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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.029
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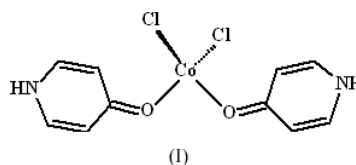
Dichlorobis(4-pyridone- κO)cobalt(II)

The Co atom in the title complex, $[\text{CoCl}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO})_2]$, has a distorted tetrahedral coordination involving two Cl^- ions and two O atoms of two 4-pyridone ligands. The Co atom occupies a special position with twofold rotation symmetry. A layer structure is formed by $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions of adjacent pyridone rings.

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Comment

4-Hydroxypyridine has been widely used in pharmaceutical synthesis. It usually exists in equilibrium with the form 4-pyridone. However, in contrast to the metal complexes of 2-hydroxypyridine (Goodgame *et al.*, 1989; Blake *et al.*, 1991), there are few reports of structures of complexes of 4-hydroxypyridine or 4-pyridone (LaliaKantouri, 1996). Recently, we synthesized a cobalt complex of 4-pyridone, *viz.* dichlorobis(4-pyridone)cobalt(II), (I) (Fig. 1), by the reaction of 4-hydroxypyridine and $\text{CoCl}_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in an ethanol solution. Compound (I) is isostructural with $[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO})_2]$ (Masse & Le Fur, 1998).



The Co atom in (I) exists in a tetrahedral coordination environment, defined by two Cl^- anions and two O atoms of 4-pyridone [$\text{Co}-\text{Cl} = 2.2763(8)\text{ \AA}$ and $\text{Co}-\text{O} = 1.9550(12)\text{ \AA}$], and the Co atom occupies a special position with twofold rotation symmetry. The $\text{C}1-\text{C}2$, $\text{C}4-\text{C}5$ and $\text{C}3-\text{O}1$ bond lengths are 1.362(2), 1.359(3) and 1.2877(19) \AA , respectively. Interestingly, four $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds generate a four-membered ring from four adjacent molecules. The four-membered ring has hydrogen-bonding distances ($\text{N}\cdots\text{Cl}$) and angles ($\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$) in the ranges 3.3481(19)-

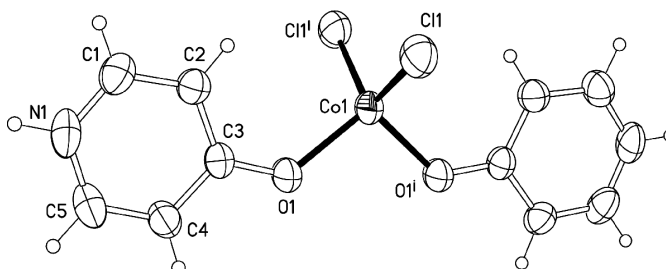


Figure 1

View of (I) with 50% probability ellipsoids. [Symmetry code: (i) $1 - x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$.]

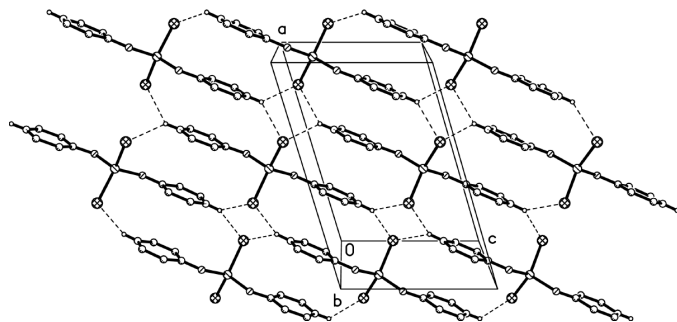


Figure 2
Packing diagram of (I), with hydrogen bonds indicated by dashed lines.

3.3574 (18) Å and 127 (2)–135 (2)°, respectively (Table 1). A two-dimensional layer structure is formed by these hydrogen bonds, and the Co···Co distances are 6.7933 (15) and 8.901 (2) Å. Furthermore, the layer architecture is stabilized by π - π interactions between adjacent pyridone ligands, with $Cg \cdots Cg$ (Cg is the centroid of the N1-containing ring) distances of 3.4429 (13) and 3.5372 (13) Å (Fig. 2).

Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared by the addition of $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.12 g, 0.5 mmol) to an ethanol solution of 4-hydroxypyridine (0.14 g, 1.5 mmol). The mixed solution was allowed to evaporate at room temperature and blue prism-shaped crystals were obtained after three days. Analysis calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{CoN}_2\text{O}_2$: C 37.53, H 3.15, N 8.75%; found: C 37.42, H 3.19, N 8.82%.

Crystal data

$[\text{CoCl}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{NO})_2]$	$D_x = 1.717 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 320.03$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cell parameters from 2929 reflections
$a = 13.185 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3.1\text{--}27.5^\circ$
$b = 11.229 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 1.81 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 8.7300 (17) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 106.70 (3)^\circ$	Prism, blue
$V = 1238.0 (5) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.36 \times 0.24 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer	1420 independent reflections
ω scans	1323 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.551$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.700$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$
5774 measured reflections	$h = -17 \rightarrow 14$
	$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$
	$l = -11 \rightarrow 11$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0453P)^2 + 0.7656P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.075$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$S = 1.07$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.39 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1420 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
81 parameters	
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{--}H \cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D\text{--}H \cdots A$
$\text{N1--H6} \cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{ii}}$	0.90 (3)	2.67 (2)	3.3574 (18)	135 (2)
$\text{N1--H6} \cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{iii}}$	0.90 (3)	2.74 (2)	3.3481 (19)	127 (2)

Symmetry codes: (ii) $x, y, 1 + z$; (iii) $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, 1 - z$.

The H atom on the N atom was freely refined. The H atoms on C atoms were placed in calculated positions and treated as riding [$C\text{--}H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier atom})$].

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSC, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXL97*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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