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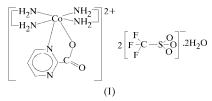
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In the title compound, the coordination geometry of the Co^III atom is only slightly distorted from regular octahedral, and the racemic nature of the material was confirmed by X-ray structure analysis.

Comment

Studies of electron-transfer reactions between two metal centres, where 2,2'-bipyrimidine (bpm) or its ring-substituted analogues would serve as a chelating bridging ligand, included a preparation of $[Co(en)_2(bpm)](CF_3SO_3)_3$ complex (en = ethylenediamine) (Dixon et al., 1981) and its chloride analogue. Hovewer, under unpredictable circumstances we ended up with the title compound. Most likely, the relatively high impurity of the bpm batch (Lancaster Syntheses Ltd) used for the preparation without purification is responsible for such a result. In order to understand unusual 'reaction path', the products obtained were characterized by X-ray structure analysis. The analysis revealed bis(ethylenediamine)(pyrimidin-2-ylcarboxylato)cobalt(III) bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate) dihydrate, (I), and its chloride analogue.



As 2,2'-bipyrimidine was not coordinated to the metal atom, the analysis of the commercial chemical was undertaken. It revealed the presence of pyrimidine-2-carboxylic acid which has been of higher preference to be coordinated via mixed O,N-donated ligands than N,N of bpm. Due to the low quality of the data collected for bis(ethylenediamine)(pyrimidine-2-

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carboxylato)cobalt(III) chloride 1.5-hydrate, (II), the detailed description of crystal and molecular structure will be given only for bis(ethylenediamine)(pyrimidin-2-ylcarboxylato)cobalt(III) bis(trifluoromethanesulfonate) dihydrate, (I).

The solved structures revealed the same cation structure with ethylenediamine as a bidentate ligands. Cobalt is in a 3+ oxidation state and two ethylenediamine ligands and pyrimidinyl-2-carboxylato ligand (which was supposed to be bpm) built an octahedral environment. Tris-bidentate ligands in the complexes might introduce certain degree of octahedral distortion. However, the title complex reveals minor octahedral distortion. In the structures with different ligands electron-donating ability of nitrogen varies, thus Co-N bond lengths might be different. Here, five Co-N bonds with mean value 1.952 (2) Å are all nearly equal. The bite angle values range from 83.84 (7) to 86.60 (8) $^{\circ}$. Other bonding angles do not deviate significantly from 90° (<2°). In the synthesis of (II), optically pure, Δ absolute configuration was obtained whereas in (I), the racemate appeared. Chirality of these complexes can be deduced from the space-group symmetry. Three-dimensional hydrogen-bond network involves: (a) N-H...O between ethylenediamine ligands and trifluoromethanesulfonates in the [111] direction; (b) $N-H \cdots N$ between ethylenediamine ligands and N atoms of pyrimidine-2-carboxylato ligand; (c) $O-H \cdots O$ between crystalline water molecules and crystalline water molecules towards trifluoromethanesulfonate anions.

Experimental

Crystals of both compounds were grown by slow evaporation from ethanol and acetone mixtures affording acceptable crystallographic samples. The crystals obtained were used for intensity data collection. In order to minimize crystal decay, the data for (I) were collected at low temperature (100 K), while the data for (II) were collected at room temperature.

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| Crystal data | |
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| $\begin{split} & [\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{C}_{5}\mathrm{H}_{3}\mathrm{N}_{2}\mathrm{O}_{2})(\mathrm{C}_{2}\mathrm{H}_{8}\mathrm{N}_{2})_{2}](\mathrm{C}\mathrm{-}& \mathrm{F}_{3}\mathrm{O}_{3}\mathrm{S})_{2}\mathrm{2}\mathrm{H}_{2}\mathrm{O}\\ & M_{r} = 636.42\\ & \mathrm{Triclinic}, P\overline{1}\\ & a = 6.4976 \ (4) \ \mathring{\mathrm{A}}\\ & b = 12.729 \ (1) \ \mathring{\mathrm{A}}\\ & c = 14.741 \ (1) \ \mathring{\mathrm{A}}\\ & \alpha = 73.40 \ (1)^{\circ}\\ & \beta = 81.98 \ (1)^{\circ}\\ & \gamma = 74.61 \ (1)^{\circ}\\ & V = 1123.8 \ (2) \ \mathring{\mathrm{A}}^{3} \end{split}$ | Z = 2 $D_x = 1.881 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 20-24^{\circ}$ $\mu = 1.062 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 100 (2) K Prismatic, orange $0.28 \times 0.28 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$ |
| Data collection | |
| Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffract- ometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans | $R_{\rm int} = 0.030$ $\theta_{\rm max} = 30.40^{\circ}$ $h = 0 \rightarrow 9$ |

| ometer | $\theta_{\rm max} = 30.40^{\circ}$ |
|--|------------------------------------|
| $\omega/2\theta$ scans | $h = 0 \rightarrow 9$ |
| Absorption correction: ψ scan | $k = -17 \rightarrow 18$ |
| (PLATON97; Spek, 1997a) | $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.817, T_{\max} = 0.899$ | 3 standard reflections |
| 7328 measured reflections | every 87 reflections |
| 6780 independent reflections | frequency: 180 min |
| 4867 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ | intensity decay: 0.7% |

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Refinement

| Refinement on F^2 | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0450P)^2]$ |
|----------------------------------|--|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.0370$ | + 1.1493 <i>P</i>] |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.0989$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ |
| S = 0.949 | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.014$ |
| 6780 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.63 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 417 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.48 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ |
| All H-atom parameters refined | |

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

| Co1-O7 | 1.915 (2) | C8-C9 | 1.514 (3) |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Co1-N4 | 1.940 (2) | C9-O8 | 1.232 (3) |
| Co1-N1 | 1.956 (2) | C9-O7 | 1.284 (3) |
| Co1-N2 | 1.957 (2) | S1-O3 | 1.441 (2) |
| Co1-N3 | 1.959 (2) | S1-O2 | 1.444 (2) |
| Co1-N5 | 1.962 (2) | \$1-O1 | 1.454 (2) |
| N1-C1 | 1.490 (3) | S1-C10 | 1.830 (3) |
| C1-C2 | 1.508 (3) | C10-F1 | 1.332 (3) |
| C2-N2 | 1.497 (3) | C10-F2 | 1.333 (3) |
| N3-C3 | 1.487 (3) | C10-F3 | 1.336 (3) |
| C3-C4 | 1.511 (3) | S2-O5 | 1.439 (2) |
| C4-N4 | 1.489 (3) | \$2-04 | 1.438 (2) |
| N5-C8 | 1.348 (3) | S2-04 S2-06 | 1.460 (2) |
| N5-C5 | 1.346 (3) | S2-C11 | 1.823 (3) |
| C5-C6 | 1.386 (3) | C11-F6 | 1.324 (3) |
| C5=C0 C6=C7 | 1.379 (3) | C11-F5 | 1.324 (3) |
| C0-C7 C7-N6 | · · · | | |
| N6-C8 | 1.346 (3) | C11-F4 | 1.326 (3) |
| N0-C8 | 1.321 (3) | | |
| O7-Co1-N4 | 86.59 (8) | N6-C8-C9 | 119.36 (19) |
| O7-Co1-N1 | 90.64 (8) | N5-C8-C9 | 114.41 (18) |
| N4-Co1-N1 | 92.61 (9) | O8-C9-O7 | 125.8 (2) |
| O7-Co1-N2 | 176.19 (8) | O8-C9-C8 | 120.35 (19) |
| N4-Co1-N2 | 91.78 (9) | 07-C9-C8 | 113.84 (19) |
| N1-Co1-N2 | 85.99 (8) | C9-O7-Co1 | 116.12 (14) |
| O7-Co1-N3 | 91.79 (8) | O3-S1-O2 | 115.01 (11) |
| N4-Co1-N3 | 86.60 (8) | O3-S1-O1 | 115.96 (11) |
| N1-Co1-N3 | 177.40 (9) | O2-S1-O1 | 113.37 (10) |
| N2-Co1-N3 | 91.55 (9) | O3-S1-C10 | 103.14 (12) |
| O7-Co1-N5 | 83.84 (7) | O2-S1-C10 | 104.42 (11) |
| N4-Co1-N5 | 169.61 (8) | O1-S1-C10 | 102.72 (11) |
| N1-Co1-N5 | 91.54 (8) | F1-C10-F2 | 108.5 (2) |
| N2-Co1-N5 | 98.01 (8) | F1-C10-F3 | 108.04 (19) |
| N3-Co1-N5 | 89.65 (8) | F2-C10-F3 | 107.9 (2) |
| C1-N1-Co1 | 108.62 (15) | F1-C10-S1 | 111.00 (17) |
| N1-C1-C2 | 106.43 (19) | F2-C10-S1 | 111.12 (16) |
| N2-C2-C1 | 106.77 (18) | F3-C10-S1 | 110.11 (18) |
| C2-N2-Co1 | 109.38 (14) | 05 - S2 - 04 | 115.46 (13) |
| C3-N3-Co1 | 109.36 (14) | 05 - 82 - 06 | 113.88 (11) |
| N3-C3-C4 | 106.73 (19) | 03 - 32 - 06 04 - 82 - 06 | 113.86 (11) |
| N4-C4-C3 | 107.56 (19) | O5-S2-C11 | 104.53 (12) |
| C4-N4-Co1 | 108.50 (15) | $O_{4}-S_{2}-C_{11}$ | 104.78 (12) |
| C8-N5-C5 | 117.03 (19) | 04-32-011 06-82-011 | 104.76 (15) |
| C8-N5-Co1 | 111.64 (15) | F6-C11-F5 | 109.0 (3) |
| C5-N5-Co1 | 131.26 (16) | F6-C11-F4 | 109.0 (3) |
| N5-C5-C6 | 120.4 (2) | F5-C11-F4 | 107.2 (2) |
| C7-C6-C5 | 118.0 (2) | $F_{6}-C_{11}-F_{4}$ | 110.02 (18) |
| N6-C7-C6 | 122.0 (2) | F5-C11-S2 | 110.02 (18) |
| R0 = C7 = C0 C8 = N6 = C7 | 122.0 (2) | F3 = C11 = 32 F4 = C11 = S2 | 110.44 (19) |
| N6-C8-N5 | 126.2 (2) | 14-011-32 | 112.11 (19) |
| 110-00-113 | 120.2 (2) | | |

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| $D - H \cdots A$ | D-H | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - H \cdots A$ |
|-----------------------------------|------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| N1-H11N····O6 ⁱ | 0.85 | 2.15 | 2.991 (3) | 174 (3) |
| $N1-H12N\cdots O3$ | 0.86 | 2.22 | 3.019 (2) | 155 (3) |
| $N2-H21N\cdots O6^{ii}$ | 0.88 | 2.27 | 3.044 (3) | 147 (2) |
| N2-H22N···O1 ⁱⁱⁱ | 0.94 | 2.12 | 3.025 (3) | 162 (3) |
| $N3-H31N\cdots N6^{iv}$ | 0.88 | 2.26 | 3.129 (3) | 167 (3) |
| $N3-H32N\cdots O8^{v}$ | 0.84 | 2.15 | 2.987 (3) | 172 (3) |
| N4-H41N···O2 ⁱⁱⁱ | 0.89 | 2.10 | 2.921 (3) | 152 (3) |
| $N4-H42N\cdotsO1^{vi}$ | 0.89 | 2.06 | 2.928 (3) | 164 (4) |
| O9−H91···O5 | 0.91 | 2.13 | 3.042 (3) | 175 (4) |
| O9−H92···O10 ^{vii} | 0.86 | 1.96 | 2.798 (4) | 166 (4) |
| O10-H101O5 | 0.85 | 2.15 | 2.908 (3) | 149 (4) |
| $O10\!-\!H102\!\cdots\!O9^{viii}$ | 0.81 | 1.98 | 2.754 (2) | 161 (5) |

Symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1-y, 1-z; (ii) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z; (iii) 1-x, -y, 1-z; (iv) -x, -y, 2-z; (v) 1+x, y, z; (vi) -x, -y, 1-z; (vii) x-1, y, z; (viii) 1-x, 1-y, -z.

H atoms were located from a different synthesis and refined isotropically.

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