

Bis[4-bromo-2-(pyridin-2-ylmethyliminomethyl)-phenolato- $\kappa^3N,N',O$ ]cobalt(III) nitrate

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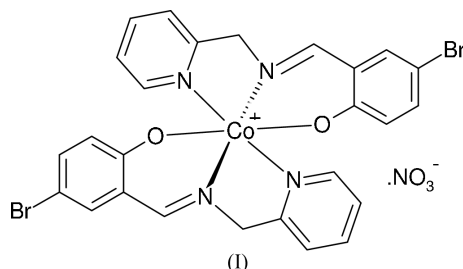
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.039  
 $wR$  factor = 0.105  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.4For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

The title compound,  $[Co(C_{13}H_{10}BrN_2O)_2]NO_3$ , is a mononuclear cobalt(III) complex. The  $Co^{III}$  atom is coordinated by four N atoms and two O atoms of two Schiff base ligands, forming a slightly distorted octahedral coordination configuration.

## Comment

Cobalt compounds are present in the active sites of several important classes of metalloproteins. The study of cobalt compounds is of great interest in various aspects of chemistry (Downing & Urbach, 1969; Ganeshpure *et al.*, 1996; Bosnich, 1968; Costes *et al.*, 1995). The catalytic potential of Schiff base cobalt compounds has been widely studied (Boca *et al.*, 1998). As an extension of our work on the structural characterization of Schiff base complexes (Sun, 2005), the structure of the title mononuclear Schiff base cobalt(III) complex, (I), is reported here.



As illustrated in Fig. 1, compound (I) is the nitrate salt of a mononuclear cobalt(III) complex cation. Selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 1.

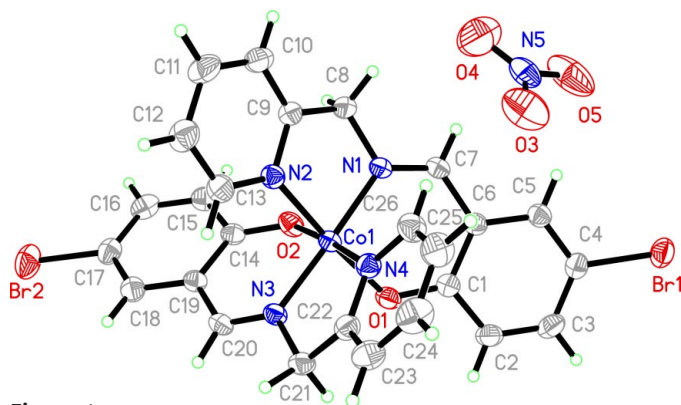
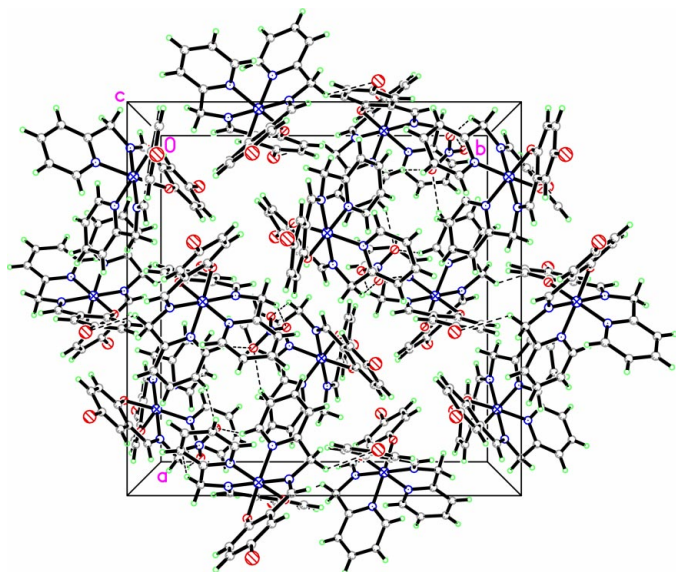


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



**Figure 2**  
The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the *c* axis. C—H···O hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

The Co<sup>III</sup> atom has an octahedral geometry and is coordinated by two Schiff base ligands. The Schiff base acts as a tridentate ligand through the phenolate O atom and two N atoms. The three *trans* angles at the Co<sup>III</sup> atom are close to 180° (Table 1). All the other angles subtended at the Co<sup>III</sup> atom are close to 90°, indicating a slightly distorted octahedral coordination configuration. The average Co—O bond length of 1.892 (2) Å is essentially the same as the value observed in a similar Schiff base cobalt(III) complex [1.891 (3) Å; Li *et al.*, 2004]. The average Co—N(imine) bond length of 1.894 (2) Å is a little shorter than the value observed in the same complex [1.933 (4) Å]. All the other bond lengths are in normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987).

The crystal structure of (I) consists of [Co(C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> cations and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> anions (Fig. 2), linked by C—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 2).

## Experimental

5-Bromosalicylaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 40.2 mg) and 2-aminomethylpyridine (0.2 mmol, 21.6 mg) were dissolved in ethanol (15 ml). The mixture was stirred for 15 min to give a clear yellow solution. To this solution was added an aqueous solution (5 ml) of Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.1 mmol, 25.5 mg), with stirring. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 30 min and then filtered. After allowing the brown filtrate to stand in air for 15 d, brown block-shaped crystals of (I) were formed at the bottom of the vessel on slow evaporation of the solvent.

### Crystal data

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| [Co(C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>10</sub> BrN <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]NO <sub>3</sub> | Mo Kα radiation                       |
| <i>M<sub>r</sub></i> = 701.22   | Cell parameters from 6091 reflections |
| Tetragonal, <i>P</i> 4 <sub>2</sub> / <i>n</i>  | <i>θ</i> = 2.3–24.0°                  |
| <i>a</i> = 17.610 (1) Å   | <i>μ</i> = 3.69 mm <sup>-1</sup>      |
| <i>c</i> = 17.206 (1) Å   | <i>T</i> = 295 (2) K                  |
| <i>V</i> = 5336.0 (5) Å <sup>3</sup>  | Block, brown                          |
| <i>Z</i> = 8  | 0.28 × 0.19 × 0.18 mm                 |
| <i>D<sub>x</sub></i> = 1.746 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>                                       |                                       |

### Data collection

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer                  | 6123 independent reflections                    |
| φ and ω scans  | 4296 reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ) |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)    | <i>R<sub>int</sub></i> = 0.044                  |
| <i>T<sub>min</sub></i> = 0.393, <i>T<sub>max</sub></i> = 0.515 | <i>θ<sub>max</sub></i> = 27.5°                  |
| 60 680 measured reflections                                    | <i>h</i> = -22 → 22                             |
|  | <i>k</i> = -22 → 22                             |
|  | <i>l</i> = -22 → 22                             |

### Refinement

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Refinement on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>                                     | <i>w</i> = 1/[σ <sup>2</sup> ( <i>F<sub>o</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> ) + (0.0459 <i>P</i> ) <sup>2</sup> + 4.6927 <i>P</i> ] |
| <i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )] = 0.039 | where <i>P</i> = ( <i>F<sub>o</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> + 2 <i>F<sub>c</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> )/3                           |
| <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.105                             | (Δ/σ) <sub>max</sub> = 0.001   |
| <i>S</i> = 1.03   | Δρ <sub>max</sub> = 0.78 e Å <sup>-3</sup>   |
| 6123 reflections  | Δρ <sub>min</sub> = -0.39 e Å <sup>-3</sup>  |
| 352 parameters  |  |
| H-atom parameters constrained   |  |

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|           |             |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Co1—O2    | 1.882 (2)   | Co1—O1    | 1.902 (2)   |
| Co1—N3    | 1.893 (2)   | Co1—N4    | 1.953 (3)   |
| Co1—N1    | 1.894 (2)   | Co1—N2    | 1.954 (3)   |
| O2—Co1—N3 | 92.38 (10)  | N1—Co1—N4 | 98.45 (11)  |
| O2—Co1—N1 | 85.79 (10)  | O1—Co1—N4 | 88.71 (10)  |
| N3—Co1—N1 | 177.71 (11) | O2—Co1—N2 | 90.62 (10)  |
| O2—Co1—O1 | 91.65 (10)  | N3—Co1—N2 | 95.61 (11)  |
| N3—Co1—O1 | 87.92 (10)  | N1—Co1—N2 | 83.04 (11)  |
| N1—Co1—O1 | 93.51 (10)  | O1—Co1—N2 | 175.73 (10) |
| O2—Co1—N4 | 175.72 (10) | N4—Co1—N2 | 89.30 (11)  |
| N3—Co1—N4 | 83.37 (11)  |           |             |

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| <i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>             | <i>D</i> —H | H··· <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| C8—H8 <i>B</i> ···O3                | 0.97        | 2.47          | 3.313 (6)             | 146                     |
| C21—H21 <i>B</i> ···O5 <sup>i</sup> | 0.97        | 2.43          | 3.197 (6)             | 136                     |
| C25—H25···O4 <sup>ii</sup>          | 0.93        | 2.47          | 3.332 (5)             | 153                     |
| C26—H26···O4                        | 0.93        | 2.44          | 3.213 (5)             | 141                     |

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

All H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å, and with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C).

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

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