_c|)/\Sigma|F_o|$ , and the weighted R factor, wR, as  $[\Sigma w ( |F_o| -k |F_c|)^2 / \Sigma w |F_o|^2 ]^{1/2}$ . The scale factor, k, was treated as an additional parameter. Empirical weighting schemes were attempted but all gave worse values of R and wR than weighting all observations equally. The latter procedure was therefore adopted. The unobserved planes were not included in the calculation of the residual, and no reflections were excluded from refinement due to extinction effects.

Table II gives the observed and calculated structure amplitude,  $|F_o|$  and  $|F_c|$ . The fractional co-ordinates and the isotropic thermal parameters of all atoms are listed in Table III. The atom designation for the DA ligands are according to Figure 1. The anisotropic thermal parameters are listed as mean square amplitude,  $U_{ii}$ , in Table IV. All bond distances are listed in Table V with other relevent interatomic distances between non-bonded or hydrogen bonded atoms listed





# TABLE II. (Cont.)



TABLE III. Fractional Atomic Co-ordinates.

	Atom	x/a	y/b	z/c
	Ba	$0.07097(8)^a$	0.22761(8)	0.37695(6)
DA <sub>1</sub>	О,	0.2446(12)	0.1982(11)	0.3230(8)
	O <sub>2</sub>	0.2082(11)	0.3736(9)	0.3626(7)
	N	0.3730(12)	0.2981(11)	0.3908(8)
	$C_{1}$	0.3387(15)	0.2142(14)	0.3541(10)
	C <sub>2</sub>	0.3048(16)	0.3753(14)	0.3889(10)
	$C_{3}$	0.4289(18)	0.1512(16)	0.3563(12)
	$C_4$	0.3663(19)	0.4591(18)	0.4256(13)
DA <sub>2</sub>	$O_{1}$	0.2405(12)	0.1172(11)	0.4627(8)
	О,	0.2158(10)	0.2948(10)	0.5120(7)
	N	0.3289(13)	0.1776(13)	0.5750(9)
	$C_{1}$	0.3080(16)	0.1119(15)	0.5198(11)
	$C_{2}$	0.2816(15)	0.2625(16)	0.5666(10)
	$C_3$	0.3877(18)	0.0304(16)	0.5434(12)
	$C_4$	0.3128(22)	0.3214(21)	0.6380(15)
$DA_3$	O <sub>1</sub>	$-0.0101(13)$	0.1857(11)	0.4868(8)
	O <sub>2</sub>	$-0.0394(12)$	0.3638(11)	0.4318(8)
	N	$-0.1577(13)$	0.2840(14)	0.4710(9)
	$\mathbf{C_1}$	$-0.1007(20)$	0.2005(17)	0.4897(12)
	$\rm{C}_2$	$-0.1232(17)$	0.3615(15)	0.4442(10)
	$\rm{C}_3$	$-0.1600(26)$	0.1241(25)	0.5170(18)
	$C_4$	$-0.1963(17)$	0.4437(15)	0.4344(11)
$DA_4$	$O_{1}$	$-0.1487(10)$	0.1908(9)	0.3248(7)
	O <sub>2</sub>	$-0.0703(11)$	0.3472(9)	0.2723(7)
	N	$-0.2518(11)$	0.3032(10)	0.2510(7)
	$C_{1}$		0.2184(14)	0.2858(9)
		$-0.2354(14)$		
	C <sub>2</sub>	$-0.1698(16)$	0.3647(14)	0.2468(10)
	$\mathbf{C_3}$	$-0.3375(19)$	0.1642(17)	0.2717(12)
	C4	$-0.2174(17)$	0.4497(16)	0.2030(11)
DA <sub>5</sub>	О,	0.0091(10)	0.0410(9)	0.3591(7)
	O <sub>2</sub>	0.0181(11)	0.1477(10)	0.2439(7)
	N	$-0.0812(12)$	0.0135(11)	0.2388(8)
	$C_{1}$	$-0.0543(15)$	$-0.0040(13)$	0.3125(10)
	$\rm{C_2}$	$-0.0355(15)$	0.0845(14)	0.2088(10)
	$\rm{C}_3$	$-0.1175(20)$	$-0.0871(19)$	0.3258(13)
	$\mathrm{C}_4$	$-0.0505(21)$	0.0734(20)	0.1277(15)
$ClO4(1)$ Cl		$-0.5013(4)$	0.4117(4)	0.2624(3)
	O <sub>1</sub>	$-0.4751(13)$	0.3676(12)	0.2032(9)
	O <sub>2</sub>	$-0.4473(18)$	0.4991(18)	0.2720(12)
	$O_3$	$-0.4466(14)$	0.3621(13)	0.3288(9)
	$O_4$	$-0.6167(14)$	0.4132(13)	0.2465(9)
ClO <sub>4</sub> (2)	Cl	$-0.3833(4)$	0.2712(5)	0.5549(3)
	$O_{1}$	$-0.3850(14)$	0.2947(13)	0.4827(10)
	O <sub>2</sub>	$-0.4024(19)$	0.1764(19)	0.5639(13)
	$O_3$	$-0.2805(14)$	0.3014(13)	0.6034(10)
	$O_4$	$-0.4692(16)$	0.3214(15)	0.5698(11)

<sup>a</sup> The quantities enclosed in brackets are the estimated standard deviations.



Figure 1. Atom designation for diacetamide (DA) ligands.



Figure 2. Projection of the asymmetric unit down the b-axis and on the ab-plane.

I Table VI. All bond angles are found in Table VII nd dihedral angles between best fit planes<sup>21</sup> listed in able VIII. A three-dimensional ORTEP<sup>22</sup> program plot of the asymmetric unit projected down the  $\overrightarrow{b}$ -axis is shown in Figure 2. A packing diagram, Figure 3, shows the contents of the unit cell. Figure 4 is a view of the co-ordination polyhedron.





The form of the anisotropic thermal parameter is  $\exp-[2\pi^2 (U_{1}, h^2 a^{*2} + U_{22} k^2 b^{*2} + U_{22}]c^{*2} + 2U_{12} hla^{*}c^{*2} + 2U_{23} hla^{*}c^{*2}]$ The quantities enclosed in brackets are the estimated standard deviations.





# TABLE V. Bond Distances (A).



<sup>4</sup> The numbers in brackets are in accordance with the numbering rules for co-ordination polyhedra<sup>23</sup>. <sup>b</sup> The quantities enclosed in brackets are the estimated standard deviations.

DA <sub>1</sub>	$Ba \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot N$	$3.99(2)^{b}$	$N(DA_1) \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_3(CIO_4(1))$	3.10(2)
	$O_1(2)^{a_1} \cdots O_2(6)$	2.71(2)	$N(DA_2) \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_1(CIO_4(1))$	3.06(2)
			$N(DA_3) \cdots \cdots O_1(CIO_4(2))$	3.05(2)
DA <sub>2</sub>	$Ba \cdots N$	4.35(3)	$N(DA_4) \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_1(CIO_4(1))$	2.93(2)
	$O_1(1) \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_2(3)$	2.79(3)		
DA <sub>3</sub>	$Ba \cdots N$	4.03(2)		
	$O_1(4) \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_2(7)$	2.75(3)		
DA <sub>4</sub>	$Ba \cdots N$	4.33(3)		
	$O_1(8) \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_2(10)$	2.77(2)		
DA <sub>5</sub>	$Ba \cdots N$	4.18(2)		
	$O_1(5) \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_2(9)$	2.77(2)		

TABLE VI. Non-Bonding Interatomic Distances (A).

The numbers in brackets are in accordance with the numbering rules for co-ordination polyhedra<sup>23</sup>.

The quantities enclosed in brackets are the estimated standard deviation.

## TABLE VII. Bond Angles.



The numbers in brackets are in accordance with the numbering rules for co-ordination polyhedra<sup>23</sup>.

<sup>b</sup> The quantities enclosed in brackets are the estimated standard deviations.

TABLE VIII. (Cont.)

Deviation (A) from plane  $O_1 - 0.18$ ,  $O_2$  0.127, N -0.057,  $C_1$  -0.021,  $C_2$  -0.010,  $C_3$  0.107,  $C_4 - 0.038$ Distance  $(A)$  of other atoms from plane Ba  $-0.231$ 

Plane (5) DA,

 $O_1, O_2, N, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4$ *-0.830X+ 0.555Y-0.052Z = 1.811*  Deviations (A) from plane  $O_1$  -0.069,  $O_2$  0.134, N 0.116,  $C_1$  -0.025,  $C_2$  0.071,  $C_3$  0.047,  $C_4 - 0.174$ Distance (A) of other atoms from plane Ba 0.724

Plane (6) DA,

 $O_1$ ,N,C<sub>1</sub>,C<sub>3</sub>  $0.361X + 0.413Y - 0.837Z = -3.385$ Deviation (A) from plane  $O_1$  0.003, N 0.003, C<sub>1</sub> -0.009,  $C_3$  0.003

Plane (7) DA,

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O_2, N, C_2, C_4
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0.391X + 0.293Y - 0.872Z = -4.075  
Deviation (A) from plane  

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O_2 - 0.004, N - 0.003, C_2 0.010,
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C_4 - 0.003
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Plane (8)  $DA<sub>2</sub>$ 

 $O_1$ ,  $N$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_3$  $0.799X + 0.465Y - 0.382Z = -2.176$ Deviation (A) from plane  $O_1$  0.002, N 0.001,  $C_1$  -0.005,  $C_3$  0.001

Plane (9)  $DA<sub>2</sub>$ 

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\mathrm{O}_2,\mathrm{N},\mathrm{C}_2,\mathrm{C}_40.881X + 0.395Y - 0.260Z = -0.967Deviation (A) from plane 
       O_2 - 0.009, N -0.008, C_2 0.022,
       C_4 - 0.006
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Plane (10) DA<sub>3</sub>
                     O_1,N,C<sub>1</sub>,C<sub>3</sub>
                     -0.108X - 0.334Y - 0.937Z =-9.043 
   Deviation (A) from plane 
                     O_1 - 0.002, N -0.002, C<sub>1</sub> 0.006,
                     C_3 - 0.002
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Plane (11) DA<sub>3</sub>O_2, N, C_2, C_4-0.190X - 0.300Y - 0.935Z =-8.493 
Deviation (A) from plane 
               O_2 -0.005, N -0.004, C_2 0.012,
               C_4 - 0.003
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joing the apex (1) position and the barium atom. Ba-0 and  $O_1 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot O_2$  distances are recorded in angstrom,  $O_1$ -Ba-O<sub>2</sub> angles are recorded in degrees.

TABLE VIII. Planes of Best Fit and Deviations Therefrom."

Plane (1)  $DA_1$ 

 $O_1,O_2,N,C_1,C_2,C_3,C_4$  $0.365X + 0.350Y - 0.862Z = -3.725$ Deviation (A) from plane  $O_1$  0.016,  $O_2$  0.007, N -0.101,  $C_1$  -0.020,  $C_2$  -0.002,  $C_3$  0.052,  $C_4$  0.047 Distance (A) of other atoms from plane Ba-1.645

Plane (2)  $DA<sub>2</sub>$ 

 $O_1,O_2,N,C_1,C_2,C_3,C_4$  $0.848X + 0.411Y - 0.336Z = -1.736$ Deviation (A) from plane  $O_1 - 0.110$ ,  $O_2 0.114$ , N  $-0.037$ ,  $C_1$  -0.036,  $C_2$  0.044,  $C_3$  0.099,  $C_4 - 0.072$ Distance  $(A)$  of other atoms from plane Ba  $-0.369$ 

Plane (3) DA,

 $O_1,O_2,N,C_1,C_2,C_3,C_4$  $-0.151X - 0.329Y - 0.932Z =$ -8.798 Deviation (A) from plane  $O_1 - 0.065$ ,  $O_2$  0.054, N 0.021,  $C_1$  -0.004,  $C_2$  0.026,  $C_3$  0.026,  $C_4 - 0.058$ Distance (A) of other atoms from plane Ba 1.383

Plane (4) DA<sub>4</sub>

 $O_1,O_2,N,C_1,C_2,C_3,C_4$  $0.356X - 0.459Y - 0.814Z = -7.442$ 

 $DA<sub>3</sub>$ 

### TABLE VIII. (Cont.) TABLE VIII. (Cont.)

Plane $(12)$ DA <sub>4</sub>		
		$O_1$ , N, $C_1$ , $C_3$ $0.439X - 0.424Y - 0.792Z =$ –7.639
	Deviation (A) from plane	$O_1$ –0.003, N –0.002, $C_1$ 0.007, $C_1 - 0.002$
Plane $(13)$ DA <sub>4</sub>		$O_2$ , N, $C_2$ , $C_4$ $0.279X - 0.455Y - 0.846Z = -7.27$
	Deviation (A) from plane	$O_2$ 0.010, N 0.008, $C_2$ -0.024, $C_4$ 0.007
Plane (14) $DA5$		$O_1$ , N, $C_1$ , $C_3$
	Deviation (A) from plane	$0.793X - 0.606Y - 0.059Z = -2.237$ $O_1$ –0.002, N –0.001, C <sub>1</sub> 0.004, $C_3 - 0.001$
Plane $(15)$ DA <sub>5</sub>		$O_2$ , N, $C_2$ , $C_4$
	Deviation (A) from plane	$-0.817X + 0.544Y - 0.191Z = 1.282$ $O_2$ -0.009, N -0.007, $C_2$ 0.023, $C_4 - 0.007$
Plane $(16)$ DA,		
		$O_1$ , Ba, $O_2$ $-0.331X + 0.177Y - 0.927Z = -5.486$
Plane $(17)$ DA <sub>2</sub>		$O_1$ , Ba, $O_2$ $0.794X + 0.365Y - 0.486Z = -3.244$
Plane $(18)$ DA <sub>3</sub>		$O_1$ , Ba, $O_2$ $-0.695X - 0.280Y - 0.663Z =$ $-4.663$
Plane (19) $DA4$		$O_1$ , Ba, $O_2$ $0.393X - 0.551Y - 0.736Z = -7.476$
Plane $(20)$ DA <sub>s</sub>		$O_1$ , Ba, $O_2$ $-0.950X + 0.268Y - 0.161Z = 0.982$
Plane (21) $ClO4(1)$		$O_1$ , $Cl_2O_2$ $-0.639X + 0.420Y - 0.644Z = 4.523$
Plane (22) $ClO4(1)$		$O_3$ , Cl, $O_4$ $0.095X - 0.851Y - 0.517Z = -8.338$
Plane (23) $ClO4(2)$		$O_1$ , Cl, $O_2$ $-0.953X + 0.183Y - 0.241Z = 6.114$
Plane $(24)$ ClO <sub>4</sub> $(2)$		$O_3$ , Cl, $O_4$ $0.271X + 0.704Y - 0657Z = -6.263$





<sup>a</sup> Equations are expressed in the cosine form  $IX + mY + nZ =$ p where X, Y and Z are Cartesian co-ordinates related to the cell co-ordinates by  $X = xa$ ,  $Y = yb$ ,  $Z = xc$ .

### **Discussion**

The barium ion in pentakis(diacetamide)barium(II) perchlorate forms a ten co-ordinated complex with diacetamide. The formation of decaco-ordination complexes was seriously suspected for the lanthanides and actinides, since the formation of ten hybrid orbitals require the utilization of  $f$ -orbitals<sup>23</sup>. To date, ten coordinated complexes which are known and have been characterized by X-rays include  $La(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>AH$  where  $H_4A$  is EDTA<sup>24</sup>, D(+)-barium uridine-5'-phosphate<sup>25</sup>, barium dithionate dihydrate<sup>26</sup>, and calcium fumarate trihydrate $27$ . The last three complexes involve bridging atoms and in all of the complexes, at least some of the ligands are ionic. The present compound,  $[Ba(DA)_5]$  $(CIO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>$ , differs from all previous ones in that, (1) all the ligands are the same, (2) the co-ordination sphere is only slightly distorted, (3) the ligands are not bridging, and (4), all of the co-ordinate bond distances are approximately equal (2.73-2.91A), and are close to the sum of the ionic radii ( $Ba^{2+} = 1.35A$ ,  $Q^{2-} = 1.40A)^{28}$ .

The oxygen atoms in the diacetamide complex could be thought of as being located at the vertexes of a distorted symmetrically bicapped square antiprism (SBSA) of  $D_{4d}$  point group symmetry<sup>29</sup>. A projection of the co-ordination sphere down a line joining the apex (1) position of the SBSA and the barium atom is shown in Figure 4.

All of the diacetamide ligands are basically in the *trans-trans* configuration and identical to each other except for variations caused by packing and crowding considerations. The most significant variations occure in the barium-oxygen bond lengths (2.73-2.91A). Smaller variations (2.42-2.49A) were reported for the eight co-ordinated praseodymium complex with TTA<sup>30</sup> and were also attributed to steric effects.

Practically all distortions within each bidentate ligand goes back to the difference between  $Ba-O_1$  and  $Ba-O_2$ bond lengths, the differences being 0.03, 0.08, 0.10, 0.10, 0.07A for  $DA_1$  to  $DA_5$  respectively. In  $DA_1$ , both bond lengths are equal and a two fold symmetry about the Ba–N line is apparent, whereas in  $DA_3$  and DA<sub>4</sub> the corresponding differences are reflected in the 'values of otherwise mirror related angles and bonds (Table V, VII). In terms of the above criteria, DA, may be considered as the model for diacetamide-B complexation in other chelates.

Definite twisting of the diacetamide ligands about a line passing through the oxygen atoms does exist. This twisting shows up as a dihedral angle between the two best fit planes  $(O_1, N, C_1, C_3)$  and  $(O_2, N, C_2, C_4)$  (Table VIII), and is a factor in causing splitting in the infrared bands as the ligands are no longer of the trans-trans (diacetamide-B) form but intermediate between it and the *cis-truns* form. Another factor which gives rise to splitting in the metal-carbonyl stretching absorption band is bending about the  $O_1 \cdots O_2$  line. This bending shows up as a dihedral angle between the planes  $(O_1,O_2,N,C_1,C_2,C_3,C_4)$  and  $(O_1, Ba, O_2)$  (Table VIII).

The average Ba-0 distance, 2.81A, is more than the sum of the ionic radii, while the average C-O distance, 1.21A, is less than that in crystalline urea  $(1.26A)^{31}$ . This together with the hygroscopic nature of the crystals, indicate weak metal to oxygen bonding.

Previous infrared work $1$  predicted the nonplanarity of at least one of the ligands due to the appearance of secondary band in the imide III region. It also predicted, from the splitting in the carbonyl stretching band, that one of the ten carbonyl terminals is not bonded to give a total co-ordination number of nine $1,2$ . This present X-ray structure supports the non-planarity of some of the ligands, however, these non-planar diacetamide ligands are all bidentates.

The thermal parameters of the diacetamide ligands are high and in agreement with weak bonding. The carbon atoms  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  have low thermal parameters due to three  $sp^2$  bonds. As expected, the methyl carbons,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$ , have higher thermal parameters than the ring carbons. The carbonyl oxygens have higher thermal parameters than the average because of the weak metal to oxygen bonding.

The perchlorate moieties are ionic and are located between the cation clusters. Four of the five diacetamide nitrogens are hydrogen bonded to the perchlorate oxygens (2.929-3.095A) (Table VI). Hydrogen bonding was expected since it was previously reported from infrared data<sup>1</sup>. The perchlorate ions are significantly distorted from  $T<sub>d</sub>$  geometry for the dihedral angle between the two tetrahedral planes are 94.5° and  $88.4^{\circ}$  (Table VIII). The fact that the thermal parameters of the perchlorate oxygens are very high is attributed to the shielding of the positive charge on

the barium by the ligands clusters enabling freer movement of the oxygen atoms in the perchlorate moieties.

In determining<sup>32</sup> the barium bonding orbitals which could hybridize to give the ten-co-ordinate symmetrically bicapped square antiprism  $(D_{4d})$  it was found that the combination  $sp^3d^5f_{z(5z^2-3r^2)}$  is most reasonable. Other hybridization schemes such as *sp4d5* would involve a  $6p<sub>z</sub>$  orbital which lies higher in energy than a *4f* orbital.

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