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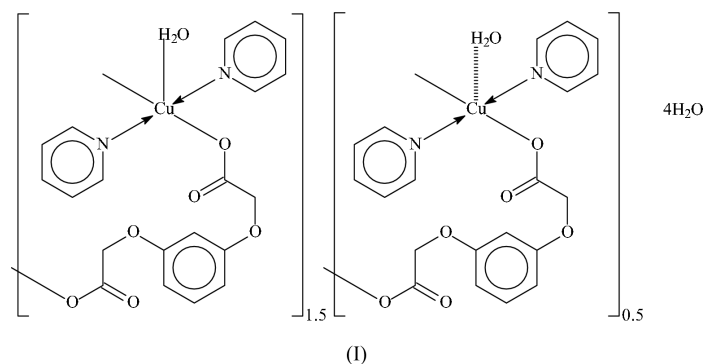
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 295$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$ Å
Disorder in main residue
 R factor = 0.058
 wR factor = 0.135
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**catena-Poly[[[aquadipyridinecopper(II)]- μ -1,3-phenylenedioxydiacetato- κ^2 O:O'] dihydrate]**

The crystal structure of the title compound, $\{[\text{Cu}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}_6)_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$, consists of linear chains built from $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}_6)(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ units (where the CuB atom lies on a general position) bridged through the dicarboxylate dianion to two other $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{O}_6)(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ units (the CuA and CuC atoms lie on different inversion centers). The CuA and CuC atoms of the two units at the inversion centers are disordered over two sites, and the disorder is such that these atoms are five-coordinate in one component as both are coordinated by water molecules, whereas the CuA' and CuC' component atoms are only four-coordinate, as the metal-water distance exceeds 3 Å. The compound is formally a co-crystal, namely *catena-poly*[[[aquabis(pyridine- κ N)copper(II)]- μ -1,3-phenylenedioxydiacetato- κ^2 -O:O'] dihydrate]-*catena-poly*[[[bisN)copper(II)]- μ -1,3-phenylenedioxydiacetato- κ^2 -O:O] trihydrate] (1.5/0.5).

Comment

We have reported several metal 1,3-phenylenedi(oxyacetates), *e.g.* the diaquazinc (Gao, Li *et al.*, 2004), the hexaaquamagnesium (Liu *et al.*, 2004), the hexaaquachromium (Gao *et al.*, 2004a) and the hexakis(imidazole)nickel (Gao, Liu, Dong *et al.*, 2004) carboxylates; among these, the carboxylate group is bonded directly to the metal atom only in the zinc compound. The present study of the *N*-heterocyclic adduct of copper 1,3-phenylenedi(oxyacetate) represents an extension to the study on copper 1,4-phenylenedi(oxyacetate), which was isolated as an adduct with imidazole. The Cu atom is coordinated by a water molecule and two imidazole rings to confer a square-pyramidal geometry at the metal atom. The compound adopts a linear-chain motif arising from the bridging nature of the carboxylate unit (Gao *et al.*, 2004b).



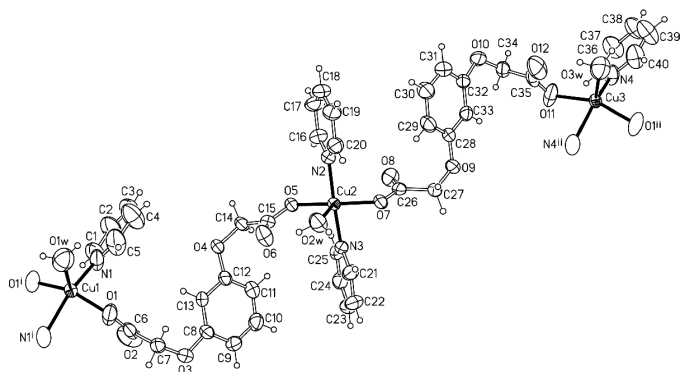


Figure 1
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. The disordered Cu1' and Cu3' atoms have been omitted. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

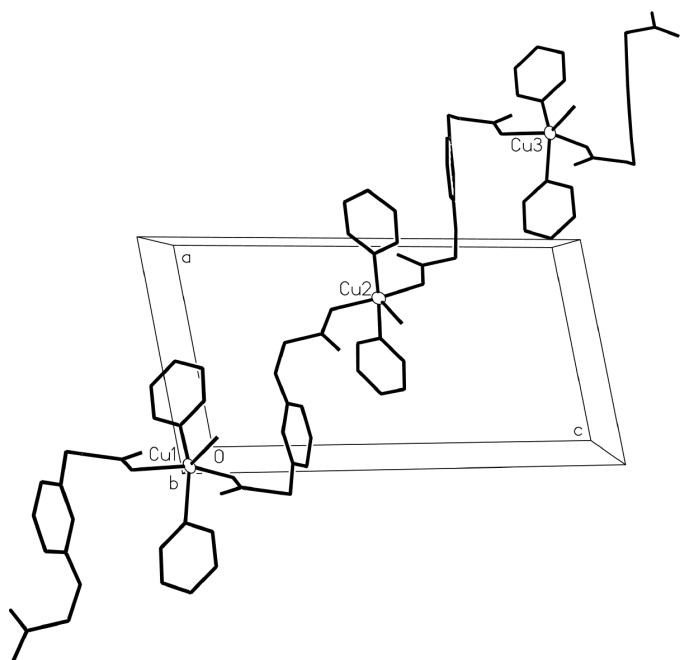


Figure 2
Schematic representation of the chain motif (O4w, O5w and O6w water molecules are not included), in which the Cu1 and Cu3 atoms are each coordinated by a water molecule.

adopts a chain motif (Fig. 1) and the uncoordinated water molecules form hydrogen bonds to the chains (Table 2). However, arising from the disordered nature of two of the three Cu atoms that comprise the asymmetric unit, both square-planar and square-pyramidal geometries are shown by the disordered metal atoms (Figs. 2 and 3). The compound is formally a 1.5/0.5 co-crystal, namely *catena*-poly[[[aquabis(pyridine- κ N)copper(II)]- μ -1,3-phenylenedioxydiacetato- κ^2 -O:O'] dihydrate]-*catena*-poly[[[bis(pyridine- κ N)copper(II)]- μ -1,3-phenylenedioxydiacetato- κ^2 -O:O'] trihydrate] (1.5/0.5).

Experimental

Copper diacetate monohydrate (4.00 g, 20 mmol) and sodium hydroxide (1.60 g, 40 mmol) were dissolved in water and the solution

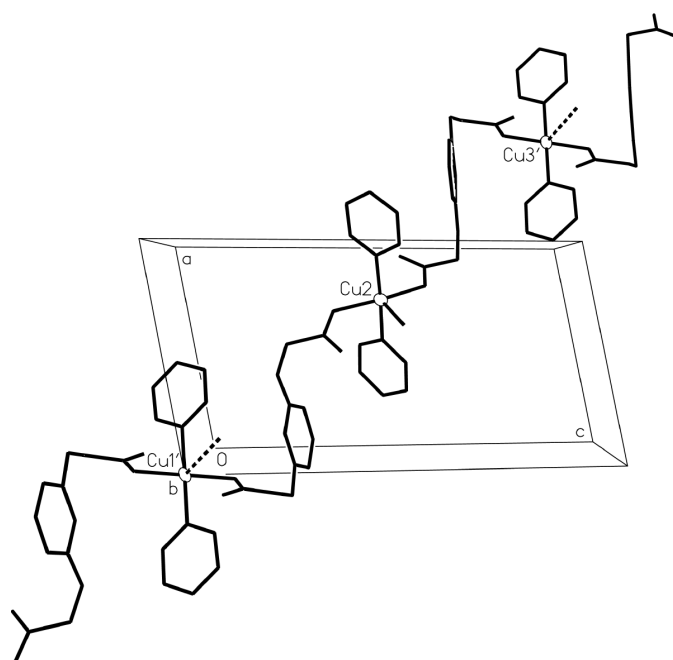


Figure 3
Schematic representation of the chain motif (O4w, O5w and O6w water molecules are not included), in which the Cu1' and Cu3' atoms are each more than 3 Å from the water molecules.

added to an aqueous solution of 1,3-phenylenedi(oxyacetic acid) (4.52 g, 20 mmol). The mixture was warmed, and to the warm solution was added excess pyridine (3 ml). Blue crystals deposited from the filtered solution after several days. Analysis calculated for $C_{40}H_{48}Cu_2N_4O_{18}$: C 48.05, H 4.84, N 5.60%; found: C 48.21, H 4.79, N 5.56%.

Crystal data

$[Cu_2(C_{10}H_8O_6)_2(C_5H_5N)_4 \cdot (H_2O)_2] \cdot 4H_2O$
 $M_r = 999.90$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 9.046 (2) \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 14.626 (3) \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 17.588 (4) \text{ \AA}$
 $\alpha = 104.40 (2)^\circ$
 $\beta = 100.20 (2)^\circ$
 $\gamma = 92.47 (2)^\circ$
 $V = 2209.1 (8) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.503 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 20300 reflections
 $\theta = 3.2\text{--}27.4^\circ$
 $\mu = 1.04 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 295 (2) \text{ K}$
 Prism, blue
 $0.38 \times 0.25 \times 0.19 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
 $T_{\min} = 0.432, T_{\max} = 0.827$
 21663 measured reflections

10073 independent reflections
 6123 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.049$
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
 $k = -18 \rightarrow 18$
 $l = -21 \rightarrow 22$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.058$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.135$
 $S = 1.01$
 10073 reflections
 624 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.066P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.67 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1—O1	1.905 (4)	Cu2—N3	2.006 (3)
Cu1—O1 ⁱ	2.143 (4)	Cu2—O2 _w	2.251 (2)
Cu1—N1	2.001 (4)	Cu3—O11	2.100 (9)
Cu1—N1 ⁱ	2.156 (4)	Cu3—O11 ⁱⁱ	1.931 (9)
Cu1—O1 _w	2.509 (4)	Cu3—N4	1.966 (9)
Cu1'—O1	1.951 (3)	Cu3—N4 ⁱⁱ	2.173 (9)
Cu1'—O1 ⁱ	1.951 (3)	Cu3—O3 _w	2.293 (7)
Cu1'—N1	2.006 (3)	Cu3'—O11	1.951 (2)
Cu1'—N1 ⁱ	2.006 (3)	Cu3'—O11 ⁱⁱ	1.951 (2)
Cu2—O5	1.985 (2)	Cu3'—N4	2.008 (3)
Cu2—O7	1.993 (2)	Cu3'—N4 ⁱⁱ	2.008 (3)
Cu2—N2	2.001 (3)		
O1—Cu1—O1 ⁱ	149.2 (1)	O7—Cu2—N3	89.8 (1)
O1—Cu1—O1 _w	96.6 (2)	O7—Cu2—O2 _w	92.2 (1)
O1—Cu1—N1	92.6 (2)	O2 _w —Cu2—N2	92.7 (1)
O1—Cu1—N1 ⁱ	85.9 (2)	O2 _w —Cu2—N3	95.5 (1)
O1 ⁱ —Cu1—N1	83.9 (1)	N2—Cu2—N3	171.8 (1)
O1 ⁱ —Cu1—N1 ⁱ	82.1 (1)	O11—Cu3—O11 ⁱⁱ	150.9 (3)
O1 ⁱ —Cu1—O1 _w	114.0 (2)	O11—Cu3—O3 _w	110.1 (4)
O1 _w —Cu1—N1	105.4 (2)	O11—Cu3—N4	86.3 (3)
O1 _w —Cu1—N1 ⁱ	105.0 (2)	O11—Cu3—N4 ⁱⁱ	82.4 (3)
N1—Cu1—N1 ⁱ	149.6 (1)	O11 ⁱⁱ —Cu3—N4	92.5 (4)
O1—Cu1'—O1 ⁱ	180	O11 ⁱⁱ —Cu3—N4 ⁱⁱ	85.2 (4)
O1—Cu1'—N1	91.1 (1)	O11 ⁱⁱ —Cu3—O3 _w	98.3 (3)
O1—Cu1'—N1 ⁱ	88.9 (1)	O3 _w —Cu3—N4	105.1 (3)
O1 ⁱ —Cu1'—N1	88.9 (1)	O3 _w —Cu3—N4 ⁱⁱ	103.0 (3)
O1 ⁱ —Cu1'—N1 ⁱ	91.1 (1)	N4—Cu3—N4 ⁱⁱ	151.9 (3)
N1—Cu1'—N1 ⁱ	180	O11—Cu3'—O11 ⁱⁱ	180
O5—Cu2—O7	170.4 (1)	O11—Cu3'—N4	89.3 (1)
O5—Cu2—N2	91.5 (1)	O11—Cu3'—N4 ⁱⁱ	90.7 (1)
O5—Cu2—N3	87.5 (1)	O11 ⁱⁱ —Cu3'—N4	90.7 (1)
O5—Cu2—O2 _w	97.3 (1)	O11 ⁱⁱ —Cu3'—N4 ⁱⁱ	89.3 (1)
O7—Cu2—N2	89.9 (1)	N4—Cu3'—N4 ⁱⁱ	180

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, 2 - y, -z$; (ii) $3 - x, 1 - y, 2 - z$.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O1 _w —H1 _w 2 _w ···O2 ⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.02 (3)	2.792 (5)	151 (5)
O2 _w —H2 _w 2 _w ···O6	0.85 (1)	1.95 (2)	2.663 (4)	140 (3)
O2 _w —H2 _w 1 _w ···O4 _w	0.85 (1)	1.90 (1)	2.741 (4)	172 (5)
O3 _w —H3 _w 1 _w ···O12	0.86 (1)	2.04 (3)	2.722 (4)	136 (4)
O4 _w —H4 _w 2 _w ···O6 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86 (1)	2.17 (2)	2.919 (4)	146 (4)
O4 _w —H4 _w 1 _w ···O5 _w	0.86 (1)	2.02 (2)	2.812 (4)	154 (5)
O5 _w —H5 _w 1 _w ···O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86 (1)	2.34 (4)	2.982 (5)	132 (4)
O5 _w —H5 _w 2 _w ···O7	0.86 (1)	1.99 (2)	2.830 (3)	165 (5)
O6 _w —H6 _w 1 _w ···O8	0.86 (1)	2.05 (2)	2.889 (4)	165 (6)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, 2 - y, -z$; (iii) $1 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$.

Of the three independent Cu atoms, two (Cu1 and Cu3) lie on different inversion sites so that their site occupancy should each be

0.5 in the asymmetric unit. However, the two atoms are each disordered over two sites and the occupancies refined to almost 0.25 for each component (Cu1/Cu1' and Cu3/Cu3'). The disorder is such that the primed atoms lie on the inversion centers whereas the unprimed atoms lie in general positions, at about 0.5 Å from the primed atoms. Arising from the disorder, the Cu1 atom is coordinated by the O1_w water molecule and is five-coordinate in a quasi-square pyramidal environment [Cu1—O1_w = 2.509 (4) Å]. On the other hand, this water molecule is more than 3 Å from the companion Cu1' atom, so that the Cu1' atom is better regarded as existing in a square-planar geometry only. A similar type of disorder also affects the pair of Cu3/Cu3' atoms. The H atoms were placed in calculated positions [aromatic C—H = 0.93 Å and aliphatic C—H = 0.96 Å, and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$]. The water H atoms were located and refined with distance restraints of O—H = 0.85±0.01 Å and H···H = 1.39±0.01 Å, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$. The disorder affected the O1_w and O3_w water molecules; the refinement of the H atoms necessitated restraining the Cu1···H1_w1 and Cu1···H1_w2 distances to be within ±0.05 Å of each other (as well as the Cu3···H3_w1 and Cu3···H3_w2 distances). The O1_w and O3_w molecules each form only one hydrogen bond to a neighboring acceptor atom.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 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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