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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=295 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.009 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.040$
$w R$ factor $=0.111$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=14.4$

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## Diiodo(4'-phenyl-2,2': $6^{\prime}, 2^{\prime \prime}$-terpyridine- $\kappa^{3} N$ )copper(II)

The Cu atom in the $1 / 1$ adduct of copper(II) diiodide with $4^{\prime}$ -phenyl-2,2': $6^{\prime}, 2^{\prime \prime}$-terpyridine, $\left[\mathrm{CuI}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\right]$, exists in a square-pyramidal environment. The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{I}_{\text {axial }}$ bond [2.7872 (9) $\AA$ ] is significantly longer than the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{I}_{\text {basal }}$ bond [2.5394 (8) Å].

## Comment

$2,2^{\prime}: 6^{\prime}, 2^{\prime \prime}$-Terpyridine, a commercially available chelating heterocyclic ligand, furnishes complexes with a large range of metal salts, and as the adducts are crystalline, the crystal structures of a plethora of such adducts have been authenticated. For the copper(II) iodide adduct in particular, the metal atom is chelated by the heterocycle in a five-coordinate environment; the geometry is that of a trigonal bipyramid and the N atoms of the outer pyridyl rings span the two apical positions. The Cu atom lies on a twofold axis and the two $\mathrm{Cu}-$ I bonds [2.647 (1) Å] are equivalent (Kutoglu et al., 1991). With the 4-phenyl-substituted heterocycle, the corresponding copper iodide adduct, (I), which was the unexpected product from the reaction of the heterocycle with cuprous iodide, features a Cu atom in a square-pyramidal geometry (Fig. 1). The $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{I}_{\text {axial }}$ bond [2.7872 (9) $\AA \AA$ ] is significantly longer than the $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{basal}}$ bond [2.5394 (8) $\AA$ ].

(I)

## Experimental

$4^{\prime}$-Phenyl-2, 2': $6^{\prime}, 2^{\prime \prime}$-terpyridine was synthesized according to a published procedure (Constable et al., 1990). This compound ( 0.031 g , 0.1 mmol ) was dissolved in dichloromethane ( 3 ml ) and the solution placed in a narrow glass tube. More dichloromethane ( 5 ml ) was added as a buffer between a saturated potassium iodide solution containing copper(I) iodide ( $0.019 \mathrm{~g}, 0.1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). Black crystals were formed at the interface in two weeks in about $50 \%$ yield.

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## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{CuI}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{15} \mathrm{~N}_{3}\right)\right]$
$M_{r}=626.70$
$\mathrm{Monoclinice}^{2} \mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{c}$
$a=13.855(1) \AA$
$b=14.995(1) \AA$
$c=19.245(1) \AA$
$\beta=93.571(1){ }^{\circ}$
$V=3990.6(5) \AA^{3}$
$Z=8$

Data collection
Bruker SMART APEX areadetector diffractometer $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 2002)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.454, T_{\text {max }}=0.604$
10302 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.040$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.111$
$S=1.04$
3513 reflections
244 parameters
H -atom parameters constrained
$D_{x}=2.086 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 2748
reflections
$\theta=2.7-23.2^{\circ}$
$\mu=4.20 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=295$ (2) K
Prism, black
$0.19 \times 0.18 \times 0.12 \mathrm{~mm}$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $\mathrm{I} 1-\mathrm{Cu} 1$ | $2.7872(9)$ | $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $1.959(5)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{I} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1$ | $2.5394(8)$ | $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $2.069(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $2.079(5)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $78.8(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{I} 1$ | $100.3(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $155.3(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{I} 2$ | $154.7(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{I} 1$ | $102.0(1)$ | $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{I} 1$ | $92.0(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{I} 2$ | $97.6(1)$ | $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{I} 2$ | $98.4(1)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $78.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{I} 1-\mathrm{Cu} 1-\mathrm{I} 2$ | $104.96(3)$ |

H atoms were placed in calculated positions $[\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93 \AA$ and $\left.U_{\text {iso }}=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})\right]$ and were included in the refinement in the ridingmodel approximation. The final difference map had a large peak at $0.5 \AA$ from atom I1.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS 97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:


Figure 1
ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.

ORTEP-II (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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