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## Key indicators

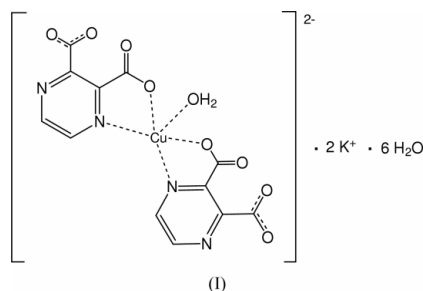
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 294\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.054  
 $wR$  factor = 0.158  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.1For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
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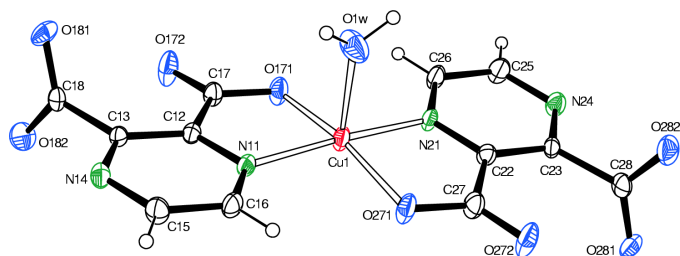
The crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{K}_2[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , consists of mononuclear  $[\text{Cu}(\text{pzdc})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2-}$  complex anions (pzdc is pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate),  $\text{K}^+$  cations and water molecules, held together by means of  $\text{K}-\text{O}/\text{OW}$  bonds and an extended  $\text{OW}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}/\text{OW}$  and  $\text{OW}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$  hydrogen-bond network. The distorted square-pyramidal coordination of the Cu atom is achieved by two N and two O donor atoms from two bidentate pzdc ligands in the basal plane, while a water molecule occupies the apical position with a longer metal–O distance.

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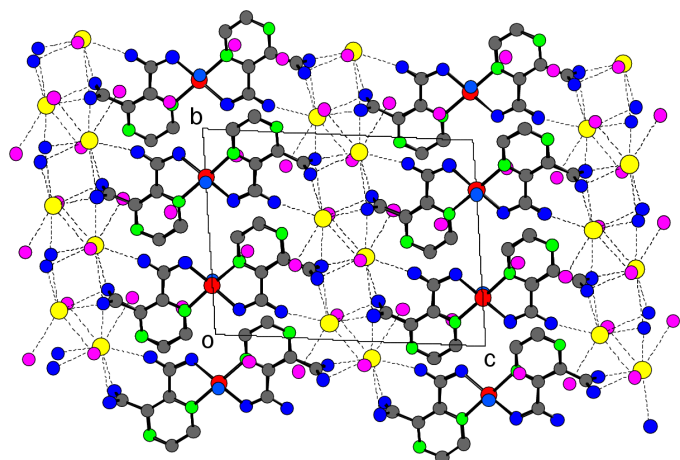
## Comment

Pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{pzdc}$ ; Takusagawa & Shimada, 1973) and its dianion (Richard *et al.*, 1973; Nepveu *et al.*, 1993) have proved to be well suited for the construction of multidimensional frameworks ( $nD$ ,  $n = 1-3$ ), due to the presence of two adjacent carboxylate groups (O donor atoms) as substituents on the *N*-heterocyclic pyrazine ring (N donor atoms). This permits multiple coordination modes and the usual non-coplanarity of these carboxylate groups, which favours the construction of high-dimensional covalent networks (O'Connor *et al.*, 1982; Kondo *et al.*, 1999; Zou *et al.*, 1999; Kitaura *et al.*, 2002). One approach to the design of extended homo- and heterometallic coordination polymers is to use mononuclear transition metal complexes possessing multidentate terminal ligands with free coordination sites, which can further connect a second metal centre, thus increasing the dimensionality of the coordination network (Pilkington *et al.*, 2001; Ciurtin *et al.*, 2003). This paper reports the synthesis and crystal structure of the potassium salt of one of these complexes, namely,  $\text{K}_2[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (I). This compound is a potential building block in the design of extended metal–organic networks, by replacing the  $\text{K}^+$  cations with transition metal ions.





**Figure 1**  
A view of the  $\text{trans-}[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2-}$  complex anion in (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



**Figure 2**  
The crystal structure of (I), viewed along the  $a$  axis. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. The coordination environment of the  $\text{K}^+$  cations is shown by dotted lines.

ligands and a water molecule, which impose a distorted square-pyramidal  $\text{CuN}_2\text{O}_3$  environment. The two pzdc anions coordinate to the metal centre *via* one pyrazine N atom and one O atom from the adjacent carboxylate group, forming a five-membered ring. These four donor atoms form the basal plane [maximum deviation from the mean plane 0.074 (3) Å, for atom N21], while the Cu atom is displaced by 0.1612 (4) Å from this plane towards the apical position, which is occupied by a water molecule. The Cu–O1W bond distance of 2.203 (3) Å is substantially longer than the equatorial Cu–O/N distances (<2.00 Å). The coordination distances (Table 1) are similar to those reported for analogous  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  complexes containing the pzdc ligand (Kondo *et al.*, 1999; Kitaura *et al.*, 2002; Wang *et al.*, 2003). The remaining O atoms of the carboxylate groups are connected to  $\text{K}^+$  cations (Fig. 2). The C–O bond distances of the K-bound O atoms are somewhat shorter (<1.25 Å) than those involving the O atoms attached to the Cu centres (>1.28 Å).

For both pzdc ligands, the carboxylate group coordinated to the Cu atoms is nearly coplanar with the pyrazine ring [dihedral angles 5.5 (1) and 4.5 (1)°], while the remaining one is twisted by 85.0 (1) and 82.5 (1)°, respectively. Both  $\text{K}^+$

cations are surrounded by nine O atoms, six from four carboxylate groups and three from water molecules, with K–O distances ranging from 2.688 (3) to 3.221 (3) Å. An extensive  $\text{OW}—\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ ,  $\text{OW}—\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  and  $\text{OW}—\text{H}\cdots\text{OW}$  hydrogen-bond network involving the water molecules and the heteroatoms of the pzdc ligands further stabilizes the crystal packing (Table 2).

## Experimental

Blue crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow diffusion of a water–methanol mixture of pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid (84 mg, 0.5 mmol), adjusted to pH ~7 with 1 N KOH, into an aqueous solution containing  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (60 mg, 0.25 mmol) (yield 60–70%, based on Cu). Elemental analysis (C/H/N/Cu), found: 24.32, 3.08, 9.28, 10.50%; calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cu K}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_{15}$ : 24.02, 3.02, 9.34, 10.59%.

### Crystal data

$\text{K}_2[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 $M_r = 600.05$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 6.830$  (1) Å  
 $b = 11.339$  (2) Å  
 $c = 14.627$  (2) Å  
 $\alpha = 94.58$  (1)°  
 $\beta = 95.92$  (1)°  
 $\gamma = 102.54$  (2)°  
 $V = 1093.8$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.822$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

$D_m = 1.82$  (1) Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Density measured by flotation in a mixture of carbon tetrachloride and bromoform  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 6673 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.2$ – $30.6^\circ$   
 $\mu = 1.46$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 294$  (1) K  
 Hexagonal plate, blue  
 $0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.1$  mm

### Data collection

Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: analytical (CrysAlisRED; Oxford Diffraction, 2002)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.572$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.854$   
 11 367 measured reflections

6673 independent reflections  
 3580 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.091$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.6^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 8$   
 $k = -16 \rightarrow 16$   
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.158$   
 $S = 0.94$   
 6673 reflections  
 349 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0638P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.002$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.01$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.94$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**  
Selected bond lengths (Å).

Cu1–O171	1.953 (3)	K1–O2W <sup>iii</sup>	2.994 (3)
Cu1–O271	1.953 (2)	K1–O3W <sup>iii</sup>	3.179 (4)
Cu1–N11	1.994 (3)	K2–O172	2.785 (3)
Cu1–N21	1.990 (2)	K2–O181	2.884 (3)
Cu1–O1W	2.203 (3)	K2–O182	3.221 (3)
K1–O181	2.866 (3)	K2–O281 <sup>ii</sup>	2.860 (2)
K1–O182	3.148 (3)	K2–O282 <sup>iv</sup>	3.067 (3)
K1–O182 <sup>i</sup>	2.836 (3)	K2–O282 <sup>ii</sup>	3.153 (3)
K1–O272 <sup>ii</sup>	2.688 (3)	K2–O4W	2.783 (3)
K1–O281 <sup>ii</sup>	2.941 (3)	K2–O4W <sup>v</sup>	3.067 (3)
K1–O282 <sup>ii</sup>	3.108 (3)	K2–O5W	3.008 (4)
K1–O2W	2.762 (3)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (ii)  $x, y, 1 + z$ ; (iii)  $1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ ; (iv)  $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ; (v)  $2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .

**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>
O1W—H11W···O6W	0.85 (3)	1.89 (3)	2.714 (4)	163 (3)
O1W—H12W···O7W <sup>iv</sup>	0.85 (3)	1.81 (4)	2.639 (4)	165 (4)
O2W—H21W···O182 <sup>vi</sup>	0.85 (3)	2.20 (3)	2.866 (4)	136 (4)
O2W—H22W···N14 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.15 (2)	2.894 (4)	146 (4)
O3W—H31W···O6W	0.85 (1)	2.11 (3)	2.743 (4)	132 (4)
O3W—H32W···O181	0.86 (4)	1.90 (3)	2.708 (4)	158 (4)
O4W—H41W···N24 <sup>vii</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.20 (3)	2.964 (4)	149 (4)
O4W—H42W···O282 <sup>viii</sup>	0.85 (3)	2.32 (3)	2.956 (4)	132 (3)
O5W—H51W···O281 <sup>vii</sup>	0.85 (3)	1.87 (3)	2.715 (4)	168 (4)
O5W—H52W···O282 <sup>iv</sup>	0.85 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.779 (4)	149 (4)
O6W—H61W···O271 <sup>ix</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.10 (3)	2.873 (4)	152 (4)
O6W—H61W···O272 <sup>ix</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.48 (2)	3.228 (4)	147 (3)
O6W—H62W···N11 <sup>vi</sup>	0.85 (1)	2.52 (1)	3.279 (5)	149 (3)
O7W—H71W···O5W	0.85 (1)	1.85 (2)	2.692 (4)	175 (5)
O7W—H72W···O171	0.85 (3)	2.13 (3)	2.953 (4)	161 (4)
O7W—H72W···O172	0.85 (3)	2.39 (3)	3.087 (5)	139 (4)

Symmetry codes: (iv)  $1-x, 1-y, -z$ ; (vi)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$ ; (vii)  $2-x, 1-y, -z$ ; (viii)  $1+x, y, 1+z$ ; (ix)  $1-x, 2-y, -z$ .

The water H atoms were located and refined subject to the restraints O—H = 0.85 (3) Å and H···H = 1.35 (3) Å, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . The C-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H = 0.93 Å, and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *CrysAlisCCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2002); cell refinement: *CrysAlisRED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2002); data reduction: *CrysAlisRED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Shel-

drick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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