

# A dinuclear oxomolybdenum(V) compound with picolinate ligands

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 296$  K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å

$R$  factor = 0.025

$wR$  factor = 0.108

Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.2

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The title compound, diaquadi- $\mu_2$ -oxo-dioxobis(pyridine-2-carboxylato-O,N)molybdenum(V) monohydrate,  $[\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , is a dinuclear complex which consists of two  $\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}$  atoms connected together by a metal-metal single bond and two bridging oxo groups. Each  $\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}$  atom has a distorted octahedral geometry and is coordinated by three oxo groups, one O atom of the water molecule, and the O and N atoms of one picolinate anion.

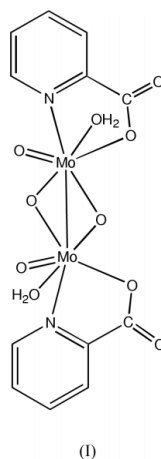
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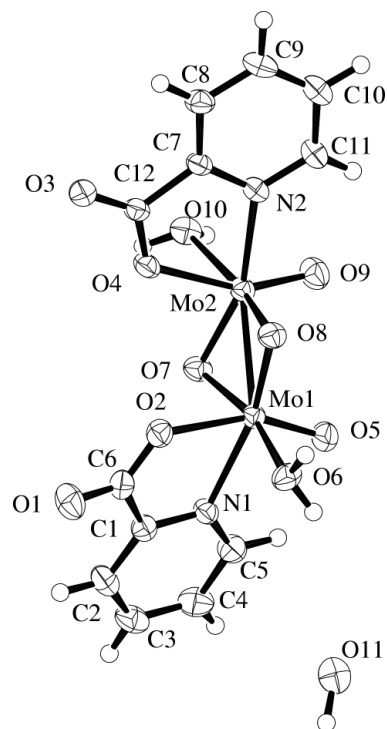
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## Comment

Picolinic acid (pyridine-2-carboxylic acid) is a well known terminal tryptophan metabolite (Mahler & Cordes, 1971). It has biological activity to induce apoptosis in leukemia HL-60 cells, which is cell death characterized by DNA fragmentation (Ogata *et al.*, 2000). Molybdenum is a well known biologically essential metal and serves as a component of molybdenum enzymes. It also has antitumor activity for leukemia and lymphomas (Hall *et al.*, 2000). We intended to prepare hybrid complexes of these bioactive substances and determine their structures.



The structure of (I) is a dinuclear complex, as illustrated in Fig. 1. Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. Each  $\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}$  atom of the complex has a pseudo-octahedral  $[\text{MoO}_5\text{N}]$  geometry which is defined by three oxo ligands, one O atom of a water ligand, and O and N atoms of picolinate. The  $\text{Mo}^{\text{V}}$  atoms are bridged by two oxo groups with  $\text{Mo}-\text{O}$  distances of 1.928 (2)–1.956 (3) Å, and two other oxo O atoms are coordinated at short distances [ $\text{Mo}1-\text{O}5$  1.683 (3) Å and  $\text{Mo}2-\text{O}5$  1.688 (3) Å]. The Mo atoms are also joined by a  $\text{Mo}-\text{Mo}$  single bond with a short distance [ $\text{Mo}1-\text{Mo}2$  2.5538 (5) Å]. Similar oxo bridges, short  $\text{Mo}-\text{O}$  distances, and



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of the title compound with the atomic numbering scheme. Ellipsoids for non-H atoms correspond to the 50% probability level.

an Mo—Mo single bond are observed in a decanuclear oxomolybdenum(V,VI) cluster with 4-isopropylpyridine (Modéc *et al.*, 2001). The geometrical parameters around Mo<sup>V</sup> in this 4-isopropylpyridine complex and in the title compound are similar to each other. The coordination of N and O atoms of picolinate to a metal is a common feature for all metal complexes of this ligand: Ni<sup>II</sup> and Zn<sup>II</sup> (Takenaka *et al.*, 1970), Cu<sup>II</sup> (Faure *et al.*, 1973), Mn<sup>II</sup> (Okabe & Koizumi, 1998) and Cd<sup>II</sup> (Odoko *et al.*, 2001). The crystal structure is stabilized by stacking of picolinate rings and by O—H...O hydrogen bonds (Table 2), in which the coordinated and the hydrate water molecules act as the hydrogen donors, and the O atoms of the bridging oxo groups and carboxylate group of picolinate act as acceptors.

## Experimental

The orange plate crystals were obtained by slow evaporation from a 90% ethanol–water solution of picolinic acid (pyridine-2-carboxylic acid) and molybdenum(V) chloride (4:1 molar ratio).

### Crystal data

[Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O  
 $M_r = 554.13$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 9.260$  (2) Å  
 $b = 12.145$  (2) Å  
 $c = 8.261$  (1) Å  
 $\alpha = 98.02$  (1)°  
 $\beta = 101.89$  (1)°  
 $\gamma = 103.68$  (1)°  
 $V = 865.8$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 2.126$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 14.8$ – $15.0$ °  
 $\mu = 1.51$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296.2$  K  
 Prismatic, orange  
 $0.3 \times 0.3 \times 0.2$  mm

### Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5R diffractometer  
 $\omega$ - $2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan  
 (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.627$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.739$   
 4227 measured reflections  
 3977 independent reflections  
 3473 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.011$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5$ °  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 12$   
 $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$   
 $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$   
 3 standard reflections  
 every 150 reflections  
 intensity decay: 0.5%

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.108$   
 $S = 0.92$   
 3473 reflections  
 245 parameters  
 H-atom parameters not refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = -0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.81$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.52$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0050 (12)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mo1—Mo2	2.5538 (5)	Mo2—O8	1.956 (3)
Mo1—O2	2.155 (2)	Mo2—O9	1.688 (3)
Mo1—O5	1.683 (3)	Mo2—O10	2.187 (3)
Mo1—O6	2.156 (3)	Mo2—N2	2.242 (2)
Mo1—O7	1.934 (3)	O1—C6	1.243 (4)
Mo1—O8	1.941 (2)	O2—C6	1.267 (4)
Mo1—N1	2.234 (3)	O3—C12	1.215 (4)
Mo2—O4	2.144 (2)	O4—C12	1.278 (3)
Mo2—O7	1.928 (2)		
O2—Mo1—O5	157.3 (1)	O4—Mo2—N2	72.43 (9)
O2—Mo1—O6	77.23 (9)	O7—Mo2—O8	94.70 (10)
O2—Mo1—O7	86.28 (9)	O7—Mo2—O9	109.0 (1)
O2—Mo1—O8	90.43 (9)	O7—Mo2—O10	86.13 (10)
O2—Mo1—N1	72.44 (8)	O7—Mo2—N2	159.8 (1)
O5—Mo1—O6	91.1 (1)	O8—Mo2—O9	105.7 (1)
O5—Mo1—O7	103.5 (1)	O8—Mo2—O10	164.87 (9)
O5—Mo1—O8	108.7 (1)	O8—Mo2—N2	88.02 (9)
O5—Mo1—N1	87.8 (1)	O9—Mo2—O10	88.2 (1)
O6—Mo1—O7	163.30 (10)	O9—Mo2—N2	89.4 (1)
O6—Mo1—O8	87.83 (9)	O10—Mo2—N2	86.16 (9)
O6—Mo1—N1	87.07 (9)	Mo1—O2—C6	121.6 (2)
O7—Mo1—O8	95.01 (10)	Mo2—O4—C12	123.0 (2)
O7—Mo1—N1	85.42 (10)	Mo1—O7—Mo2	82.81 (8)
O8—Mo1—N1	162.81 (10)	Mo1—O8—Mo2	81.88 (8)
O4—Mo2—O7	87.56 (9)	Mo1—N1—C1	116.5 (2)
O4—Mo2—O8	89.06 (9)	Mo1—N1—C5	124.5 (2)
O4—Mo2—O9	156.4 (1)	Mo2—N2—C7	116.1 (2)
O4—Mo2—O10	75.87 (9)	Mo2—N2—C11	124.5 (2)

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O6—H12...O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.905	1.699	2.594 (3)	169
O6—H13...O8 <sup>ii</sup>	0.929	1.772	2.654 (3)	158
O10—H14...O11 <sup>iii</sup>	0.928	1.730	2.643 (3)	167
O10—H15...O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.888	1.805	2.658 (2)	160
O11—H16...O1 <sup>v</sup>	0.985	1.980	2.953 (4)	169
O11—H17...O7 <sup>vi</sup>	0.903	1.835	2.733 (3)	173

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

The unit cell is not in its conventional reduced form. All H atoms were located from difference Fourier maps, and were not refined.

Data collection: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software* (Molecular Structure Corporation and Rigaku Corporation, 1999); cell refinement: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software*; data

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