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# Imidazolium *trans*-bis(iminodiacetato- $\kappa^{3}O,N,O'$ )cobaltate(III)

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 298 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å; R factor = 0.029; wR factor = 0.079; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.5.

In the title compound,  $(C_3H_5N_2)[Co(C_4H_5NO_4)_2]$ , the cation and anion are located on a twofold rotation axis and inversion center, respectively. Intermolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds link the cations and anions into layers parallel to the *ab* plane. The crystal packing also exhibits weak  $C-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds, including bifurcated hydrogen bonds, and  $C=O\cdots \pi$  interactions.

#### **Related literature**

For hydrogen bonds in related compounds containing imidazolium, see: Allen (2002); Chattopadhyay *et al.* (1995); Gao *et al.* (2009); Hsu & Schlemper (1980); Rissanen & Pursiainen (2000). Bifurcated hydrogen bonds were discussed by Jeffrey *et al.* (1985). For graph-set notation, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995).



#### **Experimental**

Crystal data  $(C_3H_5N_2)[Co(C_4H_5NO_4)_2]$   $M_r = 390.20$ Orthorhombic, *Pcca*  a = 16.889 (3) Å b = 5.2906 (10) Å c = 16.901 (3) Å

 $V = 1510.2 (5) Å^{3}$ Z = 4 Mo K\alpha radiation \(\mu = 1.19 \text{ mm}^{-1}\) T = 298 K 0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}\)  $R_{\rm int} = 0.025$ 

6218 measured reflections

1495 independent reflections

1299 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2000)  $T_{\min} = 0.783, T_{\max} = 0.797$ 

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$	111 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.079$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.08	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.35 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
1495 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.27 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg1 is the centroid of the imidazolium ring.

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$N1 - H1 \cdots O3^{i}$	0.79	2.12	2.880 (2)	161
$N2 - H2 \cdot \cdot \cdot O2^{ii}$	0.86	1.95	2.775 (3)	162
$C3 - H3B \cdots O2^{iii}$	0.97	2.43	3.338 (3)	156
C5−H5···O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.36	3.117 (4)	138
$C5-H5\cdots O4^{iv}$	0.93	2.36	3.117 (4)	138
$C1 - O2 \cdots Cg1^{v}$	1.23 (1)	3.54 (1)	3.953 (2)	0 ?

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

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL/PC*.

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#### Comment

In continuation of our study of weak C—H···O and C=O··· $\pi$  interactions in the building of three-dimensional structures (Gao *et al.*, 2009), we present here the crystal structure of the title 1:1 adduct, (I).

In (I) (Fig. 1), the cation and anion are located on a two-fold rotation axis and inversion center, respectively. Strong N2-H···O2<sup>ii</sup> hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link imidazolium and *trans*-bis(iminodiacetato-N,O,O')cobalt(III) with the direction of (120) to form one-dimensional chains (Fig. 2) with graph-set notation  $C_2^{(2)}(13)$ . These chains further assemble to other *trans*-bis(iminodiacetato-N,O,O')cobalt(III) anions in two-dimensional structures on (001) plane via C5-H···O4<sup>vi</sup>, C5—H···O4<sup>viii</sup> and C3<sup>viii</sup>—H···O2<sup>iv</sup> (Table 1) hydrogen bonds, as shown in Fig. 2. Further, the layers assemble to a threedimensional structure by strong N1—H···O<sup>i</sup> hydrogen bond and weak C1=O2··· $\pi$ (centroid of imidazolium ring) interaction (Table 1). Imidazolium has three donors, two N-H and one C-H, the latter forming a non-conventional bifurcated hydrogen bond between imidazolium C5-H and carboxylate groups O4H and O4F from trans-bis(iminodiacetato-N,O,O')cobalt(III). Interestingly, this type of hydrogen bond in imidazolium compounds was found in a search of the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD version 5.30; Allen, 2002). Among the 200 hits for imidazolium compounds, there are only seven compounds having the similar bifurcated hydrogen bonds (C-H from imidazolium), namely, imidazolium hydrogen maleate (Hsu & Schlemper, 1980), benzo-18-crown-6 imidazolium clathrate perchlorate (Rissanen & Pursiainen, 2000), bis(imidazolium) bis(oxalato-O,O')copper(II) (Chattopadhyay et al., 1995). Their distances of H...O are in the range of 2.10 to 2.49 Å. However, analysis in sum of three angles about H atom are all less than 360° in the seven compounds, which indicated that these weak hydrogen bonds are not of characters of bifurcated hydrogen bonds from H-bond classification (Jeffrey et al., 1985).

#### Experimental

Chemicals were readily available from commercial sources and were used as received without further purification. To a 10 ml of solution containing imidazole (0.14 g, 2 mmol) in a flask with constant stirring, added dropwise  $Co(CH_3COO)_2.3H_2O$  (0.23 g, 1 mmol) in 5 ml of aqueous solution and 5 ml aqueous solution containing iminodiacetic acid (0.27 g, 2 mmol) was added dropwise. The mixture was stirred for 3 h, and then filtered. The dark-red filtrate was left to stand at room temperature, and after three weeks, dark-red crystals of the title compound were formed.

#### Refinement

H atoms attached to C atoms of (I) were placed in geometrically idealized positions and refined with  $U_{iso}(H)=1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . H atoms attached to N1 and N2 in (I) were located from difference Fourier maps, with fixed bond lengths, and refined using a riding model, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$ .

**Figures** 





Fig. 1. View of (I) with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level and atomic numbering [symmetry codes: (i) -*x*, -*y*, -*z*; (ii) 1/2 - x, -1 - y, *z*].

Fig. 2. A portion of the crystal packing showing hydrogen-bonding patterns with graph-set notations  $R_3^2(9)$ ,  $R_3^2(9)$  and  $R_2^2(12)$ , respectively. Dotted lines denote hydrogen bonds. H atoms non-involved in hydrogen-bonding omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1/2 - x, 1 - y, z; (ii) -x, -1 + y, 1/2 - z; (iii) x, 1 - y, 1/2 + z; (iv) 1/2 + x, 2 - y, 1/2 - z; (v) 1/2 - x, y, 1/2 + z; (vi) x, -1 + y, z; (vii) -x, 1 - y, -z; (viii) 1/2 - x, 2 - y, z; (ix) 1/2 + x, y, -z.]

### Imidazolium *trans*-bis(iminodiacetato-κ<sup>3</sup>O,N,O')cobaltate(III)

 $F_{000} = 800$ 

 $D_{\rm x} = 1.716 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation

Cell parameters from 2958 reflections

 $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ 

 $\theta = 2.4 - 27.0^{\circ}$ 

 $\mu = 1.19 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

 $0.20\times0.20\times0.20~mm$ 

T = 298 KBlock. red

Crystal data

 $(C_{3}H_{5}N_{2})[Co(C_{4}H_{5}NO_{4})_{2}]$   $M_{r} = 390.20$ Orthorhombic, *Pcca* Hall symbol: -P 2a 2ac a = 16.889 (3) Å b = 5.2906 (10) Å c = 16.901 (3) Å V = 1510.2 (5) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	1495 independent reflections
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	1299 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Monochromator: graphite	$R_{\rm int} = 0.025$
T = 298  K	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^{\circ}$
ω scans	$\theta_{\min} = 2.4^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2000)	$h = -19 \rightarrow 20$
$T_{\min} = 0.783, T_{\max} = 0.797$	$k = -6 \rightarrow 4$
6218 measured reflections	$l = -18 \rightarrow 20$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$	H-atom parameters constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.079$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0405P)^2 + 0.6086P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
<i>S</i> = 1.08	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
1495 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.35 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
111 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.27 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  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.

	x	У	Z	$U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$
Col	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.02108 (14)
01	-0.06498 (8)	1.0888 (2)	0.08656 (8)	0.0305 (3)
O2	-0.10143 (10)	0.9556 (3)	0.20572 (10)	0.0502 (5)
O3	0.07296 (7)	1.2495 (2)	0.03073 (9)	0.0306 (3)
O4	0.17666 (11)	1.3151 (3)	0.10704 (14)	0.0775 (7)
N1	0.05329 (8)	0.7739 (3)	0.07205 (9)	0.0240 (3)
H1	0.0644	0.6440	0.0521	0.029*
C1	-0.06105 (12)	0.9354 (4)	0.14545 (12)	0.0319 (4)
C2	-0.00355 (11)	0.7182 (4)	0.13637 (12)	0.0315 (5)
H2A	0.0249	0.6926	0.1856	0.038*
H2B	-0.0324	0.5644	0.1242	0.038*
C3	0.12727 (11)	0.8972 (4)	0.09931 (13)	0.0327 (4)
H3A	0.1724	0.8161	0.0744	0.039*
H3B	0.1324	0.8764	0.1561	0.039*
C4	0.12754 (12)	1.1751 (4)	0.07933 (13)	0.0369 (5)
N2	0.20741 (11)	0.3528 (4)	0.31139 (13)	0.0526 (5)
H2	0.1749	0.2389	0.2952	0.063*
C5	0.2500	0.5000	0.2661 (2)	0.0461 (9)
Н5	0.2500	0.5000	0.2110	0.055*
C6	0.22287 (19)	0.4090 (8)	0.38741 (18)	0.0811 (11)
H6	0.1999	0.3346	0.4317	0.097*

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

# Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$		
Col	0.0249 (2)	0.0181 (2)	0.0202 (2)	0.00274 (13)	-0.00159 (13)	-0.00175 (12)		
O1	0.0359 (7)	0.0297 (7)	0.0259 (7)	0.0101 (6)	0.0047 (6)	-0.0001 (6)		
O2	0.0550 (10)	0.0629 (11)	0.0325 (9)	0.0263 (8)	0.0165 (8)	0.0112 (8)		
O3	0.0323 (7)	0.0210 (6)	0.0385 (8)	-0.0005 (5)	-0.0086 (6)	-0.0013 (6)		
O4	0.0655 (12)	0.0340 (9)	0.1330 (19)	-0.0079 (9)	-0.0602 (12)	-0.0013 (10)		
N1	0.0288 (8)	0.0187 (7)	0.0246 (8)	0.0051 (6)	-0.0019 (6)	-0.0030 (6)		
C1	0.0334 (10)	0.0351 (10)	0.0271 (11)	0.0056 (9)	0.0021 (9)	0.0002 (8)		
C2	0.0376 (11)	0.0297 (10)	0.0273 (11)	0.0068 (8)	0.0025 (8)	0.0064 (8)		
C3	0.0301 (10)	0.0306 (10)	0.0374 (11)	0.0032 (8)	-0.0084 (9)	-0.0001 (9)		
C4	0.0345 (10)	0.0269 (10)	0.0492 (13)	0.0013 (8)	-0.0115 (9)	-0.0061 (9)		
N2	0.0418 (11)	0.0547 (13)	0.0613 (14)	-0.0206 (10)	-0.0043 (10)	-0.0035 (10)		
C5	0.0403 (19)	0.057 (2)	0.041 (2)	-0.0004 (15)	0.000	0.000		
C6	0.074 (2)	0.122 (3)	0.0467 (18)	-0.048 (2)	0.0007 (15)	0.0132 (18)		
Geometric param	neters (Å, °)							
Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>		1.8790 (12)	C1-	-C2	1.512	2 (3)		
Co1—O3		1.8790 (12)	C2—	-H2A	0.9700			
Col—Ol		1.8882 (13)	C2—	-H2B	0.9700			
Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>		1.8882 (13)	С3—	-C4	1.508 (3)			
Co1—N1 <sup>i</sup>		1.9299 (14)	С3—НЗА		0.9700			
Co1—N1		1.9299 (14)	С3—	-H3B	0.970	00		
O1—C1		1.286 (2)	N2—	-C5	1.308	3 (3)		
O2—C1		1.230 (2)	N2—	-C6	1.344	4 (4)		
O3—C4		1.296 (2)	N2—	-H2	0.859	99		
O4—C4		1.207 (3)	С5—	-N2 <sup>ii</sup>	1.308	3 (3)		
N1—C2		1.480 (2)	С5—	-H5	0.930	00		
N1—C3		1.483 (2)	С6—	-C6 <sup>ii</sup>	1.329 (6)			
N1—H1		0.7879	С6—	-Н6	0.9300			
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3		180.00 (9)	01–	-C1-C2	115.7	72 (17)		
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1		90.44 (6)	N1—	-C2C1	109.8	38 (16)		
O3—Co1—O1		89.56 (6)	N1—	-C2—H2A	109.7			
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>		89.56 (6)	C1-	-C2—H2A	109.7			
O3—Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>		90.44 (6)	N1—	-C2—H2B	109.7			
O1—Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>		180.0	C1-	C1—C2—H2B		C1—C2—H2B 109.7		7
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1 <sup>i</sup>		87.43 (6)	H2A	H2A—C2—H2B		2		
O3—Co1—N1 <sup>i</sup>		92.57 (6)	N1—	N1—C3—C4		22 (15)		
O1—Co1—N1 <sup>i</sup>		93.65 (6)	N1—	-С3—НЗА	109.4			
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1 <sup>i</sup>		86.35 (6)	C4—	-С3—НЗА	109.4	1		
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1		92.57 (6)	N1-	-С3—Н3В	109.4	1		
O3—Co1—N1		87.43 (6)	C4—	-С3—Н3В	109.4	1		
O1—Co1—N1		86.35 (6)	H3A	—С3—Н3В	108.0	)		

O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1	93.65 (6)	O4—C4—O3	123.3 (2)	
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1	180.00 (7)	O4—C4—C3	120.91 (19)	
C1—O1—Co1	114.38 (12)	O3—C4—C3	115.83 (16)	
C4—O3—Co1	115.36 (12)	C5—N2—C6	108.8 (2)	
C2—N1—C3	113.95 (15)	C5—N2—H2	125.6	
C2—N1—Co1	106.52 (11)	C6—N2—H2	125.6	
C3—N1—Co1	108.42 (11)	N2 <sup>ii</sup> —C5—N2	108.3 (3)	
C2—N1—H1	107.2	N2 <sup>ii</sup> —C5—H5	125.9	
C3—N1—H1	108.4	N2—C5—H5	125.9	
Co1—N1—H1	112.5	C6 <sup>ii</sup> —C6—N2	107.09 (15)	
O2—C1—O1	123.87 (19)	C6 <sup>ii</sup> —C6—H6	126.5	
O2—C1—C2	120.40 (18)	N2—C6—H6	126.5	
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1—C1	77.41 (15)	O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1—C3	80.29 (12)	
O3—Co1—O1—C1	-102.59 (15)	Co1—O1—C1—O2	-176.80 (17)	
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1—C1	164.87 (14)	Co1—O1—C1—C2	2.0 (2)	
N1—Co1—O1—C1	-15.13 (14)	C3—N1—C2—C1	92.47 (19)	
O1—Co1—O3—C4	90.08 (15)	Co1—N1—C2—C1	-27.03 (19)	
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3—C4	-89.92 (15)	O2—C1—C2—N1	-163.64 (19)	
N1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3—C4	-176.29 (15)	O1-C1-C2-N1	17.5 (3)	
N1—Co1—O3—C4	3.71 (15)	C2—N1—C3—C4	-104.50 (19)	
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1—C2	-66.96 (12)	Co1—N1—C3—C4	13.92 (19)	
O3—Co1—N1—C2	113.04 (12)	Co1—O3—C4—O4	-176.8 (2)	
O1—Co1—N1—C2	23.32 (12)	Co1—O3—C4—C3	3.9 (2)	
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1—C2	-156.68 (12)	N1—C3—C4—O4	168.6 (2)	
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—N1—C3	170.01 (12)	N1—C3—C4—O3	-12.2 (3)	
O3—Co1—N1—C3	-9.99 (12)	C6—N2—C5—N2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.4 (2)	
01—Co1—N1—C3	-99.71 (12)	C5—N2—C6—C6 <sup>ii</sup>	-1.2 (5)	
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x$ , $-y+2$ , $-z$ ; (ii) $-x+1/2$ , $-y+1$ , $z$ .				

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	D—H···A
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C1—O2····Cg1 <sup>vii</sup>	1.230 (2)	3.54 (1)	3.953 (2)	
$\mathbf{C} = (1, 1, \dots, \dots, 1, \dots, \dots,$	1 + 1/2 ( ) + 1/	0.(1) 1/2 1/		1/2

Symmetry codes: (iii) x, y-1, z; (iv) -x, y-1, -z+1/2; (v) -x, y, -z+1/2; (vi) -x+1/2, -y+2, z; (vii) -x-1, y+1, -z+1/2.







