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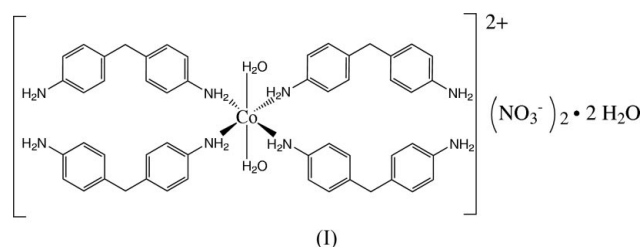
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Key indicatorsSingle-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$
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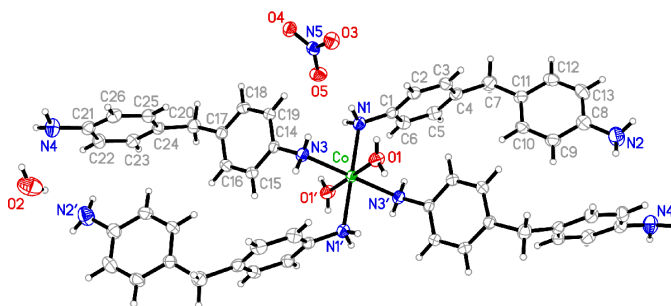
The hydrothermally prepared title compound, $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, consists of mononuclear cationic complexes of six-coordinate cobalt(II), together with nitrate counter-ions and uncoordinated water molecules. Four monodentate 4,4'-methylenediphenylamine (dapm) ligands and two water molecules comprise the octahedral coordination of the Co^{II} ion, which lies on an inversion center. The compound is isostructural with the previously reported Cd and Ni analogs.

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The structure of the title compound, (I), consists of a pseudo-octahedral Co^{2+} complex with four monodentate dapm ligands [dapm is 4,4'-methylenediphenylamine] coordinated through one amine N and two water molecules, as shown in Fig. 1, with two nitrate ions and two uncoordinated water molecules. The Co^{2+} ion lies on a crystallographic inversion center. Hydrothermally prepared (I) is isostructural with the Cd and Ni analogs obtained from room temperature evaporation of water-alcohol mixtures of the $M(\text{NO}_3)_2$ salt ($M = \text{Cd}, \text{Ni}$) and dapm (Wang *et al.*, 2001; Zhang *et al.*, 2001).

**Experimental**

The title compound was prepared by hydrothermal reaction of 4,4'-methylenedianiline (dapm) (0.0240 g, 0.12 mmol) with $\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.0386 g, 0.11 mmol) in water (0.80 ml) in an evacuated sealed Pyrex tube. The tube was heated to 358 K at 1 K

**Figure 1**

The structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. Symmetry code: (') $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$. The symmetry-related nitrate ion and uncoordinated water molecule are not shown.

min⁻¹, and held at that temperature for 8 h before slowly cooling (0.2 K min⁻¹) to 303 K. Pale-orange block-shaped crystals were formed along with some pink powder. Analysis calculated for C₅₂H₆₄CoN₁₀O₁₀: C 59.59, H 6.16, N 13.36%; found: C 59.25, H 5.87, N 13.22%.

Crystal data

[Co(C₁₃H₁₄N₂)₄(H₂O)₂](NO₃)₂·2H₂O
M_r = 1048.06
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$
a = 9.2265 (5) Å
b = 11.6587 (6) Å
c = 11.9719 (7) Å
 α = 80.920 (1)°
 β = 87.804 (1)°
 γ = 89.488 (1)°
V = 1270.73 (12) Å³
Z = 1
D_x = 1.370 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 Cell parameters from 6696 reflections
 θ = 2.3–26.3°
 μ = 0.41 mm⁻¹
T = 293 (2) K
 Block, pale orange
 0.42 × 0.24 × 0.18 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer
 ω and ϕ scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1999)
T_{min} = 0.619, *T_{max}* = 0.928
 11803 measured reflections
 5200 independent reflections
 3875 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.030
 θ_{max} = 26.4°
h = -11 → 11
k = -14 → 14
l = -14 → 14

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R [*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.041
wR [*F*²] = 0.081
S = 0.99
 5200 reflections
 379 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.03P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.45 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.32 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co—O1	2.0526 (15)	Co—N1	2.2448 (17)
Co—N3	2.2005 (16)		
O1—Co—N3	86.26 (7)	N3 ⁱ —Co—N1 ⁱ	86.15 (7)
O1 ⁱ —Co—N1 ⁱ	88.95 (7)		

Symmetry code: (i) 1 - *x*, -*y*, 1 - *z*.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> — <i>H</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> — <i>H</i>	<i>H</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> — <i>H</i> ··· <i>A</i>
N1—H1A···O3 ⁱ	0.90 (2)	2.22 (2)	3.114 (2)	173.2 (18)
N3—H3A···O3 ⁱⁱ	0.82 (2)	2.52 (2)	3.263 (3)	150.0 (19)
O1—H1WA···O4 ⁱⁱ	0.79 (2)	1.99 (3)	2.779 (2)	175 (3)
N4—H4B···O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93 (3)	2.29 (3)	3.107 (3)	147 (2)
O2—H2WA···O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.76 (4)	2.56 (4)	3.193 (4)	142 (4)
N2—H2B···O2 ^{iv}	0.86 (3)	2.46 (3)	3.258 (4)	156 (2)
N4—H4A···O4 ^v	0.96 (2)	2.14 (3)	3.048 (3)	157 (2)
O1—H1WB···O2 ^{vi}	0.83 (2)	1.87 (3)	2.694 (3)	170 (2)
O2—H2WB···N2 ⁱ	0.72 (4)	2.26 (4)	2.958 (5)	165 (5)

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

H atoms attached to C atoms were geometrically idealized, with C—H = 0.93 Å and *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(C). H atoms on N atoms and water O were located and refined freely with isotropic displacement parameters.

Data collection: *SMART-NT* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus-NT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus-NT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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