

## Aqua(benzene-1,4-dioxyacetate)bis(2,2'-bipyridine)-cobalt(II) tetrahydrate

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The title complex,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}_6)(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , comprises a neutral  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  complex and four solvent water molecules. The  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  ion exhibits a slightly distorted octahedral configuration, defined by one O atom of the diacetate ligand, four N atoms of the 2,2'-bipyridine ligands and one water molecule. The presence of hydrogen bonding and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions leads to a supramolecular network structure.

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## Key indicators

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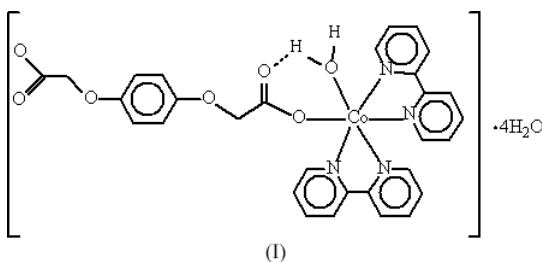
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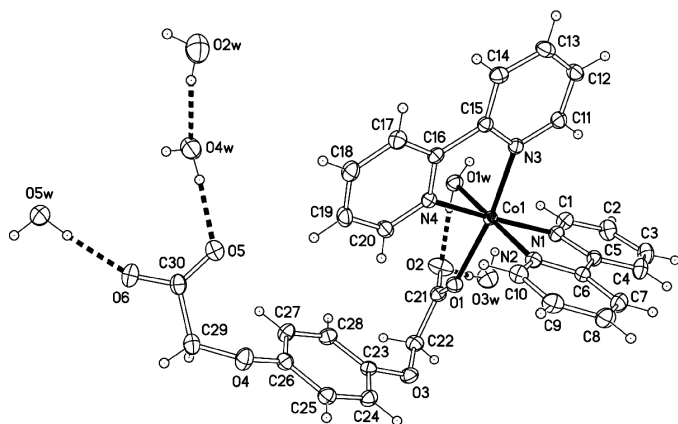
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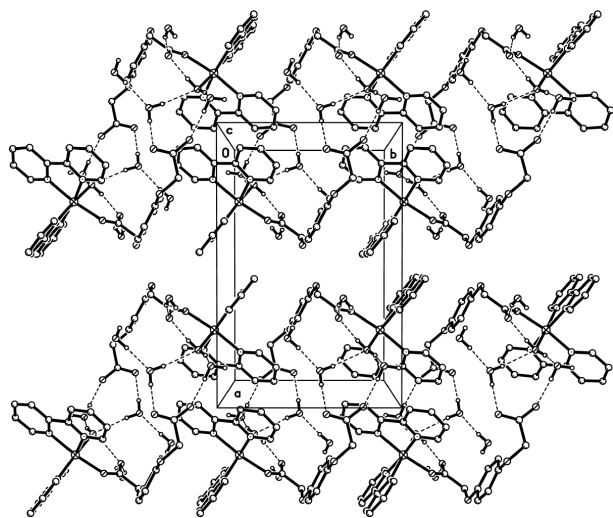
Benzene-1,4-dioxyacetic acid (1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub>), which has versatile binding ability, is a good candidate for the construction of supramolecular architectures. However, there is, as yet, limited structural information on complexes derived from the 1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub> ligand. Recently, we have reported some mononuclear structures containing the 1,4-BDOA dianion, namely  $[\text{MnCl}(\text{1,10-phenanthroline})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_2(1,4\text{-BDOA})\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Gao, Liu, Huo, Zhao & Zhao, 2004),  $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](1,4\text{-BDOA})$  (Liu, Huo *et al.*, 2004),  $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](1,4\text{-BDOA})$  (Liu, Gao *et al.*, 2004), and  $[\text{Co}(\text{triethanolamine})_2](1,4\text{-BDOA})$  (Gao, Liu, Huo & Ng, 2004), in which the carboxylate ligands do not coordinate to metal ions but rather function as counter-ions. In order to explore further the coordination behavior of metal ions with 1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub>, we isolated a new  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  complex,  $[\text{Co}(1,4\text{-BDOA})(2,2'\text{-bipy})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (I), the crystal structure of which is reported here.



As shown in Fig. 1, the crystal structure of (I) consists of a neutral cobalt complex and four solvent water molecules. The Co atom is six-coordinate within a distorted octahedral  $\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  environment, defined by four N atoms of two 2,2'-bipy molecules, one O atom of a monodentate carboxylate ligand and one aqua ligand. The chelation of the 2,2'-bipy molecules is unsymmetrical, with the Co–N bond distances varying from 2.081 (2) to 2.104 (2) Å. The distance of Co–O(carboxylate) [2.106 (2) Å] is slightly shorter than that of Co–O(water) [2.125 (2) Å]. Around the Co atom, the *cis* angles vary from 78.59 (8) to 95.58 (8)°, and the *trans* angles from 170.42 (7) to



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP plot (Johnson, 1976) of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level, showing the hydrogen-bonding interactions as broken lines.



**Figure 2**  
Packing diagram for (I). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

173.55 (7)°. The 2,2'-bipy ligands are nearly perpendicular to each other [dihedral angle = 85.6 (3)°]. Extensive hydrogen bonding exists between the uncoordinated carboxylate O atoms and solvent water molecules, as well as the intramolecular interaction shown in Fig. 1; geometric parameters are given in Table 2. There are also  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions in the crystal structure, with the closest of these involving centrosymmetrically related 2,2'-bipy ligands; the shortest  $C_g \cdots C_g$  ( $C_g$  is the centroid of the pyridine ring) contact of 3.8582 (12) Å occurs between rings containing atoms N3 and N4<sup>i</sup> [symmetry code: (i) 1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z]. In this way, a supramolecular three-dimensional network structure is constructed, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

## Experimental

Benzene-1,4-dioxyacetic acid was prepared according to the method described for the synthesis of benzene-1,2-dioxyacetic acid by Mirci (1990). The title complex was prepared by the addition of a stoichiometric amount of Co(OAc)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mmol), NaOH (40 mmol)

and 2,2'-bipy (20 mmol) to a hot aqueous solution of 1,4-BDOAH<sub>2</sub> (20 mmol), with subsequent filtration. Pink crystals were obtained at room temperature over several days. Analysis calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>34</sub>CoN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>11</sub>: C 52.56, H 5.00, N 8.17%; found: C 52.81, H 4.94, N 8.26%.

## Crystal data

[Co(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>6</sub>)(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)]·4H<sub>2</sub>O  
 $M_r = 685.54$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 15.639$  (3) Å  
 $b = 10.152$  (2) Å  
 $c = 19.996$  (4) Å  
 $\beta = 92.23$  (3)°  
 $V = 3172.3$  (11) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.435$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

Cell parameters from 23 569

reflections

$\theta = 3.1$ –27.5°

$\mu = 0.61$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 293$  (2) K

Prism, pink

0.36 × 0.24 × 0.18 mm

## Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan  
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.811$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.899$   
 28 373 measured reflections

7075 independent reflections

4616 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.067$

$\theta_{\max} = 27.4^\circ$

$h = -20 \rightarrow 20$

$k = -11 \rightarrow 13$

$l = -25 \rightarrow 25$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.097$   
 $S = 1.01$   
 7075 reflections  
 445 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of  
 independent and constrained  
 refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0409P)^2 + 0.6545P]$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.37$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.24$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1—O1	2.106 (2)	Co1—N2	2.103 (2)
Co1—O1W	2.125 (2)	Co1—N3	2.104 (2)
Co1—N1	2.090 (2)	Co1—N4	2.081 (2)
O1—Co1—O1W	87.40 (8)	O1W—Co1—N4	91.85 (8)
O1—Co1—N1	94.00 (7)	N1—Co1—N2	78.59 (8)
O1—Co1—N2	90.24 (8)	N1—Co1—N3	95.58 (8)
O1—Co1—N3	170.42 (7)	N1—Co1—N4	171.03 (8)
O1—Co1—N4	91.35 (7)	N2—Co1—N3	91.97 (8)
O1W—Co1—N1	95.58 (8)	N2—Co1—N4	94.21 (8)
O1W—Co1—N2	173.55 (7)	N3—Co1—N4	79.19 (8)
O1W—Co1—N3	91.34 (8)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O1W—H1W1...O2	0.85 (2)	1.79 (3)	2.626 (3)	165 (3)
O1W—H1W2...O5W <sup>i</sup>	0.86 (3)	1.92 (4)	2.735 (3)	159 (3)
O2W—H2W1...O4W	0.85 (3)	2.09 (4)	2.924 (4)	165 (5)
O2W—H2W2...O5W <sup>ii</sup>	0.84 (3)	2.31 (4)	3.138 (4)	166 (4)
O3W—H3W1...O2W <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (3)	2.01 (4)	2.846 (4)	168 (5)
O3W—H3W2...O2	0.85 (3)	1.99 (4)	2.813 (3)	163 (4)
O4W—H4W1...O5	0.86 (3)	1.86 (3)	2.722 (3)	176 (4)
O4W—H4W2...O1W <sup>i</sup>	0.85 (3)	2.32 (4)	3.170 (3)	172 (4)
O5W—H5W1...O6	0.85 (3)	1.87 (3)	2.728 (3)	175 (4)
O5W—H5W2...O3W <sup>iv</sup>	0.86 (2)	1.93 (3)	2.779 (4)	168 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) 2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (ii)  $\frac{5}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (iii)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions [ $C-H = 0.93$  (aromatic) or  $0.97 \text{ \AA}$  (aliphatic) and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$ ] in the riding-model approximation. Water H atoms were located in a difference map and refined with  $O-H$  and  $H \cdots H$  distance restraints of  $0.85$  (1) and  $1.39$  (1)  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively, and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(O)$ .

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: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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