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## Diaquabis[2-(benzyloxy)acetato]-cobalt(II)

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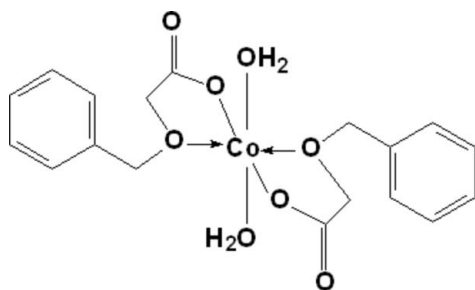
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.024;  $wR$  factor = 0.066; data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1.

In the mononuclear title complex,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{O}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , each  $\text{Co}^{\text{II}}$  atom is located on an inversion center and is hexacoordinated by four O atoms from two benzyloxyacetate ligands [ $\text{Co}-\text{O}$  bond lengths = 2.0487 (9) and 2.1090 (9) Å] and two water molecules [ $\text{Co}-\text{O}$  bond length = 2.0873 (9) Å] in a distorted octahedral geometry. In the crystal structure, intermolecular hydrogen bonds and  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions [centroid-centroid distance between phenyl rings = 3.692 (2) Å] link the molecules into a supramolecular structure.

## Related literature

For the crystal structure of a similar  $\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}$  complex of benzyloxyacetate, see: Sun *et al.* (2008).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{O}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$   
 $M_r = 425.29$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  $a = 11.4968$  (1) Å $b = 7.1557$  (1) Å $c = 12.0054$  (1) Å $\beta = 109.708$  (1)° $V = 929.80$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 2$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation $\mu = 0.97$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 296$  (2) K $0.32 \times 0.26 \times 0.18$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker P4 diffractometer

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2000)

 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.743$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.835$ 

7958 measured reflections

2126 independent reflections

1904 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$ 

## Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.023$  $wR(F^2) = 0.066$  $S = 1.07$ 

2115 reflections

131 parameters

3 restraints

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.23$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O1W}-\text{H1W1}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{i}}$	0.84 (2)	1.94 (1)	2.768 (2)	169 (2)
$\text{O1W}-\text{H1W2}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$	0.846 (9)	1.94 (1)	2.773 (1)	171 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x, -y + 2, -z + 1$ .

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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**S1. Comment**

Recently, we have reported the crystal structure of the complex of benzyloxyacetate,  $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{O}_3)_2 \cdot 2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ , (Sun *et al.*, 2008). Here we report the crystal structure of the title mononuclear complex of benzyloxyacetate,  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_9\text{O}_3)_2 \cdot 2(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$ , (Fig. 1).

The structure of the title compound is similar to that of the Cu(II) complex (Sun *et al.*, 2008). The Co atom lies on an inversion center and displays an octahedral geometry defined by two carboxylate O atoms and two benzyloxy O atoms from two benzyloxyacetate ligands, and two water molecules, respectively. The Co—O and Co—O<sub>w</sub> bond lengths are 2.0487 (9), 2.1090 (9) and 2.0873 (9) Å, respectively. The characteristic C—O(carboxylate) bond lengths suggest electron localization of the carboxylate groups of the anionic ligands. The molecular packing is stabilized by intermolecular O—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond interactions (Table 1). The crystal packing (Fig. 2) is further stabilized by aromatic  $\pi$ — $\pi$  stacking interaction between the benzene ring from neighbouring molecules. The C<sub>g</sub> $\cdots$ C<sub>g</sub><sup>ii</sup> distance is 3.692 (2) Å (C<sub>g</sub> is the centroids of the C4-C9 benzene ring, symmetry code as in Fig. 2).

**S2. Experimental**

The ligand, benzyloxyacetic acid was commercially available and used without further purification. The title complex was prepared by the addition of Cobalt diacetate trihydrate (2.38 g, 10 mmol) to a hot aqueous solution of benzyloxyacetic acid (1.66 g, 10 mmol); the pH was adjusted to 6 with 0.1M sodium hydroxide. The solution was allowed to evaporate at room temperature. Pink prismatic crystals separated from the filtered solution after several days. C&H analysis. Calc. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>CoO<sub>8</sub>: C 50.83, H 5.21%. Found: C 50.81, H 5.22%.

**S3. Refinement**

The H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.93 or 0.97 Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ , and were refined in the riding-model approximation. The H atoms of the water molecule were located in a difference Fourier map and refined with O—H = 0.85 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

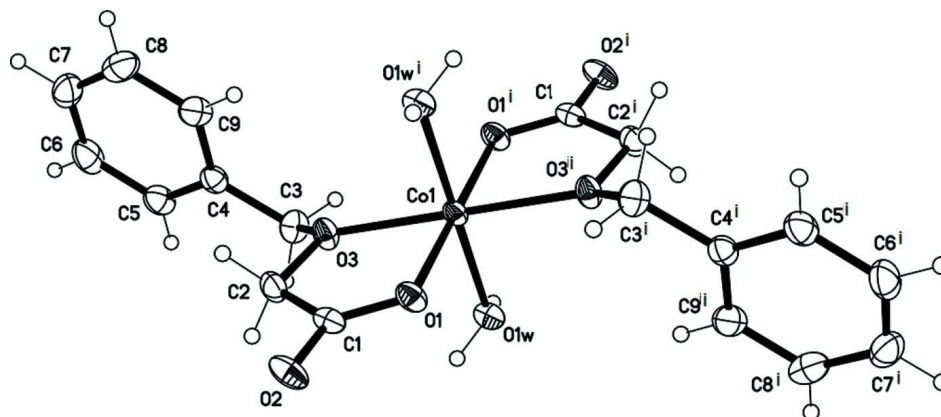


Figure 1

Molecular structure of (I) with 30% probability ellipsoids. [Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ .]

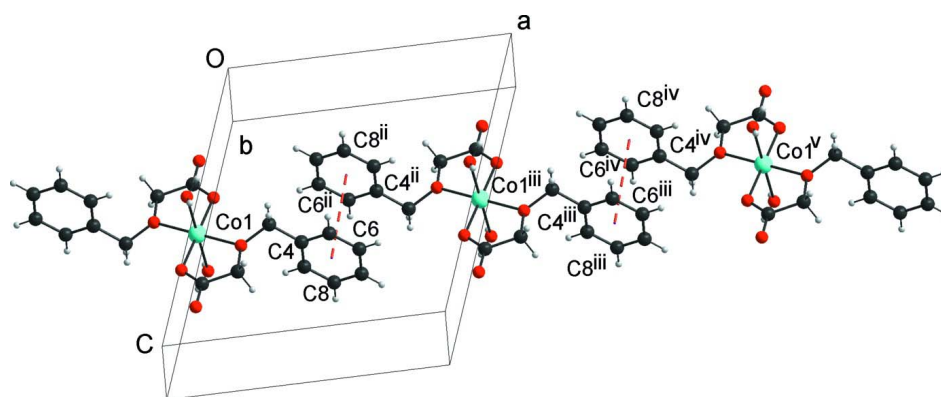


Figure 2

$\pi$ — $\pi$  interaction (dotted lines) in the title compound.  $C_g$  denotes the ring centroid. [Symmetry code: (ii)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (iii)  $x+1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (v)  $x+2, y, z$ .]

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Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$

Hall symbol:  $-P 2_1 ybc$

$a = 11.4968 (1) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 7.1557 (1) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 12.0054 (1) \text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 109.708 (1)^\circ$

$V = 929.80 (2) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 442$

$D_x = 1.519 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 7958 reflections

$\theta = 1.9\text{--}27.5^\circ$

$\mu = 0.97 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 296 \text{ K}$

Prism, pink

$0.32 \times 0.26 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Bruker P4

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution:  $10.000 \text{ pixels mm}^{-1}$

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2000)

$T_{\min} = 0.743, T_{\max} = 0.835$

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2126 independent reflections  
 1904 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.020$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 1.9^\circ$

$h = -14 \rightarrow 14$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.023$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.066$   
 $S = 1.07$   
 2115 reflections  
 131 parameters  
 3 restraints  
 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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0357P)^2 + 0.2056P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL*,  
 $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
 Extinction coefficient: 0.042 (3)

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Co1	0.0000	0.5000	0.5000	0.02597 (10)
O1W	-0.07843 (9)	0.62124 (13)	0.33323 (8)	0.0367 (2)
O1	-0.04160 (8)	0.73017 (12)	0.58087 (8)	0.0344 (2)
O2	0.02557 (13)	1.00099 (11)	0.66922 (10)	0.0431 (3)
O3	0.15775 (8)	0.66897 (13)	0.52873 (8)	0.0349 (2)
C1	0.03731 (12)	0.85740 (17)	0.61469 (10)	0.0309 (3)
C2	0.15726 (12)	0.83967 (19)	0.58941 (12)	0.0363 (3)
C3	0.24243 (12)	0.6638 (2)	0.46413 (12)	0.0395 (3)
C4	0.37510 (12)	0.66780 (18)	0.54400 (12)	0.0339 (3)
C5	0.46331 (15)	0.7544 (2)	0.50689 (15)	0.0433 (3)
C6	0.58642 (15)	0.7538 (2)	0.57881 (19)	0.0553 (4)
C7	0.62120 (15)	0.6693 (2)	0.68845 (17)	0.0549 (4)
C8	0.53398 (15)	0.5825 (3)	0.72509 (15)	0.0523 (4)
C9	0.41170 (14)	0.5813 (2)	0.65364 (13)	0.0433 (3)
H2A	0.1659	0.9441	0.5413	0.044*
H2B	0.2264	0.8420	0.6631	0.044*
H3A	0.2269	0.7701	0.4110	0.047*
H3B	0.2279	0.5512	0.4165	0.047*
H5	0.4400	0.8132	0.4335	0.052*
H6	0.6456	0.8105	0.5531	0.066*
H7	0.7035	0.6711	0.7373	0.066*
H8	0.5575	0.5241	0.7986	0.063*
H9	0.3533	0.5219	0.6792	0.052*
H1W1	-0.0549 (19)	0.573 (2)	0.2805 (15)	0.065*
H1W2	-0.0696 (19)	0.7387 (13)	0.3341 (17)	0.065*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Co1	0.02885 (15)	0.01952 (14)	0.03148 (15)	-0.00140 (8)	0.01273 (10)	-0.00332 (8)
O1W	0.0462 (5)	0.0281 (5)	0.0367 (5)	0.0011 (4)	0.0153 (4)	0.0015 (4)
O1	0.0407 (5)	0.0245 (4)	0.0436 (5)	-0.0009 (4)	0.0216 (4)	-0.0046 (4)
O2	0.0696 (7)	0.0230 (5)	0.0448 (6)	-0.0019 (4)	0.0299 (5)	-0.0070 (4)
O3	0.0326 (4)	0.0299 (5)	0.0470 (5)	-0.0057 (4)	0.0197 (4)	-0.0106 (4)
C1	0.0446 (7)	0.0220 (6)	0.0275 (5)	0.0022 (5)	0.0139 (5)	0.0011 (5)
C2	0.0383 (7)	0.0265 (6)	0.0434 (7)	-0.0058 (5)	0.0126 (6)	-0.0080 (5)
C3	0.0362 (7)	0.0477 (8)	0.0386 (7)	-0.0027 (6)	0.0178 (5)	-0.0039 (6)
C4	0.0347 (6)	0.0295 (6)	0.0409 (7)	-0.0001 (5)	0.0170 (5)	-0.0025 (5)
C5	0.0432 (7)	0.0376 (8)	0.0559 (9)	-0.0003 (6)	0.0258 (7)	0.0035 (6)
C6	0.0400 (8)	0.0425 (9)	0.0919 (13)	-0.0059 (7)	0.0333 (8)	-0.0052 (9)
C7	0.0360 (7)	0.0473 (9)	0.0726 (11)	0.0065 (7)	0.0068 (7)	-0.0131 (8)
C8	0.0505 (9)	0.0526 (10)	0.0488 (8)	0.0164 (8)	0.0101 (7)	0.0011 (7)
C9	0.0440 (8)	0.0403 (8)	0.0491 (8)	0.0040 (6)	0.0202 (6)	0.0056 (7)

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

Co1—O1	2.0487 (9)	C3—C4	1.503 (2)
Co1—O3	2.1090 (9)	C3—H3A	0.9700
Co1—O1W	2.0873 (9)	C3—H3B	0.9700
O1—C1	1.252 (2)	C4—C5	1.384 (2)
O2—C1	1.250 (2)	C4—C9	1.385 (2)
Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.0487 (9)	C5—C6	1.387 (2)
Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	2.1090 (9)	C5—H5	0.9300
Co1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	2.0873 (9)	C6—C7	1.380 (3)
O3—C2	1.423 (2)	C6—H6	0.9300
O3—C3	1.435 (2)	C7—C8	1.372 (3)
O1W—H1W1	0.84 (2)	C7—H7	0.9300
O1W—H1W2	0.846 (9)	C8—C9	1.378 (2)
C1—C2	1.514 (2)	C8—H8	0.9300
C2—H2A	0.9700	C9—H9	0.9300
C2—H2B	0.9700		
O1—Co1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	180.0	C1—C2—H2B	109.7
O1—Co1—O3	77.70 (3)	C2—O3—C3	114.77 (10)
O1—Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	102.30 (3)	C2—O3—Co1	115.10 (7)
O1—Co1—O1W	91.49 (4)	C3—O3—Co1	126.84 (8)
O1—Co1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	88.51 (4)	C4—C3—H3A	109.1
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3	180.00 (7)	C4—C3—H3B	109.1
O1W—Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	90.68 (4)	C4—C5—C6	120.18 (15)
O1W—Co1—O3	89.32 (4)	C4—C5—H5	119.9
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1W	180.0	C4—C9—H9	119.7
Co1—O1W—H1W1	114.1 (14)	C5—C4—C9	119.03 (13)
Co1—O1W—H1W2	112.9 (13)	C5—C4—C3	119.94 (13)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3	102.30 (3)	C5—C6—H6	119.9

O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	77.70 (3)	C6—C5—H5	119.9
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	91.49 (4)	C6—C7—H7	120.1
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1W	88.51 (4)	C7—C8—C9	120.38 (16)
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	89.32 (4)	C7—C8—H8	119.8
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3	90.68 (4)	C7—C6—C5	120.12 (15)
O1—C1—C2	118.90 (11)	C7—C6—H6	119.9
O2—C1—O1	124.96 (13)	C8—C7—C6	119.76 (15)
O2—C1—C2	116.14 (12)	C8—C7—H7	120.1
O3—C2—C1	109.61 (10)	C8—C9—C4	120.52 (15)
O3—C2—H2A	109.7	C8—C9—H9	119.7
O3—C2—H2B	109.7	C9—C4—C3	121.01 (12)
O3—C3—C4	112.47 (11)	C9—C8—H8	119.8
O3—C3—H3A	109.1	H1W1—O1W—H1W2	110.4 (14)
O3—C3—H3B	109.1	H2A—C2—H2B	108.2
C1—O1—Co1	118.60 (8)	H3A—C3—H3B	107.8
C1—C2—H2A	109.7		
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1—C1	88.19 (9)	Co1—O3—C2—C1	-1.77 (13)
O1W—Co1—O1—C1	-91.81 (9)	O2—C1—C2—O3	179.19 (11)
O3 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O1—C1	177.16 (9)	O1—C1—C2—O3	-0.56 (17)
O3—Co1—O1—C1	-2.84 (9)	C2—O3—C3—C4	67.25 (15)
O1—Co1—O3—C2	2.39 (9)	C1—O3—C3—C4	90.21 (17)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —C1—O3—C2	-177.45 (11)	O3—C3—C4—C5	-147.57 (13)
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3—C2	-85.93 (9)	O3—C3—C4—C9	34.23 (19)
O1W—Co1—O3—C2	94.07 (9)	C9—C4—C5—C6	0.1 (2)
O1—Co1—O3—C3	-155.88 (11)	C3—C4—C5—C6	-178.14 (14)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3—C3	24.12 (11)	C4—C5—C6—C7	-1.0 (2)
O1W <sup>i</sup> —Co1—O3—C3	115.79 (11)	C5—C6—C7—C8	1.3 (3)
O1W—Co1—O3—C3	-64.21 (11)	C6—C7—C8—C9	-0.8 (3)
Co1—O1—C1—O2	-176.97 (10)	C7—C8—C9—C4	-0.1 (3)
Co1—O1—C1—C2	2.76 (15)	C5—C4—C9—C8	0.4 (2)
C3—O3—C2—C1	159.19 (11)	C3—C4—C9—C8	178.66 (14)

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ .

*Hydrogen-bond geometry* ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ )

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
O1W—H1W1 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.84 (2)	1.94 (1)	2.768 (2)	169 (2)
O1W—H1W2 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (1)	1.94 (1)	2.773 (1)	171 (2)

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