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## Tetrapotassium

$[\mu_2\text{-}N\text{-carboxylato-D-penicillaminato}(3-)\text{-}5:6\kappa^2S:S][\mu_2\text{-D-penicillaminato}(1-)\text{-}2:3\kappa^2S:S]\text{tetrakis}[\mu_2\text{-D-penicillaminato}(2-)]\text{-}1:2\kappa^3N,S:S;1:6\kappa^3N,S:S;3:4\kappa^3S:N,S;4:5\kappa^3N,S:S\text{-}2,3,5,6\text{-tetragold(I)-1,4-dinickel(II) ethanol monosolvate decahydrate}$

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**Tetrapotassium [ $\mu_2$ -*N*-carboxylato-*D*-penicillaminato(3-)-5:6 $\kappa^2$ S:S][ $\mu_2$ -*D*-penicillaminato(1-)-2:3 $\kappa^2$ S:S]-tetrakis[ $\mu_2$ -*D*-penicillaminato(2-)]-1:2 $\kappa^3$ N,S:S;1:6 $\kappa^3$ N,S:S;3:4 $\kappa^3$ S:N,S;-4:5 $\kappa^3$ N,S:S-2,3,5,6-tetragold(I)-1,4-dinickel(II) ethanol monosolvate decahydrate**

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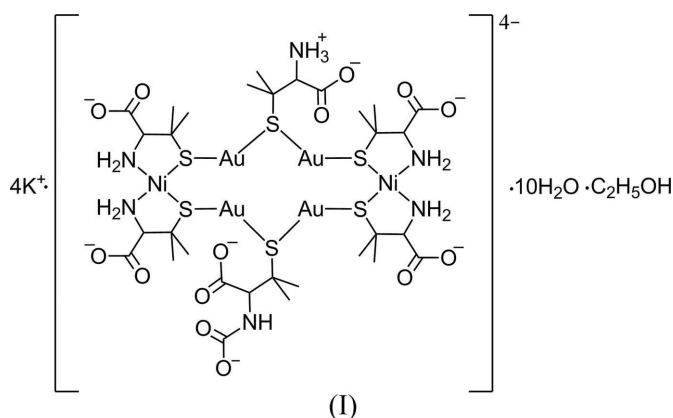
In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $K_4[Au_4Ni_2(C_6H_8NO_4S)(C_5H_9NO_2S)_4(C_5H_{10}NO_2S)] \cdot C_2H_6O \cdot 10H_2O$ , (I), two planar  $[Ni(C_5H_9NO_2S)_2]^{2-}$  units are spanned by  $[Au_2(C_5H_{10}NO_2S)]^+$  and  $[Au_2(C_6H_8NO_4S)]^-$  linkers through S atoms, forming an *S*:*S*-bridged  $Au_4Ni_2$  hexanuclear complex anion. One of six organic ligands in the complex anion is a carbamino derivative of *D*-penicillamine (3-mercaptopalane) and the others are deprotonated *D*-penicillamines. Each complex anion binds to nine  $K^+$  ions through six carboxylate and one carbamino groups to construct a three-dimensional structure.

## Comment

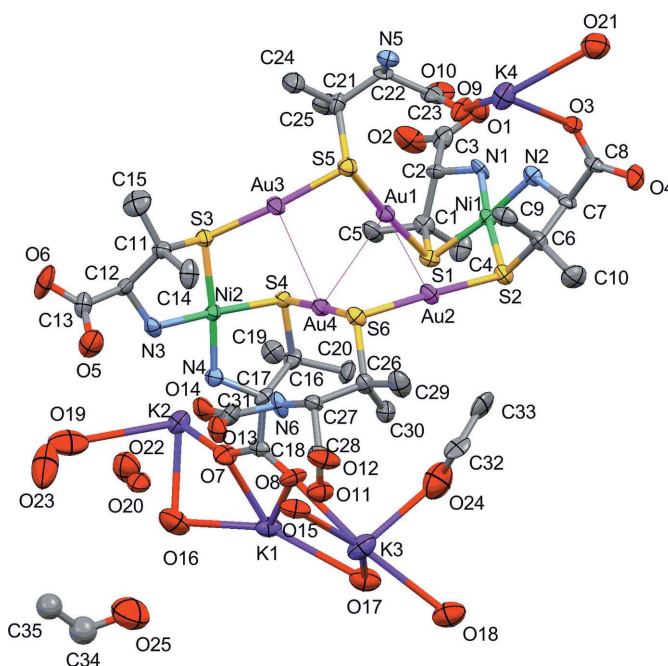
Carbamino derivatives of amino acids, which are formed by the reaction of an amino group with  $CO_2$ , are important species in biological systems because the carbamation of an N-terminal valine residue of hemoglobin is related to its  $CO_2$  delivery and oxygen affinity (Jensen, 2004). While the carbamino derivative of deoxyhemoglobin has been determined crystallographically by Fantl *et al.* (1987), the structural determination of carbaminated amino acids has been carried out only for an achiral carbaminoglycinate salt (Kovbasyuk *et al.*, 1997).

While studying the reactivity of the 3-mercapto derivative of valine (*D*-penicillamine or *D*-H<sub>2</sub>pen) bound to a gold(I) centre towards various metal ions (Toyota *et al.*, 2005; Taguchi *et al.*, 2007), we found that red crystals containing  $Au^I$  and  $Ni^{II}$  atoms in a 2:1 ratio are formed when a solution containing

$[Au(D\text{-}pen)_2]^{3-}$  and  $Ni^{2+}$  was allowed to stand in a refrigerator for two months. We report herein the crystal structure of (I) containing a *D*-carbaminopenicillamate (*D*-cp) ligand that bridges two  $Au^I$  atoms through a thiolate group. To our knowledge, this is the first example of a structurally characterized chiral carbamino amino acid bound to metal centres.

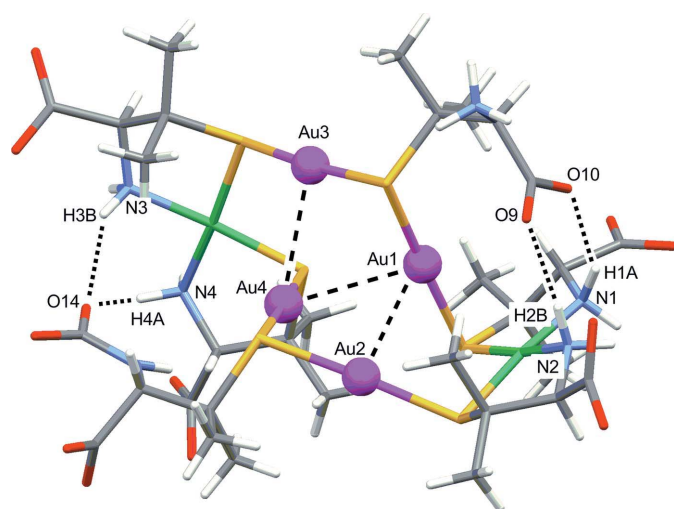


A displacement ellipsoid plot with the atom-numbering scheme of (I) is given in Fig. 1. The hexanuclear complex anion in (I) contains two  $[Ni(D\text{-}pen)_2]^{2-}$  units, in which each  $Ni^{II}$  atom is coordinated by two bidentate *D*-pen ligands. The two  $Ni^{II}$  units have a slightly distorted square-planar geometry, with the dihedral angles between the  $Ni1/N1/S1$  and  $Ni1/N2/S2$  planes and the  $Ni2/N3/S3$  and  $Ni2/N4/S4$  planes being  $10.3(2)^\circ$  and  $6.1(2)^\circ$ , respectively. All *D*-pen *N,S*-chelate

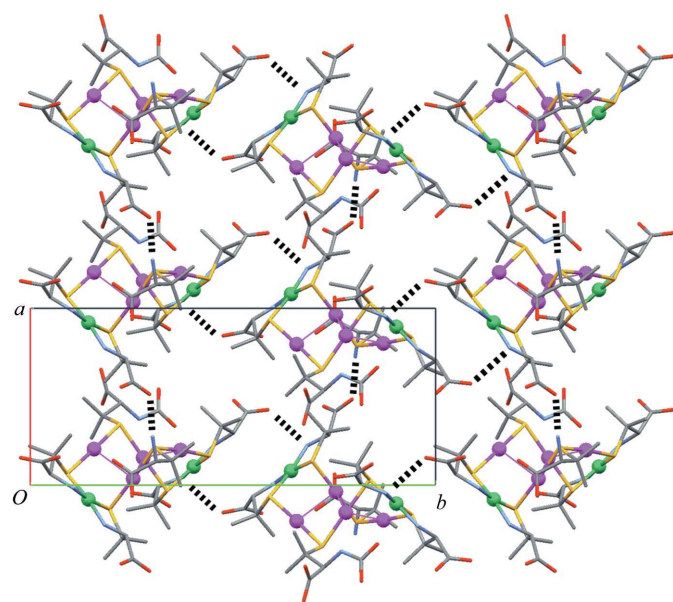


**Figure 1**  
A perspective view of the title compound, showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 70% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity. The thin lines indicate  $Au \cdots Au$  interactions.

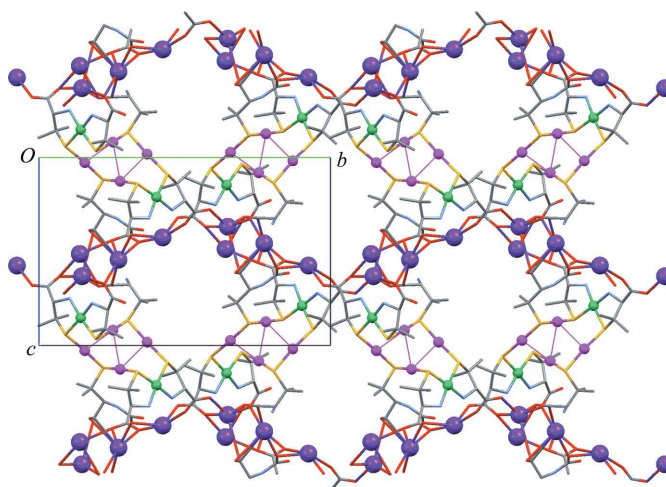
rings in the  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  units adopt a  $\delta$  conformation, as found in bis(*D*-penicillaminato)nickelate(II) (Baidya *et al.*, 1991). In (I), the two  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  units are spanned by two digold(I) linkers, *viz.*  $[\text{Au}_2(\text{D-Hpen})]^+$  and  $[\text{Au}_2(\text{D-cp})]^-$ , forming an *S:S*-bridged hexanuclear structure in  $[[\text{Au}_2(\text{D-cp})][\text{Au}_2(\text{D-Hpen})][\text{Ni}(\text{D-pen})_2]_2\}^{4-}$  with a 12-membered  $\text{Au}_4\text{Ni}_2\text{S}_6$  metallo-ring. One of the digold(I) linkers contains a *D*-Hpen ligand that bridges two  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}$  atoms through S atoms, while its amino group is in a protonated form ( $\text{NH}_3^+$ ) and is not involved in the coordination. The other digold(I) linker possesses *D*-cp, in place of *D*-Hpen, as a bridging ligand, which is considered to be



**Figure 2**  
A view of the intramolecular hydrogen bonds and aurophilic interactions in (I). Dotted and dashed lines indicate  $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and  $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Au}$  interactions, respectively.



**Figure 3**  
A view of the two-dimensional layer structure of complex anions in (I). Dashed lines indicate  $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.  $\text{K}^+$  ions, solvent molecules and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure 4**  
A view of the three-dimensional network structure of complex anions connected by  $\text{K}^+$  ions in (I).

produced by the reaction of *D*-pen with  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ . A carbamino N atom of the *D*-cp ligand is in a trigonal planar geometry and the C—N bond [ $\text{C31}-\text{N6} = 1.383(8) \text{ \AA}$ ] is obviously shorter than normal C—N single bonds. In addition, the carbamino and *N*-carboxylate groups lie roughly on the same plane; the dihedral angle between the  $\text{N6/C27/H6}$  and  $\text{C31/O13/O14}$  planes is  $9.0(8)^\circ$ . This is indicative of the spreading of  $\pi$ -conjugation over the carbamino and the *N*-carboxylate groups. A similar structural feature has been observed for previously reported carbamino compounds (*e.g.* Garbaskas *et al.*, 1983; Schmitt *et al.*, 2002; Shi *et al.*, 2006). It is noted that the carboxylate groups of *D*-Hpen and the *N*-carboxylate of *D*-cp form intramolecular hydrogen bonds with amine groups bound to  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  atoms [ $\text{N1}\cdots\text{O10} = 2.825(7) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{N2}\cdots\text{O9} = 2.960(6) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{N3}\cdots\text{O14} = 2.867(6) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{N4}\cdots\text{O14} = 2.934(6) \text{ \AA}$ ] (Fig. 2). Furthermore, there is an intramolecular aurophilic interaction (Schmidbaur & Schier, 2008) between  $\text{Au}^{\text{I}}$  atoms with distances of  $\text{Au1}\cdots\text{Au2} = 3.0635(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{Au1}\cdots\text{Au4} = 3.1730(6) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{Au3}\cdots\text{Au4} = 3.0542(5) \text{ \AA}$  (Fig. 2). These attractive interactions appear to sustain this unique hexanuclear structure in (I).

In (I), each complex anion is connected to four neighbouring complex anions through  $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds between amine or ammonium groups and carboxylate groups [ $\text{N1}\cdots\text{O6}^{\text{i}} = 3.013(6) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{N4}\cdots\text{O4}^{\text{iii}} = 3.004(6) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{N5}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{v}} = 2.816(6) \text{ \AA}$ ; symmetry codes and geometric parameters are given in Table 1], forming a two-dimensional layer structure in the *ab* plane (Fig. 3). In addition, the layers are connected with each other through  $\text{K}-\text{O}_{\text{carboxylate}}$  coordination bonds [ $2.629(4)$ – $3.192(5) \text{ \AA}$ ] to give a three-dimensional network structure (Fig. 4). Besides carboxylate groups, some water and ethanol solvent molecules coordinate to  $\text{K}^+$  ions [ $2.732(6)$ – $2.918(7) \text{ \AA}$ ]. All of the water and ethanol molecules participate in the formation of  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds with carboxylate groups, water molecules, and/or ethanol molecules in the  $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$  distance range of  $2.662(7)$ – $3.187(7) \text{ \AA}$  (Table 1).

## Experimental

A solution of  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.013 g, 0.04 mmol) in ethanol (6 ml) was layered on to a colourless solution of  $\text{NH}_4[\text{Au}(\text{D-Hpen})_2] \cdot 3.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.050 g, 0.09 mmol) (LeBlanc *et al.*, 1997; Konno *et al.*, 2009) and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (0.024 g, 0.18 mmol) in water (1 ml) in a test tube (1.5 × 10 cm) and the resulting mixture was left in a refrigerator for two months. Red plate-shaped crystals of (I) formed and were collected by filtration. IR (KBr,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1593 (s,  $\nu_{\text{as}}$  of  $\text{OCO}^-$ ).

## Crystal data

$\text{K}_4[\text{Au}_4\text{Ni}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{NO}_4\text{S})-(\text{C}_5\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{S})_4(\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2\text{S})] \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O} \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\beta = 97.998(7)^\circ$
$M_r = 2214.06$	$V = 3289.5(10) \text{ \AA}^3$
Monoclinic, $P2_1$	$Z = 2$
$a = 9.9638(18) \text{ \AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 22.644(4) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 9.97 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 14.723(3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 200 \text{ K}$
	$0.15 \times 0.15 \times 0.04 \text{ mm}$

## Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer	38154 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)	17713 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.316$ , $T_{\max} = 0.691$	16029 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.044$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$wR(F^2) = 0.064$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 1.14 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
$S = 1.04$	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.97 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
17713 reflections	Absolute structure: Flack (1983)
804 parameters	8079 Friedel pairs
49 restraints	Flack parameter: $-0.005(3)$

H atoms bound to C and N atoms were placed at calculated positions [ $\text{C}-\text{H} = 0.98$  ( $\text{CH}_3$ ),  $0.99$  ( $\text{CH}_2$ ) or  $1.00 \text{ \AA}$  ( $\text{CH}$ ) and  $\text{N}-\text{H} = 0.91$  ( $\text{NH}_3^+$ ),  $0.92$  ( $\text{NH}_2$ ) or  $0.88 \text{ \AA}$  ( $\text{NH}$ )] and refined as riding with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$  for  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}$ ,  $\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{NH}$ , and  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$  for  $\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{NH}_3^+$ . Each of two ethanol solvent molecules shares the same site with a water molecule, and these disordered molecules were refined with occupancies of 0.5. Water and O-bound H atoms of ethanol molecules were placed so as to form reasonable hydrogen bonding, except for two H atoms of disordered water molecules that were not included in the model. All H atoms bound to O atoms were refined with restrained geometric and displacement parameters [ $\text{O}-\text{H} = 0.85(5) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\text{H} \cdots \text{H} = 1.38(5) \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ ]. In addition, 14 H atoms ( $\text{H15A}$ ,  $\text{H15B}$ ,  $\text{H16B}$ ,  $\text{H17A}$ ,  $\text{H18A}$ ,  $\text{H18B}$ ,  $\text{H19A}$ ,  $\text{H21A}$ ,  $\text{H21B}$ ,  $\text{H22B}$ ,  $\text{H23A}$ ,  $\text{H23B}$ ,  $\text{H24}$  and  $\text{H25}$ ) were refined with additional intermolecular  $\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  distance restraints of  $1.90(5) \text{ \AA}$  or  $\text{H} \cdots \text{H}$  antibumping restraints of  $2.30(5) \text{ \AA}$  so as to form reasonable hydrogen bonding.

Data collection and cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

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Table 1

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

$\text{D}-\text{H} \cdots \text{A}$	$\text{D}-\text{H}$	$\text{H} \cdots \text{A}$	$\text{D} \cdots \text{A}$	$\text{D}-\text{H} \cdots \text{A}$
$\text{N1}-\text{H1A} \cdots \text{O10}$	0.92	2.04	2.825 (7)	143
$\text{N1}-\text{H1B} \cdots \text{O6}^i$	0.92	2.10	3.013 (6)	172
$\text{N2}-\text{H2B} \cdots \text{O9}$	0.92	2.06	2.960 (6)	167
$\text{N3}-\text{H3A} \cdots \text{O18}^{ii}$	0.92	2.03	2.929 (8)	167
$\text{N3}-\text{H3B} \cdots \text{O14}$	0.92	2.08	2.867 (6)	143
$\text{N4}-\text{H4A} \cdots \text{O14}$	0.92	2.20	2.934 (6)	136
$\text{N4}-\text{H4B} \cdots \text{O4}^{iii}$	0.92	2.13	3.004 (6)	157
$\text{N5}-\text{H5A} \cdots \text{O20}^{iv}$	0.91	1.87	2.768 (7)	169
$\text{N5}-\text{H5B} \cdots \text{O15}^{iv}$	0.91	2.09	2.979 (7)	164
$\text{N5}-\text{H5C} \cdots \text{O2}^v$	0.91	1.97	2.816 (6)	154
$\text{O15}-\text{H15A} \cdots \text{O8}$	0.83 (3)	2.05 (3)	2.791 (6)	148 (6)
$\text{O15}-\text{H15B} \cdots \text{O11}$	0.86 (4)	1.95 (3)	2.686 (7)	143 (6)
$\text{O16}-\text{H16A} \cdots \text{O20}^{vi}$	0.86 (4)	1.97 (4)	2.820 (7)	169 (8)
$\text{O16}-\text{H16B} \cdots \text{O25}$	0.89 (4)	2.01 (4)	2.801 (10)	146 (6)
$\text{O17}-\text{H17A} \cdots \text{O1}^{vii}$	1.02 (3)	2.64 (7)	3.187 (7)	113 (5)
$\text{O17}-\text{H17B} \cdots \text{O12}^{vi}$	0.82 (4)	2.06 (5)	2.751 (7)	142 (7)
$\text{O18}-\text{H18A} \cdots \text{O22}^{viii}$	0.86 (3)	1.98 (3)	2.773 (9)	153 (5)
$\text{O18}-\text{H18B} \cdots \text{O23}^{viii}$	0.93 (3)	2.08 (4)	2.958 (10)	156 (7)
$\text{O19}-\text{H19A} \cdots \text{O3}^{iii}$	0.92 (4)	1.90 (4)	2.697 (8)	144 (7)
$\text{O19}-\text{H19B} \cdots \text{O21}^{ii}$	0.95 (4)	1.89 (5)	2.799 (7)	161 (7)
$\text{O20}-\text{H20A} \cdots \text{O14}$	0.80 (4)	1.89 (4)	2.662 (7)	165 (7)
$\text{O20}-\text{H20B} \cdots \text{O23}$	0.85 (4)	1.90 (4)	2.734 (8)	167 (7)
$\text{O21}-\text{H21A} \cdots \text{O5}^{ix}$	0.97 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.791 (8)	154 (6)
$\text{O21}-\text{H21B} \cdots \text{O11}$	0.83 (3)	1.97 (3)	2.763 (7)	160 (7)
$\text{O22}-\text{H22A} \cdots \text{O7}$	0.82 (4)	2.07 (6)	2.817 (7)	151 (9)
$\text{O22}-\text{H22B} \cdots \text{O19}$	0.83 (3)	1.96 (3)	2.766 (8)	163 (7)
$\text{O23}-\text{H23A} \cdots \text{O24}^{ii}$	0.92 (4)	2.00 (4)	2.787 (9)	142 (6)
$\text{O23}-\text{H23B} \cdots \text{O21}^x$	0.83 (4)	1.96 (7)	2.754 (9)	158 (8)
$\text{O24}-\text{H24} \cdots \text{O12}^{vi}$	0.83 (4)	2.00 (4)	2.778 (7)	154 (7)
$\text{O25}-\text{H25} \cdots \text{O2}^{vii}$	0.90 (4)	1.99 (4)	2.792 (9)	149 (8)

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

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