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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 123 KMean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.039 wR factor = 0.069 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.6

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trans, trans, trans-Diethanoldiquinal dinatoiron(II)

The title complex, *trans,trans*- $[Fe^{II}(C_{10}H_6NO_2)_2$ - $(C_2H_6O)_2]$, is centrosymmetric and the quinaldinate ligands form five-membered chelate rings. The geometry of the complex is distorted octahedral, with a *trans*- FeN_2O_4 chromophore. The hydroxy H atom forms an intermolecular hydrogen bond with the carbonyl O atom of the quinaldinate ligand.

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Comment

Quinaldic acid is associated with tryptophan metabolism (Zhou *et al.*, 1989) and is used as a reagent for solvent extraction of divalent transition metal ions (Högberg *et al.*, 1985). There are few structural studies of quialdinate complexes in spite of numerous studies of related picolinato complexes. Only the Cu²⁺ (Haendler, 1986), Rh⁺ (Lamprecht *et al.*, 1986) and Ga³⁺ (Li *et al.*, 1996) complexes have been structurally characterized. Therefore, structural information of another transition metal complex is desired.



The title complex, (I), is monomeric and has a distorted octahedral structure, with the central atom lying on an inversion center (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The complex has a *trans,trans,trans*-geometry with respect to three kinds of donors. The quinaldinate acts as a planar *N*,*O*-bidentate ligand and forms a five-membered chelate ring upon coordination. Two quinaldinato ligands are connected by weak intramolecular hydrogen bonds; the distance between atoms C9 and O1ⁱ is 3.152 (3) Å [symmetry code: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z].

There exists a strong hydrogen bond between an ethanol molecule and the uncoordinated O atom of a neighboring quinaldinate ligand. The distance between atoms O3 and O2ⁱⁱ is 2.694 (3) Å [symmetry code: (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, -z]. The hydrogen bonds form one-dimensional molecular chains parallel to the *a* axis. The chains are connected by weak hydrogen bonds (Table 2).

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Experimental

The title complex was prepared under an N₂ atmosphere using Schlenk techniques. To a solution of Fe(BF₄)₂·6H₂O (0.134 g, 0.397 mmol) in 1.6 ml ethanol was added a solution containing quinaldic acid (0.173 g, 0.999 mmol) in ethanol (6 ml) and triethylamine (140 ml, 0.100 mmol). After vigorous stirring, the solution was allowed to stand for 2 d to afford red-violet crystals suitable for X-ray analysis. The IR spectrum shows a ν (CO₂) band at 1628 cm⁻¹. The electronic spectrum in DMF exhibits an absorption maximum at 527 nm (ε = 795).

 $D_x = 1.475 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Cell parameters from 4502

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

reflections

Prism, red-violet

 $0.20\,\times\,0.05\,\times\,0.05~\text{mm}$

2511 independent reflections 2006 reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o) + 0.00168|F_o|^2]$

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.33 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.27 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

 $\theta = 3.1-27.5^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.72 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 123 K

$$\begin{split} R_{\rm int} &= 0.039\\ \theta_{\rm max} &= 27.5^\circ\\ h &= -7 \rightarrow 7\\ k &= -12 \rightarrow 12\\ l &= -25 \rightarrow 25 \end{split}$$

Crystal data

$[Fe(C_{10}H_6NO_2)_2(C_2H_6O)_2]$	
$M_r = 492.30$	
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	
a = 5.816 (2) Å	
b = 9.557 (3) Å	
c = 19.948(5) Å	
$\beta = 91.461 \ (7)^{\circ}$	
V = 1108.4 (6) Å ³	
Z = 2	

Data collection

Rigaku/MSC Mercury CCD
diffractometer
ω scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(Jacobson, 1998)
$T_{\min} = 0.783, T_{\max} = 0.964$
8886 measured reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F R = 0.039 wR = 0.069 S = 1.072506 reflections 151 parameters

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Fe-O1	2.032 (2)	Fe-N1	2.240 (2)
Fe-O3	2.154 (2)		
O1-Fe-O3	92.01 (8)	O3-Fe-N1	93.82 (8)
O1-Fe-N1	77.30 (8)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$C9-H6\cdots O1^{i}$	0.96	2.27	3.152 (3)	153
$O3-H7\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.96	2.51	3.192 (3)	128
$O3-H7\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.96	1.74	2.694 (3)	172
C4-H2···O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.96	2.50	3.359 (3)	149
C6-H3···O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.96	2.57	3.410 (3)	146

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

H atoms were included at calculated positions (C–H/O–H = 0.96 Å), with isotropic displacement parameters of $1.2U_{\rm eq}$ (parent atom).

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Molecular Structure Corporation/ Rigaku, 2001); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation/Rigaku, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS86* (Sheldrick, 1985);



Figure 1

ORTEP-3 drawing (Farrugia, 1997) of (I), half of which defines the asymmetric unit, showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids for the non-H atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level.



Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title complex. Dotted lines show hydrogen bonding, which forms molecular chains parallel to the a axis.

program(s) used to refine structure: *TEXSAN*; molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN*.

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