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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.038 wR factor = 0.090 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.3

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. In the title complex,  $[Cu(C_9H_7NO_3)(C_{12}H_{10}N_2)_2]ClO_4\cdot 2H_2O$ , the Cu atom exhibits a significantly distorted octahedral geometry as a result of the Jahn–Teller effect and the chelating influence of the ligands. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by hydrogen bonds into one-dimensional double chains, which are further linked into two-dimensional layers by  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking interactions between neighbouring aromatic ligands.

(Hippurato- $\kappa^2 O, O'$ )bis(1,10-phenanthroline-

 $\kappa^2 N_{\rm e} N'$ )copper(II) perchlorate dihydrate

# Comment

Many copper(II) complexes with carboxylate ligands have been studied due to their magneto-structural correlations (Kato & Muto, 1988) and copper(II) is prominent in the active sites of many metallobiomolecules (Kain & Schwederski, 1994). Hippuric acid, an *N*-protected amino acid, has previously been found to act as an oxygen-donor anionic ligand in the construction of coordination compounds (Morelock *et al.*, 1979, 1982; Grewe *et al.*, 1982; Brown & Trefonas, 1973; Huber *et al.* 1988; Jones & Schelbach, 1988; Darensbourg *et al.*, 1994; Battistuzzi *et al.*, 1996; Severin *et al.*, 1996). However, there are few reported crystal structures of mixed-ligand complexes of hippuric acid and heteroaromatic ligands, such as 1,10-phenanthroline, 2,2-bipyridine and 4,4bipyridine (Antolini *et al.*, 1982; Capllonch *et al.* 2001). We present here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The title compound contains (hippurato)bis(1,10-phenanthroline)copper(II) complex cations in which the Cu atom is six-coordinated by two O atoms of the hippurate group and four N atoms of two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands, forming a distorted octahedral geometry with the axial positions occupied by pyridyl N atoms (N2 and N4) from two 1,10phenanthroline ligands (Fig. 1). The Cu1-O2 distance (Table 1) is longer than other Cu-O and Cu-N bond distances, and the Cu1-N5 bond distance *trans* to it is also elongated. Two *trans* angles at Cu1 deviate considerably from the linear values of a perfect octahedron (Table 1). As a result,

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### Figure 1

The cation and water molecules of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level.

 $\text{CuN}_4\text{O}_2$  exhibits a significantly distorted octahedral geometry, which can be thought of as resulting from the Jahn–Teller elongation effect and the ligand's chelating influence (Simmons *et al.*, 1987; Hathaway & Tomlinson, 1970).

In the crystal structure, the acyl radical O atom (O3) and the carboxylate O atom (O2) serve as intramolecular hydrogen-bonding acceptors, receiving H atoms from water molecules, and atoms O3 and O2W accept H atoms from water molecules, generating intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 2). The title complex cations and water molecules are linked by intra- and intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions into one-dimensional double chains along the [010] direction, with the aromatic ligands on the outside. These chains are further held together by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions between the 1,10-phenanthroline groups of neighbouring cations [mean interplanar distances: 3.431 (3) and 3.394 (5) Å] into two-dimensional layers parallel to ( $\overline{2}01$ ) (Fig. 2).

# Experimental

An aqueous solution (5 ml) of Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.365 g, 1.0 mmol) was slowly added to a stirred solution of 1,10-phenanthroline monohydrate (0.396 g, 2.0 mmol) and hippuric acid (0.179 g, 1.0 mmol) in 20 ml ethanol. The mixture was further stirred for *ca* 30 min at room temperature, and the pH was adjusted to the range 6–7 with 1 *M* NaOH solution. The mixture was further stirred for another 2 h and filtered, and the resulting filtrate was allowed to stand at room temperature. Blue prism-shaped crystals were obtained by slow evaporation after one week in a yield of 85% based on the initial Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O quantity. Analysis calculated for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>28</sub>ClCu-N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub>: C 53.69, H 3.80, N 9.49%; found: C 53.60, H 3.86, N 9.43%.

#### Crystal data

$[Cu(C_9H_7NO_3)(C_{12}H_{10}N_2)_2]$ -
ClO <sub>4</sub> ·2H2O
$M_r = 737.59$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
a = 16.8105 (13)Å
$b = 10.1481 \ (8) \ \text{\AA}$
c = 19.6316 (14)  Å
$\beta = 106.370 \ (4)^{\circ}$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD APEX-II diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.752, T_{\max} = 0.811$ 

# Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   $wR(F^2) = 0.090$  S = 1.008015 reflections 493 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  $V = 3213.3 (4) \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 4  $D_{x} = 1.525 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation  $\mu = 0.83 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 298 (2) KPrism, blue  $0.34 \times 0.28 \times 0.26 \text{ mm}$ 

33934 measured reflections 8015 independent reflections 4850 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.050$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.4^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.03P)^2 \\ &+ 0.7P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.029 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.35 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.37 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

# Table 1 Salastad gaometria parameters (Å)

Selected geometric parameters (Å,  $^\circ).$ 

Cu1-N4	1.9908 (19)	Cu1-N3	2.061 (2)
Cu1-N2	1.991 (2)	Cu1-N5	2.1685 (19)
Cu1-O1	2.0195 (16)	Cu1-O2	2.7782 (17)
N4-Cu1-N2	175.32 (8)	O1-Cu1-N5	106.02 (7)
N4-Cu1-O1	93.38 (7)	N3-Cu1-N5	108.88 (7)
N2-Cu1-O1	90.98 (8)	O2-Cu1-N5	153.69 (6)
N4-Cu1-N3	95.88 (8)	O2-Cu1-N4	86.38 (6)
N2-Cu1-N3	81.46 (9)	O2-Cu1-N3	94.95 (6)
O1-Cu1-N3	144.91 (7)	O2-Cu1-N2	97.67 (7)
N4-Cu1-N5	80.37 (8)	O2-Cu1-O1	51.95 (6)
N2-Cu1-N5	96.79 (8)		

Table 2Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1W-H1WA\cdots O2W^{i}$	0.92 (6)	1.89 (6)	2.803 (4)	172 (5)
$O1W-H1WB\cdots O3$	0.90 (5)	2.19 (5)	2.990 (4)	148 (5)
O2W−H2WA···O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.78 (3)	2.10 (3)	2.876 (3)	172 (3)
$O2W - H2WB \cdots O2$	0.77 (3)	2.02 (3)	2.774 (3)	169 (3)

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

All H atoms attached to C atoms and N atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with C-H = 0.93-0.97 Å, N-H = 0.86 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$ . The H atoms of water molecules were found in difference Fourier syntheses and the O-H distances (Table 2) were refined. The O atoms of the perchlorate anion are disordered and were modelled with split positions of occupancies 0.526 (8) and 0.474 (8). The Cl-O distances involving the disordered atoms were restrained to be equal.



### Figure 2

The two-dimensional layer parallel to  $(\overline{2}01)$  generated by hydrogenbonding interactions and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2003); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2003); 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, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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