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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.011 Å R factor = 0.052 wR factor = 0.061 Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.2

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# (1,4,7,10,13-Pentamethyl-1,4,7,10,13pentaazacyclopentadecane- $\kappa^5 N$ )cobalt(II)

The title compound,  $[Co(C_{15}H_{35}N_5)](ClO_4)_2$ , conventionally abbreviated  $[Co(Me_5PACP)](ClO_4)_2$ , where  $Me_5PACP$  is 1,4,7,10,13-pentamethyl-1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclopentadecane, displays a significantly distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination geometry. The bond lengths and distances are comparable to those previously reported for cobalt(II) complexes with macrocyclic polyamine ligands. The N-Co-N angle for the axial sites is 160.4 (2)°. The perchlorate anions are not coordinated.

### Comment

perchlorate

Transition metal complexes with macrocyclic ligands are of significant interest for oxidation catalysis. Manganese and iron complexes with macrocyclic ligands have received considerable attention (Hage *et al.*, 1994; Hubin *et al.*, 2000). Manganese complexes with pentaazamacrocyclic ligands show very high superoxide dismutase activity, as discovered by Riley & Weiss (1994). However, less attention has been paid to  $Co^{II}$  complexes with polyamine macrocyclic ligands as oxidation catalysts. The report that  $[Co(NH_3)_5CI]Cl_2$  was found to have significant bleaching/oxidation activity with hydrogen peroxide (Diakun & Wright, 1989) aroused our interest in the study of other Co-polyamine complexes as oxidation catalysts. The macrocyclic ligand 1,4,7,10,13-pentamethyl-1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclopentadecane has five potential donor N atoms, which can afford stable  $Co^{II}$  complexes.



The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. Three N atoms (N2, N4 and N5) of Me<sub>5</sub>PACP form a trigonal plane, with the Co<sup>II</sup> atom at its center, while the other two N atoms (N1 and N3) occupy the axial positions, completing the trigonal-bipyramidal coordination geometry around the Co<sup>II</sup> atom. The Co–N distances of 2.220 (5) and 2.228 (5) Å in the axial directions are significantly longer than the Co–N distances in the equatorial plane, which are 2.095 (5), 2.101 (5) and 2.151 (5) Å (Table 1). The bond lengths and distances are comparable to those previously reported for cobalt(II) complexes with macrocyclic polyamine ligands (Kueppers *et al.*, 1986; Hubin *et al.*, 2002). The N–Co–N angles in the

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The asymmetric unit of (I), with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

equatorial plane are 142.1 (2), 133.4 (2) and 84.6  $(2)^{\circ}$ , indicating a highly distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination geometry (Bhattacharyya et al., 2000; Hubin et al., 2002). The N1-Co-N3 angle for the axial positions is  $160.4 (2)^{\circ}$ , deviating significantly from the ideal 180°. A similar deviation was reported for another cobalt(II) complex having a trigonalbipyramidal coordination geometry with two apical N atoms linked to the same equatorial N atom (Britovsek et al., 1999). This observed distortion might be due to the CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> link between the neighboring N atoms, which form five-membered chelate rings. The N-Co-N angles in the five-membered rings  $[80.1 (2)-84.6 (2)^{\circ}]$  are similar to those previously reported (Kueppers et al., 1986; Hubin et al., 2002). Of the angles not in the five-membered rings, those in the equatorial plane  $[142.1 (2) \text{ and } 133.4 (2)^{\circ}]$  are much larger than those between the axial N atoms and equatorial N atoms [110.9 (2) and 114.1((2)°].

This single-crystal structure analysis confirms that (I) is an ionic compound, with  $[Co(Me_5PACP)]^{2+}$  cations and uncoordinated  $ClO_4^-$  anions. The shortest  $Co \cdots Co$  distance is 9.14 (1) Å.

## **Experimental**

1,4,7,10,13-Pentamethyl-1,4,7,10,13-pentaazacyclopentadecane was prepared according to a reported procedure (Barefield & Wagner, 1973; Coates & Lincoln, 1982). The title compound, (I), was obtained when Co(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.6H<sub>2</sub>O (900 mg, 2.46 mmol), dissolved in water (3 ml), was added to a solution of 1,4,7,10,13-pentamethyl-1,4,7,10,13pentaazacyclopentadecane (420 mg, 1.47 mmol) in water (4 ml). The resulting red solid was filtered off, washed with a little water, and vacuum dried (yield: 60%, 480 mg). Analysis calculated for  $C_{15}H_{35}Cl_2CON_5O_8$ : C 33.20, H 6.50, N 12.90%; found: C 33.11, H 6.60, N 12.98%. Red crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained from the filtrate after standing at 277 K for several days. Crystals can also be obtained by recrystallization from water.



 $m_r = 543.51$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  a = 9.451 (2) Å b = 15.294 (4) Å c = 17.049 (4) Å  $\beta = 98.47$  (2)° V = 2437.0 (10) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

#### Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7*R* diffractometer  $\omega/2\theta$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (*TEXSAN*; Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989)  $T_{min} = 0.79, T_{max} = 0.82$ 4450 measured reflections 4165 independent reflections 2297 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on F	H-atom parameters not refined
R = 0.052	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o)]$
wR = 0.061	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.005$
S = 1.75	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.70 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
2297 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.37 \mathrm{e} \mathrm{\AA}^{-3}$
280 parameters	

reflections

 $\theta = 13.7 - 21.1^{\circ}$ 

 $\mu = 0.97 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

T = 293 K

Prism, red

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.031$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$ 

 $h = 0 \rightarrow 10$ 

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 18$ 

 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$ 

3 standard reflections

every 200 reflections

intensity decay: 2.9%

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co-N1	2.220 (5)	N2-C12	1.476 (10)
Co-N2	2.101 (5)	N3-C4	1.495 (9)
Co-N3	2.228 (5)	N3-C5	1.477 (8)
Co-N4	2.151 (5)	N3-C13	1.464 (9)
Co-N5	2.095 (5)	N4-C6	1.483 (8)
N1-C1	1.493 (9)	N4-C7	1.470 (8)
N1-C10	1.464 (9)	N4-C14	1.479 (8)
N1-C11	1.474 (8)	N5-C8	1.489 (9)
N2-C2	1.494 (9)	N5-C9	1.497 (9)
N2-C3	1.486 (9)	N5-C15	1.482 (9)
N1-Co-N2	80.1 (2)	N2-Co-N4	142.1 (2)
N1-Co-N3	160.4 (2)	N2-Co-N5	133.4 (2)
N1-Co-N4	110.9 (2)	N3-Co-N4	82.2 (2)
N1-Co-N5	82.6 (2)	N3-Co-N5	114.1 (2)
N2-Co-N3	80.7 (2)	N4-Co-N5	84.6 (2)

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C-H = 0.93-1.01 Å, and were not refined;  $U_{iso}(H)$  values were set at 0.0715 Å<sup>2</sup>.

Data collection: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989); cell refinement: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*86 (Sheldrick, 1985); program(s) used to refine structure: *TEXSAN*; molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN*.

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