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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.034 wR factor = 0.090 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.9

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. The Cu atom in the title compound,  $[Cu(C_7H_6NO_2S)_2(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_2]$ , lies on a special position at a crystallographic inversion centre and has a tetragonally distorted octahedral coordination involving the N atoms of two ammine ligands [Cu-N = 2.010 (2) Å], the N atoms of two pyridylthioacetate ligands [Cu-N = 2.033 (2) Å] and the O atoms of two water molecules [Cu-O = 2.472 (2) Å].

Diamminediaquabis(4-pyridylthioacetato)-

#### Comment

copper(II)

The reaction of 4-pyridylthioacetic acid with zinc nitrate in the presence of an amine affords 4-pyridylthioacetatozinc hydroxide (Kondo *et al.*, 2002). The hydroxy group bridges two Zn atoms to form a helical  $[Zn-O]_n$  chain, and the Zn atom in the chain is linked to the carboxyl O atom of one anion as well as to the pyridyl N atom of an adjacent anion. The report by Kondo *et al.* (2002) did not furnish details of the synthesis; the hydroxide ion that was present in the reaction product was apparently generated from an excess of the amine reagent.

A similar reaction with copper nitrate in place of zinc nitrate did not yield the analogous hydroxide; the product is diamminediaquabis(4-pyridylthioacetato)copper, (I), in which the anionic ligand is bonded to the metal atom only through the pyridyl N atom (Fig. 1).



The Cu atom in (I) lies on a special position at an inversion centre, and its coordination geometry is that of a tetragonally distorted octahedron [Cu1-N1 = 2.033 (2) Å, Cu1-N2 = 2.010 (2) Å and Cu1-O1w = 2.472 (2) Å; Table 1]. The carboxylate  $-CO_2^-$  group shows complete delocalization, with almost identical C7-O1 and C7-O2 bonds [1.242 (3) and 1.245 (3) Å, respectively], which attests to the zwitterionic nature of the complex. The preference of the anions of pyridylcarboxylic acid to bind through the pyridyl N atom rather than through the carboxyl O atom has been noted in a number of transition metal complexes, *e.g.* tetraaquabis(isonicotinato)copper(II) (Ng, 2003).

The coordinated ammine and water molecules engage in extensive hydrogen bonding (Table 2), leading to a twodimensional motif parallel to the *ab* plane.

### **Experimental**

Copper nitrate (0.09 g, 0.5 mmol) and 4-pyridylthioacetic acid (0.17 g, 1 mmol), a commercially available reagent, were placed in water (10 ml), and ammonium hydroxide was added until the acid dissolved

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completely (pH ~11). The solution was left to stand, and after one day, pale-blue crystals of the title compound separated out (yield 80%). Analysis found: C 35.35, H 4.65, N 11.57%; calculated for  $C_{14}H_{22}N_4O_6S_2Cu$ : C 35.77, H 4.72, N 11.92%. IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3323, 3250, 3177, 2950, 1635, 1596, 1488, 1428, 1365, 1271,1227, 1206, 1116, 1063, 1022, 910, 809, 799, 727, 661, 581, 526.

 $D_x = 1.677 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 6563

reflections

 $\mu = 1.44 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) KPlate, blue

 $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

 $\theta = 3.0-28.3^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

$[Cu(C_7H_6NO_2S)_2(H_2O)_2(NH_3)_2]$
$M_r = 470.02$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$
a = 23.263 (1)  Å
b = 7.0762 (3)  Å
c = 11.5216(5) Å
$\beta = 100.989 \ (1)^{\circ}$
$V = 1861.8 (1) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 4

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector	2139 independent reflections
diffractometer	1744 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.041$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -30 \rightarrow 30$
$T_{\min} = 0.434, T_{\max} = 0.841$	$k = -9 \rightarrow 9$
10 239 measured reflections	$l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$	independent and constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.090$	refinement
S = 0.95	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0477P)^2]$
2139 reflections	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
144 parameters	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.40 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.48 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1-N1 Cu1-N2	2.033 (2) 2.010 (2)	Cu1–O1w	2.472 (2)
N1-Cu1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	180	N2-Cu1-N2 <sup>i</sup>	180
N1-Cu1-N2	88.9(1)	N2-Cu1-O1w	83.7 (1)
N1-Cu1-N2i	91.1 (1)	N2-Cu1-O1w <sup>i</sup>	96.3 (1)
N1-Cu1-O1w	92.7 (1)	$O1w-Cu1-O1w^{i}$	180
$N1-Cu1-O1w^{i}$	87.3 (1)		

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

#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$\overline{D-\mathrm{H}\cdots A}$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} N2 - H2n2\cdots O1^{ii} \\ N2 - H2n1\cdots O2^{iii} \\ N2 - H2n3\cdots O1^{iv} \\ O1w - H1w1\cdots O1^{iii} \\ O1w - H1w2\cdots O2^{ii} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.88 \ (1) \\ 0.89 \ (1) \\ 0.89 \ (1) \\ 0.83 \ (1) \\ 0.82 \ (1) \end{array}$	2.40 (1) 2.20 (1) 2.16 (1) 1.98 (1) 2.01 (1)	3.267 (2) 3.092 (2) 3.045 (2) 2.790 (2) 2.828 (2)	167 (2) 178 (2) 177 (2) 164 (2) 176 (2)
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Symmetry codes: (ii)  $\frac{1}{2} + x$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} + y$ , z; (iii) -x, 1 - y, -z; (iv) -x, y,  $-\frac{1}{2} - z$ .



#### Figure 1

*ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) plot of  $(C_7H_6NO_2S)_2(NH_3)_2(H_2O)_2Cu$ , with displacement ellipsoids shown at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

The ammine and water H atoms were located in a difference map and were included in the refinement with distance restraints [O-H = 0.85 (1) Å and N-H = 0.89 (1) Å]. The aromatic (C-H = 0.93 Å) and aliphatic (C-H = 0.97 Å) H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined in the riding-model approximation, with displacement parameters set to  $1.2U_{eq}$  of the parent C atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); 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: *ORTEP*II (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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