

2,2'-Bipyrimidinium hexachlororhenate(IV)  
dihydrate

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## Key indicators

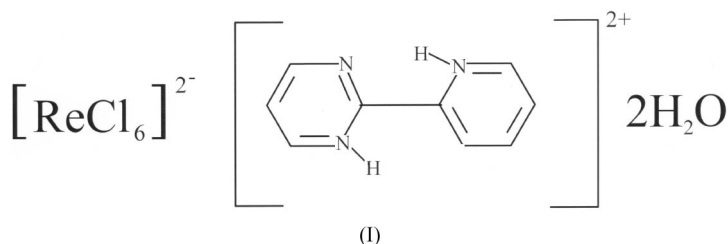
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 100$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.028  
 $wR$  factor = 0.057  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 35.0For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

In the title compound,  $(\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{N}_4)[\text{ReCl}_6]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the Re atom occupies an inversion centre and is octahedrally coordinated by chloride anions. The cation also has an inversion centre. Various  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ ,  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  interactions help to stabilize the crystal packing.

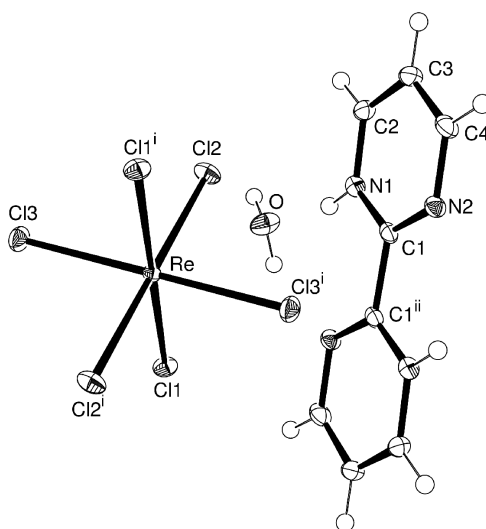
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## Comment

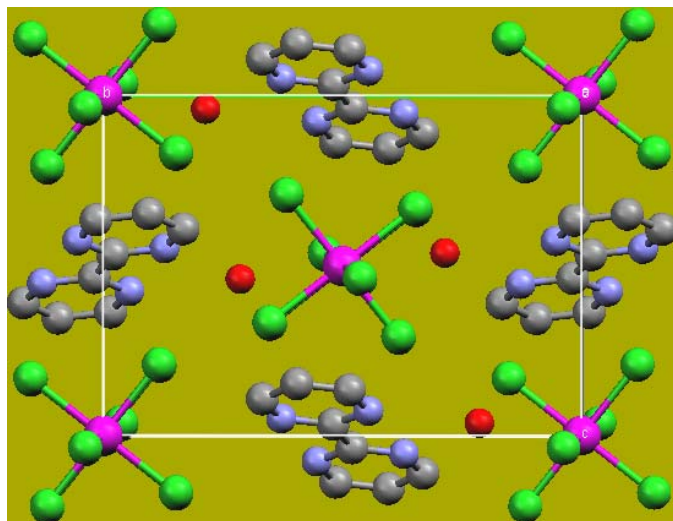
The title complex, (I) (Fig. 1), is a salt-like rhenium(IV)-containing hydrate. The  $\text{Re}^{\text{IV}}$  cation (electron configuration  $5d^3$ ) occupies an inversion centre and bonds to six chloride ions in a fairly regular octahedral geometry (Table 1). The  $\text{Re}-\text{Cl}$  bond lengths are similar to those found in other hexachlororhenates (Figgis *et al.*, 1961; Kochel, 2004). The 2,2'-bipyrimidinium cation has an inversion centre at the mid-point of the  $\text{C}-\text{C}$  bond linking the two rings, and shows no unusual features.



In the crystal structure of (I), various types of hydrogen bonds (Table 2) link the cations, anions and water molecules



**Figure 1**  
View of the components of (I), showing 30% displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). [Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y, -z$ ; (ii)  $1-x, -y, 1-z$ .]



**Figure 2**  
The crystal packing in (I), with H atoms omitted for clarity.

together. In the crystal packing, two characteristic types of arrangement of molecules may be discerned: in the [010] and [001] directions, a layered arrangement (alternating anions and cations) is observed, while in the [100] direction, anions arrange themselves into columns inside troughs formed of cations and water molecules, and the whole is surrounded by a network of hydrogen bonds. The shortest intermetallic distances in (I) are  $\text{Re}\cdots\text{Re}^{\text{i}} = 7.941(2) \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{Re}\cdots\text{Re}^{\text{ii}} = 7.825(2) \text{ \AA}$  [symmetry codes: (i)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (ii)  $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, -\frac{1}{2} - z$ ].

## Experimental

$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{ReCl}_6$  (0.1 g) was dissolved in water (20 ml) with concentrated HCl (2 ml) and the mixture was heated under reflux at 340 K. After 30 min, 2,2'-bipyrimidine (0.15 g) dissolved in water (50 ml) was added. The mixture was heated for a further 3 h. After cooling, the yellow precipitate was filtered off and washed with ethanol and diethyl ether. Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray study were obtained by slow evaporation of an aqueous solution of the yellow precipitate. IR (KBr,  $\nu \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ): 3446, 3068, 2576, 2034, 1617, 1562, 1508, 1427, 1404, 1338, 1281, 1130, 1056, 995, 984, 826, 736, 735, 670, 451, 561, 458, 301, 169, 126. Analysis calculated for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{Cl}_6\text{N}_4\text{O}_2\text{Re}$ : C 16.14, H 2.03, N 9.41, O 5.37, Cl 35.74, Re 31.29%; found: C 15.12, H 1.90, N 9.15, Cl 35.30%.

### Crystal data

$(\text{C}_8\text{H}_8\text{N}_4)[\text{ReCl}_6]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 $M_r = 595.13$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 7.941(2) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 12.199(2) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 9.804(2) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 118.18(3)^\circ$   
 $V = 837.2(3) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 2.361 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2760 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.2\text{--}36.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 8.22 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 100 \text{ K}$   
 Plate, yellow  
 $0.12 \times 0.10 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Kuma KM4/CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: numerical  
 (CrysAlis REDin KM4CCD  
 Software; Oxford Diffraction,  
 2004)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.567, T_{\text{max}} = 0.897$   
 14616 measured reflections

3711 independent reflections  
 2860 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.049$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 36.5^\circ$   
 $h = -13 \rightarrow 12$   
 $k = -20 \rightarrow 16$   
 $l = -14 \rightarrow 16$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.028$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.057$   
 $S = 1.07$   
 3711 reflections  
 106 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0255P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.75 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -2.24 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ).

Re—Cl1	2.3681 (9)	Re—Cl3	2.3601 (8)
Re—Cl2	2.3553 (8)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ ).

$D\text{—}H\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H\cdots A$
N1—H1 $\cdots$ O	0.82 (5)	1.83 (5)	2.627 (4)	165 (5)
N1—H1 $\cdots$ N2 $^{\text{i}}$	0.82 (5)	2.40 (4)	2.749 (4)	107 (4)
O—H1W $\cdots$ Cl1 $^{\text{ii}}$	0.83 (5)	2.48 (5)	3.183 (3)	144 (4)
O—H1W $\cdots$ Cl1 $^{\text{iii}}$	0.83 (5)	2.77 (5)	3.340 (3)	127 (4)
O—H2W $\cdots$ Cl3 $^{\text{iv}}$	0.82 (6)	2.72 (6)	3.340 (3)	133 (4)
C2—H2 $\cdots$ Cl1 $^{\text{iii}}$	0.93	2.81	3.670 (4)	154
C4—H4 $\cdots$ Cl2 $^{\text{v}}$	0.93	2.74	3.595 (4)	153

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

H atoms bonded to C atoms were placed in calculated positions, with  $\text{C—H} = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ , and refined as riding with the constraint  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$  applied. H atoms associated with N and O atoms were located in difference maps and then freely refined. The highest peak and deepest hole are located  $0.88 \text{ \AA}$  from atom Cl1 and  $0.73 \text{ \AA}$  from Re, respectively.

Data collection: *KM4CCD Software* (Oxford Diffraction, 2004); cell refinement: *KM4CCD Software*; data reduction: *KM4CCD Software*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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