

Simple Methylcadmium Alkoxides

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The reaction of dimethylcadmium with alcohols R-OH in equimolar ratio leads to the formation of tetrameric methylcadmium alkoxides with molecular formula $[(\text{MeCd})_4(\text{OR})_4]$ [R = Me (**1**), Et (**2**) and ⁱPr (**3**)]. These compounds have been characterised by ¹H, ¹³C NMR and IR spectroscopy, by mass spectrometry, elemental analyses and by X-ray crystallography (for **2** and **3**). The solid state structures show distorted cubane-type aggregates with Cd₄O₄ cores. The structural aspects and the spectroscopic characterisations of these compounds are discussed.

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