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New Heterodinuclear Zn/Ln (Ln = Gd, Tb, Er, Yb) Complexes of Hexadentate *N,N'*-Bis(3-alkoxy-2-hydroxybenzyl)cyclohexane-1,2-diamines: Synthesis and Structure.

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Molecular structure of H₂L¹

Table S1. Intramolecular hydrogen bonds /Å, ° in H₂L¹.

| D-H | A | D-H | H···A | D···A | D-H···A |
|---------|-----|------|-------|----------|---------|
| O9-H9 | N11 | 0.82 | 2.27 | 2.897(3) | 134 |
| O26-H26 | N18 | 0.82 | 2.43 | 3.070(3) | 135 |

Table S2. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds /Å, ° in H₂L¹.

Symmetry operator (1/2+x,1/2-y,1-z) generates equivalent atoms that are marked with “#”.

| D-H | A | D-H | H···A | D···A | D-H···A |
|----------|------|------|-------|----------|---------|
| C10-H10B | O26# | 0.97 | 2.62 | 3.547(4) | 160 |
| C13-H13A | O2# | 0.97 | 2.48 | 3.312(4) | 144 |
| C15-H15B | O2# | 0.97 | 2.59 | 3.396(5) | 141 |
| N11-H11 | O9# | 0.91 | 1.94 | 2.832(4) | 167 |

Table S3. Intermolecular CH···π interactions /Å, ° in H₂L¹.

Symmetry operator (1/2+x,1/2-y,1-z) generates equivalent atoms that are marked with “#”, (-1/2+x,3/2-y,1-z) marked with “#2”, (-1/2+x,1/2-y,1-z) marked with “#3”. The centroids Cg1 and Cg3 represent the aromatic rings C3-C8 and C20-C25, respectively.

| C-H | Cg | C-H | H···Cg | C···Cg | γ | C-H···Cg |
|----------|-------|------|--------|--------|----|----------|
| C6-H6 | Cg3# | 0.93 | 2.85 | 3.60 | 11 | 138 |
| C17-H17 | Cg1# | 0.98 | 3.19 | 4.15 | 37 | 167 |
| C28-H28B | Cg3#2 | 0.96 | 2.78 | 3.65 | 10 | 151 |
| N18-H18 | Cg1#3 | 0.95 | 2.81 | 3.73 | 28 | 164 |

Molecular structure of $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Gd(NO_3)_2]$

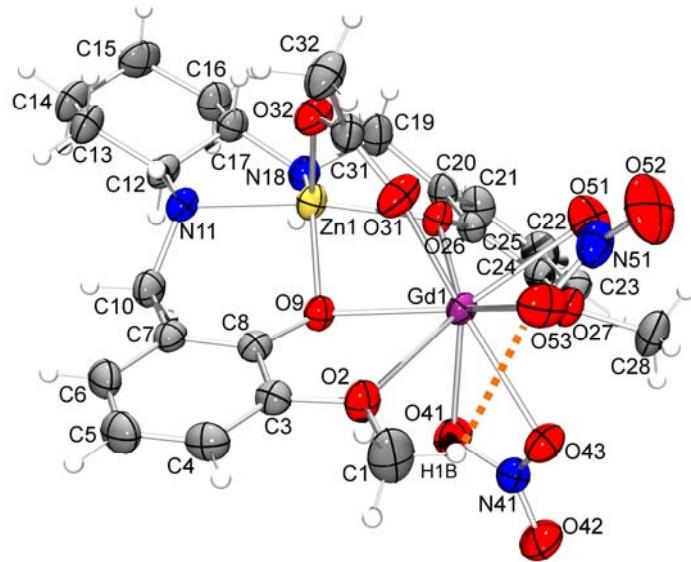


Fig. S1. Molecular structure of $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Gd(NO_3)_2]$. Thermal ellipsoids correspond to the 50% probability level.

Table S4. Selected bond lengths in $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Gd(NO_3)_2]$.

| Bond lengths in Å | Bond lengths in Å |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Zn1-N11 | 2.119(2) |
| Zn1-N18 | 2.072(2) |
| Zn1-O9 | 2.000(2) |
| Zn1-O26 | 2.081(2) |
| Zn1-O32 | 1.986(2) |
| Gd1-O2 | 2.526(2) |
| Gd1-O9 | 2.358(2) |
| Gd1-O26 | 2.297(2) |
| Gd1-O27 | 2.559(2) |
| Gd1-O31 | 2.323(2) |
| Gd1-O41 | 2.512(2) |
| Gd1-O43 | 2.473(2) |
| Gd1-O51 | 2.484(2) |
| Gd1-O53 | 2.475(2) |

Molecular structure of $[Zn(\mathbf{L}^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Tb(NO_3)_2]$

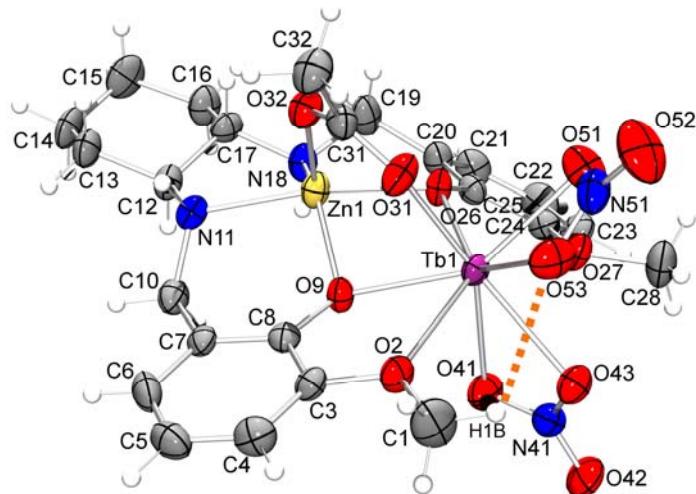


Fig. S2. Molecular structure of $[Zn(\mathbf{L}^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Tb(NO_3)_2]$. Thermal ellipsoids correspond to the 50% probability level.

Table S5. Selected bond lengths in $[Zn(\mathbf{L}^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Tb(NO_3)_2]$.

| Bond lengths in Å | Bond lengths in Å | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Zn1-N11 | 2.123(4) | Tb1-O26 | 2.282(3) |
| Zn1-N18 | 2.067(4) | Tb1-O27 | 2.558(3) |
| Zn1-O9 | 1.995(3) | Tb1-O31 | 2.302(4) |
| Zn1-O26 | 2.086(3) | Tb1-O41 | 2.500(4) |
| Zn1-O32 | 1.989(4) | Tb1-O43 | 2.453(4) |
| Tb1-O2 | 2.510(3) | Tb1-O51 | 2.470(4) |
| Tb1-O9 | 2.346(3) | Tb1-O53 | 2.457(4) |

Molecular structure of $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Er(NO_3)_2]$

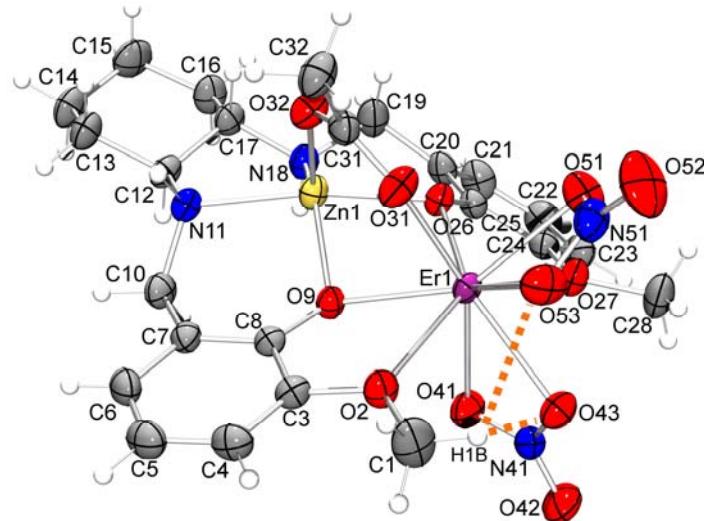


Fig. S3. Molecular structure of $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Er(NO_3)_2]$. Thermal ellipsoids correspond to the 50% probability level.

Table S6. Selected bond lengths in $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3COO)Er(NO_3)_2]$.

| Bond lengths in Å | Bond lengths in Å | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Zn1-N11 | 2.123(2) | Er1-O26 | 2.251(2) |
| Zn1-N18 | 2.067(2) | Er1-O27 | 2.544(2) |
| Zn1-O9 | 1.996(2) | Er1-O31 | 2.272(2) |
| Zn1-O26 | 2.083(2) | Er1-O41 | 2.464(2) |
| Zn1-O32 | 1.985(2) | Er1-O43 | 2.420(2) |
| Er1-O2 | 2.483(2) | Er1-O51 | 2.429(2) |
| Er1-O9 | 2.312(2) | Er1-O53 | 2.436(2) |

Molecular structure of [Zn(L¹)(μ-CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂]

Table S7. Zn···Ln distances in the heterodinuclear complexes.

| Complex | Zn···Ln in Å | |
|--|--------------|----------|
| [Zn(L ¹)(μ-CH ₃ COO)Gd(NO ₃) ₂] | Zn1···Gd1 | 3.329(5) |
| [Zn(L ¹)(μ-CH ₃ COO)Tb(NO ₃) ₂] | Zn1···Tb1 | 3.317(7) |
| [Zn(L ¹)(μ-CH ₃ COO)Er(NO ₃) ₂] | Zn1···Er1 | 3.290(5) |
| [Zn(L ¹)(μ-CH ₃ COO)Yb(NO ₃) ₂] | Zn1···Yb1 | 3.274(5) |
| [Zn(L ²)(μ-CH ₃ COO)Yb(NO ₃) ₂] | Zn1···Yb1 | 3.264(5) |

Table S8. Intramolecular hydrogen bonds /Å, ° in [Zn(L¹)(μ-CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂].

| D-H | A | D-H | H···A | D···A | D-H···A |
|----------|-----|------|-------|----------|---------|
| C1-H1B | O43 | 0.96 | 2.71 | 3.250(3) | 116 |
| C1-H1B | O53 | 0.96 | 2.50 | 3.077(4) | 118 |
| C28-H28B | O43 | 0.96 | 2.72 | 3.143(3) | 108 |

Table S9. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds /Å, ° in [Zn(L¹)(μ-CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂].

Symmetry operator (1-x,2-y,-z) generates equivalent atoms that are marked with “#”, (1/2-x, -1/2+y,1/2-z) marked with “#2”, (x,1+y,z) marked with “#3”.

| D-H | A | D-H | H···A | D···A | D-H···A |
|----------|-------|------|-------|----------|---------|
| C10-H10A | O9# | 0.97 | 2.60 | 3.418(3) | 142 |
| C10-H10B | O41# | 0.97 | 2.62 | 3.343(3) | 132 |
| C13-H13A | O42# | 0.97 | 2.66 | 3.375(3) | 131 |
| C28-H28C | O26#2 | 0.96 | 2.72 | 3.463(3) | 135 |
| N11-H11 | O42#3 | 0.98 | 2.30 | 3.267(3) | 167 |

Table S10. Intermolecular CH $\cdots\pi$ interactions /Å,° in [Zn(L¹)(μ -CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂].

Symmetry operator (3/2-x,-1/2+y,1/2-z) generates equivalent atoms that are marked with “#”, (1-x,2-y,-z) marked with “#2”, (1-x,1-y,-z) marked with “#3” , (x,-1+y,z) marked with “#4” and (1/2-x,-1/2+y,1/2-z) marked with “#5”. The centroids Cg4 and Cg6 represent the aromatic rings C3-C8 and C20-C25, respectively.

| C-H | Cg | C-H | H \cdots Cg | C \cdots Cg | γ | C-H \cdots Cg |
|----------|-------|------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| C1-H1B | Cg4# | 0.96 | 3.18 | 3.86 | 33 | 129 |
| C10-H10A | Cg4#2 | 0.97 | 3.48 | 4.39 | 46 | 157 |
| C14-H14B | Cg4#3 | 0.97 | 3.77 | 4.73 | 51 | 170 |
| C15-H15A | Cg6#4 | 0.97 | 3.77 | 4.71 | 50 | 163 |
| C32-H32A | Cg6#5 | 0.96 | 2.65 | 3.53 | 4 | 152 |
| N18-H18 | Cg4#2 | 0.98 | 2.86 | 3.82 | 26 | 167 |

*Molecular structure of [Zn(**L**²)(μ -CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂]*

Table S11. Intramolecular hydrogen bonds /Å,° in [Zn(**L**²)(μ -CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂].

| D-H | A | D-H | H···A | D···A | D-H···A |
|----------|-----|------|-------|----------|---------|
| C2-H2B | O43 | 0.97 | 2.35 | 3.092(4) | 133 |
| C29-H29A | O54 | 0.97 | 2.45 | 3.102(4) | 124 |
| C30-H30A | O42 | 0.96 | 2.63 | 3.364(6) | 134 |

Table S12. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds /Å,° in [Zn(**L**²)(μ -CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂].

Symmetry operator (1-x,2-y,2-z) generates equivalent atoms that are marked with “#”, (3/2-x, -1/2+y,3/2-z) marked with “#2”, (x,1+y,z) marked with “#3”.

| D-H | A | D-H | H···A | D···A | D-H···A |
|----------|-------|------|-------|----------|---------|
| C11-H11A | O52# | 0.97 | 2.54 | 3.280(3) | 133 |
| C11-H11B | O10# | 0.97 | 2.62 | 3.401(3) | 138 |
| C30-H30C | C33#2 | 0.96 | 2.88 | 3.519(5) | 125 |
| N12-H12 | O53#3 | 0.98 | 2.34 | 3.310(3) | 173 |

Table S13. Intermolecular CH···π interactions /Å,° in [Zn(**L**²)(μ -CH₃COO)Yb(NO₃)₂].

Symmetry operator (1/2-x,-1/2+y,3/2-z) generates equivalent atoms that are marked with “#”, (1-x,2-y,2-z) marked with “#2”, (1-x,3-y,2-z) marked with “#3”, (x,1+y,z) marked with “#4” and (3/2-x,-1/2+y,3/2-z) marked with “#5”. The centroids Cg4 and Cg6 represent the aromatic rings C4-C9 and C21-C26, respectively.

| C-H | Cg | C-H | H···Cg | C···Cg | γ | C-H···Cg |
|----------|-------|------|--------|--------|----|----------|
| C1-H1B | Cg4# | 0.96 | 3.06 | 3.69 | 21 | 124 |
| C11-H11B | Cg4#2 | 0.97 | 3.36 | 4.29 | 44 | 160 |
| C15-H15A | Cg4#3 | 0.97 | 3.83 | 4.79 | 54 | 172 |
| C16-H16B | Cg6#4 | 0.97 | 3.68 | 4.60 | 51 | 160 |
| C30-H30B | Cg6#5 | 0.96 | 3.54 | 4.44 | 41 | 152 |
| C34-H34B | Cg6#5 | 0.96 | 3.04 | 3.80 | 6 | 137 |
| N19-H19 | Cg4#2 | 0.98 | 2.92 | 3.88 | 26 | 166 |

Crystallographic data

Table S14. Crystal and structure refinement data for **H₂L¹**, [Zn(L¹)(μ-CH₃COO)Gd(NO₃)₂] and [Zn(L¹)(μ-CH₃COO)Tb(NO₃)₂].

| | H₂L¹ | [Zn(L ¹)(μ-CH ₃ COO)Gd(NO ₃) ₂] | [Zn(L ¹)(μ-CH ₃ COO)Tb(NO ₃) ₂] |
|---|--|--|--|
| Formula | C ₂₂ H ₃₀ N ₂ O ₄ | C ₂₄ H ₃₁ GdN ₄ O ₁₂ Zn | C ₂₄ H ₃₁ N ₄ O ₁₂ TbZn |
| Crystal System | Orthorhombic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space Group | P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ | P2 ₁ /n | P2 ₁ /n |
| <i>a</i> / Å | 8.3018(2) | 13.9038(3) | 13.8892(4) |
| <i>b</i> / Å | 11.2176(3) | 9.8712(2) | 9.8624(3) |
| <i>c</i> / Å | 21.7804(5) | 20.5759(4) | 20.5792(6) |
| α / ° | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β / ° | 90 | 99.0850(10) | 99.122(2) |
| γ / ° | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> / Å ³ | 2028.33(9) | 2788.56(10) | 2783.30(14) |
| <i>d</i> (calcd.) / g/cm ⁻³ | 1.266 | 1.882 | 1.890 |
| <i>Z</i> | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX-II | Bruker APEX-II | Bruker APEX-II |
| Radiation (λ / Å) | Mo-K α , 0.71073 | Mo-K α , 0.71073 | Mo-K α , 0.71073 |
| Size / mm ³ | 0.44 x 0.12 x 0.08 | 0.34 x 0.31 x 0.16 | 0.10 x 0.04 x 0.03 |
| Temperature / K | 296(2) | 296(2) | 296(2) |
| θ range / ° | 2.04 - 26.7 | 1.65 - 31.16 | 2.88 - 27.53 |
| Indices | -9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 9 -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13 -23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 24 | -20 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 20 -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14 -25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29 | -18 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14 -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 12 -26 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 26 |
| Reflections | 21303 | 34773 | 29432 |
| Independent reflections; | 3578 (0.0367) | 8947 (0.0373) | 6358 (0.0606) |
| <i>R</i> _{int} | | | |
| Reflections (<i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)) | 2753 | 7254 | 4420 |
| data/restraints/parameters | 3578/3/261 | 8947/0/382 | 6358/0/382 |
| μ / mm ⁻¹ | 0.087 | 3.288 | 3.453 |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan |
| <i>R</i> indices (<i>I</i> _{obs} with <i>I</i> >2σ(<i>I</i>)) | <i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0427, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1046 | <i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0290, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0606 | <i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0388, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0711 |
| <i>R</i> indices (all data) | <i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0639, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.1143 | <i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0418, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0648 | <i>R</i> ₁ = 0.0780, <i>wR</i> ₂ = 0.0857 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole / e/Å ³ | 0.314 and -0.249 | 1.279 and -0.726 | 0.939 and -1.035 |
| Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ² | 1.051 | 1.040 | 0.858 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 832 | 1572 | 1576 |
| Data collection mode | ϕ and ω scans | | |
| Absorption correction | SADABS, Bruker 2008; SADABS, Bruker 2012 | | |
| Structure solution | direct, SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008) | | |
| Structure refinement | Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ² , SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013) | | |

Table S15. Crystal and structure refinement data for $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3\text{COO})\text{Er}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$, $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3\text{COO})\text{Yb}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$ and $[Zn(L^2)(\mu\text{-CH}_3\text{COO})\text{Yb}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$.

| | $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3\text{COO})\text{Er}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$ | $[Zn(L^1)(\mu\text{-CH}_3\text{COO})\text{Yb}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$ | $[Zn(L^2)(\mu\text{-CH}_3\text{COO})\text{Yb}(\text{NO}_3)_2]$ |
|--|--|--|--|
| Formula | $C_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{ErN}_4\text{O}_{12}\text{Zn}$ | $C_{24}\text{H}_{31}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{12}\text{YbZn}$ | $C_{26}\text{H}_{35}\text{N}_4\text{O}_{12}\text{YbZn}$ |
| Crystal System | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space Group | $P2_1/n$ | $P2_1/n$ | $P2_1/n$ |
| a / Å | 13.8504(5) | 13.8538(2) | 14.3470(8) |
| b / Å | 9.8422(3) | 9.8300(2) | 10.0012(5) |
| c / Å | 20.5575(7) | 20.5847(3) | 21.3948(12) |
| α / ° | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β / ° | 99.146(2) | 99.2260(10) | 103.556(2) |
| γ / ° | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V / Å ³ | 2766.74(16) | 2767.02(8) | 2984.4(3) |
| d (calcd.) / g/cm ⁻³ | 1.921 | 1.935 | 1.856 |
| Z | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Diffractometer | Bruker APEX-II | Bruker APEX-II | Bruker APEX-II |
| Radiation (λ / Å) | Mo- $\text{K}\alpha$, 0.71073 | Mo- $\text{K}\alpha$, 0.71073 | Mo- $\text{K}\alpha$, 0.71073 |
| Size / mm ³ | 0.29 x 0.18 x 0.07 | 0.26 x 0.21 x 0.06 | 0.29 x 0.21 x 0.08 |
| Temperature / K | 296(2) | 296(2) | 296(2) |
| θ range / ° | 1.66 - 32.66 | 1.92 - 31.02 | 1.95- 32.87 |
| Indices | -18 ≤ h ≤ 21 -14 ≤ k ≤ 11 -31 ≤ l ≤ 30 | -17 ≤ h ≤ 19 -11 ≤ k ≤ 13 -29 ≤ l ≤ 27 | -20 ≤ h ≤ 21 -15 ≤ k ≤ 14 -32 ≤ l ≤ 32 |
| Reflections | 42651 | 32292 | 50144 |
| Independent reflections; | 10081 (0.0294) | 8382 (0.0224) | 10937 (0.0341) |
| R_{int} | | | |
| Reflections ($I > 2\sigma(I)$) | 7996 | 6957 | 8538 |
| data/restraints/parameters | 10081/0/382 | 8382 /0/382 | 10937/0/400 |
| μ / mm ⁻¹ | 3.950 | 4.297 | 3.987 |
| Absorption correction | multi-scan | multi-scan | multi-scan |
| R indices (I_{obs} with $I > 2\sigma(I)$) | $R_1 = 0.0293$, $wR_2 = 0.0596$ | $R_1 = 0.0252$, $wR_2 = 0.0496$ | $R_1 = 0.0307$, $wR_2 = 0.0651$ |
| R indices (all data) | $R_1 = 0.0458$, $wR_2 = 0.0647$ | $R_1 = 0.0357$ $wR_2 = 0.0522$ | $R_1 = 0.0467$, $wR_2 = 0.0706$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole / e/Å ³ | 1.648 and -0.685 | 1.413 and -0.820 | 1.584 and -0.823 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.016 | 1.074 | 1.026 |
| $F(000)$ | 1588 | 1596 | 1660 |
| Data collection mode | ϕ and ω scans | | |
| Absorption correction | SADABS, Bruker 2012; SADABS, Bruker 2008 | | |
| Structure solution | direct, SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 2008) | | |
| Structure refinement | Full-matrix least-squares on F^2 , SHELXL-2013 (Sheldrick, 2013) | | |