

## catena-Poly[[cobalt(II)- $\mu$ -aqua- $\mu$ -propanoato- $\kappa^2$ O:O'- $\mu$ -propanoato- $\kappa^2$ O:O] monohydrate]

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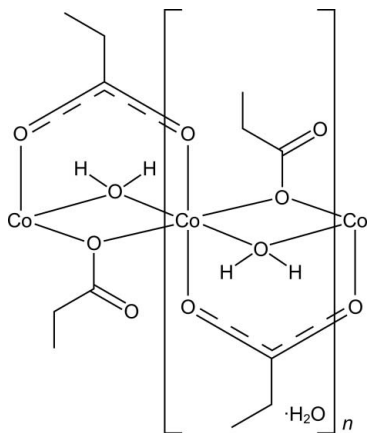
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 170$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.026;  $wR$  factor = 0.067; data-to-parameter ratio = 21.2.

The title compound,  $\{[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ , was synthesized by the reaction of cobalt(II) carbonate hydrate with aqueous propionic acid. The structure consists of polymeric infinite linear chains with composition  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO})_{4/2}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{2/2}]_\infty$  running along [010]. The chains are formed by  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ions linked with bridging propionate groups and water molecules, with a  $\text{Co}\cdots\text{Co}$  distance along the chains of 3.2587 (9) Å. The  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  ion is six-coordinated in a strongly distorted octahedral geometry. The chains are connected to each other by a network of  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds involving solvent water molecules.

### Related literature

For the related cobalt(II) acetate dihydrate, see: Jiao *et al.* (2000). For the structure of a hydrated cobalt(II) acetate which has been isolated in similar conditions, see: Sobolev *et al.* (2003). For properties and applications of cobalt carboxylates, see: Eremenko *et al.* (2009); Gates (1992); Parshall & Ittel (1992); Partenheimer (1995).



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### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 $M_r = 241.10$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 13.997$  (4) Å  
 $b = 6.4987$  (18) Å  
 $c = 21.440$  (6) Å  
 $\beta = 103.216$  (5)°  
 $V = 1898.6$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 1.81$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 170$  K  
 $0.5 \times 0.3 \times 0.2$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2007)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.276$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.332$   
 11986 measured reflections  
 2762 independent reflections  
 2542 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.067$   
 $S = 1.09$   
 2762 reflections  
 130 parameters  
 5 restraints

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.41$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.57$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H11}\cdots\text{O6}^i$	0.92 (3)	1.72 (3)	2.620 (2)	163 (3)
$\text{O1}-\text{H12}\cdots\text{O5}$	0.89 (3)	1.78 (3)	2.660 (2)	171 (3)
$\text{O5}-\text{H51}\cdots\text{O4}^{ii}$	0.92 (3)	1.90 (3)	2.794 (2)	163 (3)
$\text{O5}-\text{H52}\cdots\text{O2}^{iii}$	0.87 (3)	1.91 (3)	2.773 (2)	174 (3)

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2009); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2009); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

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**Comment**

Cobalt carboxylates are of great importance because of their application in homogeneous oxidation catalysis (Gates, 1992; Parshall & Ittel, 1992; Partenheimer, 1995), and their interesting magnetic properties (Eremenko *et al.*, 2009). Carboxylate ligands coordinated to transition metal ions can adopt different binding modes and form a great number of various cage complexes and a variety of different one-dimensional, two-dimensional and three-dimensional structures.

The title compound,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**I**), actually named as cobalt(II) propionate dihydrate, is attracting our attention as the starting substance for the synthesis of mixed-valence cobalt carboxylates. This salt was synthesized and its crystal structure is reported herein.

The crystal structure of (**I**) contains one symmetrically independent  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  cation coordinated to four O atoms of four bridging propionates and two O atoms of bridging water molecules in a strongly distorted octahedral coordination (Fig. 1). The *cis*-angles about the Co atom range from 77.35 (4) to 109.40 (5)°, the Co—O bond length ranges from 2.0406 (12) to 2.2460 (12) Å; this is in agreement with the angles and the distances in isostructural cobalt(II) acetate dihydrate (Jiao *et al.*, 2000). The structure of (**I**) consists of polymeric infinite linear chains with composition  $\infty[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{COO})_{4/2}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{2/2}]$  running along [010]. The Co...Co separation is 3.2587 (9) Å. The bridging carboxylate groups adopt two coordination modes, monodentate and *syn-syn* bidentate. The bidentate carboxylate group has C—O bonds of equal length, 1.267 (2) Å, whereas monodentate carboxylate group has different C—O bond lengths, 1.235 (2) and 1.305 (2) Å. The chains are connected to each other by a network of hydrogen bonds to solvate water molecules (Fig. 2).

It is rather interesting that the use of acetic acid instead of propionic acid in the synthesis of (**I**) result in the formation of monomeric cobalt(II) acetate tetrahydrate (Sobolev *et al.*, 2003), and the polymeric cobalt(II) acetate dihydrate is formed by recrystallization of cobalt(II) acetate tetrahydrate from acetic acid (Jiao *et al.*, 2000).

**Experimental**

To a solution of propionic acid (7.4 g, 100 mmol) in water (15 ml), an excess of fresh cobalt(II) carbonate hydrate,  $\text{CoCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , (8.0 g, approximately 60 mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at room temperature, followed by filtrating the unreacted  $\text{CoCO}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  out. The filtrate was allowed to stand at room temperature for slow evaporation. The red single crystals of (**I**) suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained after several days. Yield 85%.

**Refinement**

For a single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiment, a red transparent crystal of (**I**) was mounted on the Bruker Smart *APEX* II diffractometer. The experiment was performed at 170 K. The structure was solved by the direct method and refined using *SHELXL-97* program (Sheldrick, 2008). The positions of hydrogen atoms of water molecules were localized from the

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differential Fourier synthesis and H atoms of the CH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub> groups were calculated by the algorithm incorporated in the *SHELXL* program complex. Hydrogen atoms kept fixed with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

### Figures

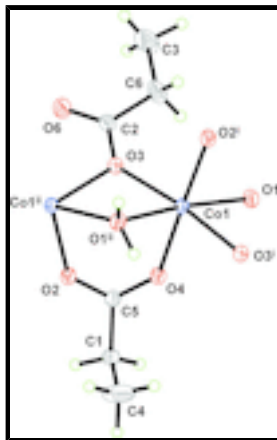


Fig. 1. [Figure 1. The coordinated mode and linkage of the complex (**I**). Displacement ellipsoids of non-H atoms are drawn at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius. Symmetry codes:  $i = -x + 1/2, y + 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ;  $ii = -x + 1/2, y - 1/2, -z + 1/2$ .]

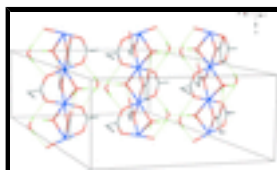


Fig. 2. [Figure 2. Sticks representation of the crystal structure of (**I**) showing hydrogen bonds as green dashed lines. Only the H atoms involved in hydrogen bonds are shown. Co atoms are blue, O atoms are red, C atoms are grey, and selected H atoms are green colored.]

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Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

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Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0329P)^2 + 1.4667P]$

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

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.41 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.57 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

### 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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Co1	0.248706 (13)	0.18331 (3)	0.244111 (9)	0.01830 (7)
O1	0.29927 (8)	0.44228 (16)	0.19444 (5)	0.0231 (2)
H11	0.267 (2)	0.511 (5)	0.1580 (14)	0.080*
H12	0.362 (2)	0.441 (5)	0.1918 (16)	0.080*
O2	0.39246 (8)	-0.23440 (17)	0.29662 (6)	0.0262 (2)
O3	0.23831 (8)	-0.08151 (15)	0.18689 (5)	0.0217 (2)
O4	0.39309 (8)	0.10838 (17)	0.28586 (5)	0.0246 (2)
O5	0.47910 (10)	0.4367 (2)	0.17307 (8)	0.0391 (3)
H51	0.516 (2)	0.328 (5)	0.1935 (15)	0.080*
H52	0.517 (2)	0.543 (4)	0.1846 (16)	0.080*
O6	0.21765 (10)	-0.29849 (19)	0.10436 (6)	0.0338 (3)
C1	0.53359 (12)	-0.0526 (3)	0.35261 (9)	0.0304 (3)
H1A	0.5732	0.0598	0.3390	0.046*
H1B	0.5683	-0.1860	0.3505	0.046*

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C2	0.21658 (11)	-0.1222 (2)	0.12565 (7)	0.0229 (3)
C3	0.1606 (2)	0.0073 (4)	0.01094 (10)	0.0580 (7)
H3A	0.1450	0.1368	-0.0146	0.087*
H3B	0.1013	-0.0834	0.0029	0.087*
H3C	0.2157	-0.0660	-0.0021	0.087*
C4	0.52401 (19)	-0.0140 (5)	0.42103 (11)	0.0600 (7)
H4A	0.5908	-0.0101	0.4503	0.090*
H4B	0.4847	-0.1272	0.4346	0.090*
H4C	0.4902	0.1206	0.4231	0.090*
C5	0.43274 (11)	-0.0596 (2)	0.30805 (7)	0.0208 (3)
C6	0.19027 (18)	0.0594 (3)	0.08116 (9)	0.0418 (5)
H6A	0.1351	0.1358	0.0932	0.063*
H6B	0.2480	0.1544	0.0881	0.063*

### Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Co1	0.01681 (10)	0.01335 (10)	0.02365 (11)	0.00019 (7)	0.00237 (7)	0.00019 (7)
O1	0.0216 (5)	0.0199 (5)	0.0281 (5)	0.0003 (4)	0.0061 (4)	0.0025 (4)
O2	0.0192 (5)	0.0173 (5)	0.0387 (6)	-0.0008 (4)	-0.0006 (4)	0.0004 (4)
O3	0.0247 (5)	0.0170 (5)	0.0221 (5)	0.0004 (4)	0.0026 (4)	0.0003 (4)
O4	0.0185 (5)	0.0181 (5)	0.0347 (6)	0.0001 (4)	0.0010 (4)	0.0004 (4)
O5	0.0241 (6)	0.0228 (6)	0.0687 (10)	0.0001 (5)	0.0068 (6)	0.0011 (6)
O6	0.0486 (8)	0.0254 (6)	0.0255 (5)	0.0056 (5)	0.0044 (5)	-0.0032 (4)
C1	0.0188 (7)	0.0231 (8)	0.0443 (9)	0.0001 (6)	-0.0034 (6)	0.0012 (6)
C2	0.0225 (7)	0.0225 (7)	0.0234 (6)	0.0027 (6)	0.0043 (5)	0.0012 (5)
C3	0.089 (2)	0.0507 (13)	0.0271 (9)	0.0158 (13)	-0.0012 (10)	0.0075 (9)
C4	0.0477 (13)	0.0883 (19)	0.0351 (10)	-0.0161 (13)	-0.0093 (9)	0.0042 (12)
C5	0.0170 (6)	0.0199 (7)	0.0253 (6)	0.0002 (5)	0.0044 (5)	-0.0005 (5)
C6	0.0667 (14)	0.0300 (9)	0.0270 (8)	0.0139 (9)	0.0069 (8)	0.0065 (7)

### Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

Co1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.0406 (12)	C1—C5	1.514 (2)
Co1—O4	2.0726 (12)	C1—C4	1.524 (3)
Co1—O3	2.0991 (11)	C1—H1A	1.0000
Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.1058 (11)	C1—H1B	1.0000
Co1—O1	2.1936 (12)	C2—C6	1.509 (2)
Co1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.2460 (12)	C3—C6	1.506 (3)
O1—H11	0.92 (3)	C3—H3A	1.0000
O1—H12	0.89 (3)	C3—H3B	1.0000
O2—C5	1.2669 (18)	C3—H3C	1.0000
O3—C2	1.3053 (18)	C4—H4A	1.0000
O4—C5	1.2670 (18)	C4—H4B	1.0000
O5—H51	0.92 (3)	C4—H4C	1.0000
O5—H52	0.87 (3)	C6—H6A	1.0000
O6—C2	1.2346 (19)	C6—H6B	1.0000
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O4	178.40 (4)	C4—C1—H1A	109.7

O2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3	91.94 (5)	C5—C1—H1B	109.7
O4—Co1—O3	89.44 (4)	C4—C1—H1B	109.7
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	91.72 (5)	H1A—C1—H1B	108.2
O4—Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	87.03 (4)	O6—C2—O3	122.70 (14)
O3—Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	171.46 (4)	O6—C2—C6	120.92 (14)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1	88.83 (5)	O3—C2—C6	116.38 (14)
O4—Co1—O1	89.94 (5)	C6—C3—H3A	109.5
O3—Co1—O1	109.40 (5)	C6—C3—H3B	109.5
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1	78.38 (5)	H3A—C3—H3B	109.5
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	92.50 (5)	C6—C3—H3C	109.5
O4—Co1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	88.60 (5)	H3A—C3—H3C	109.5
O3—Co1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	77.35 (4)	H3B—C3—H3C	109.5
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	94.79 (5)	C1—C4—H4A	109.5
O1—Co1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	173.08 (3)	C1—C4—H4B	109.5
Co1—O1—Co1 <sup>i</sup>	94.44 (5)	H4A—C4—H4B	109.5
Co1—O1—H11	129 (2)	C1—C4—H4C	109.5
Co1 <sup>i</sup> —O1—H11	90 (2)	H4A—C4—H4C	109.5
Co1—O1—H12	117 (2)	H4B—C4—H4C	109.5
Co1 <sup>i</sup> —O1—H12	118 (2)	O2—C5—O4	124.23 (14)
H11—O1—H12	104 (3)	O2—C5—C1	117.31 (13)
C5—O2—Co1 <sup>ii</sup>	131.47 (10)	O4—C5—C1	118.44 (13)
C2—O3—Co1	136.31 (10)	C3—C6—C2	115.31 (17)
C2—O3—Co1 <sup>ii</sup>	121.50 (10)	C3—C6—H6A	108.4
Co1—O3—Co1 <sup>ii</sup>	101.60 (5)	C2—C6—H6A	108.4
C5—O4—Co1	131.66 (10)	C3—C6—H6B	108.4
H51—O5—H52	104 (3)	C2—C6—H6B	108.4
C5—C1—C4	109.75 (16)	H6A—C6—H6B	107.5
C5—C1—H1A	109.7		

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*Hydrogen-bond geometry* (Å, °)

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

Fig. 1

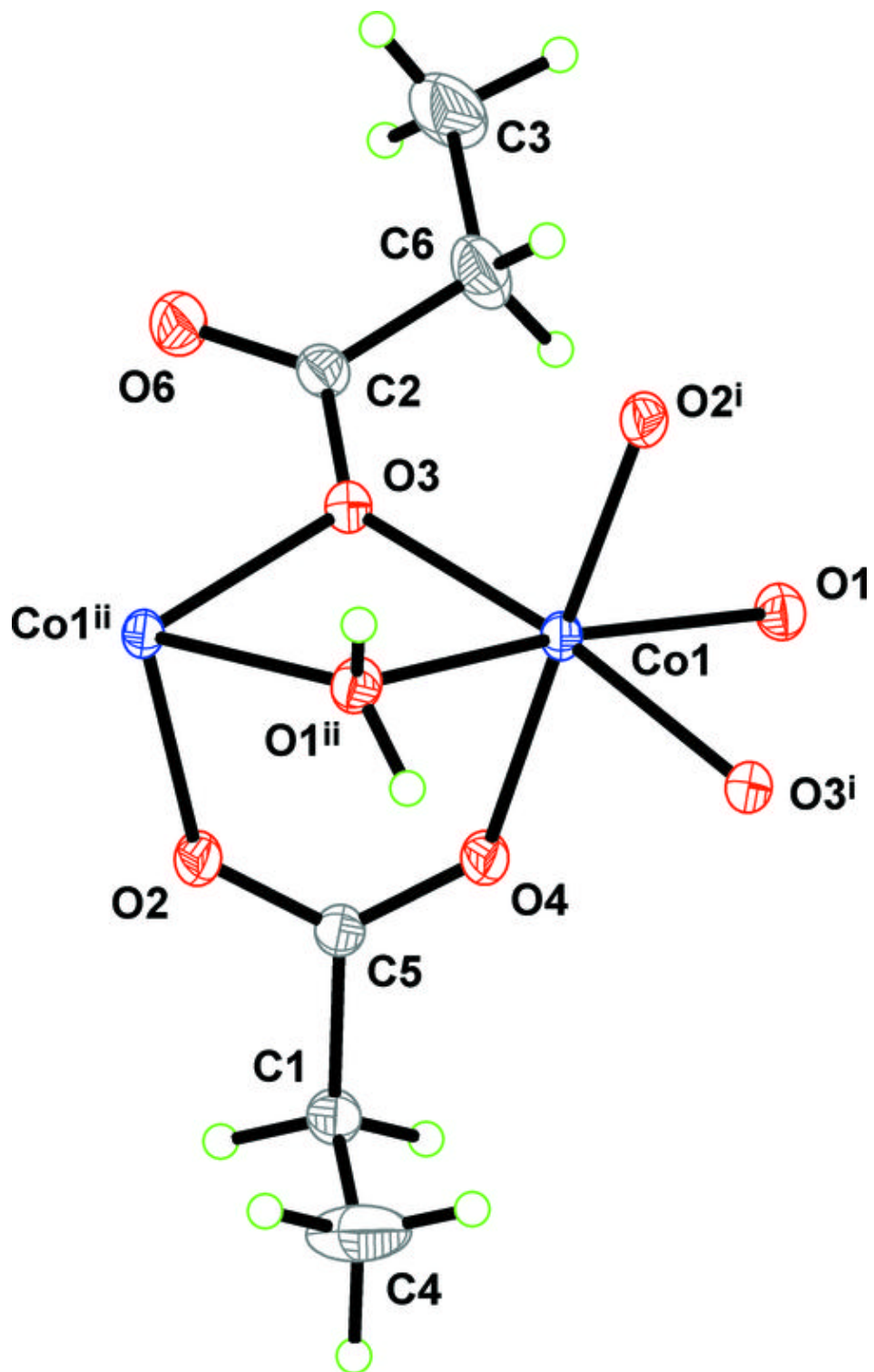




Fig. 2

