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| Complex 1 | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Cu(1)-N(1) | 1.84(2) | Cu(1)-O(9) 2.735(16) | | | |
| Cu(4)-O(11) | 2.756(19) | Cu(2)-O(23) | 2.580(18) | | |
| Cu(5)-N(5) | 1.91(2) | Cu(5)-O(18) | 2.80(2) | | |
| Cu(3)-N(3) | 1.956(19) | Cu(6)-N(6) | 1.97(3) | | |
| Cu(8)-O(16) | 1.78(2) | Cu(7)-O(18) | 1.99(2) | | |
| Cu(4)-O(9) | 1.911(15) | Cu(3)-O(9) | 1.964(16) | | |
| Cu(2)-O(4) | 2.556(15) | Cu(8)-O(18) | 1.892(19) | | |
| O(3)-Cu(1)-O(1) | 171.3(7) | O(6)-Cu(2)-O(5) | 175.8(7) | | |
| O(13)-Cu(5)-N(5) | 169.8(12) | O(13)-Cu(5)-O(18) | 66.6(8) | | |
| O(4)-Cu(3)-O(9) | 90.5(6) | O(17)-Cu(7)-O(13) | 176.9(9) | | |
| N(2)-Cu(2)-O(6) | 93.6(7) | N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1) | 92.8(8) | | |
| Cu(4)-O(9)-Cu(1) | 99.0(6) | O(5)-Cu(4)-O(3) | 69.6(5) | | |
| Complex 2 | | | | | |
| O(2)-Cu(1) | 1.893(10) | O(5)-Cu(1) | 2.832(16) | | |
| O(4)-Cu(1)#1 | 1.908(11) | O(1)-Cu(1) | 1.929(12) | | |
| Cu(1)-N(1) | 1.873(13) | Cu(1)-O(4)#1 | 1.908(11) | | |
| O(6)-Cu(2) | 2.534(17) | Cu(2)-O(4) | 1.934(10) | | |
| Cu(2)-O(3) | 1.886(11) | Cu(2)-O(2) | 1.967(11) | | |
| Cu(2)-N(2) | 1.938(12) | N(2)-C(26) | 1.485(19) | | |
| N(1)-C(7) | 1.340(13) | N(1)-C(8) | 1.41(2) | | |
| N(2)-C(25) | 1.335(18) | N(2)-C(26) | 1.485(19) | | |
| C(18)-O(5)-Cu(1) | 129.6(16) | C(35)-O(6)-Cu(2) | 132.8(18) | | |
| N(1)-Cu(1)-O(4)#1 | 166.3(6) | N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1) | 95.9(7) | | |
| O(4)#1-Cu(1)-O(2) | 87.5(5) | O(3)-Cu(2)-O(4) | 174.1(5) | | |
| O(4)-Cu(2)-N(2) | 82.5(5) | N(2)-Cu(2)-O(6) | 90.1(5) | | |
| N(2)-Cu(2)-O(2) | 169.6(5) | O(3)-Cu(2)-O(6) | 100.9(6) | | |

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| H-bonding | DH(Å) | HA(Å) | DA(Å) | α (°) | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Complex 1 | | | | | |
| O(2)H(2)O(6) | 0.82 | 2.00 | 2.813 | 172.8 | |
| O(11)H(11)O(7) | 0.82 | 2.00 | 2.792 | 162.1 | |
| O(19)H(19)O(12) | 0.82 | 2.00 | 2.763 | 154.6 | |
| O(21)H(21C)O(17) | 0.82 | 1.96 | 2.768 | 167.0 | |
| O(22)H(22)O(1) | 0.82 | 2.04 | 2.845 | 168.0 | |
| O(23)H(23)O(10) | 0.82 | 2.08 | 2.862 | 158.8 | |
| O(24)H(24)O(15) | 0.82 | 2.02 | 2.818 | 164.5 | |
| O(25)H(25)O(20) | 0.82 | 2.01 | 2.822 | 169.5 | |
| C(16)H(16B)Cl(7)#1 | 0.97 | 2.97 | 3.618 | 125.7 | |
| C(16)H(16B)O(6) | 0.97 | 2.46 | 2.998 | 114.4 | |
| C(32)H(32A)O(23) | 0.97 | 2.66 | 3.26 | 120.9 | |
| C(32)H(32B)O(11) | 0.97 | 2.61 | 3.32 | 129.6 | |
| C(48)H(48A)O(22) | 0.97 | 2.50 | 3.11 | 120.3 | |
| C(48)H(48B)O(2) | 0.97 | 2.59 | 3.25 | 125.8 | |
| C(56)H(56B)Cl(2) #2 | 0.97 | 2.89 | 3.538 | 125.6 | |
| C(56)H(56B)O(7) | 0.97 | 2.43 | 3.006 | 117.9 | |
| C(65)H(65B)Cl(3) #3 | 0.97 | 2.97 | 3.73 | 135.9 | |
| C(65)H(65B)O(15) | 0.97 | 2.53 | 3.10 | 118.0 | |
| C(88)H(88A)O(25) | 0.97 | 2.48 | 3.05 | 117.2 | |
| C(88)H(88B)O(21) | 0.97 | 2.46 | 3.17 | 129.3 | |
| C(97)H(97A)O(19) | 0.97 | 2.62 | 3.25 | 122.5 | |
| C(97)H(97B)O(24) | 0.97 | 2.52 | 3.24 | 131.2 | |
| C(113)H(11B)O(17) | 0.97 | 2.58 | 3.07 | 111.2 | |
| Complex 2 | | | | | |
| O(5)H(5C)O(3) | 0.87 | 2.00 | 2.800 | 153.1 | |
| O(6)H(6C)O(1)#4 | 0.89 | 2.15 | 2.889 | 139.7 | |
| O(16)H(16A)O(3) | 0.97 | 2.62 | 3.132 | 113.1 | |
| O(34)H(34A)O(5)#4 | 0.97 | 2.37 | 3.139 | 136.2 | |
| O(34)H(34B)O(6) | 0.97 | 2.44 | 3.078 | 122.8 | |
| Symmetry codes: #1 x-1, y, z; #2 x, y-1, z; #3 x, y+1, z+1; #4 -x, y, -z | | | | | |

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