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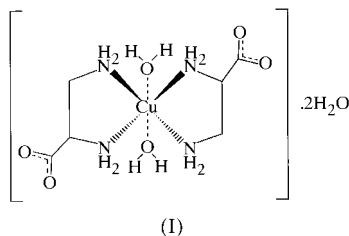
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The title copper complex, [Cu(DL-DAP)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O or [Cu(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O, prepared from the non-protein amino acid DL-2,3-diaminopropionic acid (DL-HDAP), has a center of symmetry and a distorted octahedral coordination, with four N atoms in equatorial positions and two water molecules in apical sites. The water molecule of crystallization is hydrogen bonded to the deprotonated carboxylate group of the ligand.

**Comment**

The crystal structure of the title compound, (I), consists of discrete molecules of [Cu(DL-DAP)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>] (DL-DAP is DL-2,3-diaminopropionate), with one molecule per unit cell along with two molecules of water of crystallization. The molecular structure consists of a central Cu atom in a distorted octahedral geometry coordinating to two bidentate DAP ligands



through their N atoms in equatorial positions in a *trans*-coplanar configuration. The geometry about copper is completed by coordination of two water molecules bonding *via* their O atoms in the apical sites. The other two water molecules within the unit cell do not coordinate to the copper but are hydrogen bonded to the deprotonated carboxylate groups. The Cu–N bond lengths are 2.009 (3) and 2.022 (3) Å, which are comparable to the Cu–N bond distances seen in other copper–amino acid complexes (Freeman *et al.*, 1964). The Cu–O bond length is 2.613 (3) Å.

**Experimental**

The complex [Cu(DL-DAP)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O was prepared by the stoichiometric reaction of DL-2,3-diaminopropionic acid (DL-HDAP; 0.141 g, 1 mmol) with copper perchlorate hexahydrate (0.123 g, 0.5 mmol) in deionized water (5 ml). The pH was adjusted to 10 using a concentrated KOH solution. The deep-royal-blue aqueous solution was filtered and allowed to evaporate over several days to yield well formed prism-shaped crystals. Analysis calculated: C 21.1, H 6.4, N 16.4%; found: C 21.1, H 6.4, N 16.3% [m.p. 484 K (decomposition)].

**Crystal data**

[Cu(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>].2H<sub>2</sub>O  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 341.82  
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$   
*a* = 6.5070 (10) Å  
*b* = 7.448 (2) Å  
*c* = 7.735 (2) Å  
 $\alpha$  = 109.25 (4) $^\circ$   
 $\beta$  = 95.11 (4) $^\circ$   
 $\gamma$  = 109.52 (5) $^\circ$   
*V* = 325.10 (13) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 1  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.746 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 11.04–13.69 $^\circ$   
 $\mu$  = 1.723 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 180 (2) K  
 Prism, violet  
 0.2 × 0.2 × 0.1 mm

**Data collection**

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
 Non-profiled  $\omega/2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min}$  = 0.712,  $T_{\max}$  = 0.842  
 1527 measured reflections  
 1417 independent reflections  
 1265 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}}$  = 0.019  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 26.93 $^\circ$   
 $h = -8 \rightarrow 7$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 2 standard reflections  
 frequency: 60 min  
 intensity decay: 26%

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R(F)$  = 0.039  
 $wR(F^2)$  = 0.106  
 $S$  = 1.054  
 1417 reflections  
 133 parameters  
 H atoms: see below

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0680P)^2 + 0.2597P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.15 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -1.18 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**Selected geometric parameters (Å,  $^\circ$ ).

Cu1–N1	2.009 (3)	Cu1–O3	2.613 (3)
Cu1–N2	2.022 (3)		
N1–Cu1–N2	84.36 (11)	N2–Cu1–O3	90.75 (11)
N1–Cu1–O3	92.66 (12)		

**Table 2**Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å,  $^\circ$ ).

<i>D</i> –H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H... <i>A</i>
N2–H1...O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.77 (5)	2.27 (5)	3.033 (5)	168 (4)
N2–H2...O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.84 (4)	2.34 (4)	2.991 (4)	134 (3)
N1–H6...O4 <sup>iii</sup>	0.80 (6)	2.16 (6)	2.941 (4)	166 (6)
N1–H7...O4	0.79 (5)	2.40 (5)	2.999 (4)	134 (4)
O3–H8...O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.78 (3)	1.93 (3)	2.704 (3)	175 (6)
O3–H9...O2 <sup>v</sup>	0.78 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.779 (4)	165 (5)
O4–H10...O2 <sup>v</sup>	0.78 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.774 (4)	162 (4)
O4–H11...O3 <sup>vi</sup>	0.77 (3)	2.08 (3)	2.797 (3)	157 (5)

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

H-atom positional parameters were determined from difference electron-density maps, and refined isotropically [N—H 0.77 (5)–0.84 (4), O—H 0.77 (3)–0.78 (3) and C—H 0.98 (4)–1.13 (6) Å]. The H atoms of the water molecules were constrained using the *DFIX* (O—H = 0.82 Å) command of *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997).

Data collection and cell refinement: *CAD-4-PC* (Enraf–Nonius, 1992); data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *DIRDIF96* (Beurskens *et al.*, 1996); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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