

**Di- $\mu$ -chlorido-bis{2-[4-bromophenyl]-iminomethyl}pyridine- $\kappa^2 N,N'$ chlorido-mercury(II))**Ali Mahmoudi,<sup>a\*</sup> Saeed Dehghanpour,<sup>b</sup> Mehdi Khalaj<sup>c</sup> and Shabnam Pakravan<sup>a</sup><sup>a</sup>Department of Chemistry, Islamic Azad University, Karaj Branch, Karaj, Iran,<sup>b</sup>Department of Chemistry, Alzahra University, PO Box 1993891176, Vanak, Tehran, Iran, and <sup>c</sup>Department of Chemistry, Islamic Azad University, Buin Zahra Branch, Qazvin, Iran

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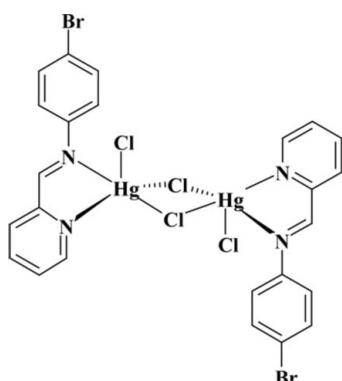
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 100$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.019;  $wR$  factor = 0.041; data-to-parameter ratio = 24.8.

The unique Hg<sup>II</sup> ion in the title centrosymmetric dinuclear complex, [Hg<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>9</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], is in a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination environment formed by the bis-chelating *N*-heterocyclic ligand, two bridging Cl atoms and one terminal Cl atom. One of the bridging Hg–Cl bonds is significantly longer than the other.

**Related literature**

For background information on diimine complexes, see: Dehghanpour & Mahmoudi (2007); Dehghanpour, Mahmoudi, Khalaj & Salmanpour (2007). For related crystal structures, see: Mahmoudi *et al.* (2009); Dehghanpour, Mahmoudi, Khalaj, Salmanpour & Adib (2007).

**Experimental***Crystal data* $M_r = 1065.22$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  $a = 7.6697 (2)$  Å $b = 15.0247 (4)$  Å $c = 12.2129 (4)$  Å $\beta = 96.738 (1)$  ° $V = 1397.63 (7)$  Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 2$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation $\mu = 14.24$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 100$  K

0.10 × 0.10 × 0.05 mm

*Data collection*

Bruker SMART APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer

Absorption correction: multi-scan (APEX2; Bruker, 2005)

 $T_{\min} = 0.280$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.491$ 

17922 measured reflections

4047 independent reflections

3636 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$ *Refinement* $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.019$  $wR(F^2) = 0.041$  $S = 1.01$ 

4047 reflections

163 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.97$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -1.15$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Hg1–N2	2.318 (2)	Hg1–Cl2	2.4941 (7)
Hg1–Cl1	2.3799 (7)	Hg1–Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	2.8799 (6)
Hg1–N1	2.472 (2)		
N2–Hg1–Cl1	129.00 (6)	N2–Hg1–Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	88.36 (6)
N2–Hg1–N1	70.58 (7)	Cl1–Hg1–Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	90.07 (2)
Cl1–Hg1–N1	107.12 (5)	N1–Hg1–Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	158.28 (5)
N2–Hg1–Cl2	102.20 (6)	Cl2–Hg1–Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	88.926 (19)
Cl1–Hg1–Cl2	128.74 (3)	Hg1–Cl2–Hg1 <sup>i</sup>	91.074 (19)
N1–Hg1–Cl2	90.35 (5)		

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: APEX2; data reduction: APEX2; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: LH2844).

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## **Di- $\mu$ -chlorido-bis{2-[*(4*-bromophenyl)iminomethyl]pyridine- $\kappa^2 N,N'$ }chloridomercury(II))**

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### **S1. Comment**

In our ongoing studies on the synthesis, structural and spectroscopic characterization of transition metal complexes with diimine ligands (Dehghanpour & Mahmoudi, 2007; Dehghanpour, Mahmoudi, Khalaj, Salmanpour & Adib (2007), we report herein the crystal structure of the title complex. The title compound was prepared by the reaction of  $HgCl_2$  with (*4*-bromophenyl)pyridin-2-ylmethyleneamine.

The molecular structure of the title complex (I) is shown in (Fig. 1). The unique  $Hg^{II}$  ion is in a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination environment formed by a bis-chelating ligand, two bridging Cl atoms and one terminal Cl atom. One of the bridging  $Hg$ –Cl bonds is significantly longer than the other.

### **S2. Experimental**

The title complex was prepared by the reaction of  $HgCl_2$  and (*4*-bromophenyl)pyridin-2-ylmethyleneamine (molar ratio 1:1) in acetonitrile at room temperature. The solution was then concentrated under vacuum, and diffusion of diethyl ether vapor into the concentrated solution gave yellow crystals of (I) in 69% yield. Calc. for  $C_{12}H_9BrCl_2HgN_2$ : C 27.06, H 1.70, N 5.26%; found: C 27.01, H 1.72, N 5.20%.

### **S3. Refinement**

The H atom were placed in calculated positions with C–H = 0.95 Å and refined in a riding-model approximation with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(C)$ .



*Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.019$$

$$wR(F^2) = 0.041$$

$$S = 1.01$$

4047 reflections

163 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.015P)^2 + 1.35P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.97 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -1.15 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

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

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Hg1	0.170956 (13)	0.446982 (7)	0.108289 (9)	0.02080 (3)
Br1	0.86964 (5)	0.10383 (2)	-0.01114 (3)	0.04340 (9)
Cl1	0.42148 (9)	0.53787 (4)	0.15929 (7)	0.03126 (16)
Cl2	0.04621 (9)	0.39647 (4)	-0.07921 (5)	0.02143 (12)
N1	0.2551 (3)	0.29234 (14)	0.15931 (18)	0.0183 (4)
N2	-0.0272 (3)	0.38863 (15)	0.21855 (18)	0.0192 (4)
C1	-0.0010 (3)	0.30362 (17)	0.2535 (2)	0.0192 (5)
C2	-0.1169 (4)	0.26078 (18)	0.3146 (2)	0.0207 (5)
H2A	-0.0974	0.2006	0.3366	0.025*
C3	-0.2618 (4)	0.30668 (18)	0.3433 (2)	0.0219 (5)
H3A	-0.3420	0.2788	0.3861	0.026*
C4	-0.2871 (4)	0.39390 (18)	0.3083 (2)	0.0218 (5)
H4A	-0.3842	0.4272	0.3275	0.026*
C5	-0.1679 (4)	0.43198 (18)	0.2445 (2)	0.0209 (5)
H5A	-0.1878	0.4911	0.2184	0.025*
C6	0.1522 (4)	0.25556 (18)	0.2214 (2)	0.0212 (5)
H6A	0.1752	0.1965	0.2471	0.025*
C7	0.3966 (3)	0.24488 (18)	0.1221 (2)	0.0194 (5)
C8	0.4078 (4)	0.15213 (19)	0.1228 (2)	0.0239 (5)
H8A	0.3193	0.1175	0.1508	0.029*
C9	0.5489 (4)	0.1107 (2)	0.0824 (2)	0.0270 (6)
H9A	0.5572	0.0476	0.0820	0.032*
C10	0.6778 (4)	0.1622 (2)	0.0425 (2)	0.0260 (6)
C11	0.6691 (4)	0.25420 (19)	0.0398 (2)	0.0230 (5)
H11A	0.7587	0.2884	0.0122	0.028*

C12	0.5255 (3)	0.29538 (18)	0.0786 (2)	0.0206 (5)
H12A	0.5151	0.3584	0.0756	0.025*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Hg1	0.02163 (5)	0.01490 (5)	0.02590 (6)	-0.00157 (4)	0.00290 (4)	0.00198 (4)
Br1	0.04489 (19)	0.03626 (17)	0.0548 (2)	0.01823 (15)	0.03004 (17)	0.01083 (16)
Cl1	0.0233 (3)	0.0157 (3)	0.0531 (5)	-0.0016 (2)	-0.0027 (3)	-0.0017 (3)
Cl2	0.0274 (3)	0.0159 (3)	0.0210 (3)	0.0040 (2)	0.0029 (2)	0.0000 (2)
N1	0.0210 (10)	0.0147 (10)	0.0187 (10)	0.0018 (8)	0.0009 (8)	-0.0002 (8)
N2	0.0221 (10)	0.0163 (10)	0.0194 (10)	-0.0008 (8)	0.0028 (8)	0.0005 (8)
C1	0.0227 (12)	0.0171 (12)	0.0179 (12)	0.0002 (9)	0.0025 (10)	0.0003 (9)
C2	0.0278 (13)	0.0152 (12)	0.0189 (12)	-0.0014 (10)	0.0027 (10)	0.0027 (9)
C3	0.0248 (13)	0.0226 (13)	0.0188 (12)	-0.0017 (10)	0.0043 (10)	0.0028 (10)
C4	0.0234 (12)	0.0201 (12)	0.0221 (13)	0.0042 (10)	0.0034 (10)	0.0019 (10)
C5	0.0256 (13)	0.0170 (12)	0.0203 (12)	0.0028 (10)	0.0030 (10)	0.0031 (10)
C6	0.0271 (13)	0.0162 (12)	0.0202 (12)	0.0018 (10)	0.0030 (10)	0.0014 (10)
C7	0.0201 (11)	0.0202 (12)	0.0175 (12)	0.0025 (10)	0.0004 (9)	0.0005 (10)
C8	0.0281 (13)	0.0203 (13)	0.0244 (13)	0.0015 (11)	0.0071 (11)	0.0030 (11)
C9	0.0365 (15)	0.0199 (13)	0.0258 (14)	0.0089 (11)	0.0086 (12)	0.0027 (11)
C10	0.0283 (13)	0.0273 (14)	0.0236 (13)	0.0088 (11)	0.0077 (11)	0.0036 (11)
C11	0.0231 (12)	0.0252 (13)	0.0209 (12)	0.0008 (11)	0.0038 (10)	0.0014 (11)
C12	0.0225 (12)	0.0204 (12)	0.0187 (12)	0.0003 (10)	0.0017 (10)	0.0011 (10)

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

Hg1—N2	2.318 (2)	C3—H3A	0.9500
Hg1—Cl1	2.3799 (7)	C4—C5	1.392 (4)
Hg1—N1	2.472 (2)	C4—H4A	0.9500
Hg1—Cl2	2.4941 (7)	C5—H5A	0.9500
Hg1—Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	2.8799 (6)	C6—H6A	0.9500
Br1—C10	1.894 (3)	C7—C8	1.396 (4)
Cl2—Hg1 <sup>i</sup>	2.8799 (6)	C7—C12	1.399 (4)
N1—C6	1.282 (3)	C8—C9	1.389 (4)
N1—C7	1.418 (3)	C8—H8A	0.9500
N2—C5	1.330 (3)	C9—C10	1.388 (4)
N2—C1	1.354 (3)	C9—H9A	0.9500
C1—C2	1.384 (4)	C10—C11	1.385 (4)
C1—C6	1.471 (4)	C11—C12	1.394 (4)
C2—C3	1.387 (4)	C11—H11A	0.9500
C2—H2A	0.9500	C12—H12A	0.9500
C3—C4	1.385 (4)		
N2—Hg1—Cl1		C3—C4—H4A	120.5
N2—Hg1—N1		C5—C4—H4A	120.5
Cl1—Hg1—N1		N2—C5—C4	122.4 (2)
N2—Hg1—Cl2		N2—C5—H5A	118.8

Cl1—Hg1—Cl2	128.74 (3)	C4—C5—H5A	118.8
N1—Hg1—Cl2	90.35 (5)	N1—C6—C1	120.8 (2)
N2—Hg1—Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	88.36 (6)	N1—C6—H6A	119.6
Cl1—Hg1—Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	90.07 (2)	C1—C6—H6A	119.6
N1—Hg1—Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	158.28 (5)	C8—C7—C12	119.9 (2)
Cl2—Hg1—Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	88.926 (19)	C8—C7—N1	123.3 (2)
Hg1—Cl2—Hg1 <sup>i</sup>	91.074 (19)	C12—C7—N1	116.8 (2)
C6—N1—C7	121.4 (2)	C9—C8—C7	119.7 (3)
C6—N1—Hg1	113.18 (17)	C9—C8—H8A	120.2
C7—N1—Hg1	125.39 (17)	C7—C8—H8A	120.2
C5—N2—C1	118.8 (2)	C10—C9—C8	119.4 (3)
C5—N2—Hg1	123.96 (18)	C10—C9—H9A	120.3
C1—N2—Hg1	117.19 (17)	C8—C9—H9A	120.3
N2—C1—C2	121.8 (2)	C11—C10—C9	122.1 (3)
N2—C1—C6	118.2 (2)	C11—C10—Br1	119.4 (2)
C2—C1—C6	119.9 (2)	C9—C10—Br1	118.5 (2)
C1—C2—C3	119.3 (2)	C10—C11—C12	118.2 (3)
C1—C2—H2A	120.4	C10—C11—H11A	120.9
C3—C2—H2A	120.4	C12—C11—H11A	120.9
C4—C3—C2	118.6 (2)	C11—C12—C7	120.7 (3)
C4—C3—H3A	120.7	C11—C12—H12A	119.7
C2—C3—H3A	120.7	C7—C12—H12A	119.7
C3—C4—C5	119.0 (2)		
N2—Hg1—Cl2—Hg1 <sup>i</sup>	88.09 (6)	C6—C1—C2—C3	-179.4 (2)
Cl1—Hg1—Cl2—Hg1 <sup>i</sup>	-89.22 (3)	C1—C2—C3—C4	0.9 (4)
N1—Hg1—Cl2—Hg1 <sup>i</sup>	158.29 (5)	C2—C3—C4—C5	0.8 (4)
Cl2 <sup>i</sup> —Hg1—Cl2—Hg1 <sup>i</sup>	0.0	C1—N2—C5—C4	1.5 (4)
N2—Hg1—N1—C6	-0.60 (18)	Hg1—N2—C5—C4	178.0 (2)
Cl1—Hg1—N1—C6	125.53 (18)	C3—C4—C5—N2	-2.1 (4)
Cl2—Hg1—N1—C6	-103.42 (18)	C7—N1—C6—C1	-175.9 (2)
Cl2 <sup>i</sup> —Hg1—N1—C6	-15.4 (3)	Hg1—N1—C6—C1	1.6 (3)
N2—Hg1—N1—C7	176.8 (2)	N2—C1—C6—N1	-2.1 (4)
Cl1—Hg1—N1—C7	-57.1 (2)	C2—C1—C6—N1	175.8 (3)
Cl2—Hg1—N1—C7	73.94 (19)	C6—N1—C7—C8	18.2 (4)
Cl2 <sup>i</sup> —Hg1—N1—C7	161.92 (14)	Hg1—N1—C7—C8	-159.0 (2)
Cl1—Hg1—N2—C5	86.3 (2)	C6—N1—C7—C12	-164.6 (2)
N1—Hg1—N2—C5	-177.1 (2)	Hg1—N1—C7—C12	18.3 (3)
Cl2—Hg1—N2—C5	-91.0 (2)	C12—C7—C8—C9	1.3 (4)
Cl2 <sup>i</sup> —Hg1—N2—C5	-2.5 (2)	N1—C7—C8—C9	178.5 (3)
Cl1—Hg1—N2—C1	-97.14 (19)	C7—C8—C9—C10	0.5 (4)
N1—Hg1—N2—C1	-0.46 (18)	C8—C9—C10—C11	-1.1 (5)
Cl2—Hg1—N2—C1	85.56 (18)	C8—C9—C10—Br1	179.6 (2)
Cl2 <sup>i</sup> —Hg1—N2—C1	174.10 (18)	C9—C10—C11—C12	0.0 (4)
C5—N2—C1—C2	0.4 (4)	Br1—C10—C11—C12	179.3 (2)
Hg1—N2—C1—C2	-176.4 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C7	1.8 (4)
C5—N2—C1—C6	178.2 (2)	C8—C7—C12—C11	-2.5 (4)

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Hg1—N2—C1—C6	1.4 (3)	N1—C7—C12—C11	−179.8 (2)
N2—C1—C2—C3	−1.6 (4)		

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