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### *trans*-Dichlorooxo(2-propoxido)bis(triphenylphosphine)rhenium(V)

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#### Abstract

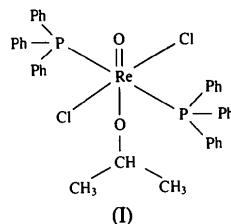
The title compound crystallizes with discrete [ReOCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O)(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>15</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] units. The coordination sphere of the metal atom is approximately octahedral with the bulky phosphine ligands *trans* with respect to each other. The O=Re—O unit is nearly linear with an angle of 174.25 (9)°. Both Re—Cl bond lengths, as well as both Re—P lengths, are equal within their standard deviations.

#### Comment

[ReOX<sub>3</sub>(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] complexes are frequently used as precursors for the synthesis of new rhenium(V)—oxo complexes. The structure of the chloro complex has recently been reported (Lebuis & Beauchamp, 1993). The chloro ligand *trans* to the oxo ligand is only weakly coordinated because of the strong structural *trans* influence of the π-donating oxo ligand and can easily be replaced.

In the course of our studies of the coordination behaviour of tellurium-containing organic ligands, we attempted the reaction of [ReOCl<sub>3</sub>(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] with bis(2,4,6-

triphenylphenyl)ditelluride. We could not isolate a rhenium species with Re—Te bonds. However, large violet blocks of [ReOCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O)(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>], (I), were obtained after attempted recrystallization of the brown crude product from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/2-propanol solution.



The coordination sphere of the Re atom is approximately octahedral (Fig. 1). Deviations from idealized geometry are found for the O(1)—Re—P angles of 86.7 (1) and 87.5 (1)°. These values are somewhat smaller than those obtained for the related complexes [ReOX<sub>2</sub>(OEt)(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] (X = Cl, Br) (Graziani, Casellato, Rossi & Marchi, 1985; Lebuis, Roux & Beauchamp, 1993; Lebuis & Beauchamp, 1993), which range between 89.0 (1) and 91.55 (3)°. The differences can be explained by the requirements of the more bulky 2-propoxido ligand *trans* to the oxo ligand. In contrast to the ethoxo ligands in [ReOCl<sub>2</sub>(OEt)(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] (Graziani, Casellato, Rossi & Marchi, 1985) and [ReOBr<sub>2</sub>(OEt)(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] (Lebuis, Roux & Beauchamp, 1993; Lebuis & Beauchamp, 1993), no disorder could be detected for the alkoxo group in the title compound.

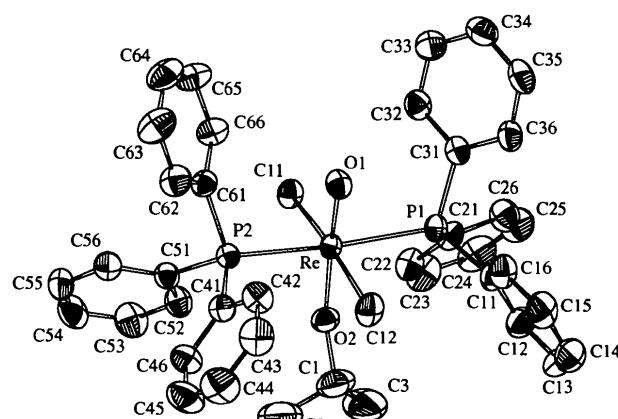


Fig. 1. ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of [ReOCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O)(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] along with the atomic numbering scheme (displacement ellipsoids represent 40% probability).

The Re—O(1) bond distance of 1.698 (2) Å comes very close to the mean value for Re—O bonds in monooxo-rhenium(V) complexes (1.69 Å). In agreement with the situation in the comparable complexes [ReO(OR)X<sub>2</sub>(Ph<sub>3</sub>P)<sub>2</sub>] (R = Et, Me; X = Cl, Br, I)



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## Bis(diethylenetriamine-N'-acetato)-di- $\mu$ -hydroxo-dicobalt(III) Perchlorate

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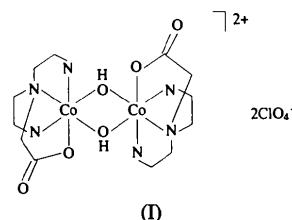
## Abstract

The complex cation of the title compound, bis[bis-(2-aminoethyl)aminoacetato]-di- $\mu$ -hydroxo-dicobalt(III), [Co<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>( $\mu$ -OH)<sub>2</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, has a dinuclear structure, with two OH bridges. Each Co atom is octahedrally surrounded by a bis(2-aminoethyl)aminoacetate tripodal structure and two OH groups. In the crystal structure, intermolecular O—H···O hydrogen bonds form infinite chains of molecules, which significantly stabilizes the dinuclear structure; the Co···Co distance is 2.863 (1) Å.

## Comment

The crystal and molecular structure and also the properties of metal–amino acid complexes are of continu-

ing interest to both coordination chemists and molecular biologists. In some cases, these compounds provide adequate model systems for metalloproteins and metalloenzymes (Freeman, 1973). Diethylenetriamine-N'-acetic acid (dtmaH) is a synthetic amino acid having a tripodal structure and studies of its complexes with metal ions (Cu, Zn, Ni) have been helpful in understanding the spectroscopic properties of Cu,Zn-superoxide dismutase and the magnetic properties of  $\mu$ -carboxylate complexes (Mao, Yu, Chen, Han, Sui & Tang, 1993; Mao, Fu, Hang, Tang & Yu, 1993). In this paper, the structure of the complex [(dtma)Co( $\mu$ -OH)<sub>2</sub>Co(dtma)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (I), is reported.



The crystal structure consists of dimeric cations and perchlorate anions. The complex cation has an inversion centre located at the middle of the dimer. The coordination of Co<sup>III</sup> is roughly octahedral and the bridging unit, Co(OH)Co(OH), is strictly planar with O—Co—O and Co—O—Co angles of 82.43 (8) and 97.57 (8)°, respectively. The Co···Co distance is 2.863 (1) Å and the Co—O distances are 1.902 (3) and 1.904 (2) Å. These bond lengths agree well with corresponding distances in [(edda)Co(OH)<sub>2</sub>Co(en)]<sup>2+</sup> (edda is ethylenediaminediacetate and en is ethylenediamine) (Okamoto, Hidaka, Ama & Yasui, 1991). The fragments N1N4O7O7', N4N5O8O7' and N1N5O7O8 are nearly

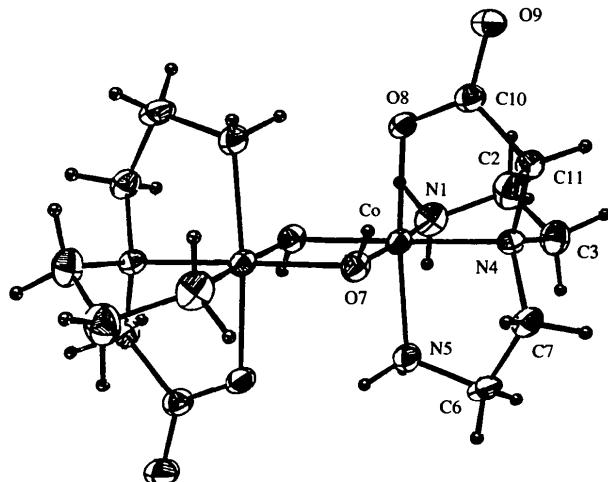


Fig. 1. Displacement ellipsoid representation (ORTEP; Johnson, 1965) of the title cation with the atomic numbering scheme. Ellipsoids are plotted at the 50% probability level.