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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.007 Å R factor = 0.058 wR factor = 0.161 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.6

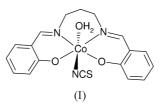
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# Aqua(isothiocyanato){2,2'-[propane-1,3-diylbis(nitrilomethylidyne)]diphenolato}cobalt(III)

The title compound,  $[Co(C_{17}H_{16}N_2O_2)(NCS)(H_2O)]$ , is a mononuclear cobalt(III) complex whose Co atom is coordinated by two N atoms and two O atoms of the Schiff base ligand, the N atom of the isothiocyanate anion, and a water molecule in a distorted octahedral configuration. The molecules are linked by intermolecular  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds to form chains parallel to *b*.

# Comment

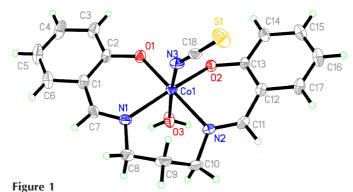
Complex (I) is a mononuclear cobalt(III) compound (Fig. 1). The Co<sup>III</sup> atom is coordinated by two N atoms and two O atoms of the Schiff base dianion, the N atom of an isothiocyanate anion and a water molecule in a distorted octahedral configuration. The Schiff base ligand acts as a tetradentate ligand. The *trans* angles are close to 180°. The bond lengths of the Schiff base ligand are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The six-membered chelate ring containing the Co atom, the azomethine N atoms and the three C atoms of the connecting 1,3-diaminopropane unit has a boat conformation.



In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked together by intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds, forming chains parallel to the *b* axis (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

## **Experimental**

Salicylaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 24.4 mg) and 1,3-diaminopropane (0.1 mmol, 7.4 mg) were dissolved in ethanol (10 ml). The mixture



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was stirred for 10 min to give a clear yellow solution. To the solution was added an ethanol solution (5 ml) of ammonium thiocyanate (0.1 mmol, 7.6 mg) and an aqueous solution (5 ml) of Co(CH<sub>3</sub>-COO)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 25.8 mg) with stirring. After allowing the brown filtrate to stand in air for 10 d, brown block-shaped crystals were isolated.

 $D_x = 1.505 \text{ Mg m}^{-2}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 2671

reflections

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta = 3.0{-}24.7^{\circ} \\ \mu = 1.07 \ \mathrm{mm}^{-1} \end{array}$ 

T = 295 (2) K

Block, brown

 $R_{\rm int}=0.028$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.5^\circ$ 

 $h = -11 \rightarrow 16$ 

 $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$ 

 $l = -26 \rightarrow 23$ 

 $0.27 \times 0.24 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$ 

3784 independent reflections

2944 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Crystal data

$$\begin{split} & \begin{bmatrix} \text{Co}(\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)(\text{NCS})(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \end{bmatrix} \\ & M_r = 415.34 \\ & \text{Monoclinic, } P_{2_1}/n \\ & a = 12.7882 \ (10) \text{ Å} \\ & b = 6.9977 \ (5) \text{ Å} \\ & c = 21.3137 \ (17) \text{ Å} \\ & \beta = 105.994 \ (1)^{\circ} \\ & V = 1833.5 \ (2) \text{ Å}^3 \\ & Z = 4 \end{split}$$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{min} = 0.761, T_{max} = 0.830$ 10267 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$ $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.058$ $wR(F^2) = 0.161$ S = 1.07 3784 reflections 243 parameters	$w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.085P)^{2} + 1.0593P]$ where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.98 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.30 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
3784 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.98 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H atoms treated by a mixture of	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.50 \ {\rm e \ A}$
independent and constrained refinement	

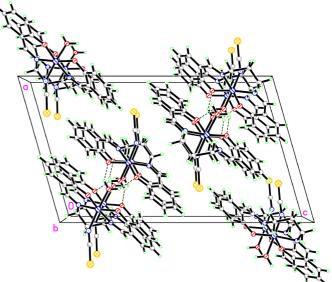
#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{A}$
$O3-H3A\cdotsO1^{i}$	0.895 (10)	1.95 (2)	2.739 (4)	146 (3)
$O3-H3B\cdots O2^{i}$	0.891 (10)	1.91 (3)	2.669 (4)	142 (3)

Symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ .

The H atoms of the water molecule were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically, with the O-H and H···H distances restrained to 0.90 (1) and 1.47 (2) Å, respectively. The other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and



#### Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the b axis. Dashed lines show intermolecular hydrogen bonds.

constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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