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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.105 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.2

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# [Dimethyl 5,6,7,8,15,16-hexahydro-6,7-dioxo-5,8,14,17-tetraazadibenzo[a,g]cyclotetradeca-3,9,13,17-tetraene-13,18-dicarboxylato- $\kappa^4 N$ ,N',N''',N'''']copper(II)

In the title complex,  $[Cu(C_{22}H_{18}N_4O_6)]$ , the Cu<sup>II</sup> atom is coordinated by four N atoms from a macrocyclic ligand with a square-planar geometry. Weak C-H···O hydrogen bonding occurs between neighbouring Cu<sup>II</sup> complexes in the crystal structure. Received 20 October 2005 Accepted 21 November 2005 Online 26 November 2005

## Comment

Macrocyclic complexes have received considerable attention because of their applications in biology, medicine and chemical techniques (Costamanga *et al.*, 2000; McAuley *et al.*, 2000; Hubin, 2003; Liang & Sadler, 2004; Li *et al.*, 2005). Five CuL' complexes incorporating a macrocyclic oxamide Schiff base (L' is dialkyl 5,6,7,8,15,16-hexahydro-6,7-dioxo-5,8,14,17tetraazadibenzo[a,g]cyclotetradecene-13,18-dicarboxylate) have been synthesized to date (Black & Moss, 1987; Gao *et al.*, 2000, 2001), of which three complexes have been characterized crystallographically (Gao *et al.*, 2000, 2001). Here, we report the crystal structure of the title complex, CuL, (I) (*L* is dimethyl 5,6,7,8,15,16-hexahydro-6,7-dioxo-5,8,14,17-tetraazadibenzo[a,g]cyclotetradecene-13,18-dicarboxylate).



The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. The macrocyclic ligand L coordinates to the Cu<sup>II</sup> atom through the imine N atoms and the deprotonated oxamide N atoms, with a square-planar geometry [maximum deviation 0.059 (3) Å for atom Cu1]. The plane of the oxamide group is tilted relative to the coordination plane with a dihedral angle of 11.2 (8)°. The benzene rings of L are nearly coplanar with the coordination plane, the dihedral angles between the coordination plane and the phenyl rings being 5.2 (8) and 2.9 (8)°.

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Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. The minor disordered component has been omitted for clarity.

Weak C-H···O hydrogen bonding (Table 2) stabilizes the crystal structure.

## **Experimental**

Dimethyl 2,2'-(oxalyldiimino)bis(phenylglyoxylate) was prepared by the literature method of Black & Moss (1987). Dimethyl 2,2'-(oxalyldiimino)bis(phenylglyoxylate) (0.05 mmol), Cu(OAC)<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.05 mmol) and ethylenediamine (0.05 mmol) were dissolved in a solution of triethylamine (0.3 ml) and methanol (12 ml). The mixture was refluxed for 20 h and then filtered. Crystals of (I) were obtained from the filtrate. Spectroscopic analysis: IR (KBr,  $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1743, 1650, 1605, 1595, 1476, 1140. (IR spectra were recorded on a BIO-RAD FTS 3000 infrared spectrophotometer). The crystals remain solid up to 505 K, at which temperature they decompose. Analysis, calculated for CuC<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>: C 53.06, H 3.64, N 11.25%; found: C 53.19, H 3.72, N 11.36%.

#### Crystal data

$[Cu(C_{22}H_{18}N_4O_6)]$	$D_x = 1.636 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 497.94$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 2259
a = 9.6256 (15)  Å	reflections
b = 15.676 (3) Å	$\theta = 2.5 - 23.2^{\circ}$
c = 13.502 (2) Å	$\mu = 1.13 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 97.223 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 293 (2) K
V = 2021.1 (5) Å <sup>3</sup>	Block, brown
Z = 4	$0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.14 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Bruker SMART APEX II CCD	3567 independent reflections
area-detector diffractometer	2529 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.036$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$h = -10 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{\min} = 0.694, T_{\max} = 0.854$	$k = -16 \rightarrow 18$

 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$ 

 $I_{\min} = 0.694, I_{\max} = 0.854$ 10870 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0592P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$	+ 0.1852P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.105$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.01	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
3567 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.29 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$
319 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1-N1	1.919 (2)	N1-C18	1.395 (4)
Cu1-N2	1.918 (2)	N2-C3	1.403 (4)
Cu1-N3	1.940 (3)	N3-C9	1.280 (4)
Cu1-N4	1.940 (3)	N4-C12	1.276 (4)
N2-Cu1-N1	88.06 (11)	N2-Cu1-N3	93.84 (11)
N2-Cu1-N4	174.45 (12)	N1-Cu1-N3	175.81 (10)
N1-Cu1-N4	93.78 (11)	N4-Cu1-N3	83.99 (11)

Table 2			
Hydrogen-bond geometry	(Å,	°).	

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$C10' - H10D \cdots O6^{i}$ $C20 - H20B \cdots O2^{ii}$	0.97 0.96	2.39 2.40	3.155 (12) 3.319 (5)	136 159
Symmetry codes: (i) $-r - v - z + 1$ ; (ii) $r - 1 - v + \frac{1}{2} z - \frac{1}{2}$				

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

Atoms C10 and C11 are disordered over two sites with the same occupancy of 0.5. Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions with C-H = 0.96 Å and torsion angles refined to fit the electron density, with  $U_{\rm iso}(\rm H) = 1.5 U_{eq}(\rm C)$ . Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions with C-H = 0.93 (aromatic) or 0.97 Å (methylene), and refined in riding mode, with  $U_{\rm iso}(\rm H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(\rm C)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: *SAINT*; 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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