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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.048 wR factor = 0.110 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.3

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## (*E*)-2-(Thiosemicarbazonomethyl)pyridinium trichloro[(*E*)-1-(2-pyridylmethylene)thiosemicarbazonato- $\kappa^3 N, N', S$ ]indate(III) ethanol solvate

In the title compound,  $(C_7H_9N_4S)[In(C_7H_7N_4S)Cl_3]\cdot C_2H_6O$ , the two (*E*)-1-(2-pyridylmethylene)thiosemicarbazone (pmtcH) units show different structures; the coordinated pmtc<sup>-</sup> ligand is in the enol form but the free pmtcH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> cation is in the keto form. The In<sup>III</sup> complex assumes a distorted octahedral coordination geometry.  $N-H \cdots N$  and  $N-H \cdots Cl$ hydrogen bonding helps to stabilize the crystal structure.

## Comment

(*E*)-1-(2-Pyridylmethylene)thiosemicarbazone (pmtcH) was recently synthesized by a reaction of pyridinecarbaldehyde and thiosemicarbazide in the laboratory, and was used to prepare the title  $In^{III}$  complex, (I). We report here the synthesis and crystal structure of (I).



The crystal structure of (I) consists of  $In^{III}$  complex anions, pmtcH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> cations and ethanol solvent molecules. In the asymmetric unit of (I), there are two pmtc units; one coordinates as a pmtc<sup>-</sup> anion to the In<sup>III</sup> ion and the other is protonated and serves as a counter-cation (Fig. 1). The C9–N2 and C2–N6 bond distances (Table 1) clearly show double-bond character for the Schiff base compound. The C1–N7 bond distance is significantly shorter than the C8–N3 bond distance, while the C1–S1 bond distance is significantly longer than C8–S2 bond distance. These facts indicate that coordinated pmtc<sup>-</sup> ligand is a deprotonated enol. The S1-containing pmtc chelates to the In<sup>III</sup> ion, and three Cl<sup>-</sup> ions complete the distorted octahedral coordination geometry.

The N-H···N hydrogen bonding between complex anions and N-H···Cl hydrogen bonding between the complex anion and pmtcH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> cation help to stabilize the crystal structure of (I). The solvent ethanol molecule links with the complex anion *via* O-H···Cl hydrogen bonding (Table 2).

## **Experimental**

© 2007 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved An ethanol solution (10 ml) of  $InCl_3$  (29.3 mg, 0.10 mmol) was slowly diffused into a dichloromethane solution (10 ml) of (*E*)-1-(pyridin-2-ylmethylene)thiosemicarbazide (18.0 mg, 0.10 mmol). Yellow single

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crystals of (I) were obtained after the solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 3 d.

 $\gamma = 84.130 \ (4)^{\circ}$ V = 1211.6 (6) Å<sup>3</sup>

 $D_x = 1.721 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

 $0.40 \times 0.06 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$ 

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.051P)^{2}]$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 1.04 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.79 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

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

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 1.51 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) K

Needle, yellow

Z = 2

### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} ({\rm C_7H_9N_4S})[{\rm In}({\rm C_7H_7N_4S}){\rm Cl_3}]{\cdot-}\\ {\rm C_2H_6O}\\ M_r = 627.71\\ {\rm Triclinic,}\ P\overline{1}\\ a = 7.906\ (2)\ {\rm \mathring{A}}\\ b = 12.437\ (3)\ {\rm \mathring{A}}\\ c = 12.680\ (4)\ {\rm \mathring{A}}\\ \alpha = 78.337\ (4)^\circ\\ \beta = 84.922\ (4)^\circ\\ \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector<br/>diffractometer6388 measured reflections<br/>4428 independent reflections<br/>4428 independent reflections<br/>3582 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ <br/> $R_{int} = 0.030$ <br/> $\theta_{max} = 25.5^{\circ}$ <br/> $T_{min} = 0.584, T_{max} = 0.928$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$   $wR(F^2) = 0.110$  S = 1.024428 reflections 272 parameters

#### Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

In1-Cl1	2.6016 (14)	N2-N3	1.360 (6)
In1-Cl4	2.4130 (14)	N3-C8	1.365 (7)
In1-Cl5	2.5471 (15)	N6-C2	1.283 (6)
In1-S1	2.5189 (15)	N6-N7	1.363 (5)
In1-N5	2.277 (4)	N7-C1	1.325 (6)
In1-N6	2.256 (4)	C1-S1	1.742 (5)
N2-C9	1.271 (6)	C8-S2	1.673 (6)

### Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
O1-H1···Cl5	0.82	2.49	3.281 (5)	164
$N3-H3 \cdot \cdot \cdot O1^{i}$	0.86	1.96	2.810 (6)	171
$N4-H4A\cdots Cl1^{ii}$	0.86	2.80	3.609 (5)	158
$N4-H4B\cdots Cl1$	0.86	2.52	3.356 (5)	163
N8-H8A···N7 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	2.11	2.963 (6)	172
$N8-H8B\cdots Cl5^{iv}$	0.86	2.62	3.408 (4)	153

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



## Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I) with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

The C atoms of the ethanol solvent molecule were refined as isotropic. Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions with C-H = 0.96 Å and the torsion angle was refined to fit the electron density;  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ . Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions with O-H = 0.82 Å, N-H = 0.86 Å and C-H = 0.93 (aromatic) or 0.97 Å (methylene), and refined in riding mode with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(O)$ . The highest peak in the final difference Fourier map is 0.94 Å from atom In1.

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