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Tetra- μ_3 -iodido-tetrakis{[ethyl 2-(1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)acetate- κN^3]-copper(I)}

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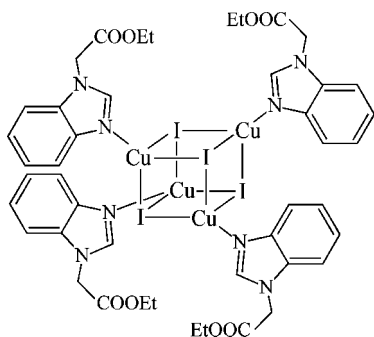
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 296$ K; mean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.005$ Å; R factor = 0.023; wR factor = 0.053; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6.

The complex molecule of the tetranuclear cubane-type title compound, $[Cu_4I_4(C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2)_4]$, has crystallographically imposed fourfold inversion symmetry. The Cu^I ions are coordinated in a distorted tetrahedral geometry by an N atom of a benzimidazole ring system and three μ_3 -iodide ions, forming a Cu_4I_4 core. In the crystal, complex molecules are connected into a three-dimensional network by $C-H \cdots O$ hydrogen bonds involving H and O atoms of adjacent ethoxycarbonyl groups.

Related literature

For potential applications in physiological and pharmacological fields of benzimidazolyl derivatives or complexes based on the benzimidazolyl unit, see: Ramla *et al.* (2007); Barreca *et al.* (2007); Cetinkaya *et al.* (1999); Snyderwine *et al.* (1997); Skog & Solyakov (2002); Garner *et al.* (1999). For applications of copper complexes in biology or medicine, see: Sorrell 1989. For related structures, see: Sun *et al.* (2011); Liu *et al.* (2011); Toth *et al.* (1987).



Experimental

Crystal data

 $[Cu_4I_4(C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_2)_4]$ $M_r = 1578.66$

Tetragonal, $I4_1/a$
 $a = 21.196$ (11) Å
 $c = 11.581$ (7) Å
 $V = 5203$ (5) Å³
 $Z = 4$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 4.04$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 296$ K
 $0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.18$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2007)
 $T_{min} = 0.768$, $T_{max} = 0.784$

13042 measured reflections
 2422 independent reflections
 2018 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.046$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.023$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.053$
 $S = 1.03$
 2422 reflections

155 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.35$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.32$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$C10-H10A \cdots O1^1$	0.97	2.60	3.531 (5)	162

Symmetry code: (i) $y - \frac{1}{4}, -x + \frac{3}{4}, z - \frac{1}{4}$.

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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Tetra- μ_3 -iodido-tetrakis{[ethyl 2-(1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)acetate- κ N³]copper(I)}**Lili Yang and Zhengyi Zhang****S1. Comment**

Benzimidazolyl-based ligands have wide applications in physiological and pharmacological fields, such as treatment of hypoglycemia, inhibitory activity for the lymphoma of Burkitt, antimicrobial activity and other effects (Ramla *et al.*, 2007; Barreca *et al.*, 2007; Cetinkaya *et al.*, 1999). Similarly, some metal complexes of benzimidazolyl derivatives possess interesting activities such as anti-viral, anti-cancers and anti-fungal activities (Snyderwine *et al.*, 1997; Skog & Solyakov, 2002; Garner *et al.*, 1999). In particular, copper complexes are often used as chemical models of copper proteins and copper enzymes (Sorrell, 1989). Up to now, a number of structures of copper complexes involving the benzimidazol group have been reported (Sun *et al.*, 2011; Liu *et al.*, 2011; Toth *et al.*, 1987), but no crystal structure of copper(I) complex based on ethyl 2-(1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)acetate is available. In order to contribute to this research field, we report herein the crystal structure of the title tetranuclear cubane-type complex.

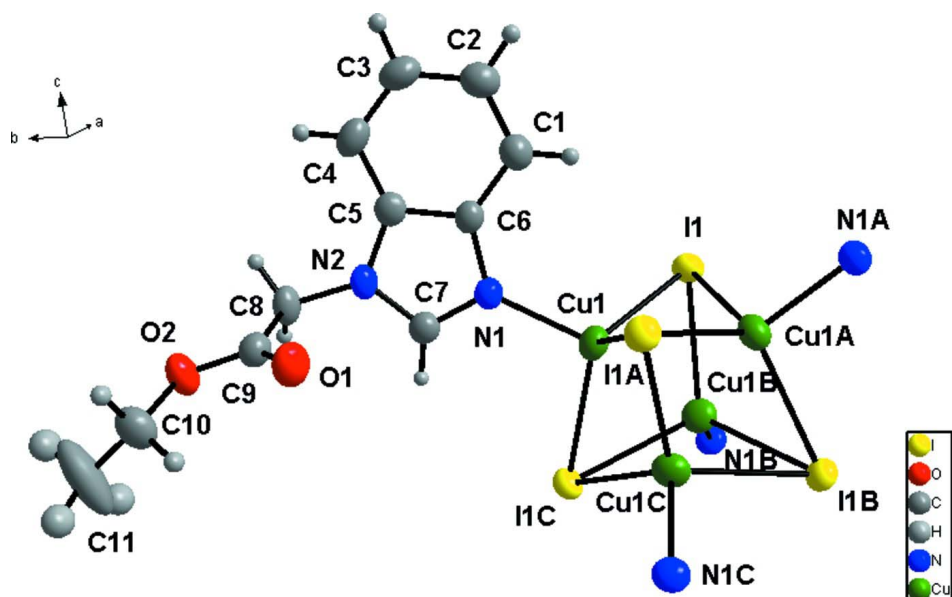
In the title complex (Fig. 1), each copper(I) metal of the Cu₄I₄ core is coordinated by three μ_3 -iodide ions and a nitrogen atom of a benzimidazole ring system in a distorted tetrahedral geometry. The deviation from the ideal geometry can be indicated by the range [104.30 (9)–114.311 (17) °] of the bond angles around the metal. The Cu—N bond length is 2.038 (3) Å, and the Cu—I bond lengths fall in the range are 2.715 (14)–2.733 (14) Å. In the crystal structure (Fig. 2), complex molecules are connected into a three-dimensional network by C—H \cdots O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) involving H and O atoms of adjacent ethyl acetate groups.

S2. Experimental

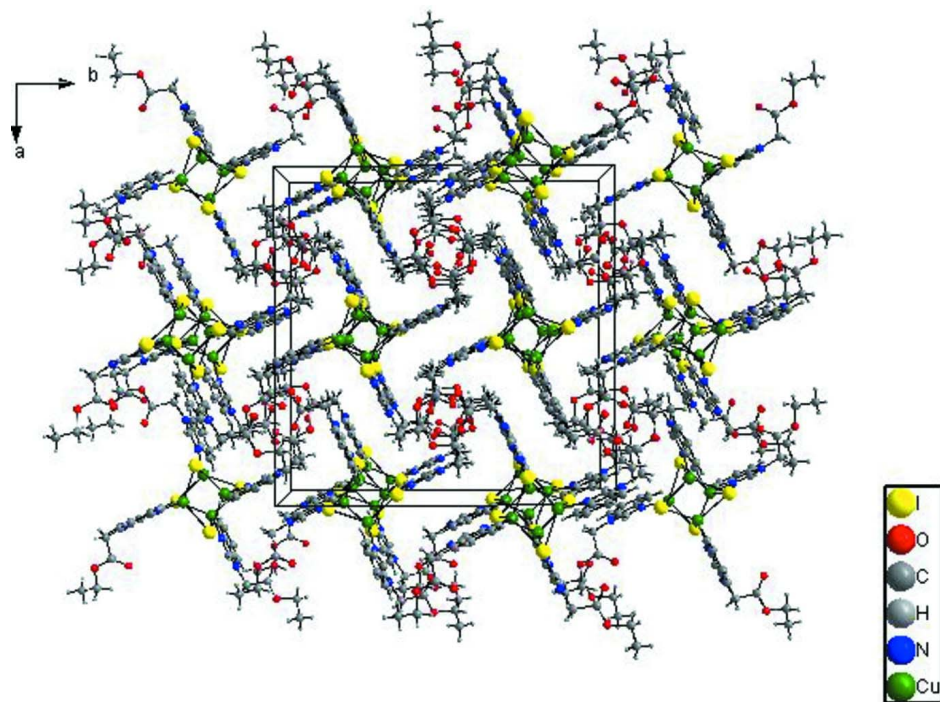
A mixture of ethyl 2-(1*H*-benzimidazol-1-yl)acetate (0.015 g, 0.1 mmol), CuI (0.019 g, 0.1 mmol), 3 mL H₂O and 10 mL EtOH was heated at 160°C under hydrothermal condition in a Teflon lined steel autoclave (inner volume 15 mL) for 3 days, and then cooled to room temperature at a rate of 2°C h⁻¹. Red single crystals suitable for X-Ray diffraction were obtained in 43% yield. Elemental Calc. for C₄₄H₄₈Cu₄I₄N₈O₈: C, 33.48; H, 3.06; N, 7.10%. Found: C, 33.61; H, 3.21; N, 7.21%.

S3. Refinement

Carbon-bound H-atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H = 0.93 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation. The $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ were allowed at 1.2 $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

**Figure 1**

The structure of the title complex with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Atoms labelled with suffix A, B and C are generated by the symmetry operator $(2-x, 1.5-y, z)$, $(0.25+y, 1.75-x, 0.75-z)$ and $(1.75-y, -0.25+x, 0.75-z)$ respectively.

**Figure 2**

Packing diagram of the title compound viewed along the *c* axis.

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Hall symbol: -I 4ad

 $a = 21.196$ (11) Å $c = 11.581$ (7) Å $V = 5203$ (5) Å³ $Z = 4$ $F(000) = 3040$ $D_x = 2.015$ Mg m⁻³Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 4922 reflections

 $\theta = 2.7$ – 27.9° $\mu = 4.04$ mm⁻¹ $T = 296$ K

Block, red

 $0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.18$ mm*Data collection*

Bruker APEXII CCD

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

 φ and ω scans

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2018 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.046$ $\theta_{\max} = 25.5^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 1.9^\circ$ $h = -14 \rightarrow 25$ $k = -25 \rightarrow 24$ $l = -13 \rightarrow 14$ *Refinement*Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.023$ $wR(F^2) = 0.053$ $S = 1.03$

2422 reflections

155 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0216P)^2 + 3.0196P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.004$ $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.35$ e Å⁻³ $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.32$ e Å⁻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 (Å²)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
I1	1.102882 (10)	0.771393 (11)	0.517267 (18)	0.04331 (9)
O2	0.78785 (12)	1.08340 (12)	0.5233 (2)	0.0575 (7)
C9	0.81754 (17)	1.02891 (18)	0.5439 (3)	0.0471 (9)
C11	0.7103 (2)	1.1347 (3)	0.4120 (7)	0.143 (3)
H11A	0.7103	1.1719	0.4593	0.214*

H11B	0.6699	1.1302	0.3753	0.214*
H11C	0.7425	1.1383	0.3541	0.214*
C8	0.88524 (16)	1.04277 (16)	0.5783 (3)	0.0506 (9)
H8A	0.9052	1.0679	0.5186	0.061*
H8B	0.8855	1.0671	0.6493	0.061*
C10	0.72251 (18)	1.0806 (2)	0.4824 (4)	0.0664 (11)
H10A	0.7160	1.0424	0.4379	0.080*
H10B	0.6939	1.0800	0.5477	0.080*
O1	0.79545 (12)	0.97762 (12)	0.5333 (2)	0.0598 (7)
N2	0.92099 (13)	0.98507 (12)	0.5952 (2)	0.0443 (7)
N1	0.96375 (13)	0.89215 (13)	0.5503 (2)	0.0435 (7)
C7	0.93802 (16)	0.94424 (16)	0.5110 (3)	0.0440 (8)
H7	0.9321	0.9523	0.4328	0.053*
C5	0.93545 (16)	0.95618 (15)	0.7004 (3)	0.0428 (8)
C6	0.96267 (15)	0.89832 (15)	0.6711 (3)	0.0405 (8)
C4	0.92889 (18)	0.97605 (18)	0.8156 (3)	0.0556 (10)
H4	0.9111	1.0148	0.8347	0.067*
C3	0.95049 (19)	0.9346 (2)	0.8988 (3)	0.0626 (11)
H3	0.9472	0.9457	0.9762	0.075*
C1	0.98362 (18)	0.85733 (18)	0.7569 (3)	0.0538 (10)
H1	1.0014	0.8185	0.7385	0.065*
C2	0.97706 (18)	0.87645 (19)	0.8701 (3)	0.0603 (10)
H2	0.9907	0.8499	0.9289	0.072*
Cu1	0.98756 (2)	0.81434 (2)	0.45656 (4)	0.04928 (13)

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
I1	0.03946 (14)	0.04686 (15)	0.04360 (13)	-0.00175 (11)	-0.00630 (9)	-0.00031 (10)
O2	0.0476 (15)	0.0452 (15)	0.0798 (18)	0.0054 (13)	-0.0103 (13)	0.0033 (13)
C9	0.047 (2)	0.047 (2)	0.0474 (19)	0.003 (2)	0.0016 (17)	-0.0051 (17)
C11	0.068 (3)	0.104 (4)	0.256 (9)	0.012 (4)	-0.033 (4)	0.080 (5)
C8	0.047 (2)	0.0350 (19)	0.070 (2)	0.0048 (18)	-0.0008 (18)	-0.0054 (17)
C10	0.050 (2)	0.074 (3)	0.076 (3)	0.004 (2)	-0.011 (2)	0.006 (2)
O1	0.0576 (17)	0.0428 (15)	0.0789 (18)	-0.0059 (14)	-0.0057 (14)	-0.0100 (13)
N2	0.0445 (17)	0.0343 (15)	0.0542 (17)	0.0042 (14)	-0.0006 (14)	-0.0027 (13)
N1	0.0467 (17)	0.0391 (16)	0.0446 (15)	0.0054 (14)	-0.0011 (13)	-0.0027 (13)
C7	0.042 (2)	0.043 (2)	0.0469 (19)	0.0004 (17)	-0.0031 (16)	-0.0032 (16)
C5	0.0369 (18)	0.042 (2)	0.049 (2)	-0.0038 (16)	0.0005 (16)	-0.0007 (16)
C6	0.0400 (19)	0.0360 (18)	0.0456 (18)	0.0006 (16)	0.0008 (15)	-0.0037 (15)
C4	0.057 (2)	0.053 (2)	0.058 (2)	0.002 (2)	0.0094 (19)	-0.0157 (19)
C3	0.071 (3)	0.074 (3)	0.043 (2)	-0.002 (2)	0.0065 (19)	-0.007 (2)
C1	0.062 (3)	0.044 (2)	0.055 (2)	0.003 (2)	-0.0007 (18)	0.0030 (17)
C2	0.068 (3)	0.062 (3)	0.051 (2)	-0.001 (2)	0.001 (2)	0.009 (2)
Cu1	0.0551 (3)	0.0414 (2)	0.0513 (3)	0.0049 (2)	0.0002 (2)	-0.0078 (2)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

I1—Cu1	2.7015 (14)	N1—C6	1.406 (4)
I1—Cu1 ⁱ	2.7244 (16)	N1—Cu1	2.038 (3)
I1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	2.7334 (14)	C7—H7	0.9300
O2—C9	1.337 (4)	C5—C6	1.397 (4)
O2—C10	1.465 (4)	C5—C4	1.406 (5)
C9—O1	1.190 (4)	C6—C1	1.392 (5)
C9—C8	1.518 (5)	C4—C3	1.383 (5)
C11—C10	1.432 (6)	C4—H4	0.9300
C11—H11A	0.9600	C3—C2	1.395 (5)
C11—H11B	0.9600	C3—H3	0.9300
C11—H11C	0.9600	C1—C2	1.379 (5)
C10—H10A	0.9700	C1—H1	0.9300
C10—H10B	0.9700	C2—H2	0.9300
C8—N2	1.452 (4)	Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.7244 (16)
C8—H8A	0.9700	Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.7252 (13)
C8—H8B	0.9700	Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	2.7252 (13)
N2—C7	1.353 (4)	Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	2.7334 (14)
N2—C5	1.397 (4)	Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	2.7780 (17)
N1—C7	1.313 (4)		
Cu1—I1—Cu1 ⁱ	60.299 (15)	C1—C6—C5	120.5 (3)
Cu1—I1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	61.477 (17)	C1—C6—N1	130.3 (3)
Cu1 ⁱ —I1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	59.912 (15)	C5—C6—N1	109.3 (3)
C9—O2—C10	117.9 (3)	C3—C4—C5	116.0 (3)
O1—C9—O2	125.9 (3)	C3—C4—H4	122.0
O1—C9—C8	125.1 (3)	C5—C4—H4	122.0
O2—C9—C8	108.9 (3)	C4—C3—C2	122.0 (4)
C10—C11—H11A	109.5	C4—C3—H3	119.0
C10—C11—H11B	109.5	C2—C3—H3	119.0
H11A—C11—H11B	109.5	C2—C1—C6	117.5 (3)
C10—C11—H11C	109.5	C2—C1—H1	121.2
H11A—C11—H11C	109.5	C6—C1—H1	121.2
H11B—C11—H11C	109.5	C1—C2—C3	121.8 (4)
N2—C8—C9	111.5 (3)	C1—C2—H2	119.1
N2—C8—H8A	109.3	C3—C2—H2	119.1
C9—C8—H8A	109.3	N1—Cu1—I1	110.98 (8)
N2—C8—H8B	109.3	N1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱⁱ	104.30 (9)
C9—C8—H8B	109.3	I1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱⁱ	114.311 (17)
H8A—C8—H8B	108.0	N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	138.82 (8)
C11—C10—O2	108.8 (4)	I1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	110.146 (17)
C11—C10—H10A	109.9	I1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	59.43 (4)
O2—C10—H10A	109.9	N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	147.54 (8)
C11—C10—H10B	109.9	I1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	60.27 (4)
O2—C10—H10B	109.9	I1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	60.21 (4)
H10A—C10—H10B	108.3	Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	61.29 (3)
C7—N2—C5	106.8 (3)	N1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	103.14 (8)

C7—N2—C8	125.5 (3)	I1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	110.098 (19)
C5—N2—C8	126.9 (3)	I1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	113.280 (17)
C7—N1—C6	105.1 (3)	Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	59.88 (4)
C7—N1—Cu1	126.8 (2)	Cu1 ⁱ —Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	109.193 (17)
C6—N1—Cu1	127.6 (2)	N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	147.30 (8)
N1—C7—N2	113.5 (3)	I1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	59.827 (16)
N1—C7—H7	123.2	I1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	107.917 (17)
N2—C7—H7	123.2	Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	59.357 (16)
C6—C5—N2	105.3 (3)	Cu1 ⁱ —Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	59.357 (16)
C6—C5—C4	122.3 (3)	I1 ⁱⁱ —Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	58.696 (16)
N2—C5—C4	132.4 (3)		
C10—O2—C9—O1	-0.9 (5)	C5—C6—C1—C2	-0.7 (5)
C10—O2—C9—C8	176.7 (3)	N1—C6—C1—C2	179.2 (3)
O1—C9—C8—N2	1.1 (5)	C6—C1—C2—C3	0.0 (6)
O2—C9—C8—N2	-176.6 (3)	C4—C3—C2—C1	0.4 (6)
C9—O2—C10—C11	-150.6 (4)	C7—N1—Cu1—I1	135.7 (3)
C9—C8—N2—C7	68.8 (4)	C6—N1—Cu1—I1	-54.4 (3)
C9—C8—N2—C5	-100.2 (4)	C7—N1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱⁱ	12.1 (3)
C6—N1—C7—N2	1.2 (4)	C6—N1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱⁱ	-177.9 (3)
Cu1—N1—C7—N2	173.0 (2)	C7—N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	-47.5 (3)
C5—N2—C7—N1	-1.7 (4)	C6—N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	122.5 (2)
C8—N2—C7—N1	-172.6 (3)	C7—N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	68.4 (3)
C7—N2—C5—C6	1.5 (3)	C6—N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	-121.6 (3)
C8—N2—C5—C6	172.1 (3)	C7—N1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	-106.4 (3)
C7—N2—C5—C4	179.3 (4)	C6—N1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	63.5 (3)
C8—N2—C5—C4	-10.0 (6)	C7—N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	-157.8 (2)
N2—C5—C6—C1	179.2 (3)	C6—N1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	12.1 (4)
C4—C5—C6—C1	1.0 (5)	Cu1 ⁱ —I1—Cu1—N1	-145.25 (9)
N2—C5—C6—N1	-0.8 (4)	Cu1 ⁱⁱ —I1—Cu1—N1	145.04 (9)
C4—C5—C6—N1	-178.9 (3)	Cu1 ⁱ —I1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱⁱ	-27.64 (3)
C7—N1—C6—C1	179.8 (4)	Cu1 ⁱⁱ —I1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱⁱ	-97.34 (2)
Cu1—N1—C6—C1	8.2 (5)	Cu1 ⁱ —I1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	36.98 (3)
C7—N1—C6—C5	-0.2 (4)	Cu1 ⁱⁱ —I1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱⁱ	-32.73 (3)
Cu1—N1—C6—C5	-171.9 (2)	Cu1 ⁱⁱ —I1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱ	-69.703 (11)
C6—C5—C4—C3	-0.6 (5)	Cu1 ⁱ —I1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	101.19 (3)
N2—C5—C4—C3	-178.2 (3)	Cu1 ⁱⁱ —I1—Cu1—I1 ⁱⁱ	31.49 (3)
C5—C4—C3—C2	-0.1 (6)	Cu1 ⁱ —I1—Cu1—Cu1 ⁱⁱ	69.703 (11)

Symmetry codes: (i) $y+1/4, -x+7/4, -z+3/4$; (ii) $-x+2, -y+3/2, z$; (iii) $-y+7/4, x-1/4, -z+3/4$.

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C10—H10A \cdots O1 ^{iv}	0.97	2.60	3.531 (5)	162

Symmetry code: (iv) $y-1/4, -x+7/4, z-1/4$.