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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å R factor = 0.050 wR factor = 0.066 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.4

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# Tris(pyridine-2-carboxylato- $\kappa^2 O, N$ )cobalt(III) monohydrate

In the title complex,  $[Co(C_6H_4O_2N)_3]\cdot H_2O$ , the cobalt(III) ion shows a distorted octahedral coordination, comprising three N-atom donors and three O-atom donors from three bidentate pyridine-2-carboxylate ligands. The uncoordinated water molecule interacts with nearby carboxyl groups of the pyridine-2-carboxylate ligands by way of  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

## Comment

In the title compound, (I), the cobalt(III) atom shows a distorted octahedral coordination, comprising three N-atom donors and three O-atom donors from three bidenate pyridine-2-carboxylato ligands, as shown in Fig. 1. If the coordinating atoms are considered in isolation, this represents a meridional CoO<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub> geometric isomer. The *cis* bond angles in the Co1 octahedron span the range  $80.27(11)-99.48(11)^{\circ}$ . The mean Co-O bond length of 1.876 (2) Å is shorter than the mean Co-N bond length of 1.911 (3) Å (Table 1). In (I), each pyridine-2-carboxylate ligand coordinates to the Co<sup>III</sup> atom via an O atom and an N atom, thus forming fivemembered chelate rings, denoted R1, R2 and R3, containing atoms N1, N2 and N3, respectively. The pyridine rings, denoted py1, py2 and py3 containing atoms N1, N2, and N3, respectively, are approximately parallel to their respective chelate-ring planes [dihedral angles = 1.51 (18), 2.13 (16) and 1.60 (4)° for R1/py1, R2/py2 and R3/py3, respectively]. The dihedral angles between pairs of pyridine rings are 80.54 (10), 85.27 (12) and 85.04 (13)° for py1/py2, py1/py3, and py2/py3, respectively.



The uncoordinated water molecule in (I) forms  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2) to nearby carboxyl O atoms, resulting in an infinite chain along the *a* direction.

## Experimental

 $CoCl_2 \cdot 6H_2O$  (0.5 mmol) was dissolved in distilled water (10 ml), to which an aqueous mixture (20 ml) of pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (1.5 mmol) and NaOH (1.5 mmol) was added dropwise at 333 K. The

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Figure 1

View of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and arbitrary spheres for H atoms.



## Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), showing the hydrogen-bond interactions as dashed lines.

mixture was stirred for 6 h and part of the solvent was removed using a rotary vacuum evaporator. The resulting solution was filtered and left in air for 20 d, during which time dark-red prisms of (I) formed. Elemental analysis found: C 48.59, H 3.07, N 9.33; calculated for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>14</sub>CoN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: C 48.78, H 3.18, N 9.48%.

## Crystal data

$[Co(C_6H_4NO_2)_3] \cdot H_2O$	$D_x = 1.696 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 443.25$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, C2/c	Cell parameters from 1193
a = 29.654 (18)  Å	reflections
b = 8.530(5)  Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 20.3^{\circ}$
c = 13.801 (8)  Å	$\mu = 1.04 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 95.829 \ (10)^{\circ}$	T = 298 (2)  K
$V = 3473 (4) \text{ Å}^3$	Prism, dark red
Z = 8	$0.28$ $\times$ 0.25 $\times$ 0.18 mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	3589 independent reflections
diffractometer	2020 reflections with $L > 2\sigma(I)$
	D = 0.050
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$K_{\rm int} = 0.059$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.5^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Bruker, 1997)	$h = -25 \rightarrow 37$
$T_{\min} = 0.760, \ T_{\max} = 0.835$	$k = -10 \rightarrow 10$
9671 measured reflections	$l = -14 \rightarrow 17$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	H atoms treated by a mixture of
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$	independent and constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.066$	refinement
S = 0.95	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)]$
3589 reflections	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

3589 reflections 315 parameters

Table 1 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1-O1	1.873 (2)	Co1-N3	1.900 (3)
Co1-O5	1.877 (2)	Co1-N2	1.914 (3)
Co1-O3	1.881 (2)	Co1-N1	1.917 (3)
$01 - C_{01} - 05$	178 85 (11)	O3-Co1-N2	84 91 (11)
01-Co1-O3	88.14 (10)	N3-Co1-N2	170.93 (11)
O5-Co1-O3	91.99 (10)	O1-Co1-N1	84.86 (11)
O1-Co1-N3	96.90 (13)	O5-Co1-N1	95.01 (11)
O5-Co1-N3	84.25 (13)	O3-Co1-N1	172.98 (12)
O3-Co1-N3	88.04 (10)	N3-Co1-N1	92.28 (11)
O1-Co1-N2	88.59 (12)	N2-Co1-N1	95.41 (11)
O5-Co1-N2	90.28 (12)		

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

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.75 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.49 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

Table 2			
Hydrogen-be	onding geo	metry (Å,	°).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
O7−H14···O5 <sup>i</sup> O7−H13···O4	0.886 (10) 0.887 (10)	2.012 (15) 1.966 (12)	2.864 (4) 2.845 (4)	161 (3) 171 (3)

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

After the H atoms were located in a difference map, the water O-H distances were restrained to 0.88 (1) Å and their  $U_{iso}(H)$  values were allowed to refine freely. All the other H atoms, except H12 (positioned geometrically), were located in difference maps and restrained in their as-found relative positions  $\pm 0.01$  Å and their  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  values were allowed to refine freely.

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