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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.011 Å R factor = 0.055 wR factor = 0.158 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1

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# $(2,2'-Bipyridine-\kappa^2 N,N')$ dichlorocopper(II)

The title compound,  $[CuCl_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)]$ , has twofold symmetry and the coordination geometry around the Cu<sup>II</sup> atom is distorted square-planar. There are weak intermolecular Cu···Cl interactions, forming a chain structure in the crystal. Received 13 May 2004 Accepted 24 May 2004 Online 29 May 2004

### Comment

The title compound, (I), is a simple coordination complex of Cu and 2.2'-bipyridine (bpy).



The central Cu atom in (I) lies on a twofold axis, and is coordinated by two N atoms from the bpy ligand and two Cl atoms, which form a distorted square (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The N1-C6-C6<sup>ii</sup>-N1<sup>ii</sup> torsion angle of the bpy ligand is 5.5 (3)° [symmetry code: (ii) -x, y,  $\frac{1}{2} - z$ ].



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A view of the molecular structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. [Symmetry code: (A) -x, y,  $\frac{1}{2} - z$ .]



Figure 2

The chain structure in the crystal of (I). H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Neighbouring molecules are connected by weak Cu1···Cl2<sup>i</sup> interactions of 3.047 (3) Å, forming a chain structure (Fig. 2) [symmetry code: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z]. The Cu···Cu<sup>i</sup> distance in the chain is 3.811 (4) Å.

### **Experimental**

Compound (I) was produced unexpectedly. [Cu(bpy)-(dien)Cl]Cl·3H<sub>2</sub>O (0.136 g, 0.3 mmol) and 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylic acid (0.021 g, 0.1 mmol) were dissolved in water (20 ml). To this solution, two drops of 1 *M* NaOH were added. The final solution was sealed in a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel bomb and heated to 433 K for 4 d, and then cooled to room temperature. A clear green solution was obtained and green prismatic crystals of (I) were collected by evaporation of the solution, with a yield of 35.6%.

#### Crystal data

| $[CuCl_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)]$       |
|--------------------------------|
| $M_r = 290.63$                 |
| Monoclinic, $C_2/c$            |
| a = 17.08(5)Å                  |
| b = 8.95 (2)  Å                |
| c = 7.23 (2)  Å                |
| $\beta = 112.52 \ (3)^{\circ}$ |
| $V = 1021 (5) \text{ Å}^3$     |
| Z = 4                          |

 $D_x = 1.890 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 1248 reflections  $\theta = 3.6-25.0^{\circ}$   $\mu = 2.62 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 293 (2) K Prism, green  $0.32 \times 0.24 \times 0.16 \text{ mm}$ 

#### Data collection

| Rigaku Mercury70 CCD                   | 904 independent reflections                                |
|--|--|
| diffractometer (2 $\times$ 2 bin mode) | 691 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$                      |
| $\omega$ scans                         | $R_{\rm int} = 0.052$                                      |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan      | $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$                          |
| (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)              | $h = -18 \rightarrow 20$                                   |
| $T_{\min} = 0.343, \ T_{\max} = 0.657$ | $k = -9 \rightarrow 10$                                    |
| 2958 measured reflections              | $l = -8 \rightarrow 8$                                     |
| Refinement                             |  |
| Refinement on $F^2$                    | H-atom parameters constrained                              |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$        | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0887P)^2]$                    |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.158$                      | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                             |
| S = 1.05                               | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$                        |
| 904 reflections                        | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.45 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 69 parameters                          | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.73 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ |

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|                          | 2 024 (6)   | Cu1_Cl2 <sup>i</sup>       | 3 047 (3) |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Cu1-Cl2                  | 2.254 (0)   | Cu1-Ci2                    | 5.047 (5) |
| N1-Cu1-N1 <sup>ii</sup>  | 80.5 (3)    | Cl2 <sup>ii</sup> -Cu1-Cl2 | 93.0 (2)  |
| N1-Cu1-Cl2 <sup>ii</sup> | 172.16 (14) | N1-Cu1-Cl2 <sup>i</sup>    | 84.8 (3)  |
| N1-Cu1-Cl2               | 93.4 (2)    | Cl2-Cu1-Cl2 <sup>i</sup>   | 89.3 (4)  |

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

The relatively large s.u. values of the lattice constants may be due to the crystal itself and the optical process. The positions of all H atoms were generated geometrically (C-H = 0.97 Å) and they were allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}$ (parent atom).

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Molecular Structure Corporation & Rigaku, 2000); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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