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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
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Mean  $\sigma(\text{s-O}) = 0.001$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.021  
 $wR$  factor = 0.058  
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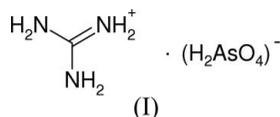
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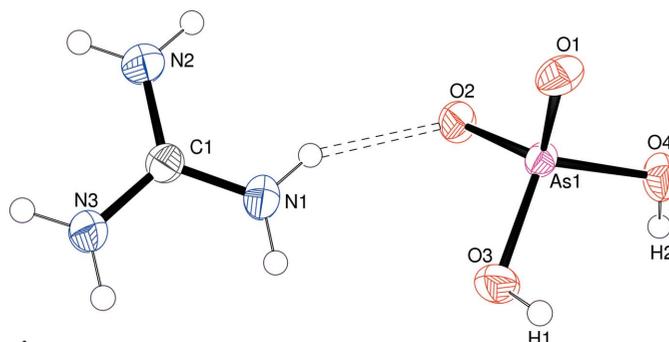
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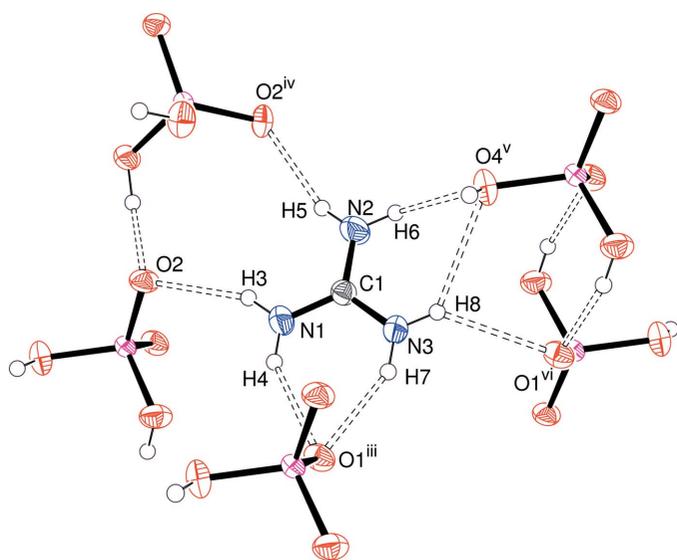


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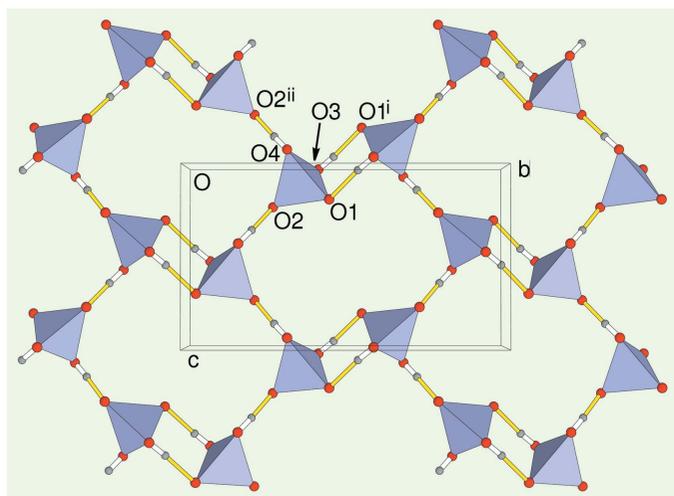
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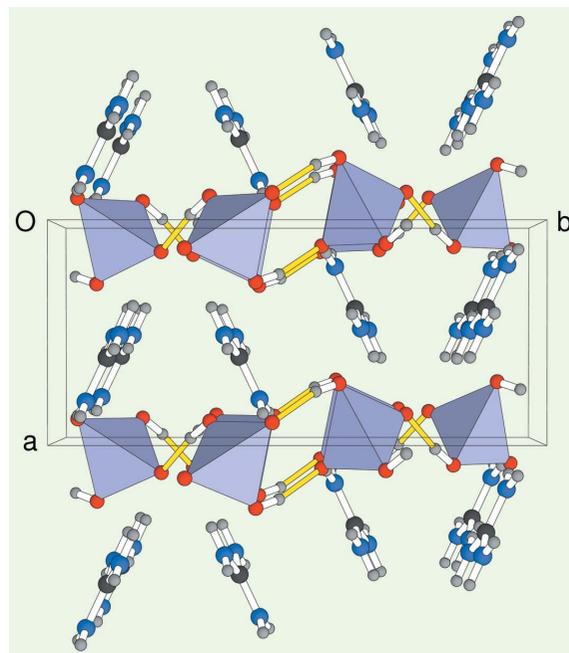
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 $\beta = 91.715$  (1)°  
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 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 2.050$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
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Cell parameters from 4819 reflections  
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 $\mu = 5.18$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 295$  (2) K  
Block, colourless  
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 $\omega$  scans  
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83 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained

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where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
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Extinction correction: SHELXL  
Extinction coefficient: 0.0145 (12)

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As1—O1	1.6532 (11)	C1—N1	1.314 (2)
As1—O2	1.6538 (10)	C1—N2	1.323 (2)
As1—O4	1.7135 (10)	C1—N3	1.324 (2)
As1—O3	1.7144 (11)		

**Table 2**  
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N3—H8···O4 <sup>v</sup>	0.86	2.55	3.1965 (18)	133

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y + 1, -z$ ; (ii)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x + 1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (v)  $x + 1, y, z + 1$ ; (vi)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ .

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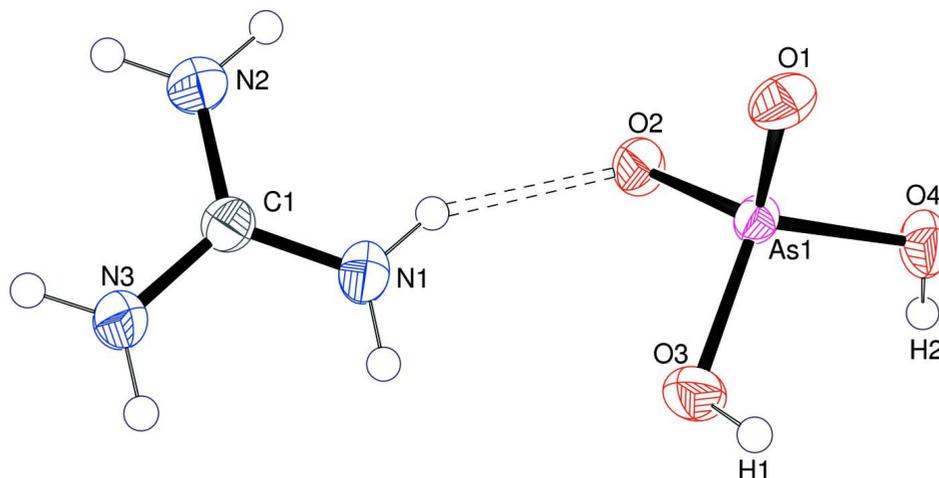
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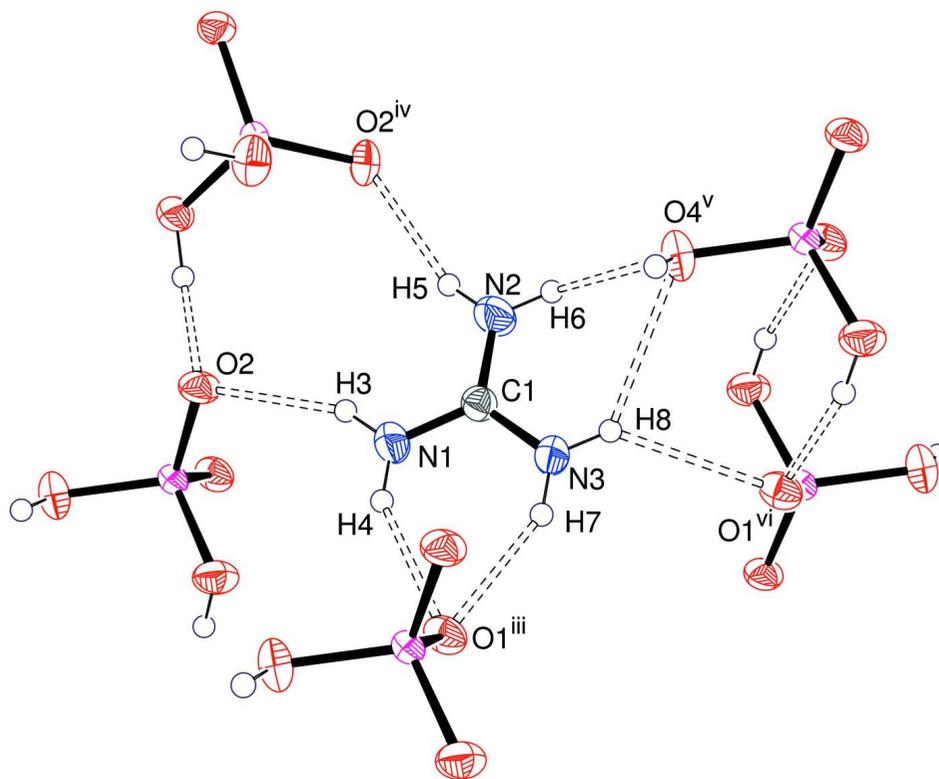
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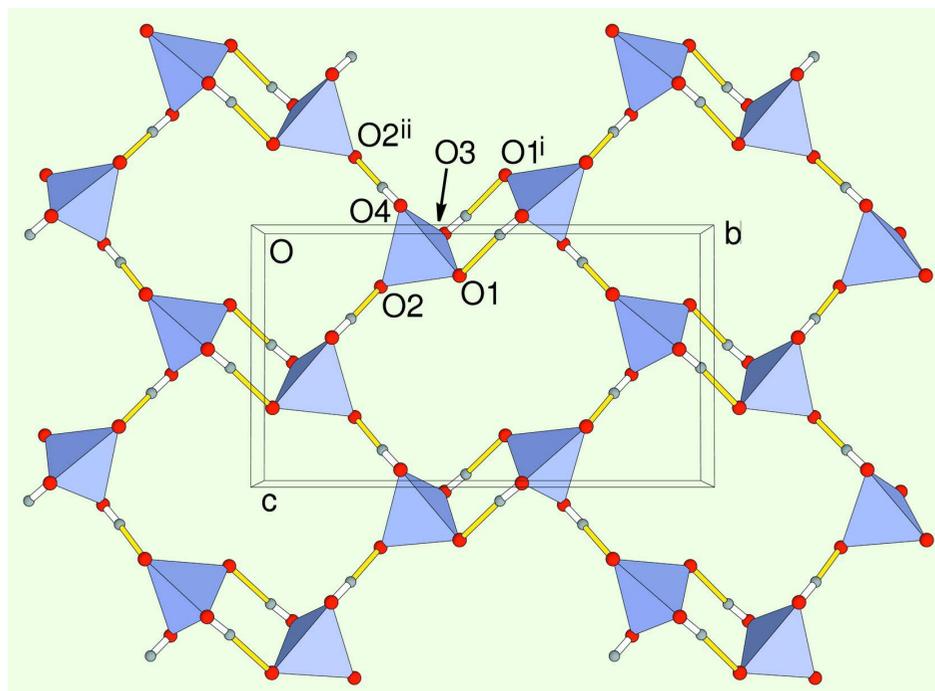
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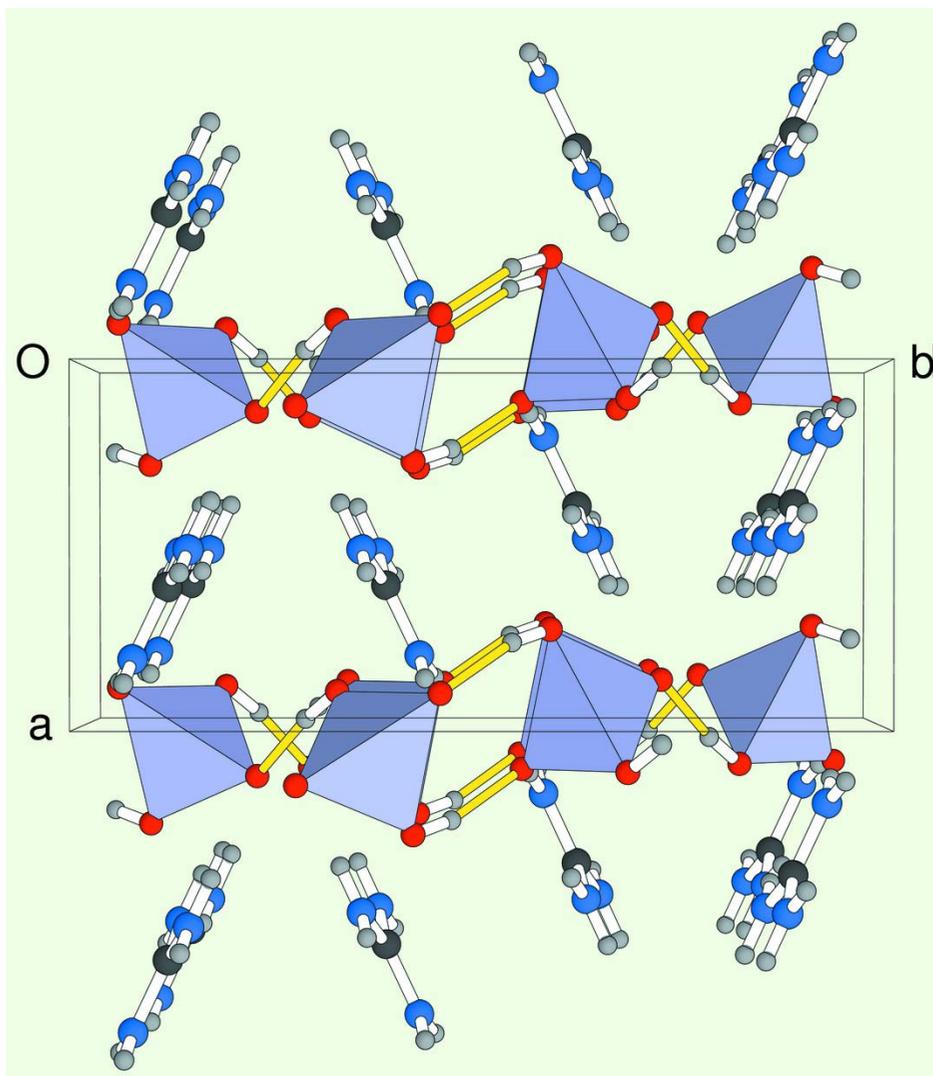
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*Special details*

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**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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
As1	0.04340 (2)	0.367017 (10)	0.104376 (16)	0.02035 (6)
O1	-0.10944 (19)	0.45045 (8)	0.19597 (13)	0.0295 (2)
O2	0.13284 (18)	0.27840 (8)	0.23321 (14)	0.0304 (2)
O3	0.27494 (18)	0.41686 (9)	0.02378 (15)	0.0343 (3)
H1	0.2406	0.4633	-0.0444	0.041*
O4	-0.10648 (19)	0.32367 (9)	-0.06967 (14)	0.0324 (2)
H2	-0.0288	0.2840	-0.1419	0.039*
C1	0.6107 (3)	0.37973 (10)	0.5461 (2)	0.0256 (3)
N1	0.5194 (3)	0.36882 (10)	0.39137 (19)	0.0347 (3)
H3	0.3930	0.3424	0.3803	0.042*
H4	0.5860	0.3881	0.3012	0.042*
N2	0.5110 (3)	0.35063 (13)	0.6865 (2)	0.0418 (4)
H5	0.3846	0.3241	0.6772	0.050*
H6	0.5727	0.3582	0.7870	0.050*
N3	0.8045 (2)	0.42143 (11)	0.55908 (18)	0.0337 (3)

H7	0.8678	0.4407	0.4674	0.040*
H8	0.8670	0.4292	0.6592	0.040*

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	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
As1	0.02193 (8)	0.02172 (9)	0.01733 (8)	0.00041 (5)	-0.00081 (5)	0.00190 (4)
O1	0.0377 (6)	0.0279 (5)	0.0232 (5)	0.0053 (5)	0.0067 (4)	-0.0013 (4)
O2	0.0293 (5)	0.0311 (6)	0.0305 (5)	0.0011 (4)	-0.0031 (4)	0.0125 (4)
O3	0.0268 (5)	0.0405 (7)	0.0358 (6)	-0.0019 (5)	0.0041 (4)	0.0125 (5)
O4	0.0304 (5)	0.0377 (7)	0.0287 (5)	0.0057 (5)	-0.0080 (4)	-0.0100 (5)
C1	0.0269 (7)	0.0251 (7)	0.0247 (6)	0.0004 (5)	0.0002 (5)	0.0008 (5)
N1	0.0322 (7)	0.0448 (9)	0.0269 (7)	-0.0067 (6)	-0.0055 (5)	0.0017 (5)
N2	0.0361 (8)	0.0623 (10)	0.0272 (7)	-0.0125 (7)	0.0018 (6)	0.0078 (7)
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O2—As1—O3	104.21 (6)	C1—N2—H5	120.0
O4—As1—O3	106.72 (6)	C1—N2—H6	120.0
As1—O3—H1	109.2	H5—N2—H6	120.0
As1—O4—H2	113.7	C1—N3—H7	120.0
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N3—H7 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	2.11	2.8962 (17)	152

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N3—H8···O1 <sup>vi</sup>	0.86	2.47	3.1582 (18)	138
N3—H8···O4 <sup>v</sup>	0.86	2.55	3.1965 (18)	133

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Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y+1, -z$ ; (ii)  $x, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ ; (iii)  $x+1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $x, -y+1/2, z+1/2$ ; (v)  $x+1, y, z+1$ ; (vi)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ .