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# Crystal structure of the tetragonal polymorph of bis(1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium) tetrabromido-cadmate

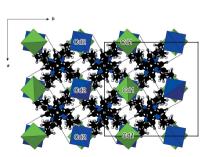
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Both unique Cd atoms in the tetragonal polymorph of bis(1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium) tetrabromidocadmate,  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$ , occupy special positions (site symmetry  $\overline{4}$ ). The crystal structure consists of isolated tetrahedral  $[CdBr_4]^{2-}$  anions which are surrounded by 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium cations. The methyl and ethyl side chains of the cations show positional disorder in a 0.590 (11):0.410 (11) ratio. In the crystal,  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)^+$  cations display three weak  $C-H\cdots Br$  hydrogen-bond interactions through the imidazolium ring H atoms with the  $Br^-$  ligands of the surrounding complex anions. The alkyl groups of the side chains are not involved in hydrogen bonding.

### 1. Chemical context

Laboratories around the world have used ionic liquids to prepare many different types of solids, ranging from nanoparticles of different types, to semiconductors, and inorganic and organic solids (Morris, 2009). In an attempted synthesis of mineral-related arsenates, the ionic liquid 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide (eminBr), C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>, was tested as a solvent and template. C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub> has a wide liquid range (despite being a solid at room temperature, with a melting point of 356 K), low vapour pressure and has been used extensively for ionothermal synthesis because it is a relatively polar solvent.



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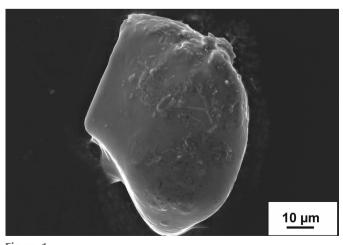


Figure 1 Back-scattered scanning electromicrograph of leaf-like  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$ . The small needle-like crystals on the top are from an unidentified Cd/Mn arsenate.

The title compound,  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$ , was obtained under ionothermal conditions using eminBr as the solvate. The SEM-EDS study of the title compound showed small amounts of a cadmium-manganese arsenate in the form of small needle-like crystals up to maximal 15  $\mu$ m on the top of the plate-like crystals of the title compound (Fig. 1). This phase is present in very small amounts and therefore could not be identified using powder or single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques. The powder pattern indicated the tetragonal polymorph of the title compound as the main phase and the monoclinic polymorph (Gou *et al.*, 2016) as a minority phase.

### 2. Structural commentary

Emim,  $C_6H_{11}N_2^+$ , cations together with  $[CdBr_4]^{2-}$  anions as discrete tetrahedra are the main structural building units (Fig. 2). The imidazolium ring is, as expected, a planar, slightly distorted pentagon. The deviation of the ring atoms from the least-squares plane is smaller than 0.006 (7) Å. The bond lengths of 1.356 (8) and 1.297 (7) Å for the N1—C1 and C1—N2 bonds, respectively, indicate conjugated double-bond character, having one bond slightly longer than the usual

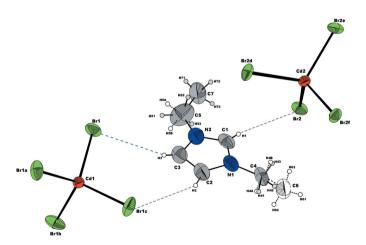


Figure 2 A view of the molecular entities in the structure of  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$ . Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radius.  $C-H\cdots Br$  hydrogen-bonding interactions are shown with dashed blue lines. Disordered alkyl groups are distinguished by solid and dotted bonds, together with the C and H atoms being shown in different colours. [Symmetry codes: (a)  $y - \frac{1}{4} \cdot -x + \frac{1}{4} \cdot -z + \frac{1}{4}$ ; (b)  $-y + \frac{1}{4} \cdot x + \frac{1}{4} \cdot -z + \frac{1}{4}$ ; (c) -x,  $-y + \frac{1}{2}$ , z; (d)  $-y + \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $x + \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $-z + \frac{3}{4}$ ; (e)  $y - \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $-x + \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $-z + \frac{3}{4}$ ; (f) -x,  $-y + \frac{3}{2}$ , z.]

C=N double-bond length, 1.27 Å. The N1-C2 and N2-C3 bond lengths [1.360 (7) and 1.359 (8) Å] are shorter than a typical C-N single bond (1.472  $\pm$  6 Å) and close to the shortened (partial double bond) in heterocyclic systems, 1.352  $\pm$  5 Å, while the bond length of 1.373 (9) Å for C2-C3 is slightly longer than a typical C=C double bond of 1.337  $\pm$ 6 Å (Macgillavry & Rieck, 1968). The alkyl groups of the side chains showed strong anisotropic atomic displacements during refinement, suggesting a statistical positional disorder that was taken into account for the final model (Fig. 2). The carbon atoms C4, C5, C6 and C7 from the disordered alkyl groups of side chains are also planar and the largest deviation from the least-squares plane through the imidazolium ring atoms is 0.163 (16) Å for C7 and -0.949 (19) Å for C6, while C5 and C4 are just -0.013 (1) and 0.039 (1) Å, respectively, out of plane.

Both unique Cd atoms occupy special positions (on a fourfold rotoinversion axis parallel to the c axis, site symmetry  $\overline{4}$ ). Consequently both tetrabromidocadmate anions possess crystallographically imposed  $\overline{4}$  symmetry and therefore, each Cd atom bonds to four symmetry-related Br atoms (Fig. 2). The Cd1—Br1 bond length of 2.5745 (6) Å in the almost regular tetrahedral configuration of the  $[Cd1Br_4]^{2-}$  anion is slightly shorter than 2.5806 (5) Å for the  $[Cd2Br_4]^{2-}$  anion. The Br—Cd—Br bond angles are 109.14 (3) and 109.64 (2)° in  $[Cd1Br_4]^{2-}$  but 107.88 (1) and 112.71 (3)° in the slightly more distorted  $[Cd2Br_4]^{2-}$  anion. The angular range for both anions is comparable with those reported by Sharma  $et\ al.\ (2006)$ .

### 3. Infrared spectroscopy

Fourier-transform infrared (FT–IR) absorption single-crystal infrared spectra were recorded on a Bruker Tensor 27 FT–IR spectrophotometer with a mid-IR glowbar light source and KBr beam splitter, attached to a Hyperion2000 FT–IR microscope with a liquid nitrogen-cooled mid-IR broad band MCT detector. A total of 128 scans were accumulated between

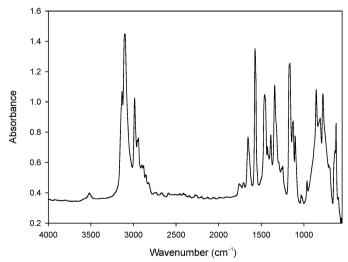


Figure 3 FT-IR spectrum of (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[CdBr<sub>4</sub>].

Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D$ $ H$ $\cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}\cdots A$
$C1-H1\cdots Br2^{i}$ $C2-H2\cdots Br1^{ii}$ $C3-H3\cdots Br1$	0.93	2.77	3.679 (6)	167
	0.93	2.93	3.824 (7)	161
	0.93	2.90	3.753 (6)	154

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-y + \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-y + \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $x + \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $z + \frac{1}{4}$ .

4000 and 550 cm $^{-1}$  using a circular sample aperture (100  $\mu$ m diameter) and ATR 15  $\times$  objective.

The title compound shows characteristic bands of the imidazolium ring and the alkyl chains (Barbara, 2004; Nakamoto, 1978) (Fig. 3). The bands at 3134 and 3101 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be attributed to aromatic C–H stretching (Tait & Osteryoung, 1984). Their relatively low values confirm the presence of weak hydrogen bonds. A higher wave number would indicate a diminution or absence of hydrogen bonds (Larsen *et al.*, 2000). The band at 2985 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be attributed to aliphatic C–H stretching (Tait & Osteryoung, 1984); aliphatic C–H bending vibrations [ $\delta$ (CH<sub>2</sub>),  $\delta$ (CH<sub>3</sub>),  $\delta$ <sub>as</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>)] are located between 1470 and 1380 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Katsyuba *et al.*, 2004) and mostly represented by the band at 1460 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The band at 1578 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to the C=C and C–N stretching vibrations of the imidazolium ring. Bands centred at 1342 and

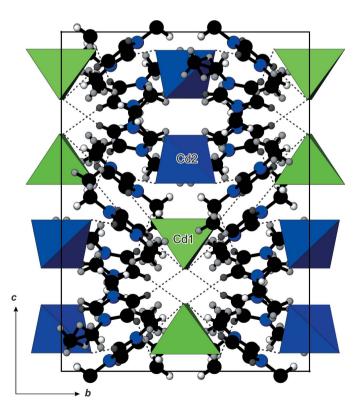


Figure 4 The packing of the structure of  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$ , viewed down the a axis, showing the tetrahedral  $[CdBr_4]^{2-}$  anions linked to the emim,  $[C_6H_{11}N_2]^+$ , cations by hydrogen-bonding interactions. C and N atoms are presented as black and blue spheres, respectively, and H atoms as grey small spheres.

 $1162~{\rm cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, represent the stretching vibrations between the alkyl chains and N atoms (Katsyuba *et al.*, 2004). All bands below  $850~{\rm cm}^{-1}$  can be attributed to the out-of-plane vibrations of the imidazolium cation (Katsyuba *et al.*, 2004). The most intense bands are located at 854, 775 and  $621~{\rm cm}^{-1}$ . Even if there is no water in the structure of  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$ , O-H vibrations may still be present because of the hygroscopic character of the ionic liquid.

### 4. Supramolecular features

There are no significant interactions between [Cd2Br<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> anions, except a short Br1...Br1 contact which amounts to 3.764 (2) Å. The crystal packing of the cations and anions in a three-dimensional network is realized through C-H···Br interactions (Figs. 2 and 4, Table 1) involving the imidazolium ring H atoms (H1, H2 and H3), but not the H atoms of the alkyl side chains. Larsen et al. (2000) found that the imidazolium cation is often disordered whereby the disorder can take many different forms. They also have found that positional disorder of the cations in their crystal structures is a direct indicator of packing inefficiency, i.e. packing inefficiency becomes reflected in disorder when cation/anion interactions are reduced essentially to the level of van der Waals or very weak hydrogen-bonding-type forces. The resulting network in the title structure has a channel structure defined by the organization of the imidazolium cations, with the [CdBr<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2</sup>anions residing in the channels (Fig. 5).

### 5. Database survey

Tetragonal  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$  is isotypic with  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CoBr_4]$  and  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[NiBr_4]$  (Hitchcock *et al.*, 1993), as well as  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[ZnBr_4]$  (Zhou *et al.*, 2010; Zhang & Liu, 2012). However, these three structures do not show any disorder of the imidazolium cations. The crystal structure of

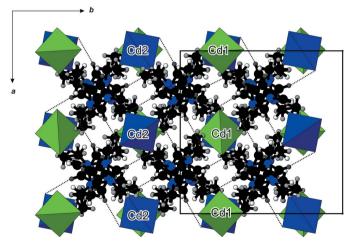


Figure 5 The projection of the structure of  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$ , viewed down the c axis, normal to the channels formed by the supramolecular organization of the imidazolium cations.

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Table 2
Experimental details.

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Computer programs: X-AREA and X-RED32 (Stoe, 2013), SIR97 (Altomare et al., 1999), SHELXL2014 (Sheldrick, 2015), WinGX (Farrugia, 2012), ATOMS (Dowty, 2000) and publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

the monoclinic  $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]$  polymorph has also been reported recently (Gou *et al.*, 2016).

### 6. Synthesis and crystallization

A 1 g mixture of CdO, Mn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, As<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in the molar ratio 2:2:1 was mixed with 2 g of molten emimBr and placed in a teflon container into a steel autoclave. A heating regime with three steps was chosen: the autoclaves were heated from 293 to 493 K (four h), held at 493 K for 72 h, and finally cooled to room temperature within 99 h. The obtained products were washed with ethanol, filtered and dried in the air at room temperature. The title compound crystallized as leafy-like crystals (yield ca 85%) together with crystals of the monoclinic polymorph (yield ca 10%) and small amounts of a yet unidentified Cd/Mn-arsenate (single-crystal size 10 µm). The crystals of tetragonal (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[CdBr<sub>4</sub>]) are no longer than 0.15 mm in length.

### 7. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. The imidazolium cation was

modelled as disordered having approximate twofold rotation symmetry. The two orientations of the disordered cation are related to each other by a 180° rotation around the pseudotwofold symmetry axis lying in the ring plane, connecting the C1 and bisecting the opposite C2—C3 bonds in the imidazolium ring. This causes a positional disorder of the methyl and ethyl side chains, with a site occupation ratio of 0.590 (11):0.410 (11). All hydrogen atoms attached to C atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions and refined using a riding model, with C—H = 0.96 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  =  $1.5 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for methyl H atoms, C—H = 0.97 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  =  $1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for methylene H atoms, and C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  =  $1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for imidazolium ring H atoms.

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## Crystal structure of the tetragonal polymorph of bis(1-ethyl-3-methyl-imidazolium) tetrabromidocadmate

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### **Computing details**

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe, 2013); cell refinement: *X-AREA* (Stoe, 2013); data reduction: *X-RED* (Stoe, 2013); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015) and *WinGX* (Farrugia, 2012); molecular graphics: *ATOMS* (Dowty, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

Bis(1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium) tetrabromidocadmate(II)

Crystal data

 $(C_6H_{11}N_2)_2[CdBr_4]^ M_r = 654.38$ Tetragonal,  $I4_1/a$  a = 14.691 (2) Å c = 20.075 (4) Å V = 4332.8 (12) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 8

F(000) = 2480

Data collection

Stoe StadiVari with pixel array detector diffractometer Radiation source:  $I\mu S$  microfocus source Plane graphite monochromator  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan

(X-AREA and X-RED; Stoe, 2013)  $T_{\text{min}} = 0.366$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.921$ 

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ Least-squares matrix: full  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   $wR(F^2) = 0.074$  S = 0.963016 reflections 94 parameters 17 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

 $D_x = 2.006 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 18051 reflections

 $\theta = 5.6-63.4^{\circ}$   $\mu = 8.39 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 100 K

 $\begin{array}{l} Leaf\text{-like, colourless} \\ 0.15 \times 0.02 \times 0.01 \ mm \end{array}$ 

34206 measured reflections 3016 independent reflections 2046 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.102$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 29.6^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\text{min}} = 2.8^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -17 \rightarrow 20$  $k = -12 \rightarrow 20$  $l = -27 \rightarrow 27$ 

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier

map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from

neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0344P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.89 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.86 \text{ e Å}^{-3}$ 

### 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  $F^2 > 2 \operatorname{sigma}(F^2)$  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  $(\mathring{A}^2)$ 

	x	у	Z	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	Occ. (<1)
Cd1	0.0000	0.2500	0.1250	0.02409 (13)	
Cd2	0.0000	0.7500	0.3750	0.02503 (13)	
Br1	0.00834(3)	0.39254 (4)	0.05065(3)	0.04833 (17)	
Br2	0.12129 (4)	0.66831 (3)	0.30377 (3)	0.03715 (13)	
N1	0.3058 (3)	0.5397(3)	0.2191(3)	0.0513 (12)	
N2	0.1979 (3)	0.5755 (3)	0.1517(3)	0.0505 (12)	
C1	0.2669 (4)	0.6082 (4)	0.1840(3)	0.0464 (13)	
H1	0.2864	0.6685	0.1832	0.056*	
C2	0.2585 (4)	0.4620 (4)	0.2067 (3)	0.0526 (14)	
H2	0.2708	0.4044	0.2237	0.063*	
C3	0.1891 (4)	0.4850 (4)	0.1641 (3)	0.0501 (14)	
Н3	0.1447	0.4463	0.1471	0.060*	
C4	0.38352 (8)	0.54777 (5)	0.26324 (6)	0.073(2)	
H41	0.3957	0.4900	0.2839	0.109*	0.590 (11)
H42	0.3710	0.5923	0.2970	0.109*	0.590 (11)
H43	0.4362	0.5664	0.2381	0.109*	0.590 (11)
H4A	0.3912	0.4890	0.2845	0.087*	0.410 (11)
H4B	0.4364	0.5574	0.2355	0.087*	0.410 (11)
C5	0.13928 (7)	0.62737 (8)	0.11001 (5)	0.090(3)	
H51	0.0914	0.5888	0.0926	0.136*	0.410 (11)
H52	0.1721	0.6536	0.0738	0.136*	0.410 (11)
H53	0.1110	0.6756	0.1357	0.136*	0.410 (11)
H5A	0.1300	0.5909	0.0703	0.109*	0.590 (11)
H5B	0.0821	0.6312	0.1324	0.109*	0.590 (11)
C6	0.3888 (12)	0.6105 (11)	0.3126 (9)	0.066	0.410 (11)
H61	0.4458	0.6040	0.3356	0.099*	0.410 (11)
H62	0.3396	0.6016	0.3433	0.099*	0.410 (11)
H63	0.3849	0.6705	0.2938	0.099*	0.410 (11)
C7	0.1525 (10)	0.7140 (9)	0.0898 (8)	0.085	0.590 (11)
H71	0.1101	0.7285	0.0550	0.127*	0.590 (11)
H72	0.2135	0.7206	0.0733	0.127*	0.590 (11)
H73	0.1434	0.7546	0.1267	0.127*	0.590 (11

### Atomic displacement parameters $(\mathring{A}^2)$

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Cd1	0.02423 (18)	0.02423 (18)	0.0238 (3)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Cd2	0.02750 (19)	0.02750 (19)	0.0201(3)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Br1	0.0365(3)	0.0530(3)	0.0555(3)	-0.0060(2)	-0.0071 (2)	0.0323(3)
Br2	0.0464(3)	0.0296(2)	0.0354(3)	-0.00354 (19)	0.0193 (2)	-0.00600 (19)
N1	0.048(3)	0.055(3)	0.051(3)	-0.016(2)	0.014(2)	-0.005(2)
N2	0.056(3)	0.050(3)	0.045 (3)	-0.008(2)	0.013(2)	-0.017(2)
C1	0.053(3)	0.041(3)	0.045 (3)	-0.010(2)	0.024(3)	-0.009(2)
C2	0.052 (4)	0.046(3)	0.060(4)	-0.010(3)	0.008(3)	-0.003(3)
C3	0.060(4)	0.039(3)	0.051(4)	-0.009(2)	0.009(3)	-0.015(3)
C4	0.060(4)	0.079 (5)	0.079 (5)	-0.039(4)	-0.013 (4)	0.020(4)
C5	0.135 (8)	0.054 (4)	0.082(6)	0.022 (4)	-0.028(5)	0.001(4)
C6	0.065	0.054	0.079	-0.017	-0.022	0.008
C7	0.081	0.059	0.115	-0.022	-0.051	0.046

### Geometric parameters (Å, °)

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Cd1—Br1 <sup>i</sup>	2.5745 (6)	C4—H42	0.9596 (11)
Cd1—Br1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.5745 (6)	C4—H43	0.9633 (8)
Cd1—Br1	2.5745 (6)	C4—H4A	0.9691 (8)
Cd1—Br1 <sup>iii</sup>	2.5745 (6)	C4—H4B	0.9666 (8)
Cd2—Br2iv	2.5806 (5)	C5—C7	1.350 (11)
Cd2—Br2 <sup>v</sup>	2.5806 (5)	C5—H51	0.9681 (8)
Cd2—Br2	2.5806 (5)	C5—H52	0.9543 (10)
Cd2—Br2vi	2.5806 (5)	C5—H53	0.9706 (9)
N1—C1	1.356 (8)	C5—H5A	0.9700 (8)
N1—C2	1.360 (7)	C5—H5B	0.9552 (8)
N1—C4	1.450 (6)	C6—H42	0.488 (16)
N2—C1	1.297 (7)	C6—H61	0.9600
N2—C3	1.359 (8)	C6—H62	0.9600
N2—C5	1.421 (6)	C6—H63	0.9600
C1—H1	0.9300	C7—H52	0.987 (16)
C2—C3	1.373 (9)	C7—H53	1.241 (15)
C2—H2	0.9300	C7—H71	0.9600
C3—H3	0.9300	C7—H72	0.9600
C4—C6	1.355 (18)	C7—H73	0.9600
C4—H41	0.9610 (8)		
Br1 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—Br1 <sup>ii</sup>	109.14 (3)	H4A—C4—H4B	106.88 (8)
Br1 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—Br1	109.638 (17)	C7—C5—N2	126.5 (5)
Br1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cd1—Br1	109.638 (17)	C7—C5—H51	123.3 (5)
Br1 <sup>i</sup> —Cd1—Br1 <sup>iii</sup>	109.638 (17)	N2—C5—H51	109.8 (2)
Br1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cd1—Br1 <sup>iii</sup>	109.638 (17)	C7—C5—H52	46.9 (8)
Br1—Cd1—Br1 <sup>iii</sup>	109.14(3)	N2—C5—H52	111.0 (2)
$Br2^{iv}$ — $Cd2$ — $Br2^{v}$	112.71 (3)	H51—C5—H52	109.27 (10)
$Br2^{iv}$ — $Cd2$ — $Br2$	107.878 (14)	C7—C5—H53	62.1 (8)

Br2 <sup>v</sup> —Cd2—Br2	107.878 (14)	N2—C5—H53	109.7 (2)
Br2 <sup>iv</sup> —Cd2—Br2 <sup>vi</sup>	107.878 (14)	H51—C5—H53	107.93 (9)
Br2 <sup>v</sup> —Cd2—Br2 <sup>vi</sup>	* *	H52—C5—H53	107.93 (9)
	107.878 (14)		` /
Br2—Cd2—Br2 <sup>vi</sup>	112.71 (3)	C7—C5—H5A	107.1 (7)
C1—N1—C2	108.3 (5)	N2—C5—H5A	105.9 (2)
C1—N1—C4	126.1 (4)	H51—C5—H5A	43.85 (3)
C2—N1—C4	125.7 (5)	H52—C5—H5A	70.62 (6)
C1—N2—C3	110.2 (6)	H53—C5—H5A	141.27 (15)
C1—N2—C5	124.7 (5)	C7—C5—H5B	102.3 (8)
C3—N2—C5	125.1 (5)	N2—C5—H5B	106.7 (2)
N2—C1—N1	108.3 (5)	H51—C5—H5B	64.21 (5)
N2—C1—H1	125.8	H52—C5—H5B	141.30 (18)
N1—C1—H1	125.8	H53—C5—H5B	47.87 (4)
N1—C2—C3	106.6 (6)	H5A—C5—H5B	107.23 (8)
N1—C2—H2	126.7	C4—C6—H42	29.2 (17)
C3—C2—H2	126.7	C4—C6—H61	109.5
N2—C3—C2	106.6 (5)	H42—C6—H61	136.1
N2—C3—H3	126.7	C4—C6—H62	109.5
C2—C3—H3	126.7	H42—C6—H62	86.2
C6—C4—N1	123.2 (8)	H61—C6—H62	109.5
C6—C4—H41	105.9 (7)	C4—C6—H63	109.5
N1—C4—H41	109.7 (2)	H42—C6—H63	102.6
C6—C4—H42	14.4 (8)	H61—C6—H63	109.5
N1—C4—H42	109.7 (2)	H62—C6—H63	109.5
H41—C4—H42	109.44 (11)	C5—C7—H52	44.9 (4)
C6—C4—H43	98.2 (8)	C5—C7—H53	43.7 (4)
N1—C4—H43	109.6 (2)	H52—C7—H53	88.7 (8)
H41—C4—H43	109.13 (9)	C5—C7—H71	109.5
H42—C4—H43	109.23 (11)	H52—C7—H71	98.7
C6—C4—H4A	106.1 (7)	H53—C7—H71	108.7
N1—C4—H4A	106.8 (2)	C5—C7—H72	100.7
H41—C4—H4A		H52—C7—H72	72.9
H42—C4—H4A	3.993 (3)		
	108.60 (11)	H53—C7—H72	139.5
H43—C4—H4A	112.92 (9)	H71—C7—H72	109.5
C6—C4—H4B	106.0 (8)	C5—C7—H73	109.5
N1—C4—H4B	106.9 (2)	H52—C7—H73	148.2
H41—C4—H4B	103.25 (8)	H53—C7—H73	68.9
H42—C4—H4B	117.45 (12)	H71—C7—H73	109.5
H43—C4—H4B	8.460 (7)	H72—C7—H73	109.5
C3—N2—C1—N1	-0.2 (6)	C5—N2—C3—C2	-179.7 (4)
C5—N2—C1—N1	179.1 (4)	N1—C2—C3—N2	0.8 (6)
C2—N1—C1—N2	0.7 (6)	C1—N1—C4—C6	51.2 (10)
C4—N1—C1—N2	-178.3 (4)	C2—N1—C4—C6	-127.6 (10)
C1—N1—C2—C3	-0.9(6)	C1—N2—C5—C7	10.0 (12)

C4—N1—C2—C3	178.0 (4)	C3—N2—C5—C7	-170.9 (11)
C1—N2—C3—C2	-0.4(6)		

Symmetry codes: (i) y-1/4, -x+1/4, -z+1/4; (ii) -y+1/4, x+1/4, -z+1/4; (iii) -x, -y+1/2, z; (iv) -y+3/4, x+3/4, -z+3/4; (v) y-3/4, -x+3/4, -z+3/4; (vi) -x, -y+3/2, z.

### Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D— $H$ ··· $A$	<i>D</i> —H	$H\cdots A$	D··· $A$	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
C1—H1···Br2 <sup>vii</sup>	0.93	2.77	3.679 (6)	167
C2—H2···Br1 <sup>viii</sup>	0.93	2.93	3.824 (7)	161
C3—H3···Br1	0.93	2.90	3.753 (6)	154

Symmetry codes: (vii) -x+1/2, -y+3/2, -z+1/2; (viii) -y+3/4, x+1/4, z+1/4.