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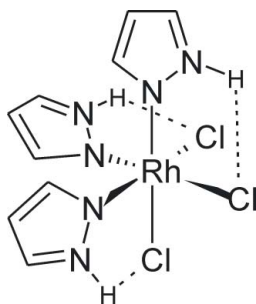
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 108$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å; R factor = 0.032; wR factor = 0.081; data-to-parameter ratio = 18.8.

The title compound, *fac*-[RhCl₃(pzH)₃] (pzH = pyrazole) or *fac*-[RhCl₃(C₃H₄N₂)₃], was prepared by treating RhCl₃·3H₂O with three equivalents of pyrazole. It contains a central Rh^{III} atom coordinated in a facial manner by three pyrazole N atoms and three chloride ligands. As a result of their participation in weak intramolecular N—H···Cl hydrogen bonds, the pyrazole rings adopt a propeller-like arrangement. The mean planes of the pyrazole ligands exhibit dihedral angles of 26.83 (17), 2.03 (10) and 18.83 (14)° with the planes containing their coordinating N atoms, the Rh^{III} atom and the acceptor Cl atoms of their individual N—H···Cl interactions.

Related literature

For related literature, see: Albinati *et al.* (1999); Cushing *et al.* (2006); Nicto *et al.* (2005).

**Experimental***Crystal data*

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 $Z = 4$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
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 $T = 108$ (2) K
 $0.52 \times 0.18 \times 0.13$ mm

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Refinement

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 $wR(F^2) = 0.081$
 $S = 1.05$
3236 reflections

172 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.88$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.78$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H··· <i>A</i>
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N22—H22···Cl1 ^{iv}	0.86	2.88	3.472 (3)	128

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Data collection: *CrysAlis CCD* (Oxford Diffraction, 2006); cell refinement: *CrysAlis RED* (Oxford Diffraction, 2006); data reduction: *CrysAlis RED*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1995); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: BV2069).

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Comment

The complexes *mer*-[MCl₃(Me₂pzH)₃] · CH₃OH (*M* = Rh, Ir; Me₂pzH = 3,5-dimethylpyrazole) have been prepared by treating MCl₃ · xH₂O with three equivalents of 3,5-dimethylpyrazole in methanol at 85°C (Cushing *et al.*, 2006). Only the *mer*-isomers were obtained on subsequent recrystallization from methanol solution. *mer*-[RhCl₃(Me₂pzH)₃] has also been characterized as a decomposition product of the reaction of [RhCl₃(CH₃CN)₃] with Tl[HB(Me₂pz)]₃ (Albinati *et al.*, 1999). A facial tris(dimethylpyrazole) Re^I complex *fac*-[Re(CO)₃(Me₂pzH)₃][B(Ar)₄] (Ar = 3,5-bis(trifluoromethylphenyl)) is also known (Nicto *et al.*, 2005).

We now report the crystal structure of *fac*-[RhCl₃(pzH)₃] (I), which was obtained by treating RhCl₃ · 3H₂O in a 2-propanol/water mixture with three equivalents of pyrazole. (I) was recrystallized as the *fac*-isomer from methanol solution and exhibits the expected ¹H NMR resonances at 6.57 (*t*), 6.88 (*d*) and 7.89 (*d*) for the C—H protons and 12.48 (*d*) for the N—H protons of the pure isomer in CDCl₃ solution. A 2:1 mixture of the *fac* and *mer* isomers is observed after 5 h in methanol solution. As depicted in Fig. 1, the pyrazole ligands adopt a propellor-like arrangement in (I) and participate in intramolecular N—H···Cl hydrogen bonds (Table 1) to the nearest chloride ligand. Their best planes exhibit respective dihedral angles of 26.83 (17), 2.03 (10) and 18.83 (14)° to the planes containing their coordinating nitrogen atoms, Rh1 and the acceptor Cl atoms of their N—H···Cl interactions. The molecules are linked into a network by intermolecular N—H···Cl and C—H···Cl hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2).

Experimental

fac-[RhCl₃(pzH)₃] (I) was prepared by treating 50.5 mg RhCl₃ · 3H₂O (0.19 mmol) in 0.9 ml 2-propanol/water (5:1) with 3 equivalents of pyrazole (40.2 mg, 0.59 mmol). After stirring for 1.5 h, the resulting yellow precipitate was removed by centrifugation and washed with 2 ml of 2-propanol to afford *fac*-[RhCl₃(pzH)₃] in 17% yield (13.7 mg). Elemental analysis (Vario EL) for C₉H₁₂Cl₃N₆Rh · H₂O (*M* = 431.5): C 25.4 (calc. 25.7), H 3.2 (calc. 3.4), N 19.4 (calc. 19.3). FAB MS on a VG Autospec: *m/z* 435(3%) [M+Na]⁺, 377(15%) [M—Cl]⁺. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) on a Bruker DRX 400: δ 6.57 (*t*, 3H, pzH-b), 6.88 (*d*, 3H, pzH-c), 7.89 (*d*, 3H, pzH-a), 12.48 (*d*, 3H, NH). Suitable crystals for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution of (I).

Refinement

H atoms were constrained to idealized positions and refined using a riding model, with C—H distances of 0.93 Å and N—H distances of 0.86 Å; *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2 *U*_{iso}(C) for the former and *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2 *U*_{iso}(N) for the latter protons.

Figures

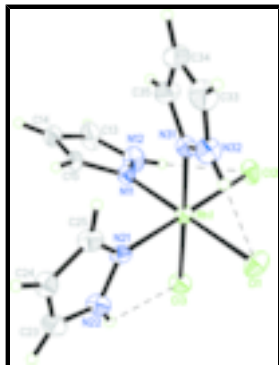
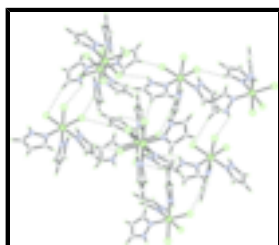


Fig. 1 Molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Fig. 2 Hydrogen bonds between the anions and cations of (I). The colour code is the same as in Fig. 1.



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Refinement on F^2

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Least-squares matrix: full

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

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

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Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Extinction correction: none

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of F^2 against ALL reflections. The weighted R -factor wR and goodness of fit S are based on F^2 , conventional R -factors R are based on F , with F set to zero for negative F^2 . The threshold expression of $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. R -factors based on F^2 are statistically about twice as large as those based on F , and R -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Rh1	-0.00400 (3)	0.990704 (18)	0.245999 (14)	0.01730 (9)
C11	0.19460 (10)	0.92389 (8)	0.16155 (5)	0.03188 (19)
C12	0.01555 (10)	0.82640 (6)	0.33384 (5)	0.02876 (18)
C13	0.19940 (9)	1.07268 (7)	0.35894 (5)	0.02689 (17)
N11	-0.1773 (3)	1.0492 (2)	0.31679 (17)	0.0195 (5)
N12	-0.1894 (4)	1.0192 (2)	0.40354 (19)	0.0319 (6)
H12	-0.1245	0.9729	0.4377	0.038*
C13	-0.3195 (5)	1.0729 (3)	0.4296 (2)	0.0358 (8)
H13	-0.3541	1.0660	0.4866	0.043*
C14	-0.3900 (4)	1.1389 (3)	0.3568 (2)	0.0290 (7)
H14	-0.4817	1.1855	0.3540	0.035*
C15	-0.2986 (4)	1.1227 (2)	0.2887 (2)	0.0201 (6)
H15	-0.3182	1.1580	0.2309	0.024*
N21	-0.0229 (3)	1.1355 (2)	0.16938 (17)	0.0211 (5)
N22	0.0733 (3)	1.2255 (2)	0.19646 (18)	0.0258 (6)
H22	0.1480	1.2284	0.2463	0.031*
C23	0.0374 (4)	1.3100 (3)	0.1356 (2)	0.0278 (7)

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H23	0.0873	1.3803	0.1398	0.033*
C24	-0.0870 (4)	1.2733 (3)	0.0658 (2)	0.0271 (7)
H24	-0.1381	1.3130	0.0135	0.033*
C25	-0.1203 (4)	1.1638 (3)	0.0903 (2)	0.0267 (7)
H25	-0.1997	1.1173	0.0558	0.032*
N31	-0.1879 (3)	0.9203 (2)	0.14972 (17)	0.0208 (5)
N32	-0.1648 (4)	0.8932 (2)	0.06342 (18)	0.0292 (6)
H32	-0.0731	0.9016	0.0436	0.035*
C33	-0.3044 (5)	0.8512 (3)	0.0127 (2)	0.0390 (9)
H33	-0.3184	0.8265	-0.0488	0.047*
C34	-0.4233 (4)	0.8513 (3)	0.0680 (3)	0.0379 (8)
H34	-0.5325	0.8268	0.0520	0.045*
C35	-0.3450 (4)	0.8960 (3)	0.1528 (2)	0.0297 (7)
H35	-0.3952	0.9073	0.2043	0.036*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Rh1	0.01787 (13)	0.02047 (13)	0.01265 (12)	0.00115 (8)	0.00043 (8)	0.00065 (8)
Cl1	0.0259 (4)	0.0454 (5)	0.0252 (4)	0.0060 (3)	0.0069 (3)	-0.0037 (3)
Cl2	0.0346 (4)	0.0227 (4)	0.0259 (4)	0.0059 (3)	-0.0025 (3)	0.0035 (3)
Cl3	0.0261 (4)	0.0300 (4)	0.0206 (3)	-0.0029 (3)	-0.0061 (3)	0.0014 (3)
N11	0.0220 (12)	0.0179 (12)	0.0172 (11)	-0.0001 (9)	0.0001 (9)	0.0013 (9)
N12	0.0423 (17)	0.0324 (15)	0.0203 (13)	0.0064 (13)	0.0040 (12)	0.0056 (11)
C13	0.053 (2)	0.0321 (18)	0.0272 (17)	0.0060 (16)	0.0211 (16)	0.0030 (14)
C14	0.0290 (17)	0.0246 (16)	0.0361 (18)	0.0027 (13)	0.0126 (14)	-0.0006 (13)
C15	0.0221 (14)	0.0204 (14)	0.0174 (13)	0.0029 (11)	0.0021 (11)	0.0038 (11)
N21	0.0177 (12)	0.0254 (13)	0.0198 (12)	-0.0026 (10)	0.0025 (9)	0.0007 (10)
N22	0.0267 (13)	0.0303 (14)	0.0189 (12)	-0.0040 (11)	0.0003 (10)	0.0018 (10)
C23	0.0324 (17)	0.0286 (17)	0.0237 (15)	-0.0048 (13)	0.0084 (13)	0.0039 (12)
C24	0.0305 (16)	0.0307 (17)	0.0199 (14)	0.0027 (13)	0.0040 (12)	0.0066 (12)
C25	0.0267 (16)	0.0323 (17)	0.0197 (14)	-0.0022 (13)	0.0010 (12)	0.0024 (12)
N31	0.0238 (12)	0.0207 (12)	0.0167 (11)	-0.0001 (10)	0.0006 (9)	0.0000 (9)
N32	0.0337 (15)	0.0347 (15)	0.0187 (12)	-0.0005 (12)	0.0036 (11)	-0.0052 (11)
C33	0.044 (2)	0.040 (2)	0.0280 (18)	0.0013 (16)	-0.0076 (15)	-0.0123 (15)
C34	0.0285 (18)	0.038 (2)	0.042 (2)	-0.0012 (15)	-0.0078 (15)	-0.0092 (16)
C35	0.0249 (16)	0.0360 (18)	0.0275 (16)	-0.0022 (13)	0.0026 (13)	-0.0042 (14)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

Rh1—N11	2.029 (3)	N22—C23	1.339 (4)
Rh1—N31	2.043 (2)	N22—H22	0.8600
Rh1—N21	2.047 (3)	C23—C24	1.373 (5)
Rh1—Cl2	2.3302 (8)	C23—H23	0.9300
Rh1—Cl3	2.3323 (7)	C24—C25	1.394 (5)
Rh1—Cl1	2.3550 (8)	C24—H24	0.9300
N11—C15	1.333 (4)	C25—H25	0.9300
N11—N12	1.336 (4)	N31—C35	1.330 (4)
N12—C13	1.358 (5)	N31—N32	1.346 (3)

N12—H12	0.8600	N32—C33	1.341 (4)
C13—C14	1.363 (5)	N32—H32	0.8600
C13—H13	0.9300	C33—C34	1.375 (6)
C14—C15	1.363 (4)	C33—H33	0.9300
C14—H14	0.9300	C34—C35	1.392 (5)
C15—H15	0.9300	C34—H34	0.9300
N21—C25	1.320 (4)	C35—H35	0.9300
N21—N22	1.348 (4)		
N11—Rh1—N31	89.60 (10)	C25—N21—N22	106.3 (3)
N11—Rh1—N21	89.87 (10)	C25—N21—Rh1	131.7 (2)
N31—Rh1—N21	89.96 (10)	N22—N21—Rh1	122.04 (18)
N11—Rh1—Cl2	89.61 (7)	C23—N22—N21	111.0 (3)
N31—Rh1—Cl2	89.98 (7)	C23—N22—H22	124.5
N21—Rh1—Cl2	179.48 (7)	N21—N22—H22	124.5
N11—Rh1—Cl3	88.49 (7)	N22—C23—C24	107.1 (3)
N31—Rh1—Cl3	178.08 (7)	N22—C23—H23	126.4
N21—Rh1—Cl3	90.25 (7)	C24—C23—H23	126.4
Cl2—Rh1—Cl3	89.79 (3)	C23—C24—C25	105.2 (3)
N11—Rh1—Cl1	179.07 (7)	C23—C24—H24	127.4
N31—Rh1—Cl1	89.77 (7)	C25—C24—H24	127.4
N21—Rh1—Cl1	89.43 (7)	N21—C25—C24	110.3 (3)
Cl2—Rh1—Cl1	91.08 (3)	N21—C25—H25	124.8
Cl3—Rh1—Cl1	92.14 (3)	C24—C25—H25	124.8
C15—N11—N12	106.6 (3)	C35—N31—N32	106.5 (3)
C15—N11—Rh1	128.6 (2)	C35—N31—Rh1	131.6 (2)
N12—N11—Rh1	124.8 (2)	N32—N31—Rh1	121.9 (2)
N11—N12—C13	109.8 (3)	C33—N32—N31	110.6 (3)
N11—N12—H12	125.1	C33—N32—H32	124.7
C13—N12—H12	125.1	N31—N32—H32	124.7
N12—C13—C14	107.2 (3)	N32—C33—C34	107.6 (3)
N12—C13—H13	126.4	N32—C33—H33	126.2
C14—C13—H13	126.4	C34—C33—H33	126.2
C13—C14—C15	105.9 (3)	C33—C34—C35	105.1 (3)
C13—C14—H14	127.0	C33—C34—H34	127.4
C15—C14—H14	127.0	C35—C34—H34	127.4
N11—C15—C14	110.5 (3)	N31—C35—C34	110.2 (3)
N11—C15—H15	124.8	N31—C35—H35	124.9
C14—C15—H15	124.8	C34—C35—H35	124.9

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Fig. 1

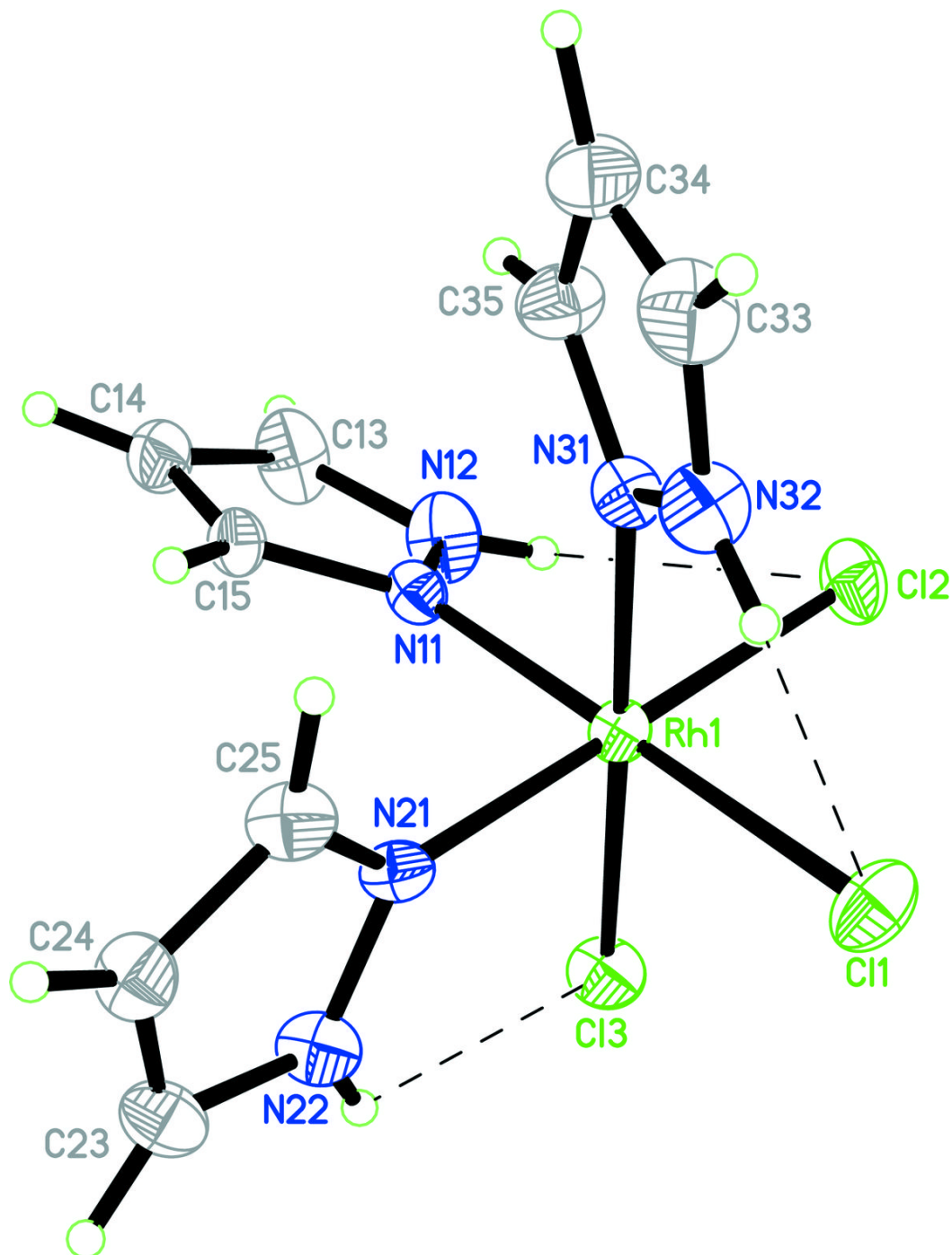


Fig. 2

