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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 210 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006 \text{ Å}$ Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.071 wR factor = 0.144 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1

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# Tris(2-succinimidoethyl)amine hydrate (1/0.075)

The title compound,  $C_{18}H_{24}N_4O_6 \cdot 0.075H_2O_7$  (I), was prepared as part of a research programme to prepare and identify new tripodal ligands which exhibit instability at low pH, thereby releasing coordinated metal cations under such conditions. Each molecule lies on a crystallographic threefold axis with the three arms arranged in the form of a claw. Angles within the five-membered succinimide ring, where the r.m.s. deviation of the five atoms from the least-squares ring plane is only 0.004 Å, vary from  $104.8 (3)^{\circ}$  at a methylene C atom to  $112.7 (3)^{\circ}$  at the formally  $sp^2$  N atom. The structure contains a partially occupied disordered water molecule, the source of which is presumably the water produced as a by-product of the synthetic reaction. Received 28 June 2001 Accepted 2 July 2001 Online 13 July 2001



### **Experimental**

Tris(2-aminoethylamine) (0.146 g, 1.00 mmol) and succinic anhydride (0.300 g, 3.00 mmol) were heated under reflux in benzene (70 ml) for 12 h. Upon cooling, colourless hexagonal crystals of the title compound were formed.

Crystal data

C18H24N4O6.0.075H2O Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $M_r = 393.67$ Cell parameters from 29 Trigonal, R3 reflections a = 13.200(2) Å  $\theta = 25.1 - 29.6^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ c = 18.874(5) Å  $V = 2848.0 (10) \text{ Å}^3$ T = 210 (2) KHexagonal plate, colourless Z = 6 $D_x = 1.376 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $0.39 \times 0.32 \times 0.06 \text{ mm}$ Data collection Stoe Stadi-4 four-circle  $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ diffractometer  $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$  $\omega/\theta$  scans  $k = -7 \rightarrow 15$  $l = 0 \rightarrow 22$ 1343 measured reflections 3 standard reflections 1128 independent reflections 738 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ frequency: 60 min  $R_{\rm int} = 0.137$ intensity decay: none

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Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_a^2) + (0.023P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.071$	+ 9.981P
$wR(F^2) = 0.144$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.28	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
1128 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.23 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
86 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

At convergence of a refinement model containing no hydration, a peak of 0.66 e Å<sup>-3</sup> was observed, approximately three times the size of other peaks and troughs in the difference Fourier synthesis. This feature was modelled isotropically as the O atom of a partially occupied water molecule. However, its occupancy of the  $\overline{3}$  site at  $(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$  refined to only 0.15 (2), corresponding to a 0.075-hydrate. Water H atoms were not located; methylene H atoms were introduced at geometrically calculated positions and allowed to ride 0.98 Å from their parent atoms with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: *STADI*4 (Stoe & Cie, 1996); cell refinement: *STADI*4; data reduction: *X-RED* (Stoe & Cie, 1996); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97 and *PLATON*.

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### Figure 1

A view of the title compound showing the atom-numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 20% probability level. For clarity, the partially occupied water molecule and all H atoms have been omitted.

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