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Bis(methacrylato- κ O)bis(2,4,6-trimethylpyridine- κ N)copper(II)

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 296 K; mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å; R factor = 0.032; wR factor = 0.098; data-to-parameter ratio = 20.7.

In the monomeric title complex, $[Cu(C_4H_5O_2)_2(C_8H_{11}N)_2]$, the Cu^{II} atom lies on a centre of inversion. Its coordination by two substituted pyridine ligands and two carboxylate anions leads to a slightly distorted *trans*-CuN₂O₂ square-planar geometry. The dihedral angle between the mean planes of the pyridine (py) ring and the carboxylate group is 74.71 (7)°. The dihedral angles between the planar CuN₂O₂ core and the py ring and carboxylate plane are 67.72 (5) and 89.95 (5)°, respectively. Based on the refined C=C and C-C bond lengths, the terminal ==CH₂ and -CH₃ groups of the carboxylate anion may be disordered, but the disorder could not be resolved in the present experiment. Several intramolecular C-H···O interactions occur. In the crystal, molecules are linked by weak C-H···O hydrogen bonds, generating chains propagating in [100].

Related literature

For the crystal structures of related monomeric complexes containing a *trans*-CuN₂O₂ core, see: Borel *et al.* (1981); Heimer & Ahmed (1982); Jedrzejas *et al.* (1994).



Experimental

Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} Cu(C_4H_5O_2)_2(C_8H_{11}N)_2 \end{bmatrix}$ $M_r = 476.06$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ a = 8.2295 (2) Å b = 17.0921 (6) Å c = 9.1683 (3) Å $\beta = 109.220$ (1)°

Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2007) $T_{min} = 0.930, T_{max} = 0.947$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	146 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.098$	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.05	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.24 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
3017 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Cu1-O2	1.9406 (12)	Cu1-N1	2.0404 (14)
O2-Cu1-N1	91.73 (6)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$C4-H4\cdots O1^{i}$	0.93	2.45	3.338 (2)	161
$C6-H6A\cdots O1$	0.96	2.49	3.369 (3)	153
$C6-H6C\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.96	2.48	3.139 (3)	126
$C8-H8A\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.96	2.49	3.357 (3)	150
$C8 - H8C \cdots O2$	0.96	2.51	3.124 (2)	122

Symmetry codes: (i) x + 1, y, z; (ii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1.

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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V = 1217.73 (7) Å³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation $\mu = 0.93 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

 $0.08 \times 0.06 \times 0.06 \; \mathrm{mm}$

11795 measured reflections

3017 independent reflections

2439 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Z = 2

T = 296 K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.030$

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S1. Comment

The title compound, (I), is a centrosymmetric neutral monomeric copper(II) complex (Fig. 1). Related structures containing a copper(II) ion bonded to a pair of substituted pyridine ligands and a pair of monodentate carboxylate anions have been described previously (Borel *et al.*, 1981; Heimer & Ahmed, 1982; Jedrzejas *et al.*, 1994).

The Cu ion in (I) lies on an inversion centre, resulting in a slightly distorted trans-CuN₂O₂ square planar geometry for the metal ion (Table 1). If a very long contact between Cu1 and O1 [2.8229 (17)Å] is considered to have any significance as a bond, a grossly disorted trans-CuN₂O₄ octahedron results. The mean planes of the pyridine ring (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0099Å) and the carboxylate group (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0003Å) are roughly perpendicular [dihedral angle = 74.71 (7)°], which presumably minimises steric interactions between the ligands. The dihedral angles between the planar CuN₂O₂ core and the py ring and carboxylate plane are are 67.72 (5) and 89.95 (5)°, respectively. The Cu ion is displaced by 0.256 (3)Å from the py ring plane and by 0.252 (3)Å from the carboxylate plane. The carboxylate C—O bond lengths of 1.222 (2)Å for O1 and 1.276 (2)Å for O2 suggest the presence of relatively localised single and double bonds in the anion.

The terminal CH_2 and CH_3 groups of the carboxylate anion are probably disordered: the nominal C10—C11 single bond is short [1.422 (4)Å] and the nominal C10=C12 double bond is long [1.378 (4)Å]. This may also correlate with the Hirshfeld rigid bond alert for the C10—C12 bond. The presumed disorder could not be resolved in the present experiment. Several intramolecular C—H···O interactions occur (Table 1). In the crystal, the molecules are linked by C— H···O hydrogen bonds to generate chains in the [100] direction.

In trans-bis(acetato-O)bis(4-methyl pyridine-N)copper(II) (Jedrzejas *et al.*, 1994), (II), the dihedral angle between the ligands is 78.2° (s.u. not stated), and the dihedral angle between the py ring and the CuN₂O₂ plane is 31.6° . The uncoordinated Cu···O separation of 2.623 (4)Å in (II) is significantly shorter than that seen in (I). However, it is notable that the carboxylate C—O bonds lengths in (II) [1.227 (7) and 1.279 (6)Å] are almost identical to those seen here.

S2. Experimental

Copper sulfate (0.16 g, 1.0 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (20 ml). Then, 2,4,6-trimethyl pyridine (0.264 ml, 2.0 mmol) was added to this solution, which turned green. This reaction mixture was refluxed for 30 minutes followed by addition of methacrylic acid (0.169 ml, 2.0 mmol), at which point the solution remained green. After refluxing for one hour, the solution was filtered and kept for a few days. Blue-green blocks of (I) were obtained from filtrate by slow evaporation.

S3. Refinement

Attempts were made to represent the disordered C11 (nominal CH_2 group) and C12 (nominal CH_3 group) atoms with a double-site model, but the refinement was unstable. The hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H =

0.93–0.96Å) and refined as riding atoms with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ or $1.5U_{eq}(methyl C)$. The methyl groups were allowed to rotate, but not to tip, to best fit the electron density.



Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I) showing 50% displacement ellipsoids. Symmetry code: (i) 1-x, 1-y, 1-z.



Figure 2

Fragment of a [100] chain of complex molecules linked by C—H…O hydrogen bonds (double dashed lines). Symmetry code: (i) 1+x, y, z.

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Hall symbol: -P 2yn	$D_{\rm x} = 1.298 {\rm ~Mg} {\rm ~m}^{-3}$
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b = 17.0921 (6) Å	Cell parameters from 3020 reflections
c = 9.1683 (3) Å	$\theta = 2.4 - 28.3^{\circ}$
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Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer	11795 measured reflections 3017 independent reflections
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Graphite monochromator	$R_{\rm int} = 0.030$
ωscans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 28.3^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\rm min} = 2.9^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
(SADABS; Bruker, 2007)	$k = -22 \rightarrow 21$
$T_{\min} = 0.930, \ T_{\max} = 0.947$	$l = -12 \rightarrow 12$
Refinement	
Refinement on F^2	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
Least-squares matrix: full	map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from
$wR(F^2) = 0.098$	neighbouring sites
S = 1.05	H-atom parameters constrained
3017 reflections	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0554P)^2 + 0.2257P]$
146 parameters	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $0.08 \times 0.06 \times 0.06 \text{ mm}$

Special details

direct methods

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

0 restraints

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

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

 $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.24 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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 $(Å^2)$

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
Cu1	0.5000	0.5000	0.5000	0.03574 (11)	
N1	0.66520 (18)	0.59275 (8)	0.54344 (15)	0.0370 (3)	
C1	0.6584 (2)	0.64975 (10)	0.64342 (19)	0.0418 (4)	
C2	0.7823 (2)	0.70758 (11)	0.6865 (2)	0.0468 (4)	
H2	0.7740	0.7465	0.7546	0.056*	
C5	0.7941 (2)	0.59402 (10)	0.48251 (18)	0.0381 (3)	
C9	0.2632 (2)	0.57402 (11)	0.2626 (2)	0.0437 (4)	
C3	0.9184 (2)	0.70825 (11)	0.6297 (2)	0.0481 (4)	
C8	0.7956 (2)	0.53238 (12)	0.3681 (2)	0.0473 (4)	
H8A	0.7929	0.4817	0.4124	0.071*	
H8B	0.8984	0.5372	0.3410	0.071*	
H8C	0.6967	0.5385	0.2772	0.071*	
C4	0.9208 (2)	0.65059 (11)	0.5248 (2)	0.0456 (4)	
H4	1.0089	0.6499	0.4821	0.055*	

C6	0.5137 (3)	0.64778 (13)	0.7083 (3)	0.0599 (5)
H6A	0.4061	0.6456	0.6253	0.090*
H6B	0.5173	0.6940	0.7686	0.090*
H6C	0.5250	0.6024	0.7725	0.090*
C10	0.1618 (3)	0.59108 (12)	0.0974 (2)	0.0568 (5)
C7	1.0593 (3)	0.76821 (15)	0.6826 (4)	0.0776 (7)
H7A	1.0113	0.8174	0.6986	0.116*
H7B	1.1137	0.7743	0.6053	0.116*
H7C	1.1429	0.7513	0.7776	0.116*
C11	-0.0020 (4)	0.62688 (19)	0.0676 (4)	0.0899 (9)
H11A	-0.0557	0.6336	-0.0418	0.135*
H11B	0.0123	0.6770	0.1175	0.135*
H11C	-0.0730	0.5942	0.1069	0.135*
C12	0.2280 (5)	0.57196 (18)	-0.0179 (3)	0.0934 (9)
H12A	0.1650	0.5824	-0.1205	0.112*
H12B	0.3358	0.5486	0.0070	0.112*
01	0.2181 (2)	0.60068 (11)	0.36686 (17)	0.0675 (4)
O2	0.39586 (16)	0.53088 (9)	0.28566 (14)	0.0477 (3)

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Cu1	0.03618 (17)	0.03855 (17)	0.03315 (16)	0.00306 (11)	0.01229 (11)	-0.00093 (11)
N1	0.0376 (7)	0.0391 (7)	0.0338 (7)	0.0041 (6)	0.0111 (5)	-0.0006(5)
C1	0.0445 (9)	0.0422 (9)	0.0369 (8)	0.0073 (7)	0.0111 (7)	-0.0017 (7)
C2	0.0508 (10)	0.0402 (9)	0.0429 (9)	0.0065 (8)	0.0067 (8)	-0.0061 (7)
C5	0.0382 (8)	0.0397 (8)	0.0357 (8)	0.0064 (7)	0.0110 (6)	0.0032 (6)
C9	0.0429 (9)	0.0445 (9)	0.0413 (9)	-0.0048(7)	0.0105 (7)	0.0056 (7)
C3	0.0410 (9)	0.0397 (9)	0.0554 (10)	0.0020 (7)	0.0048 (8)	0.0008 (8)
C8	0.0463 (10)	0.0512 (10)	0.0501 (10)	0.0021 (8)	0.0234 (8)	-0.0064 (9)
C4	0.0385 (9)	0.0440 (9)	0.0541 (10)	0.0036 (7)	0.0148 (8)	0.0042 (8)
C6	0.0649 (12)	0.0605 (12)	0.0639 (12)	0.0007 (10)	0.0341 (10)	-0.0178 (10)
C10	0.0626 (12)	0.0492 (11)	0.0448 (10)	-0.0087 (9)	-0.0011 (9)	0.0090 (8)
C7	0.0593 (14)	0.0602 (14)	0.105 (2)	-0.0122 (11)	0.0164 (13)	-0.0197 (14)
C11	0.0769 (17)	0.089 (2)	0.0811 (18)	0.0016 (15)	-0.0048 (13)	0.0307 (16)
C12	0.131 (2)	0.101 (2)	0.0391 (11)	0.0127 (19)	0.0155 (13)	-0.0022 (13)
01	0.0591 (9)	0.0941 (12)	0.0519 (8)	0.0208 (8)	0.0218 (7)	0.0076 (8)
O2	0.0486 (7)	0.0534 (7)	0.0385 (6)	0.0038 (6)	0.0109 (5)	0.0035 (6)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Cu1—O2	1.9406 (12)	C8—H8A	0.9600
Cu1—O2 ⁱ	1.9406 (12)	C8—H8B	0.9600
Cu1—N1 ⁱ	2.0404 (14)	C8—H8C	0.9600
Cu1—N1	2.0404 (14)	C4—H4	0.9300
N1—C1	1.352 (2)	C6—H6A	0.9600
N1—C5	1.352 (2)	C6—H6B	0.9600
C1—C2	1.381 (3)	С6—Н6С	0.9600

C1—C6	1.496 (3)	C10—C12	1.378 (4)
C2—C3	1.382 (3)	C10—C11	1.422 (4)
C2—H2	0.9300	С7—Н7А	0.9600
C5—C4	1 381 (3)	C7—H7B	0.9600
C5-C8	1490(2)	C7—H7C	0.9600
C901	1.190(2) 1.222(2)	C11—H11A	0.9600
C_{9}	1.222(2) 1.276(2)	C11_H11B	0.9600
C_{2}	1.270(2) 1.408(3)		0.9600
C_{2}	1.498(3)		0.9000
C_{3}	1.502(3)	C12—III2A	0.9300
03-07	1.505 (5)	С12—Н12В	0.9300
$O_2 C_{22} I O_2^{ij}$	190.0		100 5
$02 - Cui - 02^{\circ}$	180.0		109.3
02—Cul—NI ¹	88.27 (6)	C_{5}	120.81 (17)
	91.73 (6)	C3—C4—H4	119.6
02—Cul—NI	91.73 (6)	C3—C4—H4	119.6
O2 ¹ —Cu1—N1	88.27 (6)	С1—С6—Н6А	109.5
N1 ⁱ —Cu1—N1	180.0	C1—C6—H6B	109.5
C1—N1—C5	118.81 (15)	H6A—C6—H6B	109.5
C1—N1—Cu1	121.25 (11)	C1—C6—H6C	109.5
C5—N1—Cu1	119.66 (11)	Н6А—С6—Н6С	109.5
N1—C1—C2	121.22 (16)	H6B—C6—H6C	109.5
N1—C1—C6	118.00 (16)	C12—C10—C11	122.9 (2)
C2—C1—C6	120.77 (16)	С12—С10—С9	120.0 (2)
C1—C2—C3	120.78 (17)	С11—С10—С9	117.1 (2)
С1—С2—Н2	119.6	С3—С7—Н7А	109.5
С3—С2—Н2	119.6	С3—С7—Н7В	109.5
N1—C5—C4	121.21 (15)	H7A—C7—H7B	109.5
N1—C5—C8	117.99 (15)	С3—С7—Н7С	109.5
C4—C5—C8	120.81 (15)	H7A—C7—H7C	109.5
01	123.32 (17)	H7B—C7—H7C	109.5
O1—C9—C10	120.46 (18)	C10—C11—H11A	109.5
02	116.23 (17)	C10—C11—H11B	109.5
C4-C3-C2	117 10 (17)	H11A—C11—H11B	109.5
C4-C3-C7	121 63 (19)	C10—C11—H11C	109.5
$C_{2}-C_{3}-C_{7}$	121.05 (19)	$H_{11}A = C_{11} = H_{11}C$	109.5
$C_{2} = C_{3} = C_{1}$	109.5	H11B—C11—H11C	109.5
$C_5 - C_8 - H_{8B}$	109.5	C10-C12-H12A	120.0
	109.5	$C_{10} = C_{12} = H_{12R}$	120.0
110A - Co - 110D	109.5	H_{12} H_{12} H_{12} H_{12}	120.0
	109.5	$\frac{1112}{C0} = \frac{C12}{C11} = \frac{1112}{C11} = 1112$	120.0
под—Со—пос	109.3	C9—02—Cu1	115.19(11)
$O2 C_{11} N1 C1$	115 91 (12)	C_1 C_2 C_3 C_4	22(2)
$O_2 = O_1 = O_1$	(13.01(13))	$C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = C_4$	2.3(3)
02 - 01 - N1 - 01	-04.19(13)	1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	-1/0.5(2)
02-01-01-05	-70.51(12)	111 - 03 - 04 - 03	-0.7(3)
02—Cul—Nl—C5	109.69 (12)	C_{8} C_{9} C_{4} C_{3} C_{5}	1/9.34 (17)
$C_{0} = N_{1} = C_{1} = C_{2}$	-1.6(2)	$C_2 - C_3 - C_4 - C_5$	-1.5 (3)
Cu1-N1-C1-C2	172.38 (13)	C/C3C4C5	177.2 (2)
C5—N1—C1—C6	179.36 (16)	O1-C9-C10-C12	169.3 (2)

Cu1—N1—C1—C6	-6.7 (2)	O2—C9—C10—C12	-10.8 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-0.7 (3)	O1—C9—C10—C11	-10.9 (3)
C6—C1—C2—C3	178.31 (18)	O2—C9—C10—C11	169.0 (2)
C1—N1—C5—C4	2.3 (2)	O1—C9—O2—Cu1	8.1 (2)
Cu1—N1—C5—C4	-171.75 (12)	C10—C9—O2—Cu1	-171.85 (13)
C1—N1—C5—C8	-177.78 (16)	N1 ⁱ —Cu1—O2—C9	86.87 (13)
Cu1—N1—C5—C8	8.2 (2)	N1—Cu1—O2—C9	-93.13 (13)

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