## Crystallographic report

# Bis(O-methoxyethyldithiocarbonato)(4,7-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline)cadmium(II)

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The structure of mononuclear  $Cd(S_2COCH_2CH_2OCH_3)_2(4,7-Me_2phen)$  shows an  $N_2S_4$  donor set about cadmium that defines a coordination geometry intermediate between octahedral and trigonal prismatic. Copyright © 2003 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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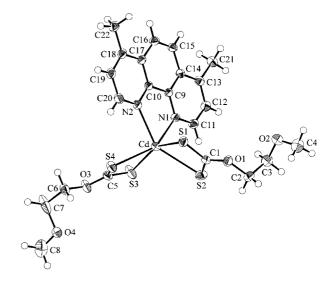
#### **COMMENT**

Two distinct structural motifs are known for the cadmium xanthates.<sup>1</sup> In one motif, adopted by  $R = Et_r^2$   $R = i-Pr^{3-5}$ and R = n-Bu, two-dimensional sheets, comprising interconnected 16-membered rings, are formed as a result of all xanthates being bridging. This results in four-coordinate, distorted tetrahedral cadmium centres. In the other motif, adopted by  $R = Me^7$  and  $R = CH_2CH_2OCH_3$ , square-planar cadmium geometries are found as a result of the presence of chelating xanthate ligands; mononuclear units aggregate into loosely associated chains facilitated by supramolecular Cd···S interactions. Despite the different structures found for the parent compounds, adduct formation leads to similar mononuclear species as seen in the title compound and related species.<sup>9,10</sup> The cadmium atom in Cd(S<sub>2</sub>COCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(4,7-Me<sub>2</sub>phen) exists within an N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> donor set with a coordination geometry intermediate between octahedral and trigonal prismatic (Fig. 1).

#### **EXPERIMENTAL**

To a stirred chloroform—acetonitrile (50 ml) solution of  $Cd(S_2COCH_2 CH_2OCH_3)_2$  (0.2 g)<sup>8</sup> was added a stoichiometric amount of 4,7-Me<sub>2</sub>phen (Aldrich). The mixture was refluxed for 2 h, filtered and the solvent removed *in vacuo*. The precipitate was recrystallized by the slow evaporation of a chloroform solution of the compound to yield colourless crystals suitable for X-ray analysis; m.p. 137–138 °C.

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**Figure 1.** Molecular structure of  $Cd(S_2COCH_2CH_2OCH_3)_2(4,7-Me_2phen)$ . Key geometric parameters: Cd-S1 2.6028(6), Cd-S2 2.7960(7), Cd-S3 2.6401(7), Cd-S4 2.7018(6), Cd-N1 2.3394(18), Cd-N2 2.4064(18) Å; S1-Cd-S2 66.880(18), S1-Cd-S3 154.79(2), S1-Cd-S4 102.750(19), S1-Cd-N1 102.53(4), S1-Cd-N2 92.59(4), S2-Cd-S3 97.41(2), S2-Cd-S4 121.06(2), S2-Cd-N1 88.02(5), S2-Cd-N2 145.96(4), S3-Cd-S4 67.517(19), S3-Cd-N1 96.20(4), S3-Cd-N2 109.84(5), S4-Cd-N1 147.29(4), S4-Cd-N2 88.89(4), N1-Cd-N2 69.55(6)°.

IR (KBr):  $\nu$ (C–S) 1058 and  $\nu$ (C–O) 1180 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Intensity data were collected at 183 K on a Bruker AXS SMART CCD diffractometer for a block  $0.31 \times 0.39 \times 0.52$  mm<sup>3</sup>.  $C_{22}H_{26}CdN_2O_4S_4$ , M=623.1, monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ , a=8.9770(8), b=23.381(2), c=11.7006(10) Å,

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 $\beta=91.519(2)^\circ,~V=2455.0(4)~\textrm{Å}^3,~Z=4,~7157$  unique data  $(\theta_{\rm max}~30.1^\circ),~R=0.043$  (all data), wR=0.092 (all data),  $\rho_{\rm max}=1.41~\textrm{e}^-~\textrm{Å}^{-3}$  (near cadmium). Two conformations were detected for the O4 atom, in the ratio 0.55:0.45 (from refinement). Programs used: teXsan, DIRDIF, SHELXL, and ORTEP. CCDC deposition number: 199840.

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