

[Bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl- κN^2)-dithioacetato- κS](triphenylphosphine- κP)copper(I)

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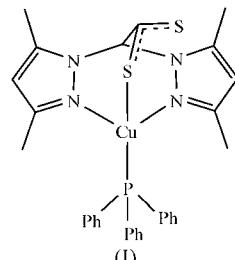
In the title compound, $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{S}_2)(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{P})]$, the copper(I) center is tetrahedrally coordinated by one S atom and two N atoms from one bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl)-dithioacetate ligand and one P atom from a triphenylphosphine ligand. In the crystal structure, adjacent pyrazole rings are involved in weak π - π interactions, thereby forming a one-dimensional zigzag chain running along the *b* axis.

Comment

In the past decades, much interest in metal complexes of the tris(pyrazolyl)borate or 'scorpionate' ligands (Trofimenko, 1967) has been motivated by their chemistry, their relevance in biological systems (Beck *et al.*, 2001) and their potential applications in advanced materials, such as single-molecule magnets (Li *et al.*, 2006), optoelectronic devices (Enomoto *et al.*, 2001) and catalysts (Noel *et al.*, 2006). Besides these 'scorpionate' ligands, several so-called 'heteroscorpionate' ligands, such as bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl)acetate (bdmpza), 2,2-bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl)ethoxide (bdmpze) and bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl)dithioacetate (bdmpzta), in which one pyrazole group is replaced by a carboxylate, ethoxide or dithioacetate group, have been reported. A family of transition metal complexes of these 'heteroscorpionate' ligands has been prepared (Otero *et al.*, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005; Beck *et al.*, 2001; Hammes *et al.*, 2003; Smith *et al.*, 2002, 2005; Ortiz *et al.*, 2004; Porchia *et al.*, 2006). Among them, only a few examples containing Ti^{VI} , Zr^{IV} , Hf^{IV} , Ru^{II} , Sc^{III} and Y^{III} involve the bdmpzta ligand. There is no report of a cuprous complex of this ligand.

The title compound, (I), crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$ and the asymmetric unit contains a discrete $[\text{Cu}(\text{bdmpzta})(\text{PPh}_3)]$ molecule with no crystallographically imposed symmetry. Compound (I) can be viewed as having a scorpionate-shaped structure in which the bdmpzta ligand is

in an N,S,N' -tridentate coordination mode (Fig. 1). This coordination resembles that found in $[\text{Ti}(\text{bdmpzta})\text{Cl}_2\{\text{O}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{Cl}\}]$ (Otero *et al.*, 2002). The Cu center is tetrahedrally coordinated by two N atoms and one S atom from the



bdmpzta ligand, and one P atom from the PPh_3 ligand. Tetrahedral Cu^I centers with three different donor atoms are only found in a limited number of complexes, such as $[\text{PtCu}_2(\text{bpy})_2(\text{tdt})(\text{dppm})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ [bpy is 2,2'-bipyridine, tdt is 3,4-toluenedithiolate and dppm is bis(diphenylphosphino)methane; Chen *et al.*, 2004] and $[\text{Cu}_4(\text{SCN}_4\text{Me})_4(\text{PPh}_3)_3]$ (SCN_4Me is 1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrazole-5-thiolate; Nöth *et al.*, 1998). In (I), the dihedral angle between the two pyrazole rings in the bdmpzta ligand is $49.83(3)^\circ$. The N—Cu—N and N—Cu—S angles range from $88.22(6)$ to $94.71(5)^\circ$ and are much smaller than the N—Cu—P and P—Cu—S angles [$120.68(5)$ – $128.91(2)^\circ$]. Such a difference may be due to the bite angles of the bdmpzta ligand.

As indicated in Table 1, the mean Cu—N bond distance in (I) is longer than those in $[\text{Cu}(\text{tdmpzb})(\text{PPh}_3)]$, $[\text{Cu}(\text{tdphpzb})\text{Cl}]$ and $[\text{Cu}(\text{tdippzb})\text{Cl}]$. The Cu—P bond length in (I) is longer than those observed in $[\text{Cu}(\text{tdmpzb})$

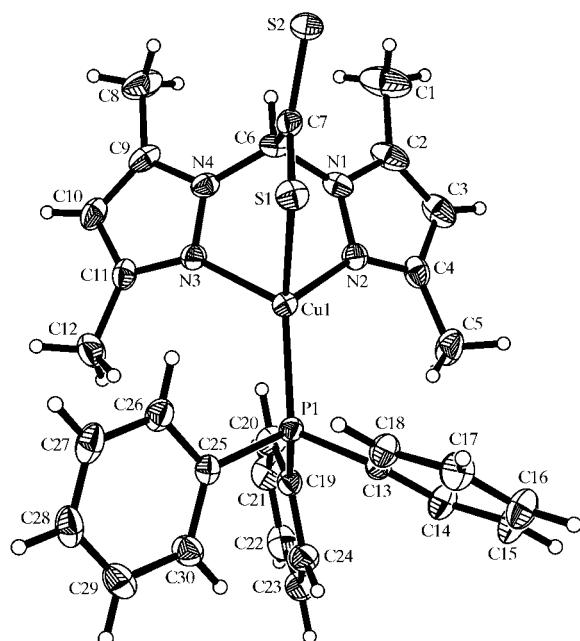


Figure 1

A view of the molecule of complex (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

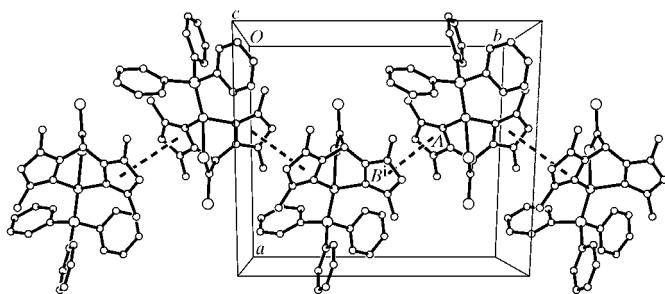


Figure 2

The packing of (I), viewed approximately down the *a* axis, showing the one-dimensional chain generated by π - π interactions. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$.]

(PPh_3) and [$\text{Cu}(\text{tpms})(\text{PPh}_3)$] but shorter than that in [$\text{Cu}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{PhCOS})$], while the Cu–S bond length in (I) is comparable to that found in [$\text{Cu}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{CN})_2(\text{dmpzdtc})$]. The average C–S bond length of (I) is comparable to that observed in [$\text{Li}(\text{THF})_4][\text{ScCl}_3(\text{bdmpzdta})]$, but much shorter than that in [$\text{Ti}(\text{bdmpzdta})_2\text{Cl}_2$], which may be ascribed to the different coordination mode of the CS_2 group in the latter complex.

In the crystal structure of (I), two pyrazole rings of neighboring molecules are partially overlapped, with a centroid–centroid separation of 4.139 (2) Å between rings *A* (atoms N1/N2/C2–C4) and *B*ⁱ [atoms N3/N4/C9–C11; symmetry code: (i) $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$], indicating a weak intermolecular π - π interaction (Janiak, 2000; Tong *et al.*, 1999). If these interactions are considered, they imply the formation of a zigzag chain running along the *b* axis (Fig. 2).

Experimental

To a solution of $\text{Cu}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ (0.181 g, 0.5 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 ml) was added a solution of $[\text{Li}(\text{bdmpzdta})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_4$ (0.606 g, 0.5 mmol) in MeCN (10 ml) (Otero *et al.*, 2002). The resulting red solution was stirred at room temperature for 10 h and then filtered. Diethyl ether was allowed to diffuse into the filtrate over a period of several days, forming red plates of (I), which were collected by filtration, washed with Et_2O and dried *in vacuo* (yield 0.527 g, 87% based on Cu). The crystal used for the crystal structure determination was obtained directly from the above preparation. Analysis found: C 59.39, H 5.08, N 9.11%; calculated for $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{30}\text{CuN}_4\text{PS}_2$: C 59.53, H 5.00, N 9.26%.

Crystal data

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_4\text{S}_2)(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{P})]$ | $V = 2945.9$ (12) Å ³ |
| $M_r = 605.24$ | $Z = 4$ |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation |
| $a = 13.051$ (3) Å | $\mu = 0.96$ mm ⁻¹ |
| $b = 14.256$ (3) Å | $T = 193$ (2) K |
| $c = 17.100$ (3) Å | $0.46 \times 0.45 \times 0.20$ mm |
| $\beta = 112.19$ (3) $^\circ$ | |

Data collection

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| Rigaku Mercury diffractometer | 26346 measured reflections |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (Jacobson, 1998) | 6583 independent reflections |
| $T_{\min} = 0.666$, $T_{\max} = 0.831$ | 5364 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |

Refinement

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| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$ | 347 parameters |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.089$ | H-atom parameters constrained |
| $S = 1.07$ | $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.27$ e Å ⁻³ |
| 6583 reflections | $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.34$ e Å ⁻³ |

Table 1

Comparative bond distances (Å) for (I) and some related complexes.

| Complex | Cu–N | Cu–P | Cu–S | C–S |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{dmpzdta})(\text{PPh}_3)]^a$ | 2.0844 (14) | 2.1809 (7) | 2.3295 (11) | 1.673 (2) |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{tdmpzb})(\text{PPh}_3)]^b$ | 2.075 (2) | 2.156 (2) | – | – |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{tdphpz})\text{Cl}]^c$ | 2.046 (3) | – | – | – |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{tdippzb})\text{Cl}]^d$ | 1.984 (3) | – | – | – |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{tpms})(\text{PPh}_3)]^e$ | – | 2.147 (2) | – | – |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{PPh}_3)_2(\text{PhCOS})]^f$ | – | 2.263 (2) | – | – |
| $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11}\text{CN})_2(\text{dmpzdtc})]^g$ | – | – | 2.327 (2) | – |
| $[\text{Li}(\text{THF})_4][\text{ScCl}_3(\text{bdmpzdta})]^g$ | – | – | – | 1.658 (3) |
| $[\text{Ti}(\text{bdmpzdta})_2\text{Cl}_2]^h$ | – | – | – | 1.736 (2) |

Notes: (a) this work; (b) Lobbia *et al.* (2004) [tdmpzb is hydridotris(3,5-dimethylpyrazol-1-yl)borate]; (c) Higashimura *et al.* (2000) [tdphpz is hydridotris(3,5-diphenylpyrazol-1-yl)borate]; (d) Kitajima *et al.* (1990) [tdippzb is hydridotris(3,5-diisopropylpyrazol-1-yl)borate]; (e) Santini *et al.* (2002) [tpms is tris(pyrazolyl)methanesulfonate]; (f) Deivaraj *et al.* (2000); (g) Ardizioia *et al.* (1991) [dmpzdtc is 3,5-dimethylpyrazole-1-dithioacetate]; (h) Otero *et al.* (2002).

Methyl H atoms were constrained to an ideal geometry [C–H = 0.98 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$] but were allowed to rotate freely about the parent C–C bonds. All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions (C–H = 1.0 Å for methine groups and C–H = 0.95 Å for aromatic groups) and constrained to ride on their parent atoms [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$].

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku/MSC, 2001); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSC, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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