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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.028 wR factor = 0.080 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.5

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. Bis{*N*'-[(*E*)-amino(imino)methyl]morpholinocarboximidamido}copper(II)

The title complex of a deprotonated form of morpholine biguanide with  $Cu^{II}$ , namely bis(2-morpholinobiguanido)copper(II), [Cu(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>], was characterized crystallographically. The Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion, on a centre of symmetry, is coordinated by four N atoms from two bidentate morpholine biguanide monoanions; the biguanide groups of the two ligands and the copper ion are coplanar. The two morpholine rings of the ligands are in a *trans* configuration and have a chair conformation.

## Comment

Biguanide and its *N*-substituted derivatives, acting as *N*-donor monodentate and bidentate ligands, can form complexes with many metal ions (Zhu *et al.*, 2002, 2002*a*,*b*; Ray, 1961). As the structure of biguanide in solution is pH dependent, its metal complexes are also pH dependent in solution. Different forms of metal complexes with 1,1-dimethylbiguanide anions, cations and neutral molecules have been reported in the literature (Viossat *et al.*, 1995; Lemoine *et al.*, 1996; Zhu *et al.*, 2002; Zhu *et al.*, 2002*a*,*b*). We report here the crystal structure of a copper complex, (I), of morpholine biguanide.



The geometric parameters of (I) are listed in Table 1. The molecular structure and crystal packing are illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. The Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion lies on a centre of symmetry and is coordinated by four N atoms from two bidentate morpholine biguanide monoanions. The biguanide groups of the two ligands and the copper ion define a plane with an r.m.s. deviation of 0.112 Å, and a maximum deviation of 0.209 (2) Å for N4. In free morpholine biguanide, metformin and Nphenethylbiguanide, the two guanidium units are not coplanar (Handa & Saha, 1973; Zhu *et al.*, 2003*a*,*b*). The Cu–N bond lengths are 1.911 (2) and 1.944 (2) Å, similar to those in copper(II) metformin complexes (Viossat et al., 1995; Lemoine et al., 1996; Zhu et al., 2002b), but slightly shorter than those  $(2.001-2.031 \text{ \AA})$  in other copper complex of planar ligands, such as phenanthroline (Lu et al., 2003). Most of the C-N bonds (C1-N3, C2-N3, C2-N4 and C2-N5) are longer, but C1-N1 is shorter and C1-N2 does not change

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#### Figure 1

The structure of the title compound, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. The suffix A denotes an inversion-related atom (symmetry code: 1 - x, -y, -z).



## Figure 2

The molecular packing, viewed along the b axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

much, compared to free morpholine biguanide (Handa & Saha, 1973). The two morpholine rings of the ligands are in a *trans* configuration, and have a chair conformation.

In the crystal packing, the molecules are held together by a number of intermolecular hydrogen bonds involving atoms N1, N2 and N3 (Table 2).

## **Experimental**

An aqueous solution of  $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added dropwise to a 0.1 *M* KOH solution of the ligand with stirring, in a 1:2 molar ratio. The red solution was filtered, and the filtrate was left at room temperature. Red crystals of the title complex formed after a few days.

#### Crystal data

$[Cu(C_6H_{12}N_5O)_2]$	$D_x = 1.582 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 403.95$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P_{2_1}/c$	Cell parameters from 2289
a = 9.185 (2)  Å	reflections
b = 12.681 (3)  Å	$\theta = 2.9-26.7^{\circ}$
c = 7.7791 (17)  Å	$\mu = 1.32 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 110.579 \ (3)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2)  K
$V = 848.2 (3) \text{ Å}^3$	Block, red
Z = 2	$0.40 \times 0.40 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1K CCD area-	
detector diffractometer	
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	
Absorption correction: multi-scan	
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2000)	
$T_{\min} = 0.602, \ T_{\max} = 0.672$	
3429 measured reflections	

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.028$   $wR(F^2) = 0.080$  S = 1.011501 reflections 131 parameters

#### 1501 independent reflections 1290 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.020$ $\theta_{max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$ $k = -15 \rightarrow 14$ $l = -9 \rightarrow 8$

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement 
$$\begin{split} & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^{-2}) + (0.0541P)^2] \\ & \text{where } P = (F_o^{-2} + 2F_c^{-2})/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.26 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \end{split}$$

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

1.9107 (17)	C1-N2	1.370 (3)
1.9437 (18)	O1-C6	1.415 (3)
1.312 (3)	O1-C4	1.416 (4)
1.311 (3)	C2-N5	1.367 (3)
1.339 (3)	N5-C5	1.453 (3)
1.348 (2)	N5-C3	1.463 (3)
87 74 (8)	C6 - O1 - C4	108 79 (17)
128 21 (14)	N4 - C2 - N3	1250(2)
127.74 (17)	N4-C2-N5	121.26 (19)
120.80 (18)	N3-C2-N5	113.69 (19)
127.72 (18)	C2-N5-C5	122.34 (19)
118.31 (18)	C2-N5-C3	125.51 (18)
113.96 (18)	C5-N5-C3	111.37 (17)
-4.11 (19)	C2-N3-C1-N2	179.99 (19)
15.3 (2)	Cu1-N4-C2-N3	-22.7(3)
-1.3(3)	Cu1-N4-C2-N5	156.06 (18)
177.28 (15)	C1-N3-C2-N4	13.8 (3)
-1.4 (3)	C1-N3-C2-N5	-165.08 (19)
	$\begin{array}{c} 1.9107(17)\\ 1.9437(18)\\ 1.312(3)\\ 1.311(3)\\ 1.339(3)\\ 1.348(2)\\ \end{array}\\ \\ 87.74(8)\\ 128.21(14)\\ 127.74(17)\\ 120.80(18)\\ 127.72(18)\\ 118.31(18)\\ 113.96(18)\\ \end{array}\\ \\ \begin{array}{c} -4.11(19)\\ 15.3(2)\\ -1.3(3)\\ 177.28(15)\\ -1.4(3)\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 1.9107 (17) & \mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{N2} \\ 1.9437 (18) & \mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{C6} \\ 1.312 (3) & \mathrm{Ol}-\mathrm{C4} \\ 1.311 (3) & \mathrm{C2}-\mathrm{N5} \\ 1.339 (3) & \mathrm{N5}-\mathrm{C5} \\ 1.339 (3) & \mathrm{N5}-\mathrm{C5} \\ 1.348 (2) & \mathrm{N5}-\mathrm{C3} \\ \end{array}$

# Table 2Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, $^{\circ}$ ).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N2-H2A\cdots N3^{i}$	0.89 (2)	2.39 (3)	3.274 (3)	178 (2)
$N1 - H1 \cdot \cdot \cdot N2^{1}$	0.86 (2)	2.53 (2)	3.284 (3)	146.8 (19)

Symmetry code: (i)  $x, -\frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

H atoms attached to C atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions, with C-H = 0.97 Å, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . H atoms attached to N atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL/PC*.

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