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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.033 wR factor = 0.086 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.9

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# Chloro(pyridine-4-carbonitrile- $\kappa N^1$ )(1,4,7-triazacyclononane- $\kappa^3 N, N', N''$ )copper(II) perchlorate

In the title compound,  $[CuCl(C_6H_4N_2)(C_6H_{15}N_3)]ClO_4$ , the central copper ion is coordinated by three N atoms from 1,4,7-triazacyclononane, one N atom from the cyanopyridine and one Cl atom, forming a square-pyramidal coordination geometry ( $\tau = 0.31$ ). The crystal packing is stabilized by intermolecular N-H···O and N-H···Cl hydrogen bonds.

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## Comment

The small macrocycle ligand 1,4,7-triazacyclononane (tacn) has a rich chemistry (Wieghardt & Chaudhuri, 1988). The interest in such ligands has recently been renewed because of their ability (depending on the nature of the pendant donors) to form metal complexes with tunable physicochemical and functional properties. These complexes have various applications as inorganic medicinal compounds (Swissler *et al.*, 1993), anion or molecular receptors (Wieghardt *et al.*, 1985), catalysts for organic transformations (Hanke *et al.*, 1993; Geilenkirchen *et al.*, 1994), molecular sensors (Xiaoping *et al.*, 1995), and mimics for enzymes catalyzing redox (Diril *et al.*, 1989) and hydrolytic processes (Behle *et al.*, 1995). In this paper, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The asymmetric unit of the title compound consists of a  $[Cu(tacn)(C_6H_4N_2)Cl]^+$  cation and a  $ClO_4^-$  anion. All bond lengths and angles are normal (Table 1). The central copper ion shows a distorted square-pyramidal coordination geometry (Fig. 1) formed by three N atoms from tacn, one N atom from 4-cyanopyridine and one Cl atom. The coordination bond angles deviate from the ideal angles. The Cu<sup>II</sup> complex has a  $\tau$  value of 0.31 (Addison *et al.*, 1984; Brophy *et al.* 1999), indicating a substantial distortion towards trigonal bipyramidal geometry. The crystal packing is stabilized by intermolecular N-H···O and N-H···Cl hydrogen bonds (Table 2).

### **Experimental**

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Searl & Geue, 1984) and NaOH (0.120 g, 3 mmol) was added. 4-Cyanopyridine (0.104 g 1 mmol) was added, with stirring for 3 h, and the mixture was filtered. The filtrate was allowed to evaporate slowly in the open atmosphere. After a few days, dark-blue block crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were obtained. Yield 75%. Analysis calculated for C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>19</sub>C<sub>12</sub>CuN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C 33.38, H 4.44, N 16.22%; found: C 34.20, H 4.16, N 15.43%.

with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Crystal data

7 – 2
L = L
$D_x = 1.682 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 819
reflections
$\theta = 3.3 - 26.3^{\circ}$
$\mu = 1.62 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
T = 293 (2) K
Block, blue
$0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.16 \ \mathrm{mm}$

#### Data collection

3453 independent reflections
2822 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{\rm int} = 0.017$
$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.4^{\circ}$
$h = -8 \rightarrow 9$
$k = -13 \rightarrow 11$
$l = -13 \rightarrow 13$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0409P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$	+ 0.5194P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.086$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.02	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
3453 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.60 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
217 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1-N2	2.017 (2)	Cu1-N3	2.195 (2)
Cu1-N4	2.032 (2)	Cu1-Cl1	2.2658 (10)
Cu1-N1	2.101 (2)		
N2-Cu1-N4	174.01 (9)	N3-Cu1-Cl1	120.56 (7)
N2-Cu1-N1	82.99 (9)	C6-N1-Cu1	104.89 (18)
N4-Cu1-N1	92.22 (9)	C1-N1-Cu1	109.61 (17)
N2-Cu1-N3	82.77 (9)	C2-N2-Cu1	105.13 (16)
N4-Cu1-N3	100.23 (9)	C3-N2-Cu1	112.33 (17)
N1-Cu1-N3	82.53 (9)	C5-N3-Cu1	108.40 (17)
N2-Cu1-Cl1	90.25 (7)	C4-N3-Cu1	101.57 (17)
N4-Cu1-Cl1	92.63 (7)	C7-N4-Cu1	120.00 (19)
N1-Cu1-Cl1	155.03 (7)	C11-N4-Cu1	122.15 (19)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1 - H1 \cdots O2^i$	0.91	2.39	3.234 (3)	154
$N2-H2\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.91	2.33	3.181 (4)	156
N3-H3···Cl1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.91	2.63	3.420 (3)	146

Symmetry codes: (i) -x, -y + 1, -z + 1; (ii) x, y, z - 1; (iii) -x, -y + 2, -z.





H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H = 0.93-0.97 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2$ - $1.5U_{eq}$ (parent atom).

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

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