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# Synthesis, crystal structure and properties of the trigonal-bipyramidal complex tris(2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide- $\kappa O$ )bis(thiocyanato- $\kappa N$ )cobalt(II) 

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Reaction of $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ with 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide in a 1:3 ratio in $n$-butanol leads to the formation of crystals of tris(2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide- $\kappa O$ ) bis-(thiocyanato- $\kappa N$ )cobalt(II), $\left[\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{3}\right]$. The asymmetric unit of the title compound consists of one $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ cation two thiocyanate anions and three crystallographically independent 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide coligands in general positions. The $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ cations are trigonal-bipyramidally coordinated by two terminal N-bonding thiocyanate anions in the trans-positions and three 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide coligands into discrete complexes. These complexes are linked by intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ interactions into double chains that elongate in the $c$-axis direction. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements prove that all batches are always contaminated with an additional and unknown crystalline phase. Thermogravimetry and differential analysis of crystals selected by hand reveal that the title compound decomposes at about $229^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in an exothermic reaction. At about $113^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ a small endothermic signal is observed that, according to differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements, is irreversible. PXRD measurements of the residue prove that a poorly crystalline and unknown phase has formed and thermomicroscopy indicates that some phase transition occurs that is accompanied with a color change of the title compound.

## 1. Chemical context

Coordination compounds based on $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ are an interesting class of compounds, for example, in the field of molecular magnetism. They can form discrete complexes, which are promising compounds as single-molecule or single-ion magnets (Böhme et al., 2018; Buchholz et al., 2012; Ziegenbalg et al., 2016). If the $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ cations are linked by small-sized ligands into networks, single-chain magnetism might be observed (Ceglarska et al., 2021; Mautner et al., 2018a; Rams et al., 2017, 2020). This is the case for example for compounds in which the cations are linked by pairs of thiocyanate anions into chains and this is one reason why we have been interested in this class of compounds for several years.

In the course of these investigations we have prepared a large number of compounds with pyridine derivatives as coligands in which the thiocyanate anions are either only terminally N -bonded or act as $\mu$-1,3-bridging ligands. The former coordination mostly leads to the formation of discrete complexes, in which the cobalt cations shows an octahedral coordination. With very strong donor coligands, in a few cases discrete tetrahedral complexes are observed (Mautner et al., 2018a; Neumann et al., 2018), whereas compounds with a fivefold coordination are very rare. This is also obvious from a search in the CSD, which confirms this trend (Näther \& Jess, 2024a). In this regard, it is noted that we have reported the
first $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ chain compound, in which the cobalt cations show an alternating five- and sixfold coordination (Böhme et al., 2022).

In further work we also used O-donor coligands such as pyridine $N$-oxide derivatives (Näther \& Jess, 2023). With 4-methylpyridine $N$-oxide we obtained two different discrete complexes with the composition $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ (4-methylpyridine N -oxide) $)_{4}$ and $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}(4 \text {-methylpyridine } \mathrm{N} \text {-oxide) })_{3}$, of which the first compound shows the usual octahedral coordination, whereas the second compound exhibits a trigonalbipyramidal coordination (Näther \& Jess, 2024a). Surprisingly, the complex with a fivefold coordination can easily be prepared, whereas for the octahedral complex only a very few crystals were accidentally obtained, indicating that the compound with a fivefold coordination is more stable.

In this context, the question arises as to whether this observation can be traced back to the nature of the coligand. Therefore, a search in the CSD was performed, which revealed that only eleven $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ compounds with pyridine $N$-oxide derivatives and related ligands have been reported that always show an octahedral coordination. Nevertheless we tried to prepare new compounds with 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide, which is similar to 4 -methylpyridine $N$-oxide used in previous work. Within these investigations we obtained a compound with the composition $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ (2-methylpyridine N -oxide) in which the $\mathrm{Co}^{\text {II }}$ cations are octahedrally coordinated and linked into layers by $\mu-1,3(N, S)$-bridging thiocyanate anions and $\mu$-1,1 $(O, O)$-bridging 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide coligands (Näther \& Jess, 2024b). Later, we additionally obtained a further compound that was characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction. This proved that a discrete complex with the composition $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}(2 \text {-methylpyridine } \mathrm{N} \text {-oxide })_{3}$ had been obtained in which the $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ cations show a trigonal-pyramidal coordination, as was the case with 4-methylpyridine $N$-oxide as coligand.


## 2. Structural commentary

The asymmetric unit consists of one $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ cation, two crystallographically unique thiocyanate anions and three distinct 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide coligands, all located in general positions (Fig. 1). In the crystal structure, the cobalt cations are fivefold coordinated by two terminally N -bonded thiocyanate anions and three 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide coligands into discrete complexes. From the bond angles it is obvious

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left(\AA^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| Co1-N1 | $2.086(3)$ | Co1-O21 | $2.016(2)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Co1-N2 | $2.051(3)$ | $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 31$ | $2.037(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 11$ | $1.992(3)$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | $91.70(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $176.35(13)$ | $\mathrm{O} 21-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $118.20(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 11-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $91.87(12)$ | $\mathrm{O} 21-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 31$ | $84.17(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 11-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $88.87(12)$ | $\mathrm{O} 31-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $92.52(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 11-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 21$ | $114.88(12)$ | $\mathrm{O} 31-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $155.7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 11-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{O} 31$ | $126.83(11)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Co} 1$ |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 21-\mathrm{Co} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $91.23(11)$ |  |  |

that a slightly distorted trigonal-bipyramidal coordination is formed (Table 1) with the 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide coligands in the equatorial and the anionic ligands in the axial position, as is the case for $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}\left(4\right.$-methylpyridine N -oxide) ${ }_{3}$ already reported in the literature (Näther \& Jess, 2024a). Therefore, the bond lengths and angles of the title compound are similar to those in the 4-methylpyridine $N$-oxide compound.

In this context, it is noted that the $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ compound with only 2 -methylpyridine forms discrete tetrahedral complexes, which presumably can be traced back to steric crowding because the methyl group is adjacent to the coordinating N atom (Refcode DEYGAR; Wöhlert et al., 2013). With 3-methylpyridine, two discrete complexes with the composition $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}(3 \text {-methylpyridine })_{2} \quad$ (Refcode EYARIG; Boeckmann et al., 2011) and Co(NCS) $)_{2}$ (3-methylpyridine) ${ }_{4}$ (Refcodes EYAROM and EYAROM01; Boeckmann et al., 2011 and Małecki et al., 2012) have been reported, of which the first shows a tetrahedral, whereas the second an octahedral coordination. Finally, discrete complexes are also known with 4-methylpyridine, including several solvates, in which the $\mathrm{Co}^{\mathrm{II}}$ cations always show an octahedral coordination [Refcodes VERNUC (Harris et al., 2003), CECCOC


Figure 1
Crystal structure of the title compound with labeling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry $\left(\AA{ }^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H} 14 \cdots \mathrm{~S} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.95 | 2.95 | $3.868(4)$ | 163 |
| C15-H15 $\cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.95 | 2.47 | $3.296(5)$ | 145 |
| C32-H32 $\cdots \mathrm{S}^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | 0.95 | 3.02 | $3.873(4)$ | 150 |
| C26-H26B $\cdots \mathrm{O} 31$ | 0.98 | 2.64 | $3.512(5)$ | 149 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y, z-1$; (ii) $x,-y+2, z+\frac{1}{2}$.
(Micu-Semeniuc et al., 1983), XIHHEB and XIHHEB01 (Harris et al., 2001, 2003)].

## 3. Supramolecular features

In the crystal structure of the title compound, the discrete complexes are linked by intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ hydrogen bonding into chains for which one contact with an $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ angle close to linearity is responsible (Fig. 2 and Table 2). The chains are joined by an additional much weaker $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ contact into double chains that elongate along the $c$-axis direction (Figs. 2 and 3 and Table 2). From Fig. 3, the noncentrosymmetric arrangement of the complexes becomes obvious. Finally, there is one intrachain and one interchain $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ contact, but from the $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ distances and the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ angles, they only correspond to weak interactions (Table 2).

## 4. Database survey

A search in the CSD (version 5.43, last update March 2023; Groom et al., 2016) using CONQUEST (Bruno et al., 2002) reveal that no $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ compounds with 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide have been reported. If the search is expanded to all transition metals, three hits are found, including a discrete Zn complex with a fivefold coordination with the composition $\mathrm{Zn}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ (2-methylpyridine $\quad \mathrm{N}$-oxide) $)_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right) \quad$ (Refcode UKIMEI; Mautner et al., 2016) and a polymeric Cd compound with an octahedral coordination with the composition $\mathrm{Cd}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ (2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide) (Refcode UKILIL; Mautner et al., 2016). Finally, there is one compound with the composition $\mathrm{Mn}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ (2-methylpyridine), which is isotypic to the Cd compound mentioned before (Mautner et al., 2018b).


Figure 2
Crystal structure of the title compound with a view down $a$ of part of a double chain. Intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ contacts are shown as dashed lines.


Figure 3
Crystal structure of the title compound with a view along the crystallographic $c$-axis direction. Intermolecular $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ contacts are shown as dashed lines.

If one searches for cobalt thiocyanate compounds with pyridine $N$-oxide derivatives, eleven structures are found in which the cobalt cations are always octahedrally coordinated. In most structures, the thiocyanate anions are only terminally N -bonded, which leads to the formation of mononuclear or dinuclear complexes or compounds with chain structures [Refcodes FONBIU (Shi et al., 2005), IDOYEG (Shi et al., 2006a), VAZDAB (Craig et al., 1989), FATJAN (Cao et al., 2012) and FATJER (Cao et al., 2012)].

Finally, there are also compounds with chain or layered structure with pyridine $N$-oxide derivatives that contain $\mu-1,3-$ bridging thiocyanate anions [TILHIG (Shi et al., 2007), REKBUF (Shi et al., 2006b), TERRAK (Zhang et al., 2006a), MEQKOJ (Zhang et al., 2006b), UMAVAF (Zhang et al., 2003) and UMAVUZ (Zhang et al., 2003)].

## 5. Additional investigations

Based on single-crystal data measured at room temperature, a powder pattern was calculated and compared with the experimental pattern, which reveals that the title compound is contaminated with an additional and unknown phase (Fig. S1). Several batches with different ratios between $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ and 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide in different solvents were prepared, but it was not possible to obtain the title compound as a pure phase.

Nevertheless, the thermal properties of the title compound were investigated by thermogravimetry and differential thermoanalysis (TG-DTA) measurements using crystals separated by hand. Upon heating, two mass losses were observed that according to the DTG curve are poorly resolved and that are accompanied with a strong exothermic event in the DTA curve, indicating the decomposition of the coligands (Fig. 4). There is one weak endothermic signal at about $113^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, where the sample mass does not change. Measurements using differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and PXRD prove that this event is irreversible and leads to a new phase of very poor crystallinity (Figs. S2 and S3). Thermomicroscopic investiga-


Figure 4
DTG, TG and DTG curves for the title compound. The mass loss is given in \% and the peak temperature in ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. For this measurement, crystals selected by hand were used.
tions reveal that this process is accompanied with a change of the color of this compound and that it leads to a destruction of the single crystals, indicating that a reconstructive phase transition occurred (Fig. S4).

## 6. Synthesis and crystallization

## Synthesis

$\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}(99 \%)$ and 2-methylpyridine N -oxide ( $96 \%$ ) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich and $n$-butanol ( $99.5 \%$ ) from Carl Roth.

Single crystals of the title compound were obtained by the reaction of $0.5 \mathrm{mmol}(87.4 \mathrm{mg})$ of $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{SCN})_{2}$ and 1.5 mmol ( 163.7 mg ) of 2-methylpyridine $N$-oxide in 1 mL of $n$-butanol. Within 3 d , crystals suitable for structure analysis were obtained together with some powder of an unknown crystalline phase. We also tried other solvents such as methanol or ethanol and we varied the ratio between $\mathrm{Ni}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}$ and 2-methylpyridine but the title compound was never obtained as a pure phase.

## Experimental details

X-ray powder patterns were measured using a Stoe Transmission Powder Diffraction System (STADI P) equipped with a linear, position-sensitive MYTHEN 1K detector from Stoe \& Cie and a XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, HyPix diffractometer from Rigaku, both with $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation.

Thermogravimetry and differential thermoanalysis (TGDTA) measurements were performed in a dynamic nitrogen atmosphere in $\mathrm{Al}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}$ crucibles at $8^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{min}{ }^{-1}$ using a STA-PT 1000 thermobalance from Linseis. The DSC measurements were performed using a DSC 1 Star System with STARe Excellence Software from Mettler-Toledo AG at $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$. Thermomicroscopy was performed with a hot-stage from Linkam and a microscope from Olympus. All thermo-

Table 3
Experimental details.
Crystal data Chemical formula
$M_{\mathrm{r}}$
Crystal system, space group
Temperature (K)
$a, b, c(\AA)$
$\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$
$V\left(\mathrm{~A}^{3}\right)$
$V\left(\mathrm{~A}^{3}\right)$
Z
Radiation type
$\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$
Crystal size (mm)
Data collection
Diffractometer
Absorption correction
$T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$
Refinement
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$
No. of reflections
No. of parameters
No. of restraints H -atom treatment
$\Delta \rho_{\max }, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$
Absolute structure

Absolute structure parameter
$\left[\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{3}\right]$
502.47

Monoclinic, $C c$
100
11.9020 (2), 26.4007 (2), 7.1933 (1)
104.299 (1)
2190.26 (5)

4
$\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$
8.21
$0.2 \times 0.05 \times 0.05$

XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, HyPix
Multi-scan (CrysAlis PRO; Rigaku OD, 2022)
0.581, 1.000

24478, 4183, 4137
0.036
0.639
$0.033,0.089,1.04$
4183
283
2
H-atom parameters constrained
$0.62,-0.28$
Flack $x$ determined using 1732
$\quad$ quotients $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)-\left(I^{-}\right)\right] /\left[\left(I^{+}\right)+\left(I^{-}\right)\right]$
$\quad$ (Parsons et al., 2013)
$-0.003(3)$

Computer programs: CrysAlis PRO (Rigaku OD, 2022), SHELXT2014/4 (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL2016/6 (Sheldrick, 2015b), DIAMOND (Brandenburg \& Putz, 1999), XP in SHELXTL-PC (Sheldrick, 2008) and publCIF (Westrip, 2010).
analytical instruments were calibrated using standard reference materials.

## 7. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3. The hydrogen atoms were positioned with idealized geometry (methyl H atoms allowed to rotate but not to tip) and were refined with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=$ $1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ ( 1.5 for methyl H atoms) using a riding model. The absolute structure was determined and is in agreement with the selected setting.

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## Computing details

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## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{NCS})_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{3}\right]$
$M_{r}=502.47$
Monoclinic, $C c$
$a=11.9020$ (2) $\AA$
$b=26.4007$ (2) $\AA$
$c=7.1933$ (1) $\AA$
$\beta=104.299(1)^{\circ}$
$V=2190.26(5) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

## Data collection

XtaLAB Synergy, Dualflex, HyPix diffractometer
Radiation source: micro-focus sealed X-ray tube, PhotonJet (Cu) X-ray Source
Mirror monochromator
Detector resolution: 10.0000 pixels $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(CrysAlisPro; Rigaku OD, 2022)

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.033$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.089$
$S=1.04$
4183 reflections
283 parameters
2 restraints
Primary atom site location: dual
Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites
$F(000)=1036$
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.524 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=1.54184 \AA$
Cell parameters from 17140 reflections
$\theta=3.4-79.0^{\circ}$
$\mu=8.21 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
Needle, pink
$0.2 \times 0.05 \times 0.05 \mathrm{~mm}$

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T_{\min }=0.581, T_{\max }=1.000
$$

24478 measured reflections
4183 independent reflections
4137 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.036$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=80.2^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=3.4^{\circ}$
$h=-14 \rightarrow 15$
$k=-33 \rightarrow 33$
$l=-9 \rightarrow 8$

H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0636 P)^{2}+1.9394 P\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{0}{ }^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.002$
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.62 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.28$ e $\AA^{-3}$
Absolute structure: Flack $x$ determined using
1732 quotients $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)-\left(I^{-}\right)\right] /\left[\left(I^{+}\right)+\left(I^{\prime}\right)\right]$ (Parsons et al., 2013)
Absolute structure parameter: -0.003 (3)

## Special details

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.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\hat{A}^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }} * / U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Col | 0.63119 (5) | 0.86737 (2) | 0.79970 (6) | 0.01961 (14) |
| N1 | 0.4719 (3) | 0.83113 (11) | 0.7698 (4) | 0.0235 (6) |
| C1 | 0.3811 (3) | 0.82456 (12) | 0.7982 (5) | 0.0227 (7) |
| S1 | 0.25390 (8) | 0.81632 (4) | 0.84239 (13) | 0.0304 (2) |
| N2 | 0.7907 (3) | 0.90130 (11) | 0.8467 (4) | 0.0243 (6) |
| C2 | 0.8812 (3) | 0.92031 (13) | 0.8804 (5) | 0.0233 (7) |
| S2 | 1.00934 (8) | 0.94704 (4) | 0.92598 (13) | 0.0313 (2) |
| O11 | 0.6887 (2) | 0.81252 (9) | 0.6570 (4) | 0.0277 (6) |
| N11 | 0.6138 (3) | 0.77822 (11) | 0.5616 (5) | 0.0250 (6) |
| C11 | 0.6035 (3) | 0.73262 (14) | 0.6406 (6) | 0.0260 (7) |
| C12 | 0.5254 (3) | 0.69782 (14) | 0.5330 (6) | 0.0269 (7) |
| H12 | 0.518236 | 0.665128 | 0.584075 | 0.032* |
| C13 | 0.4589 (3) | 0.71024 (15) | 0.3547 (6) | 0.0288 (8) |
| H13 | 0.404785 | 0.686632 | 0.283627 | 0.035* |
| C14 | 0.4715 (3) | 0.75755 (15) | 0.2791 (6) | 0.0292 (8) |
| H14 | 0.425779 | 0.766777 | 0.155868 | 0.035* |
| C15 | 0.5502 (4) | 0.79080 (14) | 0.3837 (6) | 0.0284 (8) |
| H15 | 0.560585 | 0.823010 | 0.331396 | 0.034* |
| O21 | 0.5544 (2) | 0.92584 (9) | 0.6365 (4) | 0.0268 (5) |
| N21 | 0.4395 (3) | 0.92595 (11) | 0.5586 (4) | 0.0237 (6) |
| C21 | 0.3663 (3) | 0.94142 (13) | 0.6653 (5) | 0.0264 (8) |
| C22 | 0.2489 (4) | 0.94383 (14) | 0.5780 (6) | 0.0292 (8) |
| H22 | 0.196291 | 0.954631 | 0.649971 | 0.035* |
| C23 | 0.2074 (4) | 0.93070 (15) | 0.3871 (6) | 0.0323 (8) |
| H23 | 0.126916 | 0.932915 | 0.327424 | 0.039* |
| C24 | 0.2845 (4) | 0.91433 (15) | 0.2842 (6) | 0.0308 (8) |
| H24 | 0.257430 | 0.904713 | 0.153547 | 0.037* |
| C25 | 0.4001 (4) | 0.91215 (14) | 0.3729 (6) | 0.0284 (8) |
| H25 | 0.453469 | 0.900781 | 0.303152 | 0.034* |
| O31 | 0.6345 (2) | 0.86796 (9) | 1.0842 (4) | 0.0246 (5) |
| N31 | 0.7388 (3) | 0.87132 (12) | 1.2112 (5) | 0.0268 (7) |
| C31 | 0.7804 (4) | 0.91637 (15) | 1.2867 (6) | 0.0302 (8) |
| C32 | 0.8873 (4) | 0.91678 (17) | 1.4195 (6) | 0.0335 (9) |
| H32 | 0.918314 | 0.948072 | 1.474374 | 0.040* |
| C33 | 0.9489 (4) | 0.87328 (17) | 1.4731 (6) | 0.0342 (9) |
| H33 | 1.021778 | 0.874207 | 1.564265 | 0.041* |
| C34 | 0.9030 (4) | 0.82742 (16) | 1.3916 (6) | 0.0331 (9) |
| H34 | 0.944526 | 0.796754 | 1.427124 | 0.040* |
| C35 | 0.7986 (4) | 0.82690 (15) | 1.2613 (6) | 0.0297 (8) |


| H35 | 0.767106 | 0.795842 | 1.204877 | $0.036^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C36 | $0.7088(4)$ | $0.96175(16)$ | $1.2225(7)$ | $0.0365(9)$ |
| H36A | 0.637607 | 0.959791 | 1.267447 | $0.055^{*}$ |
| H36B | 0.688837 | 0.963430 | 1.082058 | $0.055^{*}$ |
| H36C | 0.752416 | 0.992135 | 1.275386 | $0.055^{*}$ |
| C16 | $0.6740(4)$ | $0.72348(16)$ | $0.8382(6)$ | $0.0325(8)$ |
| H16A | 0.648259 | 0.746150 | 0.927280 | $0.049^{*}$ |
| H16B | 0.755859 | 0.730027 | 0.843848 | $0.049^{*}$ |
| H16C | 0.664650 | 0.688212 | 0.874079 | $0.049^{*}$ |
| C26 | $0.4185(4)$ | $0.95516(14)$ | $0.8691(6)$ | $0.0289(8)$ |
| H26A | 0.480012 | 0.980250 | 0.875055 | $0.043^{*}$ |
| H26B | 0.451361 | 0.924805 | 0.940647 | $0.043^{*}$ |
| H26C | 0.358631 | 0.969462 | 0.925716 | $0.043^{*}$ |

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

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Co1 | $0.0208(3)$ | $0.0204(2)$ | $0.0194(3)$ | $-0.0007(2)$ | $0.0083(2)$ | $-0.0004(2)$ |
| N1 | $0.0219(14)$ | $0.0255(13)$ | $0.0247(14)$ | $-0.0035(11)$ | $0.0089(12)$ | $-0.0014(11)$ |
| C1 | $0.0264(17)$ | $0.0220(14)$ | $0.0193(16)$ | $-0.0011(13)$ | $0.0047(13)$ | $0.0005(12)$ |
| S1 | $0.0238(4)$ | $0.0396(5)$ | $0.0308(5)$ | $-0.0034(3)$ | $0.0124(4)$ | $0.0036(4)$ |
| N2 | $0.0219(14)$ | $0.0265(14)$ | $0.0255(15)$ | $-0.0026(11)$ | $0.0079(12)$ | $-0.0007(11)$ |
| C2 | $0.0276(18)$ | $0.0223(15)$ | $0.0213(16)$ | $0.0036(12)$ | $0.0088(14)$ | $0.0012(11)$ |
| S2 | $0.0256(4)$ | $0.0383(5)$ | $0.0296(5)$ | $-0.0083(4)$ | $0.0060(4)$ | $-0.0015(4)$ |
| O11 | $0.0232(12)$ | $0.0260(11)$ | $0.0377(15)$ | $-0.0062(9)$ | $0.0148(11)$ | $-0.0096(10)$ |
| N11 | $0.0217(14)$ | $0.0237(13)$ | $0.0336(16)$ | $-0.0020(11)$ | $0.0143(12)$ | $-0.0075(12)$ |
| C11 | $0.0230(16)$ | $0.0278(16)$ | $0.0301(19)$ | $-0.0001(13)$ | $0.0116(15)$ | $-0.0012(14)$ |
| C12 | $0.0269(17)$ | $0.0265(16)$ | $0.0327(19)$ | $-0.0009(14)$ | $0.0175(15)$ | $-0.0027(14)$ |
| C13 | $0.0246(17)$ | $0.0336(18)$ | $0.0306(19)$ | $-0.0011(14)$ | $0.0114(15)$ | $-0.0089(15)$ |
| C14 | $0.0259(18)$ | $0.0359(19)$ | $0.0277(18)$ | $0.0032(15)$ | $0.0104(15)$ | $0.0000(14)$ |
| C15 | $0.0310(18)$ | $0.0277(17)$ | $0.0312(19)$ | $0.0055(14)$ | $0.0164(15)$ | $0.0025(14)$ |
| O21 | $0.0229(12)$ | $0.0274(12)$ | $0.0307(13)$ | $-0.0003(9)$ | $0.0077(10)$ | $0.0069(10)$ |
| N21 | $0.0233(15)$ | $0.0228(13)$ | $0.0252(15)$ | $0.0016(11)$ | $0.0060(12)$ | $0.0055(11)$ |
| C21 | $0.0318(19)$ | $0.0220(15)$ | $0.0267(18)$ | $0.0004(13)$ | $0.0096(15)$ | $0.0024(12)$ |
| C22 | $0.031(2)$ | $0.0309(17)$ | $0.0289(19)$ | $0.0027(14)$ | $0.0135(16)$ | $0.0053(14)$ |
| C23 | $0.0272(19)$ | $0.0361(19)$ | $0.032(2)$ | $-0.0040(15)$ | $0.0055(16)$ | $0.0051(16)$ |
| C24 | $0.035(2)$ | $0.0325(18)$ | $0.0242(17)$ | $-0.0044(15)$ | $0.0068(16)$ | $0.0025(14)$ |
| C25 | $0.0323(19)$ | $0.0290(17)$ | $0.0260(18)$ | $0.0024(15)$ | $0.0108(15)$ | $0.0033(14)$ |
| O31 | $0.0224(12)$ | $0.0322(13)$ | $0.0203(12)$ | $-0.0040(9)$ | $0.0071(10)$ | $-0.0003(9)$ |
| N31 | $0.0277(16)$ | $0.0349(16)$ | $0.0206(14)$ | $-0.0067(12)$ | $0.0117(13)$ | $-0.0007(11)$ |
| C31 | $0.036(2)$ | $0.0322(18)$ | $0.0263(18)$ | $-0.0067(15)$ | $0.0155(16)$ | $-0.0013(14)$ |
| C32 | $0.031(2)$ | $0.048(2)$ | $0.0242(18)$ | $-0.0095(17)$ | $0.0117(15)$ | $-0.0030(16)$ |
| C33 | $0.029(2)$ | $0.051(2)$ | $0.0251(19)$ | $-0.0066(16)$ | $0.0116(16)$ | $0.0017(16)$ |
| C34 | $0.035(2)$ | $0.0381(19)$ | $0.029(2)$ | $0.0036(17)$ | $0.0148(17)$ | $0.0053(15)$ |
| C35 | $0.0329(19)$ | $0.0331(18)$ | $0.0271(18)$ | $-0.0052(15)$ | $0.0149(15)$ | $-0.0006(14)$ |
| C36 | $0.037(2)$ | $0.0340(19)$ | $0.040(2)$ | $-0.0022(16)$ | $0.0138(18)$ | $-0.0041(17)$ |
| C16 | $0.031(2)$ | $0.0377(19)$ | $0.030(2)$ | $-0.0020(15)$ | $0.0085(16)$ | $0.0011(15)$ |
| C26 | $0.0312(19)$ | $0.0300(17)$ | $0.0270(18)$ | $0.0031(15)$ | $0.0103(15)$ | $-0.0015(14)$ |
|  |  | $0.05(15)$ |  |  |  |  |

Geometric parameters (A, ${ }^{\circ}$ )

| Col-N1 | 2.086 (3) | C22-C23 | 1.384 (6) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Col-N2 | 2.051 (3) | C23-H23 | 0.9500 |
| Col-O11 | 1.992 (3) | C23-C24 | 1.382 (7) |
| Col-O21 | 2.016 (2) | C24-H24 | 0.9500 |
| Col-O31 | 2.037 (3) | C24-C25 | 1.368 (6) |
| N1-C1 | 1.162 (5) | C25-H25 | 0.9500 |
| C1-S1 | 1.637 (4) | O31-N31 | 1.351 (4) |
| N2-C2 | 1.158 (5) | N31-C31 | 1.350 (5) |
| C2-S2 | 1.639 (4) | N31-C35 | 1.373 (5) |
| O11-N11 | 1.335 (4) | C31-C32 | 1.390 (6) |
| N11-C11 | 1.350 (5) | C31-C36 | 1.477 (6) |
| N11-C15 | 1.358 (5) | C32-H32 | 0.9500 |
| C11-C12 | 1.397 (5) | C32-C33 | 1.366 (7) |
| C11-C16 | 1.481 (5) | C33-H33 | 0.9500 |
| C12-H12 | 0.9500 | C33-C34 | 1.396 (6) |
| C12-C13 | 1.370 (6) | C34-H34 | 0.9500 |
| C13-H13 | 0.9500 | C34-C35 | 1.359 (6) |
| C13-C14 | 1.385 (6) | C35-H35 | 0.9500 |
| C14-H14 | 0.9500 | C36-H36A | 0.9800 |
| C14-C15 | 1.367 (6) | C36-H36B | 0.9800 |
| C15-H15 | 0.9500 | C36-H36C | 0.9800 |
| O21-N21 | 1.344 (4) | C16-H16A | 0.9800 |
| N21-C21 | 1.358 (5) | C16-H16B | 0.9800 |
| N21-C25 | 1.352 (5) | C16-H16C | 0.9800 |
| C21-C22 | 1.384 (6) | C26-H26A | 0.9800 |
| C21-C26 | 1.489 (5) | C26-H26B | 0.9800 |
| C22-H22 | 0.9500 | C26-H26C | 0.9800 |
| N2-Co1-N1 | 176.35 (13) | C24-C23-H23 | 120.4 |
| O11-Co1-N1 | 91.87 (12) | C23-C24-H24 | 120.4 |
| $\mathrm{O} 11-\mathrm{Co1-N} 2$ | 88.87 (12) | C25-C24-C23 | 119.2 (4) |
| O11-Co1-O21 | 114.88 (12) | C25-C24-H24 | 120.4 |
| O11-Col-O31 | 126.83 (11) | N21-C25-C24 | 120.8 (4) |
| O21-Co1-N1 | 91.23 (11) | N21-C25-H25 | 119.6 |
| $\mathrm{O} 21-\mathrm{Col-N2}$ | 91.70 (12) | C24-C25-H25 | 119.6 |
| O21-Col-O31 | 118.20 (11) | N31-O31-Co1 | 117.8 (2) |
| O31-Co1-N1 | 84.17 (12) | O31-N31-C35 | 116.9 (3) |
| O31-Co1-N2 | 92.52 (12) | C31-N31-O31 | 121.0 (3) |
| C1-N1-Co1 | 155.7 (3) | C31-N31-C35 | 122.2 (4) |
| N1-C1-S1 | 178.6 (3) | N31-C31-C32 | 117.8 (4) |
| C2-N2-Co1 | 177.5 (3) | N31-C31-C36 | 117.6 (4) |
| N2-C2-S2 | 179.4 (4) | C32-C31-C36 | 124.6 (4) |
| N11-O11-Co1 | 119.1 (2) | C31-C32-H32 | 119.2 |
| O11-N11-C11 | 120.5 (3) | C33-C32-C31 | 121.6 (4) |
| O11-N11-C15 | 117.7 (3) | C33-C32-H32 | 119.2 |
| C11-N11-C15 | 121.8 (3) | C32-C33-H33 | 120.5 |


| $\mathrm{N} 11-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $118.1(3)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N} 11-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $117.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 16$ | $124.5(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 12$ | 119.6 |
| $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $120.8(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 12$ | 119.6 |
| $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H} 13$ | 120.3 |
| $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $119.4(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H} 13$ | 120.3 |
| $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H} 14$ | 120.4 |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $119.3(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{H} 14$ | 120.4 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 11-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $120.6(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 11-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15$ | 119.7 |
| $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15$ | 120.7 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 21-\mathrm{O} 21-\mathrm{C} 15(2)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 21-\mathrm{N} 21-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $119.6(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 21-\mathrm{N} 21-\mathrm{C} 25$ | $118.7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 25-\mathrm{N} 21-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $121.7(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 21-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 22$ | $118.3(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 21-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 26$ | $117.4(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 26$ | $124.4(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 21-\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{H} 22$ | 119.6 |
| $\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 21$ | $120.8(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{H} 22$ | 19.6 |
| $\mathrm{C} 22-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{H} 23$ | 120.4 |
| $\mathrm{C} 24-\mathrm{C} 23-\mathrm{C} 22$ | $19.2(4)$ |


| C32-C33-C34 | $118.9(4)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| C34-C33-H33 | 120.5 |
| C33-C34-H34 | 120.2 |
| C35-C34-C33 | $119.6(4)$ |
| C35-C34-H34 | 120.2 |
| N31-C35-H35 | 120.0 |
| C34-C35-N31 | $119.9(4)$ |
| C34-C35-H35 | 120.0 |
| C31-C36-H36A | 109.5 |
| C31-C36-H36B | 109.5 |
| C31-C36-H36C | 109.5 |
| H36A-C36-H36B | 109.5 |
| H36A-C36-H36C | 109.5 |
| H36B-C36-H36C | 109.5 |
| C11-C16-H16A | 109.5 |
| C11-C16-H16B | 109.5 |
| C11-C16-H16C | 109.5 |
| H16A-C16-H16B | 109.5 |
| H16A-C16-H16C | 109.5 |
| H16B-C16-H16C | 109.5 |
| C21-C26-H26A | 109.5 |
| C21-C26-H26B | 109.5 |
| C21-C26-H26C | 109.5 |
| H26A-C26-H26B | 109.5 |
| H26A-C26-H26C | 109.5 |
| H26B-C26-H26C | 109.5 |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| C 26 |  |

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $A,{ }^{\circ}$ )

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 14 — \mathrm{H} 14 \cdots \mathrm{~S} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.95 | 2.95 | $3.868(4)$ | 163 |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{H} 15 \cdots \mathrm{O} 31^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.95 | 2.47 | $3.296(5)$ | 145 |
| $\mathrm{C} 32-\mathrm{H} 32 \cdots \mathrm{~S}^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | 0.95 | 3.02 | $3.873(4)$ | 150 |
| $\mathrm{C} 26-\mathrm{H} 26 B \cdots \mathrm{O} 31$ | 0.98 | 2.64 | $3.512(5)$ | 149 |

[^1]
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[^1]:    Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y, z-1$; (ii) $x,-y+2, z+1 / 2$.

