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# Tetraaquabis(biuret- $\kappa^2O,O'$ )-gadolinium(III) trichloride

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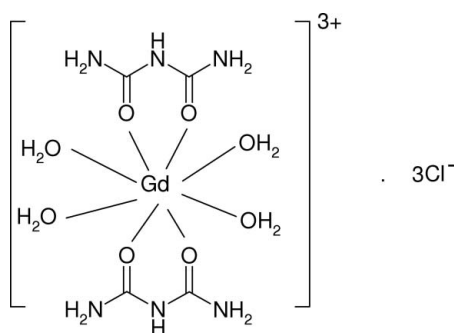
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(O-C) = 0.004$  Å; R factor = 0.034; wR factor = 0.088; data-to-parameter ratio = 31.0.

In the title compound,  $[Gd(C_2H_5N_3O_2)_2(H_2O)_4]Cl_3$ , which is isostructural with its yttrium analogue, the  $Gd^{3+}$  ion (site symmetry 2) is bonded to eight O atoms (arising from two  $O,O'$ -bidentate biuret molecules and four water molecules) in a distorted square-antiprismatic arrangement. A network of  $N-H \cdots O$ ,  $N-H \cdots Cl$  and  $O-H \cdots Cl$  hydrogen bonds helps to establish the packing, leading to a three-dimensional network. One of the chloride ions has site symmetry 2.

## Related literature

For related structures, see: Haddad (1987, 1988); Harrison (2008). For related literature, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995). For valence-sum calculations, see: Brese & O'Keeffe (1991).



## Experimental

### Crystal data

$[Gd(C_2H_5N_3O_2)_2(H_2O)_4]Cl_3$   
 $M_r = 541.84$   
Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 7.6501$  (3) Å  
 $b = 13.2164$  (5) Å  
 $c = 17.4557$  (6) Å  
 $\beta = 100.961$  (1)°

$V = 1732.69$  (11) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 4.33$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
0.47 × 0.34 × 0.06 mm

### Data collection

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Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1999)  
 $T_{min} = 0.235$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.781$   
8649 measured reflections  
3134 independent reflections  
2902 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.025$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.088$   
 $S = 1.06$   
3134 reflections  
101 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 2.99$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -3.45$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Gd1—O1	2.350 (2)	Gd1—O4	2.407 (3)
Gd1—O2	2.375 (2)	Gd1—O3	2.414 (2)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
N1—H1 <sup>i</sup> ···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.10	2.910 (4)	157
N1—H2 <sup>i</sup> ···Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	2.40	3.194 (3)	154
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O4—H8 <sup>i</sup> ···Cl1	0.76	2.45	3.208 (2)	178
O4—H9 <sup>i</sup> ···Cl2	0.80	2.41	3.127 (2)	150

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

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: SG2230).

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**S1. Comment**

The title compound, (I), is isostructural with its recently described yttrium-containing analogue (Harrison, 2008).

The complete  $[\text{Gd}(\text{biur})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]^{3+}$  (biur = biuret,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$ ) complex ion in (I) is generated by crystallographic 2-fold symmetry, with the metal atom lying on the rotation axis. Two uncoordinated chloride ions, one of which has site symmetry 2, complete the structure (Fig. 1) of (I).

The resulting  $\text{GdO}_8$  polyhedral geometry in (I) (Table 1) is a distorted square antiprism. The nominal square face formed by atoms O1, O2, O1<sup>i</sup> and O2<sup>i</sup> ( $i = -x, y, 3/2 - z$ ) is reasonably regular, but the second face formed by the four water molecules (O3, O4, O3<sup>i</sup> and O4<sup>i</sup>) is much more distorted, and the diagonal O3 $\cdots$ O3<sup>i</sup> O4 $\cdots$ O4<sup>i</sup> distances of 4.322 (4) Å and 3.551 (4) Å, respectively, are very different. Gd1 deviates from the mean planes of O1/O2/O1<sup>i</sup>/O2<sup>i</sup> and O3/O4/O3<sup>i</sup>/O4<sup>i</sup> by 1.1542 (16) Å and 1.3501 (19) Å, respectively. The gadolinium bond valence sum of 2.90, calculated by the Brese & O'Keffe (1991) method, indicates that it is slightly underbonded in (I), whereas in  $[\text{Y}(\text{biur})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]\cdot 3\text{Cl}$  (Harrison, 2008), the yttrium cation was distinctly overbonded with a BVS of 3.34 (expected value = 3.00 in both cases).

The dihedral angle between the N1/C1/O1/N2 and N2/C2/O2/N3 fragments of the biuret molecule is 21.2 (2)°, which is far larger than the equivalent value of 5.06 (10)° in  $[\text{Y}(\text{biur})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]\cdot 3\text{Cl}$  (Harrison, 2008). The gadolinium cation in (I) deviates from the N1/C1/O1/N2 and N2/C2/O2/N3 mean planes by -0.834 (6) Å and 0.530 (6) Å, respectively, indicating that the six-membered chelate ring is non-planar.

The component species in (I) are linked by a dense array of N—H $\cdots$ O, N—H $\cdots$ Cl and O—H $\cdots$ Cl hydrogen bonds (Table 2) resulting in a three-dimensional network. Of note is the N—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond, which results in [100] chains of cations, linked by  $R^2_2(8)$  loops (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995), as also seen in the yttrium phase (Harrison, 2008).

For related rare-earth–biuret complexes, see: Haddad (1987 and 1988).

**S2. Experimental**

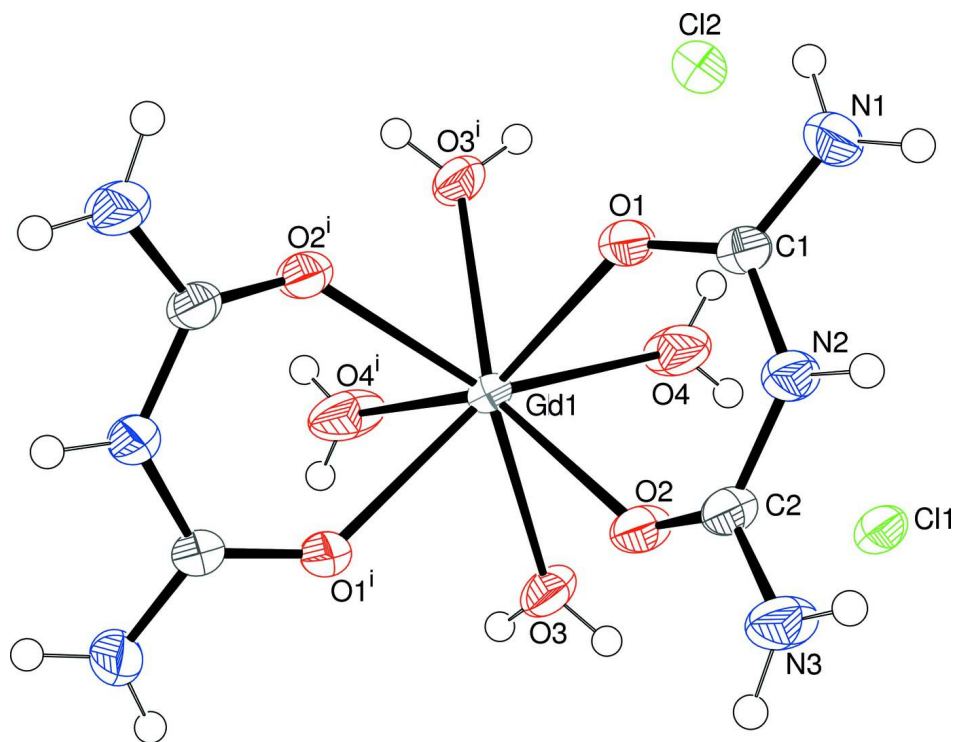
0.1 M Aqueous solutions of  $\text{GdCl}_3$  (10 ml) and biuret (10 ml) were mixed and a small quantity of dilute hydrochloric acid was added, to result in a colourless solution. Colourless blocks of (I) grew over several days as the water slowly evaporated.

**S3. Refinement**

The crystal quality was rather poor, with smeared and split peaks evident in the diffraction pattern.

The N-bound hydrogen atoms were geometrically placed (N—H = 0.88 Å) and refined as riding with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$ . The water H atoms were located in difference maps and refined as riding in their as-found relative positions with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

The highest difference peak and deepest difference hole are 0.71 Å and 0.75 Å from Gd1, respectively.

**Figure 1**

View of the molecular structure of (I) showing 50% displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms).

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, y, 3/2 - z$ .

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$F(000) = 1052$

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Cell parameters from 6423 reflections

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$h = -11 \rightarrow 9$

$k = -19 \rightarrow 18$

$l = -19 \rightarrow 26$

Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: difmap (O-H) and geom (N-H)
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$	H-atom parameters constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.088$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0654P)^2]$
$S = 1.06$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
3134 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
101 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 2.99 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -3.45 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	

Special details

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s 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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Gd1	0.0000	0.106486 (13)	0.7500	0.02252 (7)
Cl1	-0.04157 (10)	0.33393 (7)	0.50790 (4)	0.03672 (16)
Cl2	0.5000	0.30307 (10)	0.7500	0.0389 (2)
O1	0.2531 (3)	0.02702 (18)	0.71963 (13)	0.0310 (4)
O2	-0.0822 (3)	0.01130 (17)	0.63327 (12)	0.0305 (4)
N1	0.4595 (4)	-0.0112 (3)	0.64845 (18)	0.0434 (7)
H1	0.5423	0.0169	0.6820	0.052*
H2	0.4845	-0.0387	0.6072	0.052*
N2	0.1720 (3)	-0.0598 (2)	0.60404 (15)	0.0295 (5)
H3	0.2119	-0.0977	0.5712	0.035*
N3	-0.1037 (4)	-0.1127 (2)	0.5433 (2)	0.0371 (6)
H4	-0.2181	-0.1098	0.5337	0.044*
H5	-0.0497	-0.1552	0.5186	0.044*
C1	0.2950 (4)	-0.0121 (2)	0.66032 (16)	0.0269 (5)
C2	-0.0103 (4)	-0.0513 (2)	0.59616 (16)	0.0265 (5)
O3	-0.2462 (3)	0.18787 (18)	0.66543 (13)	0.0360 (5)
H6	-0.2805	0.1748	0.6199	0.043*
H7	-0.3244	0.2160	0.6810	0.043*
O4	0.1191 (3)	0.2294 (2)	0.67206 (16)	0.0502 (7)
H8	0.0833	0.2534	0.6327	0.060*
H9	0.2181	0.2507	0.6743	0.060*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Gd1	0.01907 (9)	0.02952 (10)	0.01740 (9)	0.000	-0.00047 (6)	0.000
C11	0.0337 (3)	0.0470 (4)	0.0268 (3)	0.0011 (3)	-0.0007 (2)	-0.0067 (3)
C12	0.0301 (4)	0.0496 (6)	0.0377 (5)	0.000	0.0081 (4)	0.000
O1	0.0217 (8)	0.0441 (12)	0.0257 (9)	0.0024 (8)	0.0006 (7)	-0.0071 (8)
O2	0.0251 (9)	0.0359 (10)	0.0275 (9)	0.0038 (8)	-0.0024 (7)	-0.0077 (8)
N1	0.0233 (11)	0.073 (2)	0.0345 (14)	-0.0075 (12)	0.0071 (10)	-0.0178 (14)
N2	0.0240 (10)	0.0363 (12)	0.0269 (11)	0.0004 (9)	0.0018 (8)	-0.0083 (9)
N3	0.0297 (13)	0.0416 (15)	0.0364 (15)	-0.0020 (9)	-0.0025 (11)	-0.0147 (11)
C1	0.0227 (11)	0.0322 (12)	0.0241 (11)	0.0010 (9)	0.0005 (9)	-0.0008 (9)
C2	0.0247 (11)	0.0296 (12)	0.0231 (11)	0.0000 (9)	-0.0010 (9)	-0.0016 (9)
O3	0.0337 (10)	0.0484 (13)	0.0228 (9)	0.0135 (9)	-0.0027 (7)	-0.0022 (9)
O4	0.0384 (13)	0.0637 (17)	0.0423 (14)	-0.0157 (12)	-0.0084 (10)	0.0257 (12)

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

Gd1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.350 (2)	N1—H2	0.8600
Gd1—O1	2.350 (2)	N2—C1	1.377 (4)
Gd1—O2	2.375 (2)	N2—C2	1.380 (4)
Gd1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.375 (2)	N2—H3	0.8600
Gd1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.407 (3)	N3—C2	1.330 (4)
Gd1—O4	2.407 (3)	N3—H4	0.8600
Gd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.414 (2)	N3—H5	0.8600
Gd1—O3	2.414 (2)	O3—H6	0.8067
O1—C1	1.253 (4)	O3—H7	0.7949
O2—C2	1.242 (3)	O4—H8	0.7597
N1—C1	1.314 (4)	O4—H9	0.8018
N1—H1	0.8600		
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O1	126.90 (12)	O4—Gd1—O3	71.88 (8)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O2	82.06 (8)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O3	127.08 (12)
O1—Gd1—O2	70.41 (7)	C1—O1—Gd1	136.27 (18)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	70.41 (7)	C2—O2—Gd1	136.83 (18)
O1—Gd1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	82.06 (8)	C1—N1—H1	120.0
O2—Gd1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	116.04 (11)	C1—N1—H2	120.0
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	75.96 (10)	H1—N1—H2	120.0
O1—Gd1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	147.78 (8)	C1—N2—C2	125.1 (3)
O2—Gd1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	140.85 (7)	C1—N2—H3	117.4
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	86.53 (9)	C2—N2—H3	117.4
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O4	147.78 (8)	C2—N3—H4	120.0
O1—Gd1—O4	75.96 (10)	C2—N3—H5	120.0
O2—Gd1—O4	86.53 (9)	H4—N3—H5	120.0
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O4	140.85 (8)	O1—C1—N1	122.0 (3)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O4	95.10 (17)	O1—C1—N2	122.1 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	129.93 (8)	N1—C1—N2	115.9 (3)
O1—Gd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	75.91 (8)	O2—C2—N3	122.4 (3)

O2—Gd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	144.00 (8)	O2—C2—N2	122.7 (2)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	70.30 (7)	N3—C2—N2	114.8 (3)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	71.88 (9)	Gd1—O3—H6	125.2
O4—Gd1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	73.11 (8)	Gd1—O3—H7	123.3
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O3	75.91 (8)	H6—O3—H7	108.2
O1—Gd1—O3	129.93 (8)	Gd1—O4—H8	133.1
O2—Gd1—O3	70.30 (7)	Gd1—O4—H9	131.7
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O3	144.00 (8)	H8—O4—H9	94.1
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O3	73.11 (8)		
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O1—C1	81.6 (3)	O4—Gd1—O2—C2	85.5 (3)
O2—Gd1—O1—C1	18.4 (3)	O3 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O2—C2	30.9 (4)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O1—C1	139.7 (3)	O3—Gd1—O2—C2	157.5 (3)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O1—C1	-149.9 (3)	Gd1—O1—C1—N1	149.2 (3)
O4—Gd1—O1—C1	-72.9 (3)	Gd1—O1—C1—N2	-31.6 (5)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O1—C1	-148.7 (3)	C2—N2—C1—O1	15.1 (5)
O3—Gd1—O1—C1	-21.8 (3)	C2—N2—C1—N1	-165.6 (3)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O2—C2	-124.7 (3)	Gd1—O2—C2—N3	161.3 (2)
O1—Gd1—O2—C2	9.2 (3)	Gd1—O2—C2—N2	-21.7 (5)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O2—C2	-61.1 (3)	C1—N2—C2—O2	9.9 (5)
O4 <sup>i</sup> —Gd1—O2—C2	179.3 (3)	C1—N2—C2—N3	-172.8 (3)

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

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
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