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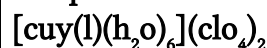


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# PREPARATION AND CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF A HETERONUCLEAR YTTRIUM AND COPPER COMPLEX WITH *N*-CARBOXYMETHYL-*N*- (2-CARBOXYPHENYL)GLYCINE(H<sub>3</sub>L): [CuY(L)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

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The title complex [CuY(L)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was synthesized in aqueous solution, where L<sup>3-</sup> is *N*-carboxymethyl-*N*-(2-carboxyphenyl) glycine anion, and its crystal structure determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction methods. Crystals are monoclinic, space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*n*, with *a* = 17.514(2), *b* = 8.221(1), *c* = 17.874(2) Å, β = 112.170(10)°, *V* = 2383.3(5) Å<sup>3</sup>, *Z* = 4; the final *R* value is 0.031. The complex has a two-dimensional network structure in which each yttrium is coordinated by three oxygen atoms from three L<sup>3-</sup> ions and five oxygen atoms from water molecules forming a distorted square antiprism; the copper ion is coordinated by three carboxyl oxygen atoms and a nitrogen atom from the same L<sup>3-</sup> ion and an oxygen atom of water molecule to form a distorted square pyramid.

**Keywords:** crystal structure; yttrium; copper; *N*-Carboxymethyl-*N*-(2-carboxyphenyl)glycine

## INTRODUCTION

*N*-Carboxymethyl-*N*-(2-carboxyphenyl)glycine (H<sub>3</sub>L) is an unusual glycine derivative. The crystal structures of lanthanide complexes with glycine have been investigated. [1–3] Studies of metal complexes with H<sub>3</sub>L in aqueous solution

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have determined thermodynamic stability constants. Complexes of lanthanides with H<sub>3</sub>L are more stable than those with glycine. [4-7] However, the crystal structures of lanthanide complexes with H<sub>3</sub>L have not been reported. In this paper, a heteronuclear yttrium and copper complex with H<sub>3</sub>L is reported, its crystal structure being determined by X-ray analysis.

## EXPERIMENTAL

### Preparation

The ligand (H<sub>3</sub>L) was synthesized according to the literature. [8] The title complex was prepared by mixing Y(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mmol) and Cu(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mmol) in an aqueous solution of H<sub>3</sub>L (0.5 mmol) at pH 2. Blue crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of the aqueous solution at room temperature (yield 70%). The composition was deduced from ICP and elemental analysis. Found (%): Y, 12.1; Cu, 8.65; N, 2.07; C, 18.61; H, 2.96. Calc. for [CuY(L)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>6</sub>](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>: Y, 12.5; Cu, 8.95; N, 1.97; C, 18.60; H, 2.84; this formula is consistent with the results of diffraction analysis.

### IR Spectra

IR spectra of the complex and ligand were obtained using KBr pellets at 295K using a Nicolet Magna IR 750 spectrophotometer. Compared with the free ligand, the  $\nu_s(\text{coo})$  band at 1410 cm<sup>-1</sup> of the complex is shifted by 13 cm<sup>-1</sup> to higher wave numbers; the  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{coo})$  band at 1556 cm<sup>-1</sup> of the complex is shifted 17 cm<sup>-1</sup> to lower wave numbers. This shows that the carboxyl groups of the ligand are coordinated with the metal ions. [9] A broad absorption band for  $\nu(\text{OH})$  at 3405 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicates the presence of water molecules in the crystal.

### Crystal Structure Measurement

A blue crystal of the complex with dimensions 0.57 × 0.46 × 0.37 mm was mounted in a thin-walled capillary for the structure determination. Intensity data were collected on a Siemens P4 diffractometer with MoK $\alpha$  radiation in the  $\omega$ -scan mode. Lattice parameters were obtained from a least-squares refinement of 40 reflections in the range 6.99° ≤ 2 $\theta$  ≤ 38.81° and 4632 independent reflections were collected, of which 2967 reflections with  $F > 4\sigma(F)$  were used to refine the structure.

Empirical absorption corrections were applied using the XPRED program. [10] All calculations were performed in the Siemens SHELXTL/PC system. The

TABLE I Crystal data for  $[\text{CuY}(\text{L})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ .

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{20}\text{Cl}_2\text{CuNO}_{20}\text{Y}$
Molecular weight	709.63
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$
$a$ (Å)	17.514(2)
$b$ (Å)	8.221(1)
$c$ (Å)	17.874(2)
$\beta$ (°)	112.17(1)
$V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2383.3(5)
$Z$	4
$D_c$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.978
Absorption coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.633
$F(000)$	1420
$\lambda$ (MoK $\alpha$ ) (Å)	0.71073
Scan type	$\omega$
$2\theta$ range (°)	3-52
Scan speed (deg min <sup>-1</sup> )	7
Range $h; k; l$	0-12; 0-10; -22-20
Reflections collected	5142
Independent reflections	4632 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0235$ ]
Observed reflections	2967 [ $F > 4.0\sigma(F)$ ]
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical
Hydrogen atoms	Difference Fourier
Number of parameters refined	406
Final $R$	0.031
$R_w$	0.071

structure was determined by direct methods and difference-Fourier syntheses and then refined by full-matrix least-squares to  $R = \sum |F_o| - |F_c| / \sum |F_o| = 0.031$  and  $R_w = [\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \sum [w(F_o^2)^2]]^{1/2} = 0.071$ . Crystal data, detail of data collection and refinement are listed in Table I. Non-hydrogen atomic parameters are given in Table II. Tables of H atom positions thermal parameter and observed and calculated structure factors are available from the authors.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The molecular structure of the title complex and the coordination polyhedra are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. Bondlengths and angles are given in Tables III and IV. In the complex, each  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  ion is coordinated by three carboxyl oxygen {O(2), O(4B), O(6A)} atoms from the different three  $\text{L}^{3-}$  ions and five oxygen {O(12), O(13), O(14), O(15), O(16)} atoms of water molecules. The eight coordinating oxygen atoms form a distorted square antiprism (Figure 2 and Table V). The O(6A), O(14), O(12), and O(15) atoms lie approximately in a

TABLE II Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for non-hydrogen atoms.

Atom	<i>x/a</i>	<i>y/b</i>	<i>z/c</i>	<i>U(eq)*</i>
Y	4585(1)	-839(1)	1695(1)	21(1)
Cu	7153(1)	3914(1)	3355(1)	24(1)
Cl(1)	8397(1)	10100(2)	4511(1)	39(1)
Cl(2)	3567(1)	3812(2)	3134(1)	49(1)
O(1)	6206(3)	2555(5)	2797(2)	34(1)
O(2)	5275(3)	749(5)	2786(3)	44(1)
O(3)	6501(3)	6231(5)	2798(3)	38(1)
O(4)	5327(3)	7420(5)	2704(3)	42(1)
O(5)	8185(2)	4703(5)	4162(2)	31(1)
O(6)	8706(3)	5779(5)	5379(2)	40(1)
O(7)	7651(4)	3636(7)	2552(3)	46(1)
O(8)	7927(4)	10990(7)	3817(3)	82(2)
O(9)	8990(5)	11182(10)	5035(4)	114(3)
O(10)	7944(4)	9494(8)	4940(4)	91(2)
O(11)	8850(5)	8888(8)	4323(4)	111(3)
O(12)	3718(3)	-455(7)	2416(3)	53(1)
O(13)	5128(4)	-2740(7)	1029(3)	57(1)
O(14)	4008(4)	1870(6)	1356(3)	53(1)
O(15)	3686(3)	-3143(6)	1520(3)	53(1)
O(16)	5556(3)	578(6)	1346(3)	51(1)
O(17)	2986(5)	2913(20)	3116(9)	318(11)
O(18)	3284(12)	5228(13)	2891(7)	293(10)
O(19)	4112(6)	3813(19)	3884(7)	226(7)
O(20)	3990(8)	3595(21)	2713(10)	308(10)
N	6647(3)	4563(5)	4161(3)	23(1)
C(1)	5846(4)	1684(7)	3160(3)	30(1)
C(2)	6098(4)	1777(7)	4054(3)	29(1)
C(3)	5918(5)	398(9)	4412(5)	44(2)
C(4)	6165(6)	277(11)	5241(5)	62(3)
C(5)	6613(6)	1528(10)	5724(4)	61(2)
C(6)	6770(5)	2934(9)	5374(4)	43(2)
C(7)	6508(3)	3070(7)	4545(3)	24(1)
C(8)	5857(4)	5415(8)	3707(4)	27(1)
C(9)	5910(4)	6450(7)	3013(3)	28(1)
C(10)	7246(4)	5719(8)	4711(4)	28(1)
C(11)	8119(4)	5353(7)	4769(3)	26(1)

\*Equivalent isotropic *U* defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

plane (plane 1); the O(2), O(4B), O(13) and O(16) atoms make up plane 2. Distances between the  $Y^{3+}$  ion and two planes are 1.318  $\text{\AA}$  and 1.202  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively. The dihedral angle between the two planes is 1.4°. Copper is coordinated by three carboxyl oxygen {O(1), O(3), and O(5)} atoms and a nitrogen (N) atom all from the same  $L^{3-}$  ion and an oxygen atom {O(7)} of a water molecule, forming a distorted square pyramid coordination polyhedron

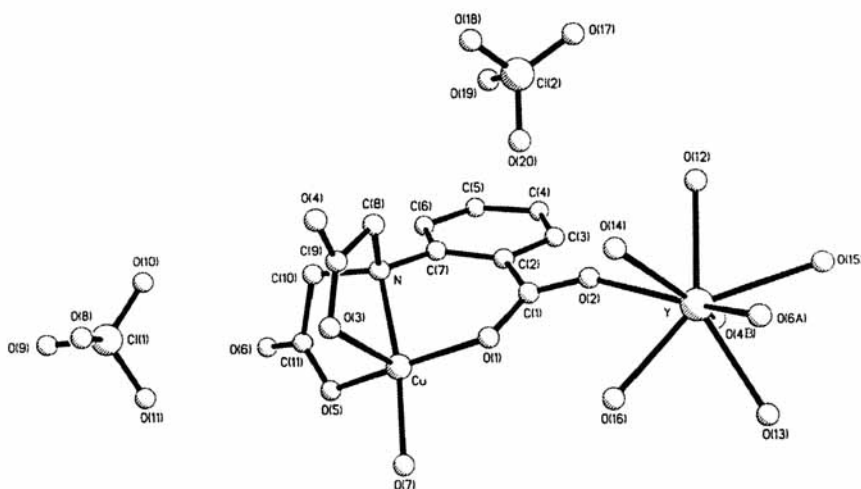


FIGURE 1 Crystal structure of  $[\text{CuY}(\text{L})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{ClO}_4)_2$  showing atom labelling scheme.

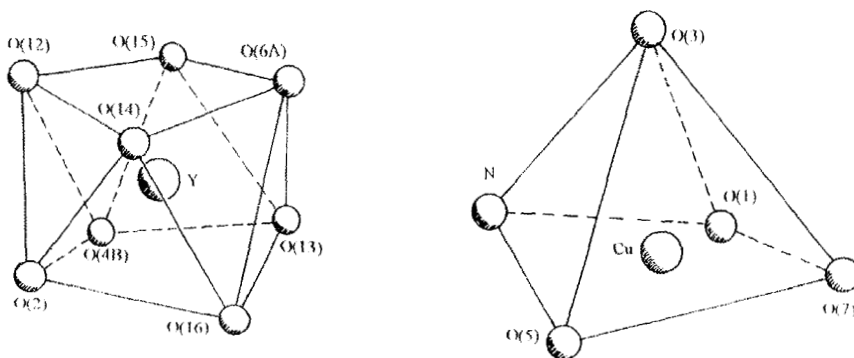


FIGURE 2 Coordination polyhedra of  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  in  $[\text{CuY}(\text{L})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{ClO}_4)_2$ .

(Figure 2 and Table V). N, O(1), O(7), O(5) atoms and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion lie in the basal plane (plane 3) of the square pyramid.

Each  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  ion is connected with three  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions through three carboxyl groups, and each  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ion is also connected with three  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  ions by three carboxyl bridges. The three  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions, three  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  ions and six carboxyl bridges (three atoms each) form a large ring. Three such rings are connected two-dimensionally by the metal centres to form a planar structure.  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Y}^{3+}$  ions are located at the intersection of three rings. Between the layers lie perchlorate anions and these

TABLE III Selected bond lengths (Å).

Y-O(2)	2.277(4)	Y-O(16)	2.333(5)
Y-O(4)B	2.284(4)	Cu-O(1)	1.934(4)
Y-O(6)A	2.274(4)	Cu-O(3)	2.251(4)
Y-O(12)	2.354(5)	Cu-O(5)	1.950(4)
Y-O(13)	2.371(5)	Cu-O(7)	1.954(5)
Y-O(14)	2.426(5)	Cu-N	2.028(4)
Y-O(15)	2.407(5)		

TABLE IV Selected bond angles (°)†

O(2)-Y-O(4)B	74.0(2)	O(12)-Y-O(14)	73.7(2)
O(2)-Y-O(6)A	143.7(2)	O(12)-Y-O(15)	69.6(2)
O(2)-Y-O(12)	72.4(2)	O(12)-Y-O(16)	140.0(2)
O(2)-Y-O(13)	128.6(2)	O(13)-Y-O(14)	133.5(2)
O(2)-Y-O(14)	74.0(2)	O(13)-Y-O(15)	77.4(2)
O(2)-Y-O(15)	132.2(2)	O(13)-Y-O(16)	73.9(2)
O(2)-Y-O(16)	74.8(2)	O(14)-Y-O(15)	120.0(2)
O(4)B-Y-O(6)A	142.3(2)	O(14)-Y-O(16)	75.6(2)
O(4)B-Y-O(12)	86.8(2)	O(15)-Y-O(16)	149.9(2)
O(4)B-Y-O(13)	76.5(2)	O(1)-Cu-O(3)	93.9(2)
O(4)B-Y-O(14)	146.3(2)	O(1)-Cu-O(5)	161.5(2)
O(4)B-Y-O(15)	76.1(2)	O(1)-Cu-O(7)	95.0(2)
O(4)B-Y-O(16)	105.6(2)	O(1)-Cu-N	89.9(2)
O(6)-Y-O(12)	103.8(2)	O(3)-Cu-O(5)	102.7(2)
O(6)-Y-O(13)	74.8(2)	O(3)-Cu-O(7)	93.8(2)
O(6)A-Y-O(14)	70.5(2)	O(3)-Cu-N	78.8(2)
O(6)A-Y-O(15)	74.2(2)	O(5)-Cu-O(7)	92.1(2)
O(6)A-Y-O(16)	89.4(2)	O(5)-Cu-N	85.3(2)
O(12)-Y-O(13)	145.8(2)	O(7)-Cu-N	171.4(2)

†Symmetry operation: A =  $x - 1/2, -y + 1/2, z - 1/2$ ; B =  $x, y - 1, z$ ; C =  $x, y + 1, z$ ; D =  $x + 1/2, -y + 1/2, z + 1/2$ .

TABLE V Least-squares equations of planes containing coplanar atoms.

Plane 1	Equation	16.061 X - 1.031 Y + 0.080 Z = 6.1464				
Atoms		O(12)	O(14)	O(15)	O(6A)	Y
P* <sup>‡</sup> (Å)		-0.1080	0.1082	0.1096	-0.1099	1.3175
Plane 2	Equation	15.926 X - 0.947 Y + 0.486 Z = 8.6649				
Atoms		O(2)	O(13)	O(16)	O(4B)	Y
P* <sup>‡</sup> (Å)		-0.2000	-0.1894	0.1945	0.1949	-1.2016
Plane 3	Equation	-3.521 X + 7.123 Y - 6.211 Z = -1.8953				
Atoms		O(1)	O(5)	O(7)	N	Cu
P* <sup>‡</sup> (Å)		-0.2071	-0.2208	0.2069	0.2210	0.0813

<sup>‡</sup>P\* is the distance of the atom from the plane.

form strong H-bonds which hold the layers together. The structure is analogous to the graphite structure.

Comparing the structure of the title complex  $[\text{CuY}(\text{L})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6](\text{ClO}_4)_2$  with the glycine complex  $[\text{CuY}(\text{Gly})_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , [3] we note some differences: the glycine complex is a one dimensional chain complex of infinite length; the average bond length Y-O (COO) in former is shorter, (Y-O( $\text{H}_3\text{L}$ ) = 2.278 Å, Y-O(Gly) = 2.304 Å). The results indicate that the coordination ability of the  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  ligand is stronger than glycine.

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