

# Aquadichloro(2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2N,N'$ )copper(II)

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## Key indicators

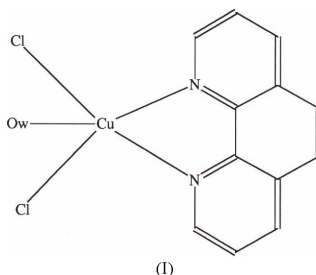
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 T = 180 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(C-C)$  = 0.004 Å  
 R factor = 0.017  
 wR factor = 0.046  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.1

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The crystal structure of the title compound,  $[CuCl_2 \cdot (C_{14}H_{12}N_2)(H_2O)]$ , previously reported by Preston & Kennard [*J. Chem. Soc. A* (1969), pp. 2955–2958], has been redetermined. The recognition of an inversion twin allowed a much better refinement.

## Comment

The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I), contains one monomeric five-coordinate copper complex. The Cu atom is coordinated by one 2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline (neocuproine) ligand *via* both N atoms, two Cl<sup>−</sup> anions and to one water molecule. The complex exhibits a distorted square pyramidal geometry about the copper(II) atom, with the apical position occupied by atom N10 from the neocuproine ligand. The Cu atom is displaced by 0.3074 (6) Å out of the basal plane defined by atoms N1, Cl1, Cl2 and OW1. An alternative description of this molecule would be trigonal bipyramidal, with atoms N1 and OW1 in axial positions [OW1 Cu1 N1 171.50 (8)<sup>o</sup>; the Cu atom is 0.0327 (3) Å out of the equatorial plane]. However, analysis of the  $\tau$  factor, proposed by Addison & Rao (1984) for five-coordinate copper complexes, makes the description as distorted square pyramidal more correct, with a  $\tau$  value of 0.267 ( $\tau$  square pyramidal = 0.0,  $\tau$  trigonal bipyramidal = 1.0).



The crystal packing is characterized by two hydrogen bonds [OW–HW1<sup>i</sup>...Cl1<sup>i</sup>: 3.088 (2) Å, 159 (3)<sup>o</sup>; OW–HW2<sup>ii</sup>...Cl2<sup>ii</sup>: 3.029 (2) Å, 162 (3)<sup>o</sup>; symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z$ ; (ii)  $-x, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z$ ]; these interactions result in chains parallel to the *b* axis. The neocuproine least-squares planes are linked by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions, related, in pairs, by the twofold screw axis, with an average spacing of 3.153 Å (symmetry code:  $1-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$ ).

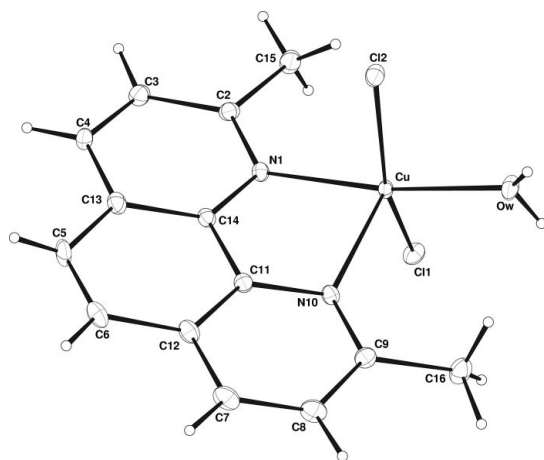
## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized according to Preston & Kennard (1969). Green parallelepiped crystals were obtained by recrystallization from methanol.

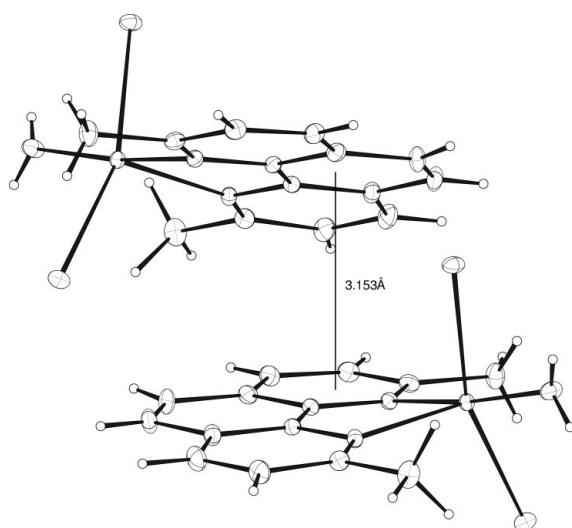
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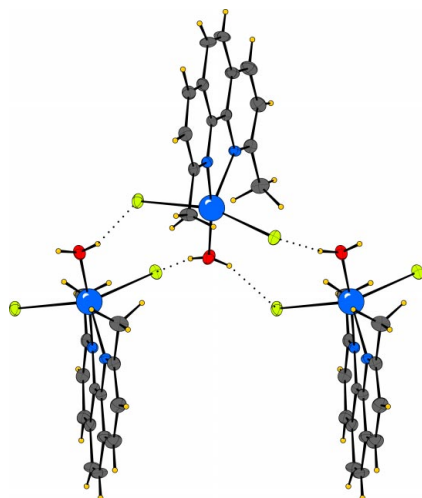
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**Figure 1**  
Perspective view of the asymmetric unit, showing the atomic numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level.



**Figure 2**  
The  $\pi$ - $\pi$ -stacking interactions between neocuproine ligands.



**Figure 3**  
The molecular packing, showing chains formed by hydrogen bonds.

#### Crystal data

[CuCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]  
 $M_r = 360.71$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1$   
 $a = 9.462 (1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 8.093 (1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 9.823 (1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 105.38 (1)^\circ$   
 $V = 725.3 (1) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.652 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 $D_m = 1.63 (2) \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

$D_m$  measured by flotation in  
 CCl<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 5681  
 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.2\text{--}26.1^\circ$   
 $\mu = 1.87 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 180 (2) \text{ K}$   
 Parallelepiped, green  
 $0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Stoe IPDS diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996;  
 Blessing, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.511$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.569$   
 5663 measured reflections

2499 independent reflections  
 2425 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.018$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.1^\circ$   
 $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.017$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.046$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 2499 reflections  
 225 parameters  
 All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0354P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983),  
 951 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter = 0.538 (8)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

Cu—OW	1.9582 (15)	Cu—Cl2	2.3017 (5)
Cu—N1	1.9911 (15)	Cu—Cl1	2.3026 (6)
Cu—N10	2.230 (2)		
OW—Cu—N1	171.44 (7)	N1—Cu—Cl1	94.84 (5)
OW—Cu—N10	107.34 (7)	N10—Cu—Cl1	103.92 (5)
N1—Cu—N10	79.98 (7)	Cl2—Cu—Cl1	155.36 (2)
OW—Cu—Cl2	87.57 (5)	C2—N1—Cu	123.98 (15)
N1—Cu—Cl2	86.68 (6)	C14—N1—Cu	114.81 (11)
N10—Cu—Cl2	100.57 (5)	C9—N10—Cu	133.46 (16)
OW—Cu—Cl1	87.77 (6)	C11—N10—Cu	107.36 (14)

**Table 2**

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

$D\text{---}H\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H\cdots A$
OW—HW1 $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	0.77 (4)	2.36 (4)	3.0882 (17)	159 (3)
OW—HW2 $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.75 (4)	2.31 (4)	3.0286 (17)	162 (3)

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

H atoms were located from difference Fourier maps and freely refined; a common displacement parameter was refined for all H atoms. The refinement of the Flack (1983) parameter [ $x = 0.538 (8)$ ] clearly indicates the occurrence of an inversion twin.

Data collection: *IPDS Software* (Stoe & Cie, 1996); cell refinement: *IPDS Software*; data reduction: *XRED* (Stoe & Cie, 1996); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Version 1.63.02; Farrugia, 1999).

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