# Crystal structure and Hirshfeld surface analysis of 2-picolyllithium•3thf 

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In the title compound, (2-methylidene-1,2-dihydropyridinium- $\kappa N$ )tris(tetra-hydrofuran- $\kappa O)$ lithium, $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}\right]$, the lithium ion adopts a distorted $\mathrm{LiNO}_{3}$ tetrahedral coordination geometry and the 2-picolyl anion adopts its enamido form with the lithium ion lying close to the plane of the pyridine ring. A methylene group of one of the thf ligands is disordered over two orientations. In the crystal, a weak $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interaction generates inversion dimers. A Hirshfeld surface analysis shows that $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ contacts dominate the packing ( $86 \%$ ) followed by $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{H} / \mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{C}$ contacts, which contribute $3 \%$ and $10.4 \%$, respectively.

## 1. Chemical context

Among the various synthetic approaches for the introduction of 2-picoline $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~N}\right)$ into a wide range of chemical products, the route via a metallated intermediate (i.e., the 2-picolyl anion, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}^{-}$) followed by trapping with an electrophile has proven to be particularly attractive due to the large number of possible electrophilic compounds. The formation of these metal-containing intermediates usually takes place by reaction with organometallic bases such as lithium organyles (Gessner et al., 2009), resulting in deprotonation of the picoline and consequent anion formation (Beumel Jr et al., 1974). Due to resonance-stabilizing effects, there are different possibilities to stabilize the negative charge formed at the 2-picoline moiety. In addition to the delocalization of charge across the aromatic ring, further anionic motifs in the sense of a carbanion, an azaallyl anion, or an enamide anion are possible: see Fig. 1.

Charge-density studies by Ott et al. (2009) confirmed the existence of the aza-allyl carbanionic 2-picolyl motif by solidstate analysis of two dimeric 2-picolyllithium structures $\left(2-\mathrm{PicLi} \cdot \mathrm{OEt}_{2}\right)_{2}$ (2) and $(2-\mathrm{PicLi} \cdot \mathrm{PicH})_{2}$ (3). Both structures are defined by two different lithium-anion interactions within one complex (Fig. 2). On the one hand there is an $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N}$ bond such that the metal ion lies almost coplanar to the aromatic pyridyl ring and on the other hand an $\eta^{3}$-aza-allylic contact can be identified. While NBO analysis determined partial negative charges at the nitrogen atom ( -0.78 e ) and formed carbanion


Figure 1
Transformation of 2-picoline into its carbanion, aza-allyl anion and enaminde anion forms.


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Figure 2
Structures of the title compound (2-PicLi•3thf) (1), (2-PicLi•OEt $)_{2}$ (2), (2-PicLi $\cdot \mathrm{PicH})_{2}$ (3), enamido (2-PicLi $\cdot \mathrm{pmdta}$ ) (4) and dimeric carbanionic $\left[2-\mathrm{PicLi} \cdot(\mathrm{thf})_{2}\right]_{2}(5)$.
(-0.69 e), which indicates aza-allylic character, bond-path analysis could only identify a bond path between the lithium and nitrogen atoms. In conclusion, the $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N}$ interaction was described as more dominant and the Li-carbanion contact as an auxiliary interaction (Ott et al., 2009).

The group of Mulvey (Kennedy et al., 2014) followed up on these studies and reported the monomeric solid-state structure (2-PicLi•pmdta) (4) (pmdta $=N, N, N^{\prime}, N^{\prime \prime}, N^{\prime \prime}$-pentamethyldiethylenetriamine, $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{~N}_{3}$ ). In contrast to the dimeric azaallyl motif 2 of Stalke et al., Mulvey and co-workers identified the monomeric structure 4 as an enamido motif due to the sole $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N}$ interaction (Fig. 1). Saturation of the lithium coordination sphere is accomplished by the chelating pmdta ligand. To characterize the described solid-state structures, the location of the lithium cations relative to the aromatic pyridyl ring serves as an important tool. Therefore aza-allylic structures like $\mathbf{2}$ or $\mathbf{3}$ were defined by $s p^{2}$-hybridized nitrogen atoms and $\mathrm{C}_{\text {para }}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Li}$ bond angles of about $180^{\circ}$, representing an almost planar arrangement. The enamido motif shows a divergent $\mathrm{C}_{p a r a}-\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Li}$ angle of about $146^{\circ}$ indicating $s p^{3}-$ hybridization of the nitrogen center (Kennedy et al., 2014). Due to the usage of different solvents, a follow-up dimeric structure $\left[2-\mathrm{PicLi} \cdot(\mathrm{thf})_{2}\right]_{2}(\mathbf{5})$ could be obtained by Brouillet et al. (2020) (Fig. 2). Unlike the previous dimeric structure 2 of Stalke et al., NBO calculations determined negative charges at $\mathrm{N}(-0.68 \mathrm{e}), \mathrm{O}(-0.65 \mathrm{e})$ and $\mathrm{C} 2(-0.80 \mathrm{e})$ suggesting a carbanionic structural motif. Thus, all three possible structural motifs have been detected and characterized in the solid state (Brouillet et al., 2020).

In this work, using an excess amount of the tetrahydrofuran (thf) ligand, a related structure to $\left[2-\mathrm{PicLi} \cdot(\mathrm{thf})_{2}\right]_{2}$ (5) by Mulvey et al. was obtained in the form of the title lithiated monomeric 2-picoline saturated by three thf molecules [2PicLi•(thf) $)_{3}$ ] (1) (Fig. 1). Interestingly, this monomeric structure shows an inconsistent $\mathrm{C}_{\text {para }} \cdots \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Li}$ angle of $179.9^{\circ}$ regarding to former enamido motifs, indicating an $s p^{2}$-hybridized nitrogen in contrast to usual $s p^{3}$-hybridization.


## 2. Structural commentary

Fig. 3 shows the molecular structure of $\mathbf{1}$ and selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. The solid-state structure consists of a lithiated 2-picoline unit forming an enamido motif. The lithium cation is coordinated by the N atom of 2-picoline as well as by three thf molecules. The $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Li} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ angles of 106.33 (7), 115.29 (7) and 111.51 (7) ${ }^{\circ}$ indicate a slightly distorted tetrahedral coordination, probably due to packing effects (see Supramolecular features). Lithiation led to deprotonation of the methyl substituent resulting in $s p^{2}$-hybridization of the C1-carbon atom, which is recognizable due to shortening of the $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ bond and the changing sum of bond angles to $360^{\circ}$ at the carbanionic center, compared to the solid-state structure of 2-picoline (Bond \& Davies, 2001). With a length of 1.3804 (10) $\AA$, the $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ bond is significant shorter than typical $\mathrm{Csp}^{2}-\mathrm{Csp}^{2}$ single bonds ( $1.466 \AA$ ) but too long for $\mathrm{Csp}^{2}-\mathrm{Csp}^{2}$ double bonds (1.335 $\AA$; Rademacher, 1987). This is caused by stabilization of the negative charge by the aromatic ring. Due to the shortened


Figure 3
The molecular structure of compound 1 with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. Only the major disorder component is shown.

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\AA \AA^{\circ}$ ).

| Li1-O1 | $1.9493(16)$ | N1-C6 | $1.3479(10)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Li1-O2 | $1.9698(15)$ | C2-C3 | $1.4548(10)$ |
| Li1-O3 | $1.9576(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.3664(11)$ |
| Li1-N1 | $2.0131(16)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.4196(12)$ |
| N1-C2 | $1.4017(10)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.3855(11)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| O1-Li1-O2 | $103.75(7)$ | O2-Li1-N1 | $115.29(7)$ |
| O1-Li1-O3 | $105.69(7)$ | O3-Li1-O2 | $113.22(7)$ |
| O1-Li1-N1 | $106.33(7)$ | O3-Li1-N1 | $111.51(7)$ |

$\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ bond, the overall bonding situation in the aromatic ring is changed as well, displayed by extended $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ [1.4548 (19) $\AA$ ], C4-C5 [1.4196 (12) $\AA$ ] bonds and shortened C3-C4 [1.3664 (11) Å] and C5-C6 [1.3855 (11) A ] bonds. While the $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ bond length increased by about $0.06 \AA$, the $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 6$ bond length is comparable to the equivalent bond in the educt structure (Bond \& Davies, 2001).

The coordination distance Li1-N1 is only slightly longer than in the related monomeric structure of lithiated 2-picoline with pmdta, 4. However, this can be explained by stronger coordinating thf ligands characterized by shorter $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{O}$ distances $[1.9493(16)$ to $1.9698(15) \AA$ A compared to the nitrogen coordination distance of pmdta $[2.138$ (7) to 2.147 (7) $\AA$ ]. One thf ligand of $\mathbf{1}$ shows disorder of one of its methylene groups over two adjacent positions in a 0.717 (5): 0.283 (5) ratio.

Another striking feature of the monomer $\mathbf{1}$ is the planar arrangement of the lithium cation relative to the aromatic ring. As indicated by the angle $\mathrm{Li} 1-\mathrm{N} 1 \cdots \mathrm{C} 4$ of $179.9^{\circ}$, the cation hardly deviates from the ring plane. Together with the angular sum of $360^{\circ}$ around N 1 , an $s p^{2}$-hybridized nitrogen atom can be assumed. According to this, the lithium cation should be coordinated by a dative bond based on the free


Figure 4
The crystal packing of compound 1. $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed blue lines.
electron pair of the nitrogen. This is in strong contrast to the monomeric compound $\mathbf{4}$ observed by Mulvey et al. in which an Li1 - N1 - C4 angle of $145.9(2)^{\circ}$ was observed, which suggests $s p^{3}$-hybridization of the nitrogen center and coordination of the lithium cation via a localized negative charge.

A greater similarity with $\mathbf{1}$ is shown by the dimeric carbanionic structure of lithiated 2-picoline with thf, $\mathbf{5}$. The dimer consists of a non-planar eight-membered $(\mathrm{NCCLi})_{2}$ ring in the solid state. A planar arrangement of the lithium cation with the aromatic ring was observed and the authors describe a dative coordination of the cation via an $s p^{2}$-hybridized nitrogen atom. However, the $\mathrm{Li} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ coordination in $\mathbf{5}$ is described as a weaker interaction, as in the case of the $s p^{3}$ hybridized nitrogen atom in structure 4. Therefore, the carbanionic $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ substituent of $\mathbf{5}$ induces a stronger coordination to the lithium cation. In $\mathbf{1}$, less carbanionic character of the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ substituent is detectable, due to delocalization of the charge to the aromatic ring. The significantly shortened $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ bond and the angular sum at the C 1 atom of $360^{\circ}$ indicate $s p^{2}$ hybridization. This would be more comparable to the monomeric structure of Mulvey et al.

In summary, the here-presented structure $\mathbf{1}$ shows features of both structures $\mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{5}$. While the $s p^{2}$ hybridization of the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ substituent is more similar to the monomeric structure 4 , the linear arrangement of $\mathrm{Li} 1-\mathrm{N} 1 \cdots \mathrm{C} 4$ and the resulting presumed $s p^{2}$ hybridization of the nitrogen atom is more comparable to the dimeric structure 5 .

## 3. Supramolecular features

An important supramolecular structural element of compound $\mathbf{1}$ is the two close contacts between O1 and H15B across the inversion center (Fig. 4). With a coordination distance of $\mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}} \cdots \mathrm{C} 15=3.3695$ (14) $\AA$ [symmetry code: (i)


Figure 5
The crystal packing of compound 1. $\mathrm{C} 11^{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{H} 11 B^{\mathrm{i}} \cdots \mathrm{H} 19 B$ and $\mathrm{H} 7 A^{\mathrm{i}} \cdots \mathrm{C} 3$ van der Waals interactions are shown as dashed blue lines.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\left({ }_{\mathrm{A}},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 B \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.99 | 2.63 | $3.3695(14)$ | 131 |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$.
$1-x, 1-y, 1-z]$, fairly long-range interactions are represented. Due to two intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ interactions (Table 2) between $\mathrm{C} 11^{\mathrm{i}} / \mathrm{H} 11 B^{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{H} 19 B$ as well as $\mathrm{H} 7 A^{\mathrm{i}}$ and C 3 , further coordination points are given in the solid state (Fig. 5).

Fig. 6 shows the van der Waals interactions in the form of a Hirshfeld surface analysis mapped over $d_{\text {norm }}$ in the range -0.02 to 1.61 a.u. (Spackman \& Jayatilaka, 2009) generated by CrystalExplorer21 (Spackman et al., 2021) using red dots to represent close contacts. To visualize the percentages of the respective interactions, two-dimensional fingerprint plots (McKinnon et al., 2007) were generated and are illustrated in Fig. 7. They show that interactions between $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ have the greatest influence ( $86 \%$ ) to the packing of molecules in the solid state. Interactions between $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{H}$, as well as reciprocal contacts, contribute less to the crystal packing and can only be seen as spikes in the fingerprint plots with $3 \%$ and $10.4 \%$ contributions, respectively.

Due to its deprotonation, a partial negative charge at the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ substituent would be expected, but no distinct coordination points could be observed. The closest contact is $\mathrm{C} 1 \cdots \mathrm{H} 13 B$ at $2.97 \AA$ but no specific intermolecular interactions can be observed.

## 4. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Crystallographic Database (WebCSD, November 2023; Groom et al., 2016) for lithiated


Figure 6
Hirshfeld surface analysis of $\mathbf{1}$ showing close contacts in the crystal. The weak hydrogen bond between $\mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{H} 15 B$ is labeled. [Symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z]$.


Figure 7
Two-dimensional fingerprint plots for compound 1, showing (a) all contributions and $(b)-(d)$ contributions between specific interacting atom pairs (blue areas).

2-picoline or lithiated 2-methylpyridine leads to the previously discussed structures 2 (Ott et al., 2009), 2 and 5 (Kennedy et al., 2014; Brouillet et al., 2020). A few other lithiated solid state structures of 2-picoline were published, for example bis ( $\mu 2$ -dimesitylborinato)bis(2-methylpyridine)dilithium (ROLRIU; Saravana et al. (2009). However, it should be mentioned that the above structure and many other lithium 2-picoline complexes do not include the deprotonation of the methyl substituent and thus differ from the solid-state structures, accordingly this research. For example, bis ( $\mu_{2}$-tetrahydro-borato)tetrakis(2-methylpyridine)dilithium
(HIWYOC; Gálvez Ruiz et al., 2008). Compared to the few lithiated structures of 2-picoline, there are many other coordination complexes with neutral 2-picoline. For example, between 2picoline and transition metals, such as trans-diiodobis(2-picoline)platinum(II) (KARVEE; Tessier \& Rochon, 1999) or between 2-picolyl cations and different anions, for example bis(2-methylpyridinium)tetrabromocopper(II) (BACHOD; Luque et al., 2001).

## 5. Synthesis and crystallization

On account of the air-sensitive nature of organolithium compounds, it was crucial to work with Schlenk techniques under an argon atmosphere. Pre-dried and distilled tetrahydrofuran $(1.00 \mathrm{ml})$ was added to an evacuated 25 ml Schlenk flask and 2-picoline ( $0.09 \mathrm{~g}, 1.00 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.00 \mathrm{eq}$.) was added. After cooling down the reaction mixture to 193 K , $n$-butyllithium ( 2.5 M in hexane, $0.44 \mathrm{ml}, 1.10 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.10 \mathrm{eq}$.) was added. The resulting orange-colored suspension was heated up to 233 K over the period of 1 h . Afterwards the
mixture was layered over by $n$-pentane $(2.00 \mathrm{ml})$ and stored at 193 K. After 24 h, orange block-shaped crystals of the title compound were obtained.

## 6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3. Hydrogen atoms except for $\mathrm{H} 1 A$ and $\mathrm{H} 1 B$ were positioned geometrically $(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.95-1.00 \AA)$ and were refined using a riding model, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=$ $1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ for $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ and CH hydrogen atoms and $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=$ $1.5 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ for $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ hydrogen atoms. The hydrogen atoms $\mathrm{H} 1 A$ and $\mathrm{H} 1 B$ were refined freely.

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Table 3
Experimental details.
Crystal data Chemical formula $M_{\mathrm{r}}$
Crystal system, space group
Temperature (K)
$a, b, c(\AA)$
$\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$
$V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$
Z
Radiation type
$\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$
Crystal size (mm)
Data collection
Diffractometer
Absorption correction
$T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections
$R_{\text {int }}$
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\max }\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$
Refinement
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$
No. of reflections
No. of parameters
H -atom treatment

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\begin{array}{lr} 
& \text { refinement } \\
\Delta \rho_{\max }, \Delta \rho_{\min }\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right) & 0.68,-0.39
\end{array}
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Computer programs: APEX2 and SAINT V8.40B (Bruker, 2016), SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL2014/7 (Sheldrick, 2015b) and OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).

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## Computing details

(2-Methylidene-1,2-dihydropyridinium- $\kappa N$ )tris(tetrahydrofuran- $\kappa$ O) lithium

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Li}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}\right)_{3}\right]$
$M_{r}=315.37$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / n$
$a=9.267$ (3) $\AA$
$b=13.178$ (4) $\AA$
$c=15.053$ (5) $\AA$
$\beta=94.437(6)^{\circ}$
$V=1832.7(10) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

## Data collection

## Bruker APEXII CCD

diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Krause et al., 2015)
$T_{\min }=0.493, T_{\text {max }}=0.570$
58129 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.052$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.159$
$S=1.04$
10326 reflections
226 parameters
0 restraints
Primary atom site location: dual

## 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.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\boldsymbol{A}^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {is }}{ }^{*} / U_{\text {eq }}$ | Occ. (<1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O1 | 0.54688 (6) | 0.40545 (4) | 0.69990 (4) | 0.02005 (10) |  |
| O2 | 0.25473 (6) | 0.37020 (4) | 0.59195 (3) | 0.01990 (10) |  |
| O3 | 0.40664 (7) | 0.59499 (4) | 0.60466 (4) | 0.02251 (11) |  |
| N1 | 0.27503 (7) | 0.50208 (5) | 0.78389 (4) | 0.01709 (10) |  |
| C1 | 0.05286 (9) | 0.55119 (6) | 0.70141 (5) | 0.02052 (13) |  |
| H1A | 0.0958 (14) | 0.5399 (11) | 0.6444 (9) | 0.031 (3)* |  |
| H1B | -0.0492 (14) | 0.5759 (10) | 0.6979 (8) | 0.026 (3)* |  |
| C2 | 0.13184 (8) | 0.53679 (5) | 0.78198 (4) | 0.01576 (11) |  |
| C3 | 0.07194 (8) | 0.55663 (5) | 0.86681 (5) | 0.01810 (12) |  |
| H3 | -0.0262 | 0.5774 | 0.8673 | 0.022* |  |
| C4 | 0.15372 (9) | 0.54601 (6) | 0.94577 (5) | 0.02027 (13) |  |
| H4 | 0.1128 | 0.5601 | 1.0004 | 0.024* |  |
| C5 | 0.29996 (9) | 0.51389 (6) | 0.94596 (5) | 0.02199 (14) |  |
| H5 | 0.3600 | 0.5070 | 0.9997 | 0.026* |  |
| C6 | 0.35063 (8) | 0.49311 (6) | 0.86368 (5) | 0.01989 (13) |  |
| H6 | 0.4479 | 0.4704 | 0.8635 | 0.024* |  |
| C7 | 0.55077 (9) | 0.30305 (6) | 0.73460 (5) | 0.02141 (13) |  |
| H7A | 0.5091 | 0.2547 | 0.6892 | 0.026* |  |
| H7B | 0.4956 | 0.2983 | 0.7882 | 0.026* |  |
| C8 | 0.70987 (9) | 0.28060 (6) | 0.75781 (6) | 0.02488 (15) |  |
| H8A | 0.7577 | 0.2567 | 0.7051 | 0.030* |  |
| H8B | 0.7231 | 0.2292 | 0.8057 | 0.030* |  |
| C9 | 0.76766 (10) | 0.38425 (7) | 0.78926 (6) | 0.02664 (16) |  |
| H9A | 0.7487 | 0.3970 | 0.8521 | 0.032* |  |
| H9B | 0.8729 | 0.3902 | 0.7828 | 0.032* |  |
| C10 | 0.68127 (9) | 0.45639 (6) | 0.72633 (6) | 0.02482 (15) |  |
| H10A | 0.6625 | 0.5210 | 0.7570 | 0.030* |  |
| H10B | 0.7351 | 0.4714 | 0.6736 | 0.030* |  |
| C11 | 0.17241 (9) | 0.29871 (6) | 0.64195 (5) | 0.02126 (13) |  |
| H11A | 0.1476 | 0.3291 | 0.6990 | 0.026* |  |
| H11B | 0.2288 | 0.2359 | 0.6549 | 0.026* |  |
| C12 | 0.03647 (10) | 0.27587 (7) | 0.58261 (6) | 0.02632 (16) |  |
| H12A | -0.0410 | 0.3257 | 0.5917 | 0.032* |  |
| H12B | 0.0002 | 0.2066 | 0.5933 | 0.032* |  |
| C13 | 0.09069 (11) | 0.28551 (6) | 0.48928 (6) | 0.02723 (16) |  |
| H13A | 0.1429 | 0.2237 | 0.4726 | 0.033* |  |
| H13B | 0.0101 | 0.2991 | 0.4438 | 0.033* |  |
| C14 | 0.19207 (10) | 0.37589 (6) | 0.50112 (5) | 0.02495 (15) |  |
| H14A | 0.2684 | 0.3722 | 0.4587 | 0.030* |  |
| H14B | 0.1380 | 0.4402 | 0.4910 | 0.030* |  |
| C15 | 0.37218 (13) | 0.62291 (7) | 0.51309 (5) | 0.0318 (2) |  |
| H15A | 0.2719 | 0.6025 | 0.4934 | 0.038* |  |
| H15B | 0.4393 | 0.5896 | 0.4741 | 0.038* |  |
| C16 | 0.3882 (2) | 0.73688 (8) | 0.50938 (7) | 0.0516 (4) |  |
| H16A | 0.4885 | 0.7565 | 0.4988 | 0.062* | 0.717 (5) |


| H16B | 0.3209 | 0.7666 | 0.4621 | $0.062^{*}$ | $0.717(5)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H16C | 0.4604 | 0.7554 | 0.4670 | $0.062^{*}$ | $0.283(5)$ |
| H16D | 0.2945 | 0.7684 | 0.4889 | $0.062^{*}$ | $0.283(5)$ |
| C17 | $0.3499(2)$ | $0.76969(9)$ | $0.60076(10)$ | $0.0299(4)$ | $0.717(5)$ |
| H17A | 0.3994 | 0.8339 | 0.6188 | $0.036^{*}$ | $0.717(5)$ |
| H17B | 0.2441 | 0.7792 | 0.6021 | $0.036^{*}$ | $0.717(5)$ |
| C17A | $0.4337(5)$ | $0.7718(2)$ | $0.59564(19)$ | $0.0232(9)$ | $0.283(5)$ |
| H17C | 0.3801 | 0.8339 | 0.6100 | $0.028^{*}$ | $0.283(5)$ |
| H17D | 0.5385 | 0.7874 | 0.6000 | $0.028^{*}$ | $0.283(5)$ |
| C18 | $0.40128(13)$ | $0.68536(6)$ | $0.65944(6)$ | $0.0325(2)$ |  |
| H18A | 0.4987 | 0.7009 | 0.6879 | $0.039^{*}$ | $0.717(5)$ |
| H18B | 0.3344 | 0.6749 | 0.7068 | $0.039^{*}$ | $0.717(5)$ |
| H18C | 0.4750 | 0.6825 | 0.7106 | $0.039^{*}$ | $0.283(5)$ |
| H18D | 0.3045 | 0.6938 | 0.6821 | $0.039^{*}$ | $0.283(5)$ |
| Li1 | $0.36132(16)$ | $0.47086(10)$ | $0.66828(9)$ | $0.0189(2)$ |  |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | $0.0182(2)$ | $0.0180(2)$ | $0.0236(2)$ | $-0.00114(17)$ | $-0.00041(18)$ | $0.00186(17)$ |
| O2 | $0.0242(3)$ | $0.0201(2)$ | $0.01507(19)$ | $-0.00422(18)$ | $-0.00091(17)$ | $-0.00015(16)$ |
| O3 | $0.0354(3)$ | $0.0150(2)$ | $0.0172(2)$ | $-0.00083(19)$ | $0.0025(2)$ | $0.00046(16)$ |
| N1 | $0.0175(3)$ | $0.0193(2)$ | $0.0143(2)$ | $0.00114(19)$ | $0.00059(18)$ | $-0.00134(17)$ |
| C1 | $0.0204(3)$ | $0.0227(3)$ | $0.0180(3)$ | $0.0024(2)$ | $-0.0009(2)$ | $0.0007(2)$ |
| C2 | $0.0176(3)$ | $0.0134(2)$ | $0.0163(2)$ | $-0.00083(19)$ | $0.0013(2)$ | $-0.00071(18)$ |
| C3 | $0.0199(3)$ | $0.0164(2)$ | $0.0184(3)$ | $-0.0007(2)$ | $0.0041(2)$ | $-0.0020(2)$ |
| C4 | $0.0243(3)$ | $0.0205(3)$ | $0.0164(3)$ | $-0.0030(2)$ | $0.0042(2)$ | $-0.0035(2)$ |
| C5 | $0.0241(3)$ | $0.0269(3)$ | $0.0146(2)$ | $-0.0008(3)$ | $-0.0007(2)$ | $-0.0039(2)$ |
| C6 | $0.0189(3)$ | $0.0244(3)$ | $0.0161(3)$ | $0.0010(2)$ | $-0.0005(2)$ | $-0.0029(2)$ |
| C7 | $0.0211(3)$ | $0.0172(3)$ | $0.0257(3)$ | $-0.0014(2)$ | $-0.0002(2)$ | $0.0007(2)$ |
| C8 | $0.0222(3)$ | $0.0237(3)$ | $0.0281(4)$ | $0.0028(3)$ | $-0.0017(3)$ | $0.0016(3)$ |
| C9 | $0.0239(4)$ | $0.0303(4)$ | $0.0247(3)$ | $-0.0053(3)$ | $-0.0056(3)$ | $0.0020(3)$ |
| C10 | $0.0244(4)$ | $0.0222(3)$ | $0.0271(3)$ | $-0.0064(3)$ | $-0.0027(3)$ | $0.0016(3)$ |
| C11 | $0.0278(4)$ | $0.0185(3)$ | $0.0173(3)$ | $-0.0030(2)$ | $0.0007(2)$ | $0.0015(2)$ |
| C12 | $0.0244(4)$ | $0.0244(3)$ | $0.0298(4)$ | $-0.0050(3)$ | $-0.0006(3)$ | $0.0003(3)$ |
| C13 | $0.0362(4)$ | $0.0227(3)$ | $0.0213(3)$ | $-0.0047(3)$ | $-0.0076(3)$ | $-0.0016(2)$ |
| C14 | $0.0351(4)$ | $0.0234(3)$ | $0.0156(3)$ | $-0.0047(3)$ | $-0.0025(3)$ | $0.0016(2)$ |
| C15 | $0.0580(6)$ | $0.0211(3)$ | $0.0163(3)$ | $-0.0044(3)$ | $0.0028(3)$ | $0.0001(2)$ |
| C16 | $0.1042(11)$ | $0.0230(4)$ | $0.0273(4)$ | $-0.0134(5)$ | $0.0030(6)$ | $0.0074(3)$ |
| C17 | $0.0322(10)$ | $0.0159(4)$ | $0.0408(7)$ | $0.0010(4)$ | $-0.0016(5)$ | $-0.0044(4)$ |
| C17A | $0.028(2)$ | $0.0150(9)$ | $0.0251(12)$ | $-0.0041(9)$ | $-0.0038(10)$ | $0.0015(8)$ |
| C18 | $0.0597(6)$ | $0.0175(3)$ | $0.0201(3)$ | $-0.0080(3)$ | $0.0022(3)$ | $-0.0030(2)$ |
| Li1 | $0.0223(6)$ | $0.0184(5)$ | $0.0159(5)$ | $-0.0007(5)$ | $0.0011(4)$ | $-0.0001(4)$ |

Geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| Li1—O1 | $1.9493(16)$ | $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{H} 10 \mathrm{~A}$ | 0.9900 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Li1—O2 | $1.9698(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{H} 10 \mathrm{~B}$ | 0.9900 |


| Li1-O3 | 1.9576 (15) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Li1-N1 | 2.0131 (16) |
| O1-C7 | 1.4465 (10) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 10$ | 1.4433 (10) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 11$ | 1.4577 (10) |
| O2-C14 | 1.4454 (10) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 15$ | 1.4384 (11) |
| O3-C18 | 1.4515 (10) |
| N1-C2 | 1.4017 (10) |
| N1-C6 | 1.3479 (10) |
| C1-H1A | 0.985 (14) |
| C1-H1B | 0.998 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 1.3804 (10) |
| C2-C3 | 1.4548 (10) |
| C3-H3 | 0.9500 |
| C3-C4 | 1.3664 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4$ | 0.9500 |
| C4-C5 | 1.4196 (12) |
| C5-H5 | 0.9500 |
| C5-C6 | 1.3855 (11) |
| C6-H6 | 0.9500 |
| C7-H7A | 0.9900 |
| C7-H7B | 0.9900 |
| C7-C8 | 1.5177 (12) |
| C8-H8A | 0.9900 |
| C8-H8B | 0.9900 |
| C8-C9 | 1.5288 (13) |
| C9-H9A | 0.9900 |
| C9-H9B | 0.9900 |
| C9-C10 | 1.5248 (12) |
| C7-O1-Li1 | 119.84 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7$ | 109.73 (6) |
| C10-O1-Li1 | 125.99 (7) |
| C11-O2-Li1 | 113.13 (6) |
| C14-O2-C11 | 109.51 (6) |
| C14-O2-Li1 | 131.57 (6) |
| C15-O3-C18 | 108.65 (6) |
| C15-O3-Li1 | 129.97 (7) |
| C18-O3-Li1 | 112.93 (7) |
| C2-N1-Li1 | 119.19 (6) |
| C6-N1-C2 | 118.22 (6) |
| C6-N1-Li1 | 122.58 (7) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 116.7 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 121.5 (8) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 121.8 (7) |
| N1-C2-C3 | 117.74 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 119.98 (6) |


| C11-H11A | 0.9900 |
| :---: | :---: |
| C11-H11B | 0.9900 |
| C11-C12 | 1.5170 (12) |
| C12-H12A | 0.9900 |
| C12-H12B | 0.9900 |
| C12-C13 | 1.5335 (14) |
| C13-H13A | 0.9900 |
| C13-H13B | 0.9900 |
| C13-C14 | 1.5189 (12) |
| C14-H14A | 0.9900 |
| C14-H14B | 0.9900 |
| C15-H15A | 0.9900 |
| C15-H15B | 0.9900 |
| C15-C16 | 1.5107 (14) |
| C16-H16A | 0.9900 |
| C16-H16B | 0.9900 |
| C16-H16C | 0.9900 |
| C16-H16D | 0.9900 |
| C16-C17 | 1.510 (2) |
| C16-C17A | 1.411 (3) |
| C17-H17A | 0.9900 |
| C17-H17B | 0.9900 |
| C17-C18 | 1.4755 (16) |
| C17A-H17C | 0.9900 |
| C17A-H17D | 0.9900 |
| C17A-C18 | 1.535 (3) |
| C18-H18A | 0.9900 |
| C18-H18B | 0.9900 |
| C18-H18C | 0.9900 |
| C18-H18D | 0.9900 |
| $\mathrm{H} 12 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 12 \mathrm{~B}$ | 109.2 |
| $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 12 \mathrm{~A}$ | 111.4 |
| C13-C12-H12B | 111.4 |
| C12-C13-H13A | 111.5 |
| C12-C13-H13B | 111.5 |
| H13A-C13-H13B | 109.3 |
| C14-C13-C12 | 101.59 (6) |
| C14-C13-H13A | 111.5 |
| C14-C13-H13B | 111.5 |
| O2-C14-C13 | 105.66 (6) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H} 14 \mathrm{~A}$ | 110.6 |
| O2-C14-H14B | 110.6 |
| C13-C14-H14A | 110.6 |
| C13-C14-H14B | 110.6 |
| H14A-C14-H14B | 108.7 |
| O3-C15-H15A | 110.5 |
| O3-C15-H15B | 110.5 |


| C1-C2-C3 | 122.28 (7) |
| :---: | :---: |
| C2-C3-H3 | 119.3 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 121.43 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3$ | 119.3 |
| C3-C4-H4 | 120.1 |
| C3-C4-C5 | 119.83 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4$ | 120.1 |
| C4-C5-H5 | 121.7 |
| C6-C5-C4 | 116.52 (7) |
| C6-C5-H5 | 121.7 |
| N1-C6-C5 | 126.19 (7) |
| N1-C6-H6 | 116.9 |
| C5-C6-H6 | 116.9 |
| O1-C7-H7A | 110.7 |
| O1-C7-H7B | 110.7 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | 105.16 (6) |
| H7A-C7-H7B | 108.8 |
| C8-C7-H7A | 110.7 |
| C8-C7-H7B | 110.7 |
| C7-C8-H8A | 111.4 |
| C7-C8-H8B | 111.4 |
| C7-C8-C9 | 102.00 (7) |
| H8A-C8-H8B | 109.2 |
| C9-C8-H8A | 111.4 |
| C9-C8-H8B | 111.4 |
| C8-C9-H9A | 111.3 |
| C8-C9-H9B | 111.3 |
| H9A-C9-H9B | 109.2 |
| C10-C9-C8 | 102.13 (7) |
| C10-C9-H9A | 111.3 |
| C10-C9-H9B | 111.3 |
| O1-C10-C9 | 106.36 (7) |
| O1-C10-H10A | 110.5 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{H} 10 \mathrm{~B}$ | 110.5 |
| C9-C10-H10A | 110.5 |
| C9-C10-H10B | 110.5 |
| H10A-C10-H10B | 108.6 |
| O2-C11-H11A | 110.6 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{H} 11 \mathrm{~B}$ | 110.6 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | 105.55 (6) |
| H11A-C11-H11B | 108.8 |
| C12-C11-H11A | 110.6 |
| C12-C11-H11B | 110.6 |
| C11-C12-H12A | 111.4 |
| C11-C12-H12B | 111.4 |
| C11-C12-C13 | 101.94 (7) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | 34.54 (8) |


| O3-C15-C16 | 105.94 (7) |
| :---: | :---: |
| H15A-C15-H15B | 108.7 |
| C16-C15-H15A | 110.5 |
| C16-C15-H15B | 110.5 |
| C15-C16-H16A | 111.2 |
| C15-C16-H16B | 111.2 |
| C15-C16-H16C | 110.0 |
| C15-C16-H16D | 110.0 |
| H16A-C16-H16B | 109.1 |
| H16C-C16-H16D | 108.4 |
| C17-C16-C15 | 102.72 (9) |
| C17-C16-H16A | 111.2 |
| C17-C16-H16B | 111.2 |
| C17A-C16-C15 | 108.27 (13) |
| C17A-C16-H16C | 110.0 |
| C17A-C16-H16D | 110.0 |
| C16-C17-H17A | 111.0 |
| C16-C17-H17B | 111.0 |
| H17A-C17-H17B | 109.0 |
| C18-C17-C16 | 104.00 (10) |
| C18-C17-H17A | 111.0 |
| C18-C17-H17B | 111.0 |
| C16-C17A-H17C | 110.5 |
| C16-C17A-H17D | 110.5 |
| C16-C17A-C18 | 105.94 (18) |
| H17C-C17A-H17D | 108.7 |
| C18-C17A-H17C | 110.5 |
| C18-C17A-H17D | 110.5 |
| O3-C18-C17 | 107.55 (8) |
| O3-C18-C17A | 103.68 (13) |
| O3-C18-H18A | 110.2 |
| O3-C18-H18B | 110.2 |
| O3-C18-H18C | 111.0 |
| O3-C18-H18D | 111.0 |
| C17-C18-H18A | 110.2 |
| C17-C18-H18B | 110.2 |
| C17A-C18-H18C | 111.0 |
| C17A-C18-H18D | 111.0 |
| H18A-C18-H18B | 108.5 |
| H18C-C18-H18D | 109.0 |
| O1-Li1-O2 | 103.75 (7) |
| O1-Li1-O3 | 105.69 (7) |
| O1-Li1-N1 | 106.33 (7) |
| O2-Li1-N1 | 115.29 (7) |
| O3-Li1-O2 | 113.22 (7) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Li} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 111.51 (7) |
| C14-O2-C11-C12 | -11.21 (8) |

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| O2-C11-C12-C13 | 31.49 (8) | C15-O3-C18-C17 | 4.90 (13) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O3-C15-C16-C17 | -30.31 (15) | C15-O3-C18-C17A | -26.28 (19) |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{C} 17 \mathrm{~A}$ | 1.4 (2) | C15-C16-C17-C18 | 32.73 (16) |
| N1-C2-C3-C4 | 2.67 (10) | C15-C16-C17A-C18 | -17.3 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | -177.20 (7) | C16-C17-C18-O3 | -23.87 (15) |
| C2-N1-C6-C5 | 0.86 (12) | C16-C17A-C18-O3 | 26.7 (3) |
| C2-C3-C4-C5 | -0.71 (11) | C18-O3-C15-C16 | 16.25 (13) |
| C3-C4-C5-C6 | -1.14 (11) | Li1-O1-C7-C8 | -175.91 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 1.12 (13) | $\mathrm{Li} 1-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 9$ | 150.06 (8) |
| C6-N1-C2-C1 | 177.20 (7) | Li1-O2-C11-C12 | 145.25 (7) |
| C6-N1-C2-C3 | -2.67 (9) | Li1-O2-C14-C13 | -164.78 (8) |
| C7-O1-C10-C9 | -5.96 (9) | $\mathrm{Li} 1-\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 16$ | 161.28 (10) |
| C7-C8-C9-C10 | -37.15 (9) | Li1-O3-C18-C17 | -146.62 (11) |
| C8-C9-C10-O1 | 27.22 (9) | Li1-O3-C18-C17A | -177.80 (17) |
| $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | -18.19 (8) | Li1-N1-C2-C1 | -1.37 (10) |
| C11-O2-C14-C13 | -14.18 (9) | Li1-N1-C2-C3 | 178.76 (6) |
| C11-C12-C13-C14 | -39.06 (8) | Li1-N1-C6-C5 | 179.37 (8) |
| C12-C13-C14-O2 | 33.23 (9) |  |  |

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $A,{ }^{\circ}$ )

| $D — \mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 B \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.99 | 2.63 | $3.3695(14)$ | 131 |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$.

