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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.012\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.089
 wR factor = 0.200
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.3For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**catena-Poly[[chlorocopper(I)]- μ -1,3-di-4-pyridylpropane- $\kappa^2\text{N:N}'$]**

The title compound, $[\text{CuCl}(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2)]_n$, adopts an infinite one-dimensional chain structure. The Cu^{I} atom, which lies on a crystallographic mirror plane, is coordinated by the N atom from two pyridyl rings [$\text{Cu}-\text{N} = 1.975(7)\text{ \AA}$] and a Cl atom [$\text{Cu}-\text{Cl} = 2.251(4)\text{ \AA}$] in a trigonal-planar geometry. The Cl atom also lies on the mirror plane.

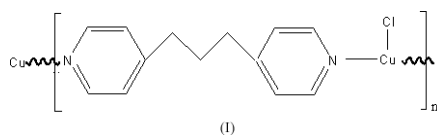
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Comment

There are a number of studies on coordination compounds having flexible organic ligands that coordinate to metal centers (Chen *et al.*, 2004; Lu *et al.*, 1999). The 1,3-bis(4-pyridyl)propane heterocycle is an example of such a ligand.



The present copper(I) chloride adduct, (I) (Fig. 1), which was synthesized hydrothermally with copper(II) chloride as reagent, adopts a linear chain structure. The Cu atom is coordinated by two N atoms from different ligands in a trigonal planar geometry. The Cu and Cl atoms lie on a mirror plane. The bridging mode of the heterocyclic ligand gives rise to the formation of a chain that propagates along the b axis of the unit cell (Fig. 2).

Experimental

A mixture of CuCl_2 (0.085 g, 0.5 mmol), 1,3-bis(4-pyridyl)propane (0.098 g, 0.5 mmol), KOH (0.028 g, 0.1 mmol) and water (10 ml) was sealed in a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel reactor. The reaction was heated to 433 K for 60 h and then cooled to room temperature over a period of 60 h. Colorless plate-shaped crystals of the title compound were obtained in about 60% yield.

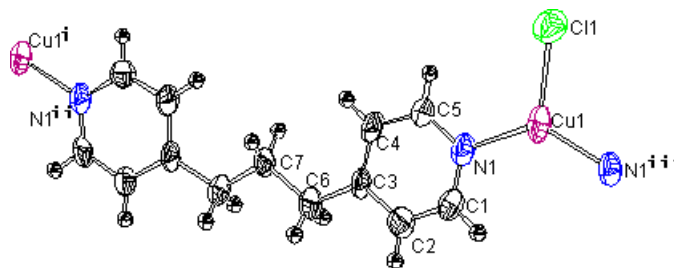


Figure 1

View of a fragment of the title compound, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. [Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y - 1, z$; (ii) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$; (iii) $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z$].

Crystal data

[CuCl(C₁₃H₁₄N₂)]
M_r = 297.25
 Orthorhombic, *Pnma*
a = 12.699 (4) Å
b = 13.885 (4) Å
c = 7.252 (2) Å
V = 1278.6 (6) Å³
Z = 4
D_x = 1.544 Mg m⁻³

Mo *K*α radiation
 Cell parameters from 774 reflections
 $\theta = 5.2\text{--}25.1^\circ$
 $\mu = 1.89\text{ mm}^{-1}$
T = 293 (2) K
 Plate, colorless
 0.34 × 0.16 × 0.04 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)
T_{min} = 0.702, *T_{max}* = 0.927
 2900 measured reflections

1191 independent reflections
 774 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.088
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.1^\circ$
h = -14 → 15
k = -11 → 16
l = -8 → 8

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R[*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.089
wR(*F*²) = 0.200
S = 1.11
 1148 reflections
 86 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0486P)^2 + 10.9684P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 (Δ/σ)_{max} = 0.001
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.55\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.51\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1—N1	1.976 (7)	Cu1—Cl1	2.251 (5)
N1 ⁱⁱⁱ —Cu1—N1	131.5 (5)	N1—Cu1—Cl1	114.2 (2)

Symmetry code: (iii) *x*, $\frac{1}{2}$ - *y*, *z*.

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model [aromatic C—H = 0.93 Å and aliphatic C—H = 0.97 Å; *U_{iso}*(H) = 1.2*U_{eq}*(C)].

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Siemens, 1994); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve

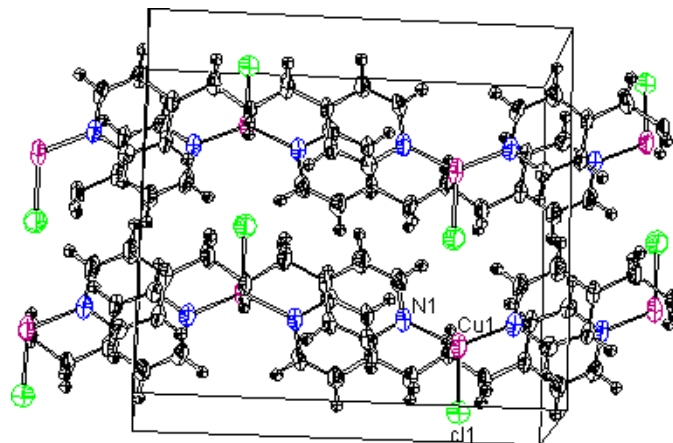


Figure 2

The packing, viewed approximately along the *c* axis.

structure: *SHELXTL*; program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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