

# Aqua[tris(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-ylmethyl)-amine]copper(II) diperchlorate 4-picoline *N*-oxide monohydrate

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## Key indicators

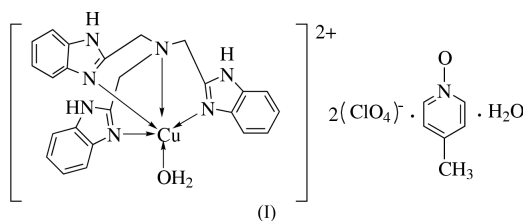
Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 293 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007 \text{ \AA}$   
 Disorder in solvent or counterion  
*R* factor = 0.054  
*wR* factor = 0.171  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.4

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In the title compound,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_7)(\text{H}_2\text{O})](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{NO} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the copper ion is bonded to a tris(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-ylmethyl)amine (ntb) and a water molecule, resulting in it being five-coordinate with an  $\text{N}_4\text{O}$  ligand set. The coordination geometry of the copper ion may best be described as distorted trigonal bipyramidal, with *C*3 molecular symmetry.

## Comment

The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), consists of a discrete  $[\text{Cu}(\text{ntb})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2+}$  cation [ntb is tris(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-ylmethyl)amine], two perchlorate anions, a molecule of 4-picoline *N*-oxide and one molecule of water of crystallization. The water molecule is disordered over two sites with equal occupancies. The copper ion is five-coordinate with an  $\text{N}_4\text{O}$  ligand set. The ntb ligand acts as a tetradentate *N*-atom donor, and an aqua *O* atom completes the coordination. The coordination geometry of the copper may best be described as distorted trigonal bipyramidal, with approximate site symmetry *C*3. This geometry is assumed by the copper center to relieve the steric crowding. The trigonal plane is occupied by the three ligating *N* atoms of the benzimidazolyl groups. The Cu atom protrudes towards atom O1 and is 0.294 Å out of the plane. The axial ligating atoms are N1 and O1, with Cu–N1 = 2.096 (3) Å, Cu–O1 = 1.959 (3) Å and N1–Cu1–O1 = 178.71 (11)°. The three benzimidazole ring arms of the ntb ligand form a cone-shaped cavity. The bond lengths and angles are normal. In the crystal structure, there are weak C–H···O and strong N–H···O and O–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1 and Fig. 2).



## Experimental

To a stirred solution of tris(1*H*-benzimidazol-2-ylmethyl)amine (407 mg, 1 mmol) in methanol (20 ml) was added  $\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (370 mg, 1 mmol), followed by a solution of 4-picoline *N*-oxide (109 mg, 1 mmol) in methanol (5 ml). The resulting clear blue solution was stirred for 8 h and then allowed to stand at room temperature. Blue–green crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained after two weeks (367 mg, yield 45%). Found: C 43.82, H 3.99, N 13.93%; calculated for  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{32}\text{Cl}_2\text{CuN}_8\text{O}_{11}$ : C 44.21, H 3.96, N 13.75%.

Crystal data

[Cu(C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>7</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)]-(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO·H<sub>2</sub>O  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 815.08  
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$   
*a* = 11.6048 (13) Å  
*b* = 13.8916 (15) Å  
*c* = 14.3273 (16) Å  
 $\alpha$  = 62.430 (2)°  
 $\beta$  = 89.898 (2)°  
 $\gamma$  = 66.140 (2)°  
*V* = 1822.8 (4) Å<sup>3</sup>

*Z* = 2  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.485 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2688 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.3–23.1°  
 $\mu$  = 0.81 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Cuboid, blue–green  
 0.3 × 0.2 × 0.2 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2000)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.82, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.85  
 9837 measured reflections

6971 independent reflections  
 4936 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.026  
 $\theta_{max}$  = 26.0°  
*h* = -14 → 13  
*k* = -17 → 11  
*l* = -17 → 12

Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.054  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.171  
*S* = 1.07  
 6971 reflections  
 485 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1057P)^2 + 0.3685P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 ( $\Delta/\sigma$ )<sub>max</sub> < 0.001  
 $\Delta\rho_{max}$  = 0.31 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min}$  = -0.33 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

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>
N2–H2A...O1W	0.86	2.01	2.844 (6)	163
N4–H4A...O2	0.86	1.96	2.728 (4)	147
N4–H4A...O23 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.48	2.935 (4)	114
N6–H6A...O13	0.86	2.16	3.015 (4)	170
N6–H6A...O12	0.86	2.49	3.148 (4)	134
O1–H1C...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.81 (3)	1.81 (3)	2.620 (4)	177 (5)
O1–H1D...O12 <sup>iii</sup>	0.81 (3)	2.07 (3)	2.852 (4)	162 (4)
O1W–H1WB...O21	0.85	1.98	2.830 (6)	180
O1W–H1WA...O2W <sup>iv</sup>	0.85	2.48	3.288 (8)	158
C14–H14...O11 <sup>v</sup>	0.93	2.52	3.259 (5)	136

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

H atoms bonded to the coordinated water molecule were included in the refinement with both O–H distances restrained to be equal. All other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H distances ranging from 0.93 to 1.00 Å, N–H = 0.86 Å and O–H = 0.85 Å, and treated as riding, with *U*<sub>iso</sub> = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub> (1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub> for methyl H atoms) of the carrier atom.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1996); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2004) and SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

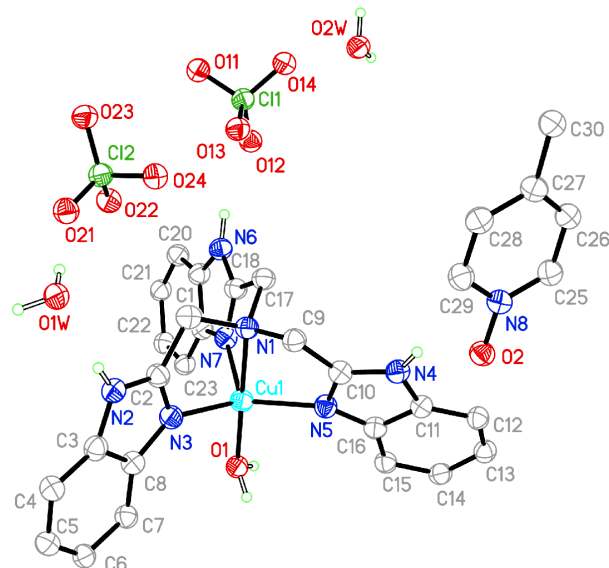


Figure 1

View of the asymmetric unit of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are at the 30% probability level and H atoms bonded to C atoms are not shown

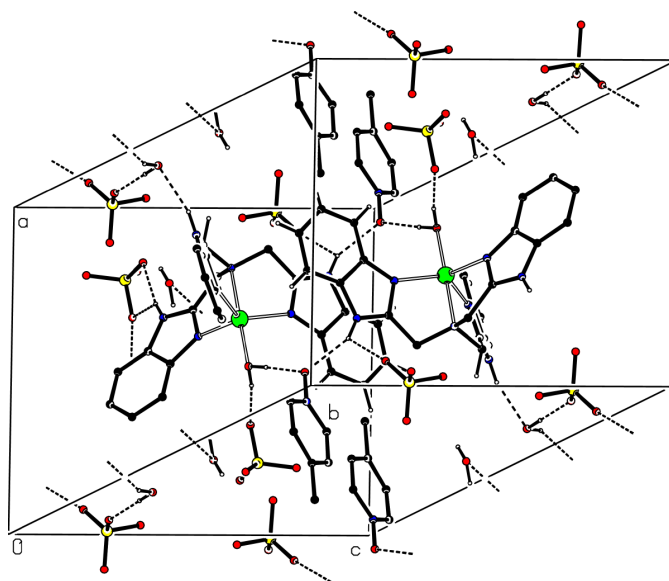


Figure 2

Packing diagram (Spek, 2004) of the title crystal structure, with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines. Colour codes: green Cu, yellow Cl, red O, blue N and black C.

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