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(12-Hydroxymethyl-5,5,7,12,14pentamethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane-*N*-acetato-*N*,*N'*,*N''*,*N'''*,-*O*,*O'*)cobalt(III) chloride perchlorate monohydrate

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In the title compound, $[Co(C_{18}H_{37}N_4O_3)](ClO_4)Cl\cdot H_2O$, the Co^{III} ion has a distorted octahedral geometry, with four N atoms and two O atoms constituting the coordination sphere. The crystal structure is stabilized by a three-dimensional network of hydrogen bonds.

Comment

There is much interest in modification of ligand reactivity on complex formation, particularly in the oxidation and reduction of coordinated ligands (Constable, 1990; Chen *et al.*, 1994). In the presence of suitable reagents, a complex in which a metal ion has an atypical oxidation number can undergo an intramolecular reaction that generates a complex with an oxidized form of the ligand. We describe here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), in which one of the methyl groups in the starting ligand *C-meso*-5,5,7,12,12,14-hexamethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane-*N*-acetic acid has been oxidized to a hydroxymethyl group.



The coordination around the Co^{III} ion is six-coordinate in a distorted octahedral geometry, with the four N atoms of the macrocyclic ligand in equatorial positions and two O atoms in axial positions. This macrocyclic ligand is hexadentate whereas

the unoxidized ligand is pentadentate (Xu et al., 1988; Panneerselvam et al., 1998). The additional ligating -CH₂OH group arises by oxidation of the original. House et al. (1984) found that direct O2 oxidation of trans-[CoCl2(C-meso-5,5,7,12,12,14-hexamethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane)]ClO₄ in refluxing methanol containing triethylamine resulted in the oxidation of one of the geminal dimethyl groups to form a pentadentate N₄O ligand with a coordinated -CH₂OH group. The present complex is similar. The macrocyclic ligand adopts the usual stable conformation with the two six-membered rings in the chair form and the two fivemembered rings in the gauche form. The four chiral N atoms are 1RS, 4RS, 8SR and 11SR, and the methyl C atoms are 7RS, 12RS and 14SR. The configuration of the four chiral N atoms in the complex cation corresponds to that of the trans-III diastereomer of planar [Ni(1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane)]²⁺ (Bosnich *et al.*, 1965).



Figure 1

The structure of the cation in (I) showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. The chloride anion, uncoordinated water, perchlorate anion and H atoms have been excluded for clarity.

The average Co-N distance [1.985 (3) Å] is similar to that in the trans-dichloro(1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane)cobalt(III) cation [1.978 (4) A; Sosa-Torres & Toscano, 1997], but longer than that in the [1,4-N,N'-bis(carboxymethyl)-1,4,8,11tetraazacyclotetradecane]cobalt(III) cation [1.969 (4) A; Ware et al., 1996]; it is shorter than that in the trans-dichloro-(2,5,5,7,9,12,12,14-octamethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane)cobalt(III) cation [2.011 (7) Å; Bembi et al., 1991]. The Co-O(carboxyl) distance [1.867 (2) Å] is shorter than that found in the [1,4-N,N'-bis(carboxymethyl)-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane]cobalt(III) cation [1.887 (3) and 1.892 (3) A; Ware et al., 1996]. The Co–O(hydroxy) distance [1.925 (2) Å] is shorter than that found in the chloro(5-hydroxymethyl-5,7,12,12,14-pentamethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane)cobalt(III) cation (1.963 Å; House et al., 1984). Hydrogen bonds (Table 2) between the imino groups, the chloride anion, the disordered perchlorate anion and the water molecule help stabilize the crystal structure.

Experimental

Samples of Na₃[Co(CO₃)₃]·3H₂O and the ligand, *i.e. C-meso*-5,5,7,12,12,14-hexamethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane-*N*-acetic acid, were prepared according to literature methods (Bauer & Drinkard, 1960; Xu *et al.*, 1988). Na₃[Co(CO₃)₃]·3H₂O (1.0 g) and the ligand (1.0 g) were suspended in water (50 ml). The mixture was heated on a water bath for 2 h. An aliquot of aqueous HCl (4 ml, 12 *M*) was added dropwise to the solution. The solution was heated for another 30 min, NaClO₄ (4.0 g) was added and the solution was cooled. The green powder obtained was filtered off, the filtrate left to stand in air and purple crystals were obtained. Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained from 0.1 *M* HCl by slow evaporation.

Crystal data

$[Co(C_{18}H_{37}N_4O_3)](ClO_4)Cl·H_2O$ $M_r = 569.36$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ a = 10.789 (3) Å b = 8.918 (2) Å c = 25.847 (4) Å $\beta = 91.79$ (2)°	$D_x = 1.521 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 5.97 - 15.75^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.955 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K
$V = 2485.6 (8) \text{ Å}^3$	Pillar, purple
Z = 4	$0.25 \times 0.22 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffract-	$R_{\rm int} = 0.047$
ometer	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25^{\circ}$
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$

 $k=0\to 10$

 $l=0\to 30$

3 standard reflections

every 100 reflections

intensity decay: 1%

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0518P)^2]$

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.51 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.33 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (North *et al.*, 1968) $T_{\min} = 0.795$, $T_{\max} = 0.858$ 4613 measured reflections 4361 independent reflections 2981 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$ $wR(F^2) = 0.109$ S = 1.0134361 reflections 339 parameters

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Co1-O2	1.867 (2)	Co1-N4	1.967 (3)
Co1-O1	1.925 (2)	Co1-N2	1.997 (3)
Co1-N3	1.966 (3)	Co1-N1	2.011 (3)

The maximum 2θ for data collection is 50.0° and the data collection would not go beyond this limit because of the crystal quality. The H atoms were fixed geometrically, but H atoms of the water molecule and the hydroxy group were located from the difference Fourier map. All H atoms were refined with constraints.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, $^{\circ}$).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
O1−H1O1···Cl2	0.99	1.88	2.865 (2)	175
$N2-H1N2\cdots Cl2$	0.91	2.46	3.350 (3)	167
$N3-H1N3\cdots Cl2^{i}$	0.91	2.40	3.304 (3)	173
$N4-H1N4\cdots OW1^{ii}$	0.91	1.98	2.854 (4)	160
OW1−H1OW···O3	0.84	2.08	2.840 (4)	150
OW1−H2OW····O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.88	2.23	2.918 (12)	135
$OW1 - H2OW \cdots O51^{iii}$	0.88	2.21	2.975 (14)	145

Symmetry codes: (i) $\frac{1}{2} - x$, $y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$; (ii) 1 - x, -y, -z; (iii) x, y - 1, z.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *NRCVAX* (Gabe *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*86 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *NRCVAX*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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