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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.007 Å R factor = 0.034 wR factor = 0.108 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1

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## (2,2'-Bipyridine)bromodiimidazolecopper(II) bromide

The title compound,  $[CuBr(C_3H_4N_2)_2(C_{10}H_8N_2)]Br$ , consists of bromodiimidazole(2,2'-bipyridine)copper(II) cations and bromide anions that are linked by hydrogen bonds into a network structure. Two imidazoles, a 2,2'-bipyridine and a bromide anion are coordinated by the Cu atom, whose geometry is distorted towards octahedral because of the second bromide anion. Received 17 November 2004 Accepted 22 November 2004 Online 27 November 2004

#### Comment

Much interest is focused on the synthesis of coordination polymers (Carlucci *et al.*, 1994; Munakata *et al.*, 1999; Hirsch *et al.*, 1997; Hoskins & Robson, 1990); occasionally, the products are not the expected compounds. In the present study, the title compound contains two imidazole molecules that come from the decomposition of the starting 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole ligand. The Cu atom of the  $[Cu(C_{10}H_8N_2)(C_3H_4N_2)_2Br]^+$ cation is five-coordinated by the two imidazole molecules, a 2,2'-bipyridine and a bromide anion; the geometry is distorted towards octahedral, as the second bromide anion is 3.324 (4) Å away. The cations and anions interact through N—  $H \cdots$ Br hydrogen bonds involving the imidazole, generating a three-dimensional network structure (Table 2).



#### **Experimental**

Copper bromide (0.5 g, 2 mmol) was dissolved in water (10 ml) and the solution was mixed with a dimethylformamide solution (10 ml) of 2,2'-bipyridine (0.3 g, 2 mmol), terephthalic acid (0.4 g, 2 mmol) and 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole (0.3 g, 2 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered; blue prism-shaped crystals separated from the solution after about three months.

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#### Figure 1

*ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title compound, with the atom numbering, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{CuBr}(\text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{N}_2)_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2) \end{bmatrix} \text{Br} & D \\ M_r = 515.71 & \text{M} \\ \text{Monoclinic, } P2_1/c & \text{Comparison} \\ a = 13.121 & (5) \text{ Å} & \\ b = 8.731 & (3) \text{ Å} & \theta \\ c = 16.205 & (6) \text{ Å} & \mu \\ \beta = 97.560 & (6)^\circ & T \\ V = 1840.2 & (11) \text{ Å}^3 & \text{Pr} \\ Z = 4 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2000)  $T_{\min} = 0.50, T_{\max} = 0.82$ 8504 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$   $wR(F^2) = 0.108$  S = 1.053180 reflections 226 parameters  $D_x = 1.861 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 3180 reflections  $\theta = 1.6-25.1^{\circ}$  $\mu = 5.54 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 (2) KPrism, blue  $0.25 \times 0.19 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$ 

3180 independent reflections 2536 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.028$   $\theta_{max} = 25.1^{\circ}$   $h = -15 \rightarrow 10$   $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$  $l = -18 \rightarrow 19$ 

H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0650P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$   $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.54 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.38 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ 

# Table 1Selected geometric parameters (Å, $^{\circ}$ ).

Br1-Cu1	2.8189 (10)	Cu1-N2	2.013 (3)
Cu1-N5	1.991 (3)	Cu1-N1	2.031 (3)
Cu1-N3	2.002 (3)		
N5-Cu1-N3	90.96 (13)	N2-Cu1-N1	80.01 (13)
N5-Cu1-N2	169.17 (13)	N5-Cu1-Br1	96.25 (10)
N3-Cu1-N2	95.70 (13)	N3-Cu1-Br1	93.75 (10)
N5-Cu1-N1	92.28 (13)	N2-Cu1-Br1	91.83 (10)
N3-Cu1-N1	171.65 (13)	N1-Cu1-Br1	93.54 (9)

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

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
N4-H4N $\cdots$ Br2 <sup>i</sup> N6-H6N $\cdots$ Br1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86 0.86	2.53 2.45	3.320 (4) 3.254 (4)	152 156
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Symmetry codes: (i)  $2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (ii) x, y - 1, z.

H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms at distances of 0.86 (N–H) and 0.93 Å (C–H), with  $U_{\rm iso} = 1.2U_{\rm eq}$  (parent atom).

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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