

# A new decavanadate with a tricobalt(II) cation and 18-crown-6, tris{hexaaquacobalt(II)} decavanadate bis(18-crown-6) decahydrate

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The title compound,  $[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_3[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot (\text{18-Crown-6})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , was obtained by mixing 18-crown-6 with  $\text{K}_2[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_2[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The centrosymmetric  $[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]^{6-}$  polyanion forms a three-dimensional network via O—H···O hydrogen bonds with water molecules. The V···V distances are in the range 3.068 (1)–3.266 (1) Å; the four types of V—O bond lengths are in the ranges 1.599 (3)–1.611 (2) (Ot), 1.923 (2)–2.030 (2) (Oc), 1.668 (2)–2.110 (3) (Ob) and 2.062 (2)–2.365 (2) Å (Oh). The number of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  cations in the structure could be controlled by the neutral, bulky 18-crown-6 ether. All of the six O atoms in the 18-crown-6 form hydrogen bonds with water molecules.

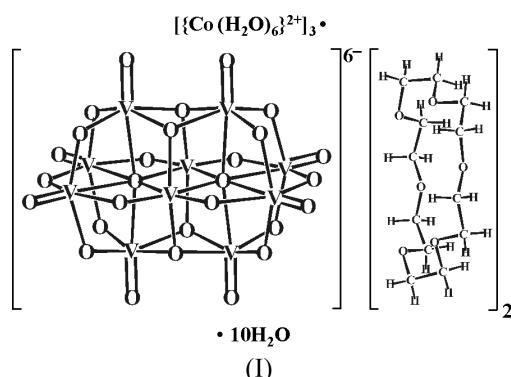
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007$  Å  
H-atom completeness 93%  
Disorder in solvent or counterion  
R factor = 0.042  
wR factor = 0.108  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.5

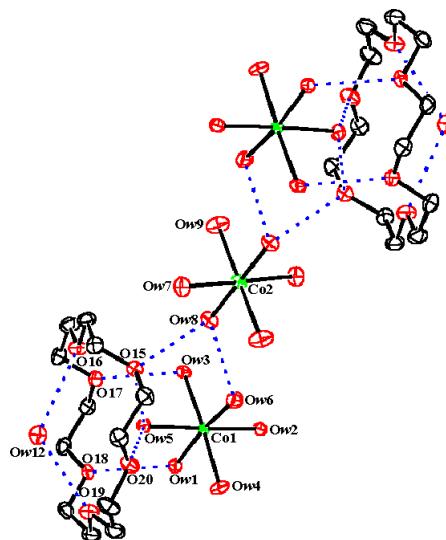
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## Comment

Bulky adducts of crown-ethers are sometimes found in polyoxometalates *e.g.* (18-crown-6-K)<sub>2</sub>K[H<sub>6</sub>CoMo<sub>6</sub>O<sub>24</sub>]·12H<sub>2</sub>O (Nagano & Lee, 1990), [Na(dibenzo-18-crown-6)(MeCN)]<sub>3</sub>·[PMo<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] (You *et al.*, 2001), (18-crown-6)[H<sub>3</sub>PMo<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>]·22H<sub>2</sub>O (You, Wang, He *et al.*, 2000), H<sub>3</sub>PW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>(benzo-15-crown-5)<sub>6</sub>·16H<sub>2</sub>O (You, Wang, Zhang *et al.*, 2000), and [(H<sub>3</sub>O)<sup>+</sup>(dibenzo-18-crown-6)]<sub>2</sub>[HPMo<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>]·(dibenzo-18-crown-6)·(CH<sub>3</sub>CN)<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (You *et al.*, 2002).

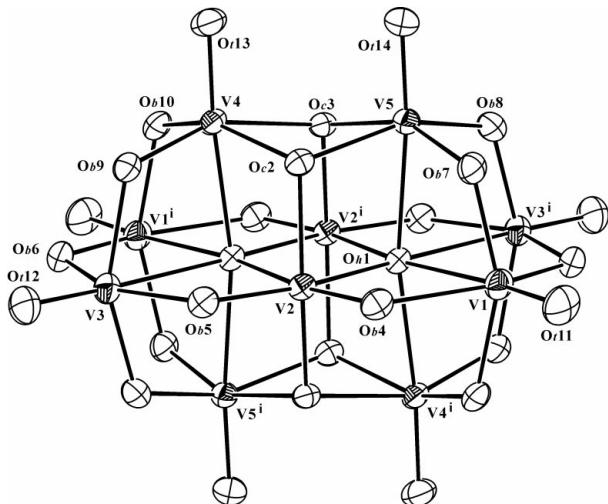


Since the decavanadate anion,  $[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]^{6-}$ , was reported by Evans (1966), the crystal structures of many of its salts have been characterized *e.g.* alkali metals (Durif *et al.*, 1980; Rigotti *et al.*, 1987), alkaline earth metals (Swallow *et al.*, 1966; Nieto *et al.*, 1993; Kamenar *et al.*, 1996; Strukan *et al.*, 1999), lanthanides (Saf'yanov & Belov, 1976; Saf'yanov *et al.*, 1978; Rivero *et al.*, 1984, 1985; Naruke *et al.*, 1999; Peng *et al.*, 2002), ammonium (Eglmeier *et al.*, 1993) and double salts (Avtamonova *et al.*, 1990; Crans *et al.*, 1994; Fratzky *et al.*, 2000). The double salts of transition elements and alkali metals or ammonium ions *e.g.*  $\text{K}_2[\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_2[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Evans,



**Figure 1**

Hydrogen-bonding interactions between the 18-crown-6 and water molecules. Probable  $\text{O}_{\text{water}} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds are shown as broken blue lines. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

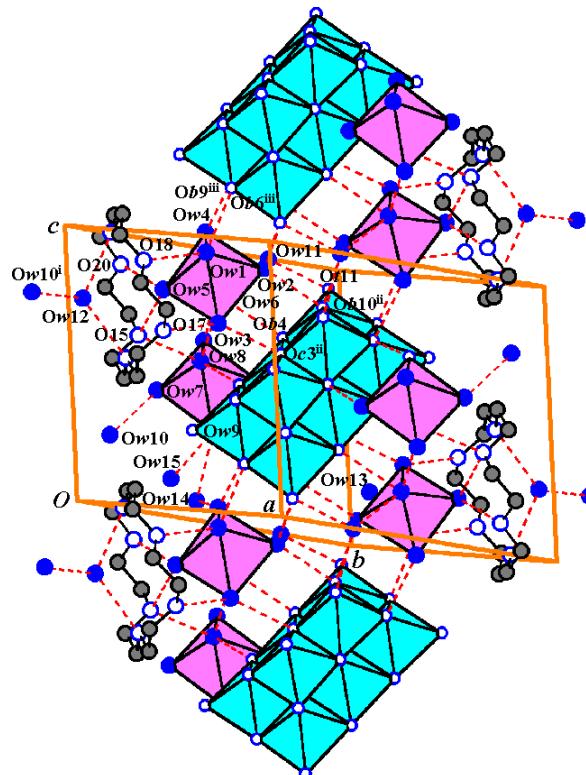


**Figure 2**

The polyanion structure in (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .]

1966),  $[\text{Na}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]_2[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \cdot [\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Higami *et al.*, 2002),  $(\text{NH}_4)_4[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Nowogrocki *et al.*, 1997),  $\text{Na}_4[\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 17\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Sun *et al.*, 2002) and  $\text{K}_2[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_2[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Lee *et al.*, 2003) have also been reported.

A structure of an  $[M^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_3[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]$  (where  $M$  is a transition element) salt has not yet been reported. We were able to prepare this type of salt by introducing 18-crown-6 into a decavanadate crystal system. The number of  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  cations in the decavanadate could be controlled by the neutral bulky 18-crown-6 ether. We report here the structure of  $[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_3[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot (18\text{-crown-6})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (I), which was prepared by mixing 18-crown-6 with  $\text{K}_2[\text{Co}^{\text{II}}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]_2 \cdot [\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Lee *et al.*, 2003). The role of the 18-crown-6 appears to be important in the crystal packing of (I).



**Figure 3**

The crystal packing of (I) in the unit cell, shown as polyhedral model. The purple octahedron is  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$ . Probable  $\text{O}_{\text{water}} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds are shown as red broken lines. [Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y, 1 - z$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ; (iii)  $x, y, 1 + z$ .]

Fig. 1 shows the hydrogen-bonding interactions of 18-crown-6 with the water molecules in (I). The  $\text{O}_{\text{water}} - \text{H} \cdots \text{O}_{\text{crown ether}}$  hydrogen-bonding interactions with five water molecules involve all of the six O atoms in the 18-crown-6 ether. These distances are in the range 2.764 (4)–3.002 (4) Å. Because of the asymmetric hydrogen bonding, the six-membered O-atom ring in the 18-crown-6 does not form a planar hexagon. The dihedral angles formed by the  $\text{O}15 \cdots \text{O}17 \cdots \text{O}18 \cdots \text{O}20$  quadrilateral and  $\text{O}15 \cdots \text{O}16 \cdots \text{O}17$  and  $\text{O}18 \cdots \text{O}19 \cdots \text{O}20$  triangles are 60.2 (1) and 21.1 (2)°, respectively, and the ring is in a boat conformation.

The configuration of the  $[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]^{6-}$  in (I) is shown in Fig. 2. The centrosymmetric polyanion consists of five independent  $(\text{VO}_6)$  octahedra, sharing edges, and has approximate  $D_{2h}$  symmetry. The labeling of the O atoms in the polyanion is the same as the labeling in the previous structure (Lee *et al.*, 2003). The  $\text{V} \cdots \text{V}$  distances are in the range 3.068 (1)–3.266 (1) Å; the four types of  $\text{V}-\text{O}$  bond lengths are in the ranges 1.599 (3)–1.611 (2) ( $\text{O}_t$ ), 1.923 (2)–2.030 (2) ( $\text{O}_c$ ), 1.668 (2)–2.110 (3) ( $\text{O}_b$ ) and 2.062 (2)–2.365 (2) Å ( $\text{O}_h$ ). The bond lengths and angles of the  $[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]^{6-}$  show a similar trend to those found in the literature. The framework of  $[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]^{6-}$  has been studied in detail previously (Evans, 1966; Nowogrocki *et al.*, 1997).

Fig. 3 shows the crystal packing in (I), with the hydrogen-bonding interactions. The  $[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}]^{6-}$  polyanion is surrounded by  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]^{2+}$  cations, water molecules and 18-crown-6

ethers, forming hydrogen bonds between them. Decavanadate-[Co(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> layers are separated by layers formed by 18-crown-6 molecules. These layers are further linked to each other by O—H···O hydrogen bonds, as shown in Fig. 1. All of the O atoms in the polyanion except O<sub>h1</sub>, O<sub>b6</sub>, O<sub>b8</sub>, O<sub>t12</sub> and O<sub>t14</sub> form strong O<sub>water</sub>···O<sub>polyanion</sub> hydrogen bonds with the coordinated water of [Co(II)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> and uncoordinated water molecules. In total, the formula unit contains 28 water molecules, of which 18 are coordinated to the three Co<sup>2+</sup> ions, forming octahedra. The remaining water molecules fill the space in the unit cell, forming a network of hydrogen bonds. O<sub>w14</sub> and O<sub>w15</sub> were refined by reducing their site occupancies to 0.5, indicating one complete atom disordered over two sites within the structure. The distance O<sub>w13</sub>···O<sub>t14</sub><sup>ii</sup> [symmetry code: (ii)  $-x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ] is 3.080 (5) Å, but no suitable hydrogen bonds could be confirmed, because H atom positions for O<sub>w13</sub> could not be determined.

There are one and half crystallographically independent Co<sup>2+</sup> ions in the asymmetric unit; Co<sub>2</sub> lies on an inversion center in the space group  $P\bar{1}$ . The Co<sup>2+</sup> ions are surrounded by six coordinated water molecules in the form of an irregular octahedron, with distances in the range 2.062 (3)–2.125 (3) Å. The probable O—H···O hydrogen-bond distances, less than 3.1 Å in (I), involving water are given in Table 2.

## Experimental

Pale blue–brown crystals of the title compound were obtained by concentration of a solution of a stoichiometric mixture of 18-crown-6 and K<sub>2</sub>[Co<sup>II</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[V<sub>10</sub>O<sub>28</sub>] (Lee *et al.*, 2003).

### Crystal data

[Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·(C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·10H <sub>2</sub> O	Z = 1
<i>M</i> <sub>r</sub> = 2167.26	<i>D</i> <sub>x</sub> = 1.940 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
<i>a</i> = 12.285 (4) Å	Cell parameters from 26 reflections
<i>b</i> = 13.924 (3) Å	$\theta$ = 9.6–10.5°
<i>c</i> = 11.120 (3) Å	$\mu$ = 1.97 mm <sup>-1</sup>
$\alpha$ = 101.33 (3)°	<i>T</i> = 298 (2) K
$\beta$ = 92.63 (2)°	Plate, pale blue–brown
$\gamma$ = 84.26 (2)°	0.38 × 0.25 × 0.13 mm
<i>V</i> = 1855.1 (9) Å <sup>3</sup>	

### Data collection

Stoe Stadi-4 diffractometer	$\theta_{\max}$ = 27.5°
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	$h$ = −15 → 15
Absorption correction: numerical (X-SHAPE; Stoe & Cie, 1996)	$k$ = −18 → 17
$T_{\min}$ = 0.608, $T_{\max}$ = 0.812	$l$ = 0 → 14
8466 measured reflections	3 standard reflections frequency: 60 min
8466 independent reflections	intensity decay: 3.5%
6530 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0423P)^2 + 2.3315P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ = 0.042	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2)$ = 0.108	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max}$ = 0.001
$S$ = 1.08	$\Delta\rho_{\max}$ = 0.54 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
8466 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\min}$ = −0.48 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
484 parameters	
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å).

V1—O <sub>h1</sub>	2.292 (2)	V5—O <sub>c2</sub>	1.997 (2)
V1—O <sub>b4</sub>	2.110 (3)	V5—O <sub>c3</sub>	2.001 (2)
V1—O <sub>b6</sub> <sup>i</sup>	1.803 (3)	V5—O <sub>b7</sub>	1.822 (2)
V1—O <sub>b7</sub>	1.868 (2)	V5—O <sub>b8</sub>	1.848 (3)
V1—O <sub>b10</sub> <sup>i</sup>	1.904 (2)	V5—O <sub>t14</sub>	1.604 (3)
V1—O <sub>t11</sub>	1.609 (3)	O15—C1	1.425 (5)
V2—O <sub>h1</sub> <sup>i</sup>	2.154 (2)	O16—C2	1.425 (5)
V2—O <sub>h1</sub>	2.062 (2)	O16—C3	1.437 (5)
V2—O <sub>c2</sub>	1.944 (2)	O17—C4	1.421 (5)
V2—O <sub>c3</sub> <sup>i</sup>	1.923 (2)	O17—C5	1.429 (5)
V2—O <sub>b4</sub>	1.668 (2)	O18—C6	1.423 (5)
V2—O <sub>b5</sub>	1.723 (2)	O18—C7	1.422 (5)
V3—O <sub>h1</sub> <sup>i</sup>	2.365 (2)	O19—C8	1.429 (6)
V3—O <sub>b5</sub>	2.002 (2)	O19—C9	1.420 (6)
V3—O <sub>b6</sub>	1.876 (3)	O20—C10	1.429 (5)
V3—O <sub>b8</sub> <sup>i</sup>	1.823 (3)	O20—C11	1.437 (6)
V3—O <sub>b9</sub>	1.946 (2)	O15—C12	1.439 (5)
V3—O <sub>t12</sub>	1.599 (3)	C1—C2	1.495 (6)
V4—O <sub>h1</sub> <sup>i</sup>	2.246 (2)	C3—C4	1.497 (7)
V4—O <sub>c2</sub>	2.008 (2)	C5—C6	1.500 (6)
V4—O <sub>c3</sub>	2.030 (2)	C7—C8	1.491 (7)
V4—O <sub>b9</sub>	1.817 (2)	C9—C10	1.504 (8)
V4—O <sub>b10</sub>	1.833 (2)	C11—C12	1.501 (6)
V4—O <sub>t13</sub>	1.611 (2)	Ow13—O <sub>t14</sub> <sup>ii</sup>	3.080 (5)
V5—O <sub>h1</sub>	2.273 (2)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ; (ii)  $-x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
Ow1—H21 <i>a</i> ···O18	0.84	1.94	2.764 (4)	165
Ow1—H21 <i>b</i> ···O <sub>b6</sub> <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	1.86	2.786 (4)	172
Ow1—H21 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>w5</sub>	0.84	2.83	2.912 (4)	87
Ow2—H22 <i>b</i> ···O <sub>b10</sub> <sup>iii</sup>	0.88	1.86	2.719 (4)	167
Ow2—H22 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>b10</sub> <sup>i</sup>	0.94	1.88	2.817 (4)	179
Ow3—H23 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>c3</sub> <sup>i</sup>	0.79	2.04	2.813 (4)	165
Ow3—H23 <i>b</i> ···O17	0.85	2.06	2.853 (4)	157
Ow4—H24 <i>b</i> ···O <sub>b9</sub> <sup>iii</sup>	0.75	1.98	2.727 (4)	173
Ow4—H24 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>w14</sub> <sup>iii</sup>	0.90	1.93	2.747 (8)	150
Ow5—H25 <i>a</i> ···O20	0.83	1.95	2.771 (4)	176
Ow5—H25 <i>a</i> ···O15	0.83	2.73	3.002 (4)	101
Ow6—H26 <i>b</i> ···Ow11	0.87	1.96	2.788 (5)	159
Ow6—H26 <i>a</i> ···Ow8	0.79	2.17	2.868 (4)	148
Ow6—H26 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>b4</sub>	0.79	2.67	3.048 (4)	112
Ow7—H27 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>c2</sub> <sup>ii</sup>	0.75	2.02	2.766 (4)	172
Ow7—H27 <i>b</i> ···Ow10	0.94	2.00	2.785 (5)	140
Ow7—H27 <i>b</i> ···Ow9	0.94	2.73	3.028 (4)	99
Ow7—H27 <i>b</i> ···Ow9	0.94	2.73	3.028 (4)	99
Ow8—H28 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>b5</sub>	1.03	1.73	2.686 (4)	153
Ow8—H28 <i>b</i> ···O15	0.88	1.94	2.807 (4)	168
Ow9—H29 <i>a</i> ···Ow15	0.96	1.74	2.557 (9)	140
Ow9—H29 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>w14</sub>	0.96	2.48	2.917 (9)	108
Ow9—H29 <i>b</i> ···O <sub>b9</sub>	0.95	1.94	2.780 (4)	145
Ow10—H30 <i>a</i> ···O <sub>b7</sub> <sup>ii</sup>	0.83	1.94	2.757 (4)	169
Ow10—H30 <i>b</i> ···Ow12 <sup>iv</sup>	0.88	1.98	2.850 (5)	170
Ow11—H31 <i>a</i> ···Ow15 <sup>ii</sup>	0.88	2.64	2.75 (1)	88
Ow11—H31 <i>a</i> ···Ow14 <sup>ii</sup>	0.88	2.22	2.744 (9)	118
Ow11—H31 <i>b</i> ···O11	0.83	2.03	2.790 (5)	151
Ow12—H32 <i>b</i> ···O19	0.81	2.11	2.895 (5)	163
Ow12—H32 <i>a</i> ···O16	0.82	2.20	2.999 (5)	165

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

During the refinement process, sensible displacement parameters of Ow14 and Ow15 were obtained by reducing the occupancy of these atoms to 0.5 (O···O distance is 1.40 Å). The H atoms of the Ow13, Ow14 and Ow15 water molecules could not be located from electron-

density maps. These H atoms were not included in the calculations (although they are included in the empirical formula). All H atoms bonded to C atoms were included in the structure-factor calculation at idealized positions, and were allowed to ride on their parent atoms with relative isotropic displacement parameters [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ ]. The H atoms of the water atoms (except for those of Ow13, Ow14 and Ow15) were located in difference electron-density maps, refined using a riding model with the application of loose O—H bond-length restraints, and also refined isotropically [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ ]. This treatment gave O—H distances ranging from 0.75 to 1.03 Å. Anisotropic displacement parameters were used for all non-H atoms. The highest peak in the difference map is 1.09 Å from Ow14, and the deepest hole is 0.35 Å from H29a.

Data collection: *Stadi4* (Stoe & Cie, 1996); cell refinement: *Stadi4*; data reduction: *X-RED* (Stoe & Cie, 1996); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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