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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 292 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.054 wR factor = 0.170 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.9

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## *trans*-Bis{2-[(4-oxidobenzylideneamino)methyl]phenolato}cobalt(II) monohydrate

The title compound,  $[Co(C_{15}H_{14}NO_2)_2]\cdot H_2O$ , is a mononuclear cobalt(II) compound. The Co<sup>II</sup> atom, located on an inversion centre, is coordinated by two N atoms and two O atoms from two Schiff base ligands in a square-planar geometry.  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonding involving the water molecule, located on a twofold axis, links the complex molecules into a three-dimensional network.

## Comment

The crystal structure of *trans*-bis{2-[(4-hydroxyphenethylimino)methyl]phenolato}zinc(II) monohydrate has recently been reported (Xu *et al.*, 2006). The structure of the cobalt(II) analogue, (I), is reported here.



The asymmetric unit of (I) consists of half each of a mononuclear  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  complex and a water molecule (Fig. 1). Atom Co1 of the complex molecule lies on an inversion centre, while the water atom O1W lies on a twofold axis. The  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  ion is four-coordinated by two O atoms and two N atoms from two Schiff base ligands. This  $\text{CoO}_2\text{N}_2$  coordination forms a square-planar geometry (Table 1).

In the crystal structure, the O atoms of the Schiff base ligands and the water molecules contribute to hydrogen bonds, leading to the formation of a three-dimensional network (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

## Experimental

4-(2-Aminoethyl)phenol and salicylaldehyde were available commercially and were used without further purification. 4-(2-Aminoethyl)phenol (0.2 mmol, 27.8 mg) and salicylaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 24.4 mg) were dissolved in methanol (15 ml) and the mixture was stirred for 1 h to give a clear orange solution of L (0.2 mmol), where L is 2-[(4-hydroxyphenethylimino)methyl]phenol.

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To the solution of L was added a methanol solution (8 ml) of  $Co(CH_3COO)_2 \cdot 4H_2O$  (0.1 mmol, 24.9 mg) with stirring. After allowing the resulting solution to stand in air at room temperature for 7 d, red block-shaped crystals were formed at the bottom of the vessel on slow evaporation of the solvent. The crystals were isolated, washed with ethanol and dried.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.400 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$ 

15703 measured reflections

3182 independent reflections

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0964P)^2]$ 

where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

+ 0.8044P]

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.78 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.91$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

2347 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 0.69 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 292 (2) K

Block red

 $\begin{aligned} R_{\rm int} &= 0.063\\ \theta_{\rm max} &= 28.4^\circ \end{aligned}$ 

#### Crystal data

$$\begin{split} & [\text{Co}(\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{14}\text{NO}_2)_2]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}\\ & M_r = 557.49\\ & \text{Orthorhombic, }Pbcn\\ & a = 15.402 \text{ (3)} \text{ Å}\\ & b = 11.022 \text{ (2)} \text{ Å}\\ & c = 15.585 \text{ (3)} \text{ Å}\\ & V = 2645.7 \text{ (9)} \text{ Å}^3 \end{split}$$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.819, T_{\max} = 0.916$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$   $wR(F^2) = 0.170$  S = 1.063182 reflections 178 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Co1-O1	1.8297 (19)	Co1-N1	1.948 (2) 89.77 (9 180
O1 <sup>i</sup> -Co1-O1 O1-Co1-N1	180 90.23 (9)	$01 - Co1 - N1^{i}$ $N1 - Co1 - N1^{i}$	

Symmetry code: (i) -x, -y + 2, -z + 1.

#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} O1W - H1 \cdots O1^{ii} \\ O2 - H2 \cdots O1W \end{array}$	0.831 (10)	1.934 (11)	2.764 (3)	176 (4)
	0.82	1.99	2.793 (4)	167

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

The water H atom was located in a difference map and was refined with an O-H distance restraint of 0.84 (1) Å. The remaining H atoms were placed in idealized positions (O-H = 0.82 Å and C-H = 0.93 or 0.97 Å) and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{iso}(H)$  values of  $1.2U_{eq}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by the symmetry operation (-x, 2 - y, 1 - z).





The packing of (I), viewed along the b axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

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