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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=298 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.006 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.050$
$w R$ 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, $\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{3}\right] \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, 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 $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ 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 pyri-dine-2-carboxylato ligands, as shown in Fig. 1. If the coordinating atoms are considered in isolation, this represents a meridional $\mathrm{CoO}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{3}$ geometric isomer. The cis bond angles in the Co1 octahedron span the range 80.27 (11)-99.48(11) ${ }^{\circ}$. The mean $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{O}$ bond length of 1.876 (2) $\AA$ is shorter than the mean $\mathrm{Co}-\mathrm{N}$ bond length of 1.911 (3) $\AA$ (Table 1). In (I), each pyridine-2-carboxylate ligand coordinates to the $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{III}}$ atom via an O atom and an N atom, thus forming fivemembered chelate rings, denoted $R 1, R 2$ and $R 3$, containing atoms $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2$ and N 3 , respectively. The pyridine rings, denoted py1, py2 and py3 containing atoms $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2$, and N 3 , respectively, are approximately parallel to their respective chelate-ring planes [dihedral angles $=1.51$ (18), 2.13 (16) and $1.60(4)^{\circ}$ for $R 1 / \mathrm{py} 1, R 2 /$ py 2 and $R 3 / \mathrm{py} 3$, respectively]. The dihedral angles between pairs of pyridine rings are 80.54 (10), 85.27 (12) and 85.04 (13) ${ }^{\circ}$ for py1/py2, py1/py3, and py2/py3, respectively.

(I)

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

## Experimental

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

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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 $\mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{CoN}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ : C 48.78, H 3.18, N 9.48\%.

## Crystal data

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\begin{array}{ll}
{\left[\mathrm{Co}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{2}\right)_{3}\right] \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}} & D_{x}=1.696 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
M_{r}=443.25 & \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
\text { Monoclinic, } C 2 / c & \text { Cell parameters from } 1193 \\
a=29.654(18) \AA & \text { reflections } \\
b=8.530(5) \AA & \theta=2.5-20.3^{\circ} \\
c=13.801(8) \AA & \mu=1.04 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
\beta=95.829(10)^{\circ} & T=298(2) \mathrm{K} \\
V=3473(4) \AA^{3} & \text { Prism, dark red } \\
Z=8 & 0.28 \times 0.25 \times 0.18 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{array}
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## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 1997)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.760, T_{\text {max }}=0.835$
9671 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.050$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.066$
$S=0.95$
3589 reflections
315 parameters

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| Co1-O1 | $1.873(2)$ | $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $1.900(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $1.877(2)$ | $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $1.914(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $1.881(2)$ | $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.917(3)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 5$ | $178.85(11)$ | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $84.91(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $88.14(10)$ | $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $170.93(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $91.99(10)$ | $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $84.86(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $96.90(13)$ | $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $95.01(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $84.25(13)$ | $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $172.98(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 3-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $88.04(10)$ | $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $92.28(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $88.59(12)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $95.41(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 5-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $90.28(12)$ |  |  |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bonding geometry $\left({ }_{\mathrm{A}},^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O7-H14 $\cdots \mathrm{OS}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $0.886(10)$ | $2.012(15)$ | $2.864(4)$ | $161(3)$ |
| O7-H13 $\cdots$ O4 | $0.887(10)$ | $1.966(12)$ | $2.845(4)$ | $171(3)$ |

Symmetry code: (i) $x,-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$
After the H atoms were located in a difference map, the water $\mathrm{O}-$ H distances were restrained to 0.88 (1) $\AA$ and their $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})$ values were allowed to refine freely. All the other H atoms, except H 12 (positioned geometrically), were located in difference maps and restrained in their as-found relative positions $\pm 0.01 \AA$ and their $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})$ values were allowed to refine freely.

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

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