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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.035 Å H-atom completeness 86% Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.059 wR factor = 0.153 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.8

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# Di-µ-a-pyrrolidinonato-bis[cis-diamminechloroplatinum(III)] sulfate dihydrate: a head-to-head isomer

In the title compound,  $[Pt_{2}^{III}Cl_{2}(C_{4}H_{6}NO)_{2}(NH_{3})_{4}](SO_{4})-2H_{2}O$ , the intradimer  $Pt_{2}^{III}-Pt_{3}^{III}$  distance is 2.6235 (13) Å. The axial Pt<sup>III</sup>-Cl bond distances for the N<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> coordinated sites are 2.410 (5) and 2.446 (5) Å, respectively. The two Pt coordination planes are inclined at  $16.3 (6)^{\circ}$  and the average torsional twist of the ligands about the Pt-Pt axis is estimated as 0.4°.

## Comment

We have been interested in the axial ligand substitution equilibria of cis-diammineplatinum(III) dimers doubly bridged by amidate ligands, having a general composition  $[Pt^{III}_{2}(NH_{3})_{4}(\mu\text{-amidato})_{2}L_{2}]^{4+}$  (*L* is an axial ligand, such as OH<sub>2</sub>, OH<sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup> etc.; amidate =  $\alpha$ -pyrrolidinonate, acetamidate etc.; the complex charge varies as the axial ligands vary) (Sakai et al., 1993, 1995, 1998; Sakai, 1993; Matsumoto & Sakai, 1999). These dimeric compounds have a  $d^7-d^7$  configuration and therefore possess a single Pt<sup>III</sup>-Pt<sup>III</sup> bond within the dimeric core. Another important feature is that they are usually axially ligated with two extra donor ligands at both ends of the unit, though there is an exception in which one of the two axial sites is not occupied by any extra  $[Pt^{III}_{2}(NH_{3})_{4}(\mu-1-methyluracilato)_{2}(NO_{2})](NO_{3})_{3}$ donor. H<sub>2</sub>O (Lippert et al., 1986). In addition, two geometrical isomers, head-to-head (HH) and head-to-tail (HT), are possible due to the asymmetric character of amidate ligands.



The compound reported here, (I), is an HH isomer, which is obviously due to the HH isomerism established in the starting tetranuclear complex (a dimer of HH dimers; see Experimental). This compound was obtained accidentally as a byproduct during our recent study of a reaction between the HH-Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub> dimer and the  $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$  anion. In the study, an acidic aqueous solution of the diaqua-coordinated HH-Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub> dimer was titrated with a solution of K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub>. Our analysis of the spectroscopic changes induced by the titration suggested that a 3:1, a 2:1, and a 1:1 adduct of the HH-Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub> dimer and  $[PtCl_4]^{2-}$  are formed in solution. Efforts to isolate such high-

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The structure of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.

nuclearity adducts have been unsuccessful thus far. We report here the crystal structure for a sulfate salt of a dichlorocoordinated  $\alpha$ -pyrrolidinonate-bridged *cis*-diammineplatinum(III) dimer, HH-[Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>( $\mu$ - $\alpha$ -pyrrolidinonato)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]-(SO<sub>4</sub>)·2H<sub>2</sub>O, (I). We previously reported the crystal structure of a nitrate salt of the same diplatinum(III) cation, *viz*. HH-[Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>( $\mu$ - $\alpha$ -pyrrolidinonato)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> [(II); Sakai *et al.*, 1998]. Very recently, we have also reported the crystal structure of a bromo derivative of (II), *viz*. HH-[Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>( $\mu$ - $\alpha$ -pyrrolidinonato)<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>](NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> [(III); Sakai *et al.*, 2003].

The asymmetric unit of (I) consists of a dichloro-capped diplatinum(III) cation in a head-to-head arrangement (Fig. 1), a sulfate anion (Figs. 1 and 2), and two water molecules (Fig. 2). The counter-anion and the solvent molecules suffer from disorder phenomena (see Experimental). The intradimer  $Pt^{III} - Pt^{III}$  bond length [Pt1-Pt2 = 2.6235 (13) Å] is almost the same as that reported for the nitrate salt of the same cation, (II)  $[Pt^{III} - Pt^{III} = 2.6366 (7) \text{ Å}; Sakai$ *et al.*, 1998], but issignificantly shorter than that recently reported for (III)  $[Pt^{III} - Pt^{III} = 2.6476 (4) \text{ Å}; \text{ Sakai et al., 2003}].$  The Pt-Cl bond length for the  $N_4$ -coordinated  $Pt^{III}$  ion [Pt2-Cl2 =2.410 (5) Å] is slightly but significantly shorter than that for the N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-coordinated Pt<sup>III</sup> ion [Pt1-Cl1 = 2.446 (5) Å]. A similar tendency was observed for (II) [Pt-Cl = 2.395 (3) Å at]the N<sub>4</sub>-Pt<sup>III</sup> ion; Pt-Cl = 2.455 (4) Å at the N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-Pt<sup>III</sup> ion; Sakai et al., 1998]. On the other hand, such a tendency is rather ambiguous in the case of the bromo derivative (III), where the  $Pt^{III}$ -Br distances at the N<sub>4</sub>-Pt<sup>III</sup> and N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-Pt<sup>III</sup> ions were reported as 2.5647 (9) and 2.5889 (8) Å, respectively (Sakai et al., 2003).

The structural features of this type of dimer have been evaluated by use of two structural parameters. One is the dihedral angle between the two Pt coordination planes within the dimeric unit ( $\tau$ ), and the other is an average torsional twist of the donor atoms in these coordination planes about the Pt–Pt axis ( $\omega$ ). The two parameters for (I) are estimated as  $\tau = 16.3$  (6)° and  $\omega = 0.4^{\circ}$ , which agree respectively with the values of  $\tau = 18.9^{\circ}$  and  $\omega = 1.5^{\circ}$  reported for (II) (Sakai *et al.*, 1998).

In addition, the values for (I) are also similar to the values of  $\tau$  = 18.1 (3)° and  $\omega$  = 1.05° reported for (III) (Sakai *et al.*, 2003).

As previously reported for (II) and (III), the two Pt atoms are displaced from their individual Pt coordination planes in such a manner that they have an attractive interaction with one another. Atoms Pt1 and Pt2 are displaced from the individual mean planes defined by the coordinating atoms by 0.077 (6) and 0.018 (7) Å, where the four-atom r.m.s. deviations estimated in the mean-plane calculations are 0.008 and 0.002 Å, respectively.

The crystal packing is stabilized by an extensive threedimensional hydrogen-bonding network (see Table 2), in which the hydrogen-bond donors are the ammines and the water molecules, while the acceptors are the Cl and amidate, sulfate and water O atoms.

## **Experimental**

Compound (I) was accidentally obtained during efforts to obtain some possible supramolecular adducts consisting of  $\alpha$ -pyrrolidinonate-bridged HH-Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub> cations and [PtCl<sub>4</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> anions as follows. The starting complex used in the synthesis was a mixed-valence tetranuclear platinum(2.5+) complex, viz. [HH-Pt(2.5+)<sub>2</sub>(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>( $\mu$ - $\alpha$ pyrrolidinonato)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O (formally considered as a Pt<sup>II</sup><sub>2</sub>Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub> complex), prepared according to the literature method of Sakai et al. (1993). The tetranuclear Pt<sup>II</sup><sub>2</sub>Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub> complex (20 mg) was dissolved in an aqueous 0.1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution (1 ml) containing K<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (5 mg). The solution was then heated at 333 K for 15 min to give a clear yellow solution, during which time all the chemical species generated after dissolution of the starting complex were converted into the dinuclear Pt<sup>III</sup><sub>2</sub> complexes, as reported previously (Sakai et al., 1998). After the solution had been cooled to room temperature, a solution of K<sub>2</sub>PtCl<sub>4</sub> (1.25 mg) in water (0.1 ml) was added. Leaving the solution to stand at 278 K for 2 d resulted in the growth of orange plates (yield, 12.6 mg).

Crystal datA

$[Pt_2Cl_2(C_4H_6NO)_2(NH_3)_4]$ -	Z = 2
$(SO_4) \cdot 2H_2O$	$D_x = 2.561 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 829.50$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Triclinic, P1	Cell parameters from 845
A = 8.906 (4)  Å	reflections
B = 9.865(5) Å	$\theta = 2.3-27.2^{\circ}$
c = 13.619 (7)  Å	$\mu = 13.38 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\alpha = 88.908 \ (9)^{\circ}$	T = 296 (1)  K
$\beta = 78.705 \ (9)^{\circ}$	Plate, orange
$\gamma = 66.753 \ (9)^{\circ}$	$0.21 \times 0.11 \times 0.02 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1075.7 (9) \text{ Å}^3$	

## Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCDdetector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.341, T_{\max} = 0.818$ 8204 measured reflections

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$   $wR(F^2) = 0.153$  S = 0.973904 reflections 233 parameters 3904 independent reflections 2753 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{int} = 0.058$  $\theta_{max} = 25.4^{\circ}$  $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$  $k = -11 \rightarrow 11$  $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$ 

H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0927P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   $\Delta\rho_{max} = 5.39 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -1.90 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 Table 1

 Selected geometric parameters (Å,  $^{\circ}$ ).

Pt1-O1	2.003 (12)	Pt2-N5	2.062 (11)
Pt1-O2	2.000 (11)	Pt2-N6	2.034 (13)
Pt2-N1	2.002 (14)	Pt1-Cl1	2.446 (5)
Pt2-N2	2.045 (12)	Pt2-Cl2	2.410 (5)
Pt1-N3	2.027 (12)	Pt1-Pt2	2.6235 (13)
Pt1-N4	2.049 (13)		
02 Pt1 01	90.6 (5)	N1 Pt2 N6	178.0 (5)
$O_2 = Pt_1 = O_1$ $O_2 = Pt_1 = N_3$	176.0(5)	N1 - Pt2 - N2	899(5)
$O_2 - Pt_1 - N_3$	88.4 (5)	N6-Pt2-N2	90.2 (5)
O2-Pt1-N4	88.3 (5)	N1-Pt2-N5	90.5 (5)
O1-Pt1-N4	175.1 (5)	N6-Pt2-N5	89.4 (5)
N3-Pt1-N4	92.3 (5)	N2-Pt2-N5	179.1 (5)
O2-Pt1-Cl1	88.5 (4)	N1-Pt2-Cl2	93.1 (4)
O1-Pt1-Cl1	87.3 (4)	N6-Pt2-Cl2	85.7 (4)
N3-Pt1-Cl1	87.6 (4)	N2-Pt2-Cl2	93.1 (4)
N4-Pt1-Cl1	87.9 (4)	N5-Pt2-Cl2	86.0 (4)
O1-Pt1-Pt2-N1	-0.6(5)	O2-Pt1-Pt2-N2	-0.3 (5)
N4-Pt1-Pt2-N6	-1.9(5)	N3-Pt1-Pt2-N5	1.1 (5)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
N3-H3A···Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	0.89	2.58	3.233 (13)	131
N3−H3C···O4A	0.89	2.08	2.93 (2)	161
N3−H3C···O5B	0.89	1.95	2.82 (2)	163
$N3-H3B\cdots O3A^{ii}$	0.89	1.97	2.85 (3)	171
$N3-H3B\cdots O3B^{ii}$	0.89	2.34	3.20 (3)	163
N4-H4 $B$ ···O4 $A$	0.89	2.41	3.21 (3)	150
N4-H4 $B$ ···O5 $A$	0.89	2.53	3.25 (3)	139
N4-H4 $B$ ···O5 $B$	0.89	2.30	3.09 (3)	148
$N4-H4B\cdots O6B$	0.89	2.47	3.24 (3)	145
N4-H4 $C \cdot \cdot \cdot O4B^{iii}$	0.89	2.59	3.44 (3)	159
N4 $-$ H4 $C$ ···O6 $A^{iii}$	0.89	1.88	2.75 (2)	165
N4 $-$ H4 $C$ ···O6 $B^{iii}$	0.89	2.52	3.26 (3)	141
N5-H5 $B$ ···O4 $A$	0.89	1.94	2.81 (2)	164
$N5-H5B\cdots O5B$	0.89	2.07	2.93 (2)	160.9
N5-H5 $C$ ···O3 $A^{ii}$	0.89	2.20	3.07 (3)	164
$N5-H5C\cdots O3B^{ii}$	0.89	1.97	2.85 (3)	171
$N6-H6C \cdot \cdot \cdot O4A$	0.89	2.22	3.05 (3)	156
N6−H6C···O5B	0.89	2.32	3.15 (3)	155
$N6-H6C \cdot \cdot \cdot O6A$	0.89	2.54	3.30 (3)	145
$N6-H6B\cdots O5A^{iii}$	0.89	2.21	3.02 (2)	152
$N6-H6B\cdots O6B^{iii}$	0.89	1.76	2.637 (16)	169
$N3-H3B\cdots O3A^{ii}$	0.89	1.97	2.85 (3)	171
$N3-H3B\cdots O3B^{ii}$	0.89	2.34	3.20 (3)	163
$N5-H5C\cdots O3B^{ii}$	0.89	1.97	2.85 (3)	171
$N5-H5C\cdots O3B^{ii}$	0.89	1.97	2.85 (3)	171
N4-H4 $C \cdot \cdot \cdot O6A^{iii}$	0.89	1.88	2.75 (2)	165
N6-H6 $B$ ···O5 $A^{iii}$	0.89	2.21	3.02 (2)	152
N6-H6 $B$ ···O6 $B$ <sup>iii</sup>	0.89	1.76	2.637 (16)	169
N4-H4 $A$ ···O7 $A^{i}$	0.89	2.29	3.06 (6)	145
N4-H4 $A$ ···O7 $B^{i}$	0.89	2.48	3.25 (5)	146

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

The sulfate anion shows orientational disorder. Around atom S1 there are two sets of possible positions (O3A/O4A/O5A/O6A and O3B/O4B/O5B/O6B. It was assumed that the disordered O atoms have a common isotropic displacement parameter. Furthermore, S – O distances were restrained to 1.46 (1) Å and the six O···O distances were restrained to be approximately equal. The occupation factors of sites A and B were fixed at 0.5. Two water molecules were respectively assumed to be disordered over two sites (O7A/O7B and O8A/O8B). In each case, the occupation factors of sites A and B were





assumed to be 0.5, and the isotropic displacement parameters of sites A and B were assumed to be equal. All H atoms, except those of the water molecules, were placed at idealized positions [C–H(methylene) = 0.97 Å and N–H(ammine) = 0.89 Å], and included in the refinement as riding, with  $U_{\rm iso}(\rm H) = 1.2U_{eq}(\rm C)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(\rm N)$ . The water H atoms were not located. In the final difference Fourier synthesis, six residual peaks in the range 2.36–5.39 e Å<sup>-3</sup> were observed within 1.08 Å of Pt atoms, and 17 other peaks in the range 1.05–1.49 e Å<sup>-3</sup> were also observed around the Pt, Cl and sulfate O atoms. The deepest hole was located 0.12 Å from atom O4B.

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: *KENX* (Sakai, 2002); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97, *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 2001), *KENX* and *ORTEP*II (Johnson, 1976).

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