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molecule coordinates at the axial position. The three lattice water molecules and the  $[Cu(L)(H_2O)]$  complex unit are involved in an extended network of hydrogen bonds, which is responsible for the weak antiferromagnetic interaction observed for the compound. In this paper, we describe the preparation and present the X-ray results for the monohydrated complex,  $[Cu(L)(H_2O)].H_2O$ , (I).

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# Aqua[1,3-propanediyldiiminobis(1,3dimethyl-5-nitrosouracilato)- $\kappa^4 N^5, N^6, N^{15}, N^{16}$ ]copper(II) Monohydrate

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## Abstract

The versatile  $C_{15}H_{20}N_8O_6$  ligand is coordinated through four of its N atoms to the Cu<sup>II</sup> atom in a doubledeprotonated tetradentate fashion to give the title complex, aqua[1,3-propanediyldiimino- $\kappa^2N$ -bis(1,3dimethyl-5-nitroso-2,4(1H,3H)-pyrimidinedionato- $\kappa^2N^5, N^6)(2-)$ ]copper(II) monohydrate, [Cu(C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>8</sub>-O<sub>6</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)].H<sub>2</sub>O. A water molecule occupies the axial position of the distorted square-pyramidal coordination environment of the Cu atom.

## Comment

In a previous report we showed that  $\alpha, \omega$ -bis(1,3dimethyl-5-nitrosouracil-6-ylamino)propane (H<sub>2</sub>L), a dioxime pyrimidine ligand, reacts with copper(II) in basic medium giving the mononuclear complex [Cu(L)(H<sub>2</sub>O)].3H<sub>2</sub>O (Colacio, Dominguez-Vera, Escuer, Kivekäs & Romerosa, 1994). In this compound, the Cu<sup>II</sup> atom occupies the N<sub>4</sub> inner site of the ligand and a water



The  $H_2L$  ligand is coordinated through four of its N atoms to the Cu<sup>II</sup> atom in a double-deprotonated tetradentate fashion  $(L^{2-})$ , the deprotonated N atoms being N(6) and N(16). The complex unit of the present compound is essentially similar to that of  $[Cu(L)(H_2O)]$ .3H<sub>2</sub>O (Colacio, Dominguez-Vera, Escuer, Kivekäs & Romerosa, 1994), the Cu atom occupying the inner site of the tetradentate  $L^{2-}$  ligand. The complex unit is approximately coplanar and the sixmembered ring [Cu, N(6), C(7), C(8), C(17), N(16)] has a boat conformation. The C-O distances are typical for C=O bonds. Moreover, the distances and angles in the CNO groups are approximately similar in both compounds and the values agree quite well with those reported for oximato complexes (Korvenranta, Saarinen & Näsäkkälä, 1982) and also with those observed for 6-amino-3-methyl-5-nitrosouracil complexes (Romero, Moreno, Ruiz, Sanchez & Nieto, 1986).

The coordination of the Cu<sup>II</sup> atoms in the title compound and in  $[Cu(L)(H_2O)].3H_2O$  is quite similar, the polyhedra being distorted square-based pyramids. However, there are also some significant differences between the two coordination spheres. The basal plane of the coordination sphere is more planar in the title compound than in  $[Cu(L)(H_2O)].3H_2O$ , the greatest deviation of an



Fig. 1. ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level; H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.

Cul

N1

C1 02

C2

N3

C3 04

C4 O5 N5 C5

N6 C6 C7

**C**8

N11

C11

012 C12

N13

C13

014

C14 015

N15 C15

N16 C16 C17 O20 O21

N atom from the basal N<sub>4</sub> plane being 0.083 (3) Å compared with 0.138 (3) Å in  $[Cu(L)(H_2O)].3H_2O$ . In the title compound, the axial Cu(1)—O(20) distance is about 0.062 (3) Å shorter than in  $[Cu(L)(H_2O)].3H_2O$  and the metal is shifted more from the basal N<sub>4</sub> plane towards the axial ligand [0.224 (1) versus 0.152 (1) Å], indicating a stronger Cu—O bond in the title compound.

The hydrogen-bond networks are different in the two compounds compared above. The number of hydrogen bonds is smaller in the title compound owing to fewer molecules of water of crystallization.

#### **Experimental**

The ligand  $C_{15}H_{20}N_8O_6$  (H<sub>2</sub>L) was prepared as described by Colacio, Dominguez-Vera, Escuer, Kivekäs & Romerosa (1994). [Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>].6H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mmol) was added to a stirred suspension of H<sub>2</sub>L (1 mmol) in 50 ml ethanol. After 10 min, all the ligand had dissolved and a green powder of the complex [Cu( $\mu$ -L)Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>].CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH.2H<sub>2</sub>O precipitated, which was filtered off, washed with ethanol and air dried. Recrystallization from an acetonitrile/water (25:1 v/v) solution produced a small amount of [Cu(L)(H<sub>2</sub>O)].H<sub>2</sub>O crystals.

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Crystal data
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$[Cu(C_{15}H_{18}N_8O_6)(H_2O)]$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
H <sub>2</sub> O	$\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$
$M_r = 505.94$	Cell parameters from 25
Monoclinic	reflections
$P2_1/c$	$\theta = 8.4 - 13.2^{\circ}$
a = 10.809(1) Å	$\mu = 1.21 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 8.4044 (9) Å	T = 296  K
c = 21.119(3) Å	Prism
$\beta = 96.63(1)^{\circ}$	$0.32 \times 0.30 \times 0.25$ mm
V = 1905.7 (4) Å <sup>3</sup>	Blue
Z = 4	
$D_x = 1.763 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	
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## Data collection

Nicolet P3F diffractometer	$R_{\rm int} = 0.017$
$\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.5^{\circ}$
Absorption correction:	$h=0 \rightarrow 14$
empirical via $\psi$ scans	$k = 0 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{\min} = 0.894, T_{\max} =$	$l = -27 \rightarrow 27$
1.000	3 standard reflections
4470 measured reflections	monitored every 150
3959 independent reflections	reflections
3121 observed reflections	intensity decay: 1.0%
$[F > 4\sigma(F)]$	- •

#### Refinement

Refinement on FWeighting scheme based on<br/>measured e.s.d.'sR = 0.040measured e.s.d.'swR = 0.036 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.57$ S = 2.064 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.5 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 3121 reflections $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.6 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 321 parametersAtomic scattering factors<br/>from Xtal3.0 (Hall &<br/>Stewart, 1990)

 
 Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

## $U_{\rm eq} = (1/3) \sum_i \sum_j U_{ij} a_i^* a_i^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j.$

x	у	Z	$U_{eq}$
0.97034 (3)	0.72694 (4)	0.42757 (2)	0.0279 (1)
1.1802 (2)	0.6967 (3)	0.2745 (1)	0.0332 (9)
1.1336 (4)	0.5811 (4)	0.2245 (2)	0.0474 (9)
1.3495 (2)	0.7257 (3)	0.2208 (1)	0.0512 (9)
1.2974 (3)	0.7585 (4)	0.2673 (1)	0.037(1)
1.3546 (2)	0.8572 (3)	0.3138(1)	0.0369 (9)
1.4813 (4)	0.9113 (5)	0.3072 (2)	0.057(1)
1.3610 (2)	0.9939 (3)	0.4060(1)	0.054(1)
1.3027 (3)	0.9043 (4)	0.3684 (1)	0.035(1)
1,1572 (2)	0.9570 (3)	0.4672 (1)	0.0428 (8)
1.1200 (2)	0.8593 (3)	0.4255 (1)	0.0318 (9)
1.1834 (3)	0.8332 (4)	0.3750(1)	0.029(1)
1.0101 (2)	0.6774 (3)	0.3390 (1)	0.0302 (8)
1.1184 (3)	0.7278 (4)	0.3276(1)	0.0283 (9)
0.9156 (3)	0.5945 (5)	0.2950 (2)	0.038(1)
0.7858 (3)	0.6199 (4)	0.3147 (2)	0.036(1)
0.7052 (2)	0.4533 (3)	0.5034(1)	0.0299 (8)
0.6632 (3)	0.3115 (4)	0.4655 (1)	0.0368 (8)
0.5584 (2)	0.3999 (2)	0.5687(1)	0.0433 (8)
0.6500 (3)	0.4747 (4)	0.5589 (1)	0.032(1)
0.7052 (2)	0.5818 (3)	0.6030(1)	0.0339 (9)
0.6403 (3)	0.6178 (4)	0.6583 (2)	0.0420 (9)
0.8744 (2)	0.7174 (3)	0.6476 (1)	0.0495 (9)
0.8234 (3)	0.6492 (4)	0.6012(1)	0.034 (1)
1.0452 (2)	0.7795 (3)	0.56553 (9)	0.0374 (7)
0.9707 (2)	0.7119 (3)	0.5236 (1)	0.0291 (8)
0.8714 (3)	0.6341 (4)	0.5398 (1)	0.028 (1)
0.8308 (2)	0.5756 (3)	0.4303 (1)	0.0273 (8)
0.7994 (3)	0.5530 (3)	0.4866 (1)	0.0262 (9)
0.7568 (4)	0.5223 (5)	0.3714 (2)	0.038 (1)
0.8365 (3)	0.9271 (3)	0.4097 (1)	0.0360 (9)
0.6356 (3)	0.8477 (4)	0.4742 (2)	0.061 (1)

## Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

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Cu1—N5	1.968 (3)	O5—N5	1.236 (3)
Cu1—N15	2.031 (2)	O15—N15	1.261 (3)
Cu1—N6	2.011 (2)	N5-C5	1.351 (4)
Cu1—N16	1.979 (3)	N15-C15	1.334 (4)
Cu1—O20	2.222 (3)	N6C6	1.293 (4)
O2—C2	1.218 (4)	N16-C16	1.287 (4)
04—C4 ·	1.216 (4)		
N5-Cu1-N6	80.3 (1)	Cu1-N5-05	124.1 (2)
N5-Cu1-N15	98.7 (1)	Cu1-N15-015	126.9 (2)
N5-Cu1-N16	174.4 (1)	Cu1-N5C5	114.8 (2)
N5-Cu1-O20	95.1 (1)	Cu1N15C15	112.1 (2)
N6-Cu1-N15	160.0 (1)	O5-N5-C5	121.1 (3)
N6—Cu1→N16	98.0 (1)	O15-N15-C15	120.5 (2)
N6-Cu1-O20	101.8 (1)	Cu1-N6-C7	118.5 (2)
N15-Cu1-N16	81.1 (1)	Cu1-N16-C17	120.9 (2)
N15Cu1O20	98.2 (1)	C7—C8—C17	115.0 (3)
N16-Cu1-O20	90.5 (1)	•	
D-H···A	<i>р</i> —н	$D \dots A$	D
O(20) - H(20A) - O(21)	0 76 (4)	2 775 (4)	180 (4)
$O(20) - H(20B) - O(15^{\circ})$	0.95 (4)	2.799 (3)	159 (3)
$O(21) - H(21A) + O(4^{i})$	0.84 (4)	2.856 (4)	179 (4)
$O(21) - H(21B) - O(12^{ii})$	0.83 (4)	3.017 (4)	151 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i) 2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z; (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

Non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters and H atoms with isotropic displacement parameters, except for those of the methyl groups, which were refined as rigid groups. The structure was solved with *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985) and refined using *Xtal3.0* (Hall & Stewart, 1990).

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## Copper Disordered Hexakis(phenylethynyl)pentaargentate(I) Cluster

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## Abstract

The X-ray single-crystal structure determination of an anionic cluster,  $[Ag_{4.46}Cu_{0.54}(C_8H_5)_6]$ , with bis(triphenylphosphine)iminium counterions,  $[N(C_{18}H_{15}P)_2]$ , prepared from the reaction of  $[Cu(C \oplus CPh)_2]^-$  and  $[{Ag(C \oplus CPh)}_n]$  in a 1:4 mole ratio, revealed a trigonal bipyramidal arrangement of Ag<sub>5</sub> with positional disorder, with copper substituting silver in some equatorial positions making the ratio of metal atoms 8.3 Ag:1 Cu. Each equatorial metal atom is  $\sigma$  bonded to the alkynyl ligands in an almost linear fashion. Ag atoms in apical positions are asymmetrically  $\pi$  bonded, with varying degrees of strength, to three alkyne ligands each.

## Comment

We have recently reported the syntheses and structures of the pentanuclear clusters  $[Au_3Cu_2(C=CPh)_6]^-$ , (I) (Abu-Salah, Al-Ohaly & Knobler, 1985), and  $[Au_3Ag_2(C=CPh)_6]^-$ , (II) (Mazhar-Ul-Haque, Horne & Abu-Salah, 1992). The structures of both clusters comprise trigonal bipyramids of metal atoms, with Au atoms occupying equatorial positions and Cu or Ag atoms in apical positions. We have also reported the syntheses and characterization of the homonuclear  $[Ag_5(C=CPh)_6]^-$  and the heteronuclear  $[Ag_4Cu(C=CPh)_6]^-$  anionic clusters (Abu-Salah, Al-Ohaly & Mutter, 1990). We assigned the Cu atom in the latter cluster an equatorial position with the four Ag atoms in two environments, namely two equatorial and two apical. X-ray single-crystal structure determination of the same silver-copper cluster compound, (IV), showed that copper is not present in the 4:1 ratio, but in a lower one of 8.3:1, which has also been shown by recent elemental analyses.



The crystal structure of the pentanuclear anionic cluster compound is shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The metal atoms have a trigonal bipyramidal arrangement. The equatorial positions were found to be disordered between Ag and Cu atoms in the ratio 4.6:1. Thus, the total Ag:Cu ratio in the crystal is 8.3:1. This ratio is in full agreement with the chemical analysis. Since the Ag atoms are predominant and the presence of the Cu atom, which has shorter Cu···C bond length than Ag···C, does not have an obvious effect on the displacement parameters of the C atoms bonded to the metal atoms, the anionic cluster will be described as  $[Ag_5(C=CPh)_6]^-$ .

The present anionic cluster, (IV), is generally similar to that found in (I) and (II), except it has higher symmetry. The Ag(1) atom lies on the twofold axis, which passes through the midpoints of Ag(2)...Ag(2a) and Ag(3)...Ag(3a). The non-bonding metal-metal distances are Ag(1)...Ag(2) 3.945(1), Ag(2)...Ag(2a) 3.893(1)Å and axial Ag(3)...Ag(3a) 3.783(1)Å. The latter distance is equal to the axial Ag...Ag distance in (II). On the other hand, the distances of Ag(3) to the equatorial atoms, Ag(1), Ag(2) and Ag(2a) are 3.024(1), 2.903(1) and 2.934(1) Å, respectively, indicating substantial metal-metal bonding.

These bond lengths are less than or equal to the Ag—Ag bond of 3.033 Å found in polymeric [Ag<sub>2</sub>(C=CPh)<sub>2</sub>(PMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], (III) (Corfield & Shearer, 1966). Each Ag atom at an equatorial position is endon  $\sigma$ -bonded to two ethynyl atoms in a nearly linear fashion; the C(81)—Ag(1)—C(81a) and C(82)—