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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 T = 295 K
 Mean $\sigma(\text{o}-\text{O}) = 0.004 \text{ \AA}$
 Disorder in main residue
 R factor = 0.054
 wR factor = 0.159
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.6

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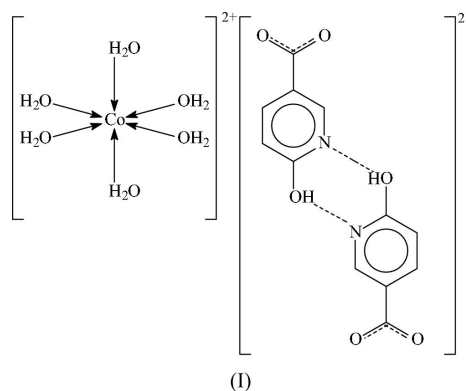
Hexaaquacobalt(II) bis(6-hydroxypyridine-3-carboxylate)

In the title compound, $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_3)_2$, the Co^{II} atom lies on a special position of $2/m$ site symmetry in an octahedron made up of water molecules. The anions show orientational disorder over mirror planes and are linked together by a pair of $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds into a dianion. The complex cations and dianions are connected through $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds to form a three-dimensional network.

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Comment

The title compound, (I), is isostructural with the Zn^{II} (Zhang *et al.*, 2005) and Ni^{II} analogues (Zhang & Ng, 2005).



The crystal structure of (I) consists of octahedral cations and hydrogen-bonded dianions (Fig. 1). Atom Co1 lies on a position of $2/m$ site symmetry and atom O2w also lies on the mirror plane, which bisects the $\text{O1w}-\text{Co1}-\text{O1w}^{\text{iii}}$ bond angle

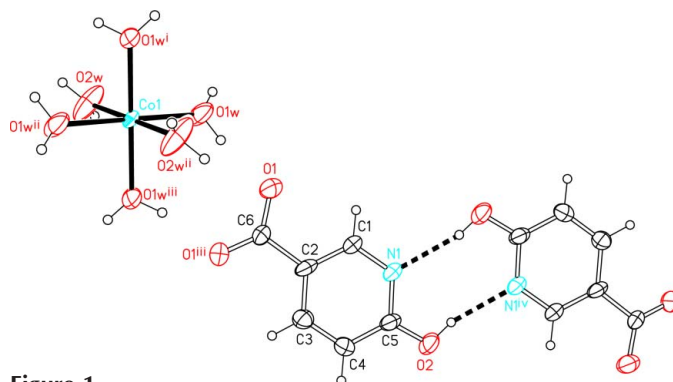


Figure 1
 A plot of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (i) $1-x, y, 1-z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (iii) $x, 1-y, z$; (iv) $\frac{5}{2}-x, \frac{3}{2}-y, 2-z$.]

[Fig. 1; symmetry code: (iii) $x, 1 - y, z$]. In the anion, a crystallographic mirror plane passes through atom C6 perpendicular to the carboxylate group. As a result, the hydroxypyridyl group of the anion shows orientational disorder.

The cations and dianions of (I) are linked by hydrogen bonds (Table 2) to form a three-dimensional network.

Experimental

A mixture of cobalt(II) chloride hexahydrate (0.238 g, 1 mmol), 6-hydroxypyridyl-3-carboxylic acid (0.139 g, 1 mmol), sodium hydroxide (0.040 g, 1 mmol) and water (10 ml) were sealed in a 23 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel Parr bomb. The bomb was heated to 433 K for 2 d. It was then cooled to room temperature at 10 K h^{-1} to yield red crystals of (I).

Crystal data

[Co(H₂O)₆](C₆H₄NO₃)₂
 $M_r = 443.23$
 Monoclinic, $C2/m$
 $a = 11.609$ (1) Å
 $b = 9.754$ (1) Å
 $c = 7.6157$ (8) Å
 $\beta = 91.448$ (2)°
 $V = 862.1$ (2) Å³
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.707 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 1422 reflections
 $\theta = 2.7\text{--}27.4^\circ$
 $\mu = 1.07 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 295$ (2) K
 Plate, red
 $0.34 \times 0.20 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)
 $T_{\min} = 0.499$, $T_{\max} = 0.920$
 2296 measured reflections

968 independent reflections
 956 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.4^\circ$
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 15$
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
 $l = -9 \rightarrow 8$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.159$
 $S = 1.19$
 968 reflections
 113 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.053P)^2 + 7.1943P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.54 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.50 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1—O1w	2.042 (3)	Co1—O2w	2.113 (5)
O1w—Co1—O2w	91.9 (2)		
C1—C2—C6—O1	12.0 (7)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{---}H\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H\cdots A$
O1w—H1w1 \cdots O1	0.85 (1)	1.83 (2)	2.659 (4)	168 (4)
O1w—H1w2 \cdots O1 ⁱ	0.84 (1)	1.87 (1)	2.710 (5)	171 (5)
O2w—H2w1 \cdots O2 ⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.02 (3)	2.791 (8)	151 (4)
O2w—H2w1 \cdots O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	2.02 (3)	2.791 (8)	151 (4)
O2w—H2w2 \cdots O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	1.97 (1)	2.769 (9)	157 (2)
O2w—H2w2 \cdots O2 ^{iv}	0.85 (1)	1.97 (1)	2.769 (9)	157 (2)
O2—H2o \cdots N1 ^v	0.85	2.04	2.86 (1)	159

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

Atoms C1–C5/N1/O2 in the anion are disordered over two possible positions related by mirror symmetry; the C–C distances were restrained to 1.39 (1) Å, and the two N–C distances were restrained to within 0.01 Å of each other. Additionally, the ring was restrained to near planarity. Water H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and were refined with a distance restraint of O–H = 0.85 (1) Å. OH groups were allowed to rotate about the C–O bond to fit the electron density, with O–H constrained to 0.85 Å and C–O–H = 109.5°. Carbon-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C–H = 0.93 Å) and included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: atomic coordinates taken from the isostructural Zn analogue (Zhang *et al.*, 2005); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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