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Structure of Dibromobis(1,2-diaminoethane)platinum(IV) 3,4-Dihydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dionate Dihydrate

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Abstract. [PtBr₂(C₂H₈N₂)₂][C₄O₄].2H₂O, C₄H₁₆Br₂N₄Pt²⁺.C₄O₄²⁻.2H₂O, monoclinic, *P*2₁/*n*, *a* = 11.038 (19), *b* = 14.289 (4), *c* = 6.983 (12) Å, β = 132.24 (10)°, *V* = 815.6 Å³, *d* = 2.57 Mg m⁻³, *Z* = 2. The structure was refined to *R* = 0.079 for 1553 counter data and consists of six-coordinate [PtBr₂en₂]²⁺ units (en = 1,2-diaminoethane) with planar [C₄O₄]²⁻ counterions which are strongly hydrogen bonded to each other and to the water molecules in the lattice. The reduced cell has *a* = 6.984, *b* = 14.290, *c* = 8.184 Å, β = 93.07°.

Introduction. In recent papers we have reported the structure of mixed-valence Wolfram's salt analogues (Endres, Keller, Martin, Nam Gung & Traeger, 1979). In some cases *three*-dimensional order is observed in the *linear* chain compounds (Endres, Keller, Martin & Traeger, 1979), and it was suggested that this ordering is caused by hydrogen bridges between the complex ligands and the perchlorate counterions. We therefore investigated the system [PtBr₂en₂]²⁺–[Pten₂]²⁺–C₄H₂O₄ (squaric acid) – the latter compound being well known for its ability to form hydrogen bridges – in the hope of strengthening the interchain coupling in Wolfram's salt analogues. After hot aqueous solutions

containing 0.5 mmol [PtBr₂en₂]²⁺ and 0.5 mmol [Pten₂]²⁺ are mixed with a hot aqueous solution of 3,4-dihydroxy-3-cyclobutene-1,2-dione (squaric acid), the title compound crystallizes in red platelets. {Analysis for [PtBr₂en₂][C₄O₄].2H₂O, *M_r* = 622.9: calculated: C 15.40, N 8.98, H 3.46, Pt 31.31%; found: C 15.40, N 8.26, H 3.41, Pt (residue) 32.44%.}

Rotating-crystal and Weissenberg photographs (Cu *K*α radiation) showed the symmetry and systematic extinctions and established approximate lattice constants. Exact lattice constants (see *Abstract*) were calculated by least squares (Berdesinski & Nuber, 1966) from the θ values of 33 reflections, measured on a diffractometer. Intensity measurements on an automatic single-crystal diffractometer (AED, Siemens, Mo *K*α radiation, θ–2θ scans, 'five-value method', 4° < 2θ < 60°) furnished 1553 observed independent intensities. Reflections with *I* < 3.0σ(*I*) were classified as unobserved. Owing to the small crystal size (0.04 × 0.05 × 0.03 mm), no absorption correction was applied (μ = 14.5 mm⁻¹). Observed reflections were corrected for polarization and Lorentz factors. The systematic absences (*h*0*l* with *h* + *l* = 2*n* + 1 and 0*k*0 with *k* = 2*n* + 1) correspond to the space group *P*2₁/*n* (*C*_{2h}²). A Patterson synthesis showed the positions of Pt and Br. The positions of N, O and C atoms could be located by distance and angle calculations from the

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