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On the structure of cadmium isopropylxanthate. Corrigendum

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A full description for the structure of bis(*O*-isopropyldithiocarbonato)cadmium(II), $[Cd(C_4H_7OS_2)_2]$, is presented. The structure comprises an interconnected network of 16membered $[-Cd-S-C-S-]_4$ rings that arises from the presence of bidentate bridging ligands. The resultant layers are stacked along the *a* axis.

Comment

The structural chemistry of the binary zinc, cadmium and mercury 1,1-dithiolates {*e.g.* xanthate $(^{-}S_2COR)$, dithiocarbamate $(^{-}S_2CNR_2)$ and dithiophosphate $[^{-}S_2P(OR)_2]$ } is rich in its diversity with many varied motifs being found (Cox & Tiekink, 1997). Hence, isolated monomeric, dimeric and cyclotetrameric structures are known, as are linear, layer and three-dimensional polymeric arrays. Often the structures are quite complicated and open to interpretation owing to the variety of metal-ligand interactions. In this context, two



distinct motifs are known for $[Cd(S_2COR)_2]$. A square-planar geometry is found in the structure with $R = CH_2CH_2OMe$ (Abrahams *et al.*, 1988), with weak Cd···S interactions above and below the square plane. The other motif features tetra-

hedrally coordinated Cd, *i.e.* when R = Et (Iimura *et al.*, 1972) and R = Bu (Rietveld & Maslen, 1965). The recently reported structure of $[Cd(S_2COC_3H_7)_2]$ also conforms to this motif (Tomlin *et al.*, 1999). The structure of $[Cd(S_2COC_3H_7)_2]$, (I), is shown in Fig. 1. Each Cd atom is tetrahedrally coordinated by four S atoms, each of which is derived from a bridging xanthate ligand; molecular dimensions are as given in the original report. The structure is best described as being based on a square of Cd atoms, with each edge defined by a bridging xanthate, as emphasized in Fig. 1. The 16-membered $[-Cd - S - C - S -]_4$ rings that are thus formed are connected to neighbouring rings *via* bridging ligands to form a layer structure. Symmetry-related layers stack along the crystallographic *a* axis separated by hydrophobic interactions.



Figure 1

A portion of the layer structure for $[Cd(S_2COC_3H_7)_2]$ viewed approximately down the *a* axis. The 16-membered rings are emphasized. The diagram was drawn with *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) using arbitrary ellipsoids. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, *z*; (ii) x, $y - \frac{1}{2}$, $z - \frac{1}{2}$.]

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