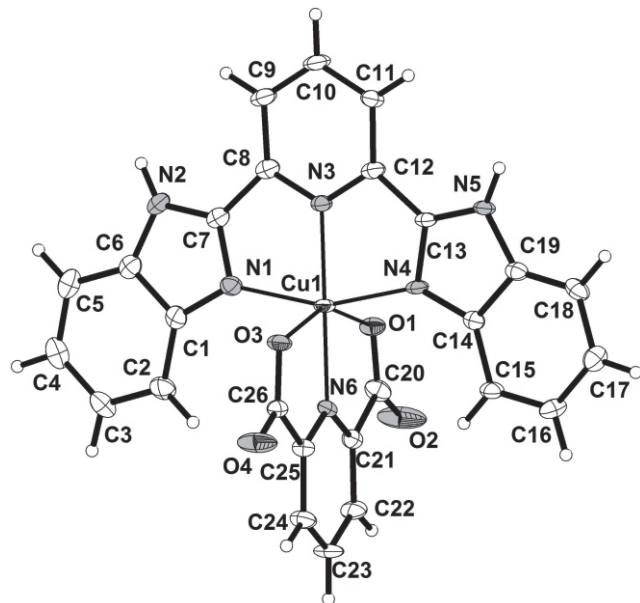


Crystal structure of (2,6-pyridinedicarboxylato- $\kappa^3 O, N, O'$)[2,6-bis(benzimidazol-2-yl)pyridine- $\kappa^3 N, N', N''$]copper(II) — methanol (1:1), $C_{27}H_{20}CuN_6O_5$

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Abstract

$C_{27}H_{20}CuN_6O_5$, triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ (no. 2), $a = 10.4231(9)$ Å, $b = 11.8744(11)$ Å, $c = 13.5630(8)$ Å, $\alpha = 96.829(6)^\circ$, $\beta = 110.187(7)^\circ$, $\gamma = 106.805(8)^\circ$, $V = 1463.0$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.0507$, $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.1312$, $T = 105$ K.

Table 1. Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	green needles, size 0.04×0.05×0.70 mm
Wavelength:	Mo K_{α} radiation (0.7107 Å)
μ :	7.91 cm ⁻¹
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Xcalibur, Eos, Gemini, ω
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$:	52°
$N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$, $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$:	11266, 5739
Criterion for I_{obs} , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$:	$I_{\text{obs}} > 2\sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$, 4544
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$:	354
Programs:	SHELX [6]

Source of material

2,6-Bis(benzimidazol-2-yl)pyridine (*bbp*) was synthesized by condensation of 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid with *o*-phenylenediamine according to the published procedures [1]. The title complex was synthesized via the solvothermal method. A mixture of $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.048 g, 0.2 mmol), *bbp* (0.062 g, 0.2 mmol), 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid (0.033 g, 0.2 mmol) and NaOH (0.016 g, 0.4 mmol) in methanol (20 ml) was stirred for 30 min. Afterwards it was sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel container, which was heated at 160 °C for 3 days. After being

cooled to room temperature at a rate of 2 °C per hour, green needle-shaped crystals were obtained in 65 % yield.

Discussion

2,6-Pyridinedicarboxylate is one of the frequently used aromatic dicarboxylates as the key component of bacterial spores [2]. Metal complexes with 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylate ligands own interesting structural features with various coordination modes and strong H-bonds for self-assembly [3, 4] and the ligand has been used as a coligand in constructing magnetic coupling systems [5]. Till now, no copper complex containing tridentate benzimidazole ligand 2,6-bis(benzimidazol-2-yl)pyridine (*bbp*) and 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylate has been reported. As part of our study on understanding the interactions between metal complexes based on benzimidazole ligands and aromatic dicarboxylates, the copper(II) complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5)(\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{O}_4\text{N})]$ has been prepared. Single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis reveals that the title structure consists of one neutral $[\text{Cu}(\text{bbp})(2,6\text{-dipic})]$ (2,6-dipic = the anion of 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid) unit and one methanol molecule. The Cu(II) center is six-coordinated in a distorted octahedral environment. In the structure, *bbp* and 2,6-dipic both act as tridentate chelating ligands by coordination of N1, N3, N4 and O1, N6, O3 to the copper(II) ion, respectively. *bbp* is nearly coplanar. All the Cu–N bond lengths are nearly identical, ranging from 1.981(2) Å to 2.043(3) Å. The distances between center copper and coordinated oxygen atoms from different carboxylate groups of 2,6-dipic [Cu1–O1, 2.322(2) Å; Cu1–O2, 2.319(3) Å] are also similar. The equatorial plane is defined by four nitrogen atoms of two ligands with the total of bond angles as 360.01° and apical sites are occupied by O1, O3 of 2,6-dipic with the axial bond angle of O1–Cu1–O3 as 151.84(7)°. The title complex is connected by intermolecular H-bonds through the benzimidazole NH group of *bbp* and the adjacent coordinated carboxylate oxygen atoms of 2,6-pyridinedicarboxylate [N2–H2...O1, $d(\text{D}\cdots\text{A}) = 2.738(3)$ Å; N5–H5...O3, $d(\text{D}\cdots\text{A}) = 2.665(4)$ Å] to form a 1D chain structure. H-bonds also occur between the [O5–H5B...O4, $d(\text{D}\cdots\text{A}) = 2.747(4)$ Å] methanol molecule and one of the uncoordinated carboxylate oxygen atoms of 2,6-dipic. The structure is stabilized by two kinds of similar $\pi\cdots\pi$ stacking interactions between pyridine and benzene moieties of adjacent molecules with the shortest distance of 3.5312 Å (center-to-center) ($\text{Cg1} = \text{C8}–\text{C9}–\text{C10}–\text{C11}–\text{C12}–\text{N3}$, $\text{Cg2} = \text{C14}–\text{C15}–\text{C16}–\text{C17}–\text{C18}–\text{C19}$) and 3.5315 Å (center-to-center).

Table 2. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U_{iso}
H(5)	2i	0.6643	1.0519	0.4138	0.022
H(2)	2i	0.2399	0.3889	0.4379	0.025

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Table 2. continued.

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso}
H(2A)	2i	0.5202	0.6082	0.8384	0.034
H(10)	2i	0.3098	0.6493	0.1887	0.033
H(18)	2i	0.8685	1.2827	0.5427	0.028
H(15)	2i	0.8648	1.0777	0.8191	0.025
H(4)	2i	0.2687	0.2555	0.7671	0.037
H(11)	2i	0.4756	0.8446	0.2767	0.030
H(5B)	2i	0.2637	1.0087	0.7528	0.054
H(22)	2i	0.9481	0.8315	1.0062	0.028
H(9)	2i	0.2573	0.5096	0.2889	0.030

Table 2. continued.

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso}
H(23)	2i	0.8462	0.9226	1.1046	0.032
H(5A)	2i	0.1937	0.2399	0.5825	0.034
H(24)	2i	0.6364	0.9643	1.0120	0.029
H(27A)	2i	−0.0013	0.9704	0.6142	0.063
H(27B)	2i	0.0388	0.8924	0.6975	0.063
H(27C)	2i	0.0863	0.8869	0.5998	0.063
H(3)	2i	0.4269	0.4349	0.8922	0.034
H(16)	2i	1.0119	1.2805	0.8595	0.030
H(17)	2i	1.0142	1.3815	0.7233	0.030

Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> ₁₁	<i>U</i> ₂₂	<i>U</i> ₃₃	<i>U</i> ₁₂	<i>U</i> ₁₃	<i>U</i> ₂₃
Cu(1)	2i	0.58197(4)	0.78747(3)	0.64489(3)	0.0188(2)	0.0212(2)	0.0079(2)	0.0058(2)	0.0044(2)	−0.0002(2)
N(3)	2i	0.4872(3)	0.7384(2)	0.4846(2)	0.014(1)	0.027(2)	0.011(1)	0.007(1)	0.003(1)	0.002(1)
N(5)	2i	0.6842(2)	1.0391(2)	0.4775(2)	0.017(1)	0.028(2)	0.009(1)	0.007(1)	0.004(1)	0.003(1)
N(6)	2i	0.6757(3)	0.8378(2)	0.8060(2)	0.020(1)	0.016(1)	0.012(1)	0.007(1)	0.008(1)	0.005(1)
C(12)	2i	0.5190(3)	0.8198(3)	0.4284(2)	0.018(2)	0.026(2)	0.013(2)	0.009(1)	0.004(1)	−0.001(1)
N(1)	2i	0.4485(3)	0.6136(2)	0.6211(2)	0.020(1)	0.024(2)	0.017(1)	0.008(1)	0.009(1)	0.001(1)
O(4)	2i	0.4272(3)	0.9705(2)	0.8429(2)	0.037(1)	0.057(2)	0.016(1)	0.033(1)	0.008(1)	−0.000(1)
O(3)	2i	0.4360(2)	0.8787(2)	0.6928(2)	0.020(1)	0.026(1)	0.010(1)	0.009(1)	0.0051(9)	0.0022(9)
C(1)	2i	0.4116(3)	0.5265(3)	0.6757(3)	0.018(2)	0.022(2)	0.025(2)	0.009(1)	0.012(1)	0.003(1)
N(2)	2i	0.2944(3)	0.4398(2)	0.4995(2)	0.015(1)	0.020(2)	0.021(1)	0.005(1)	0.004(1)	−0.003(1)
C(7)	2i	0.3757(3)	0.5569(3)	0.5162(2)	0.015(2)	0.022(2)	0.019(2)	0.010(1)	0.006(1)	−0.001(1)
C(2)	2i	0.4562(4)	0.5359(3)	0.7878(3)	0.037(2)	0.026(2)	0.024(2)	0.009(2)	0.018(2)	0.001(2)
C(14)	2i	0.7788(3)	1.0596(3)	0.6557(2)	0.017(2)	0.023(2)	0.016(2)	0.010(1)	0.007(1)	0.006(1)
C(10)	2i	0.3549(3)	0.6718(3)	0.2639(2)	0.023(2)	0.038(2)	0.011(2)	0.007(2)	0.001(1)	−0.003(2)
N(4)	2i	0.6814(2)	0.9415(2)	0.6084(2)	0.014(1)	0.027(2)	0.008(1)	0.008(1)	0.001(1)	0.000(1)
C(18)	2i	0.8679(3)	1.2424(3)	0.5974(3)	0.027(2)	0.032(2)	0.020(2)	0.015(2)	0.012(1)	0.014(2)
C(15)	2i	0.8655(3)	1.1181(3)	0.7644(2)	0.020(2)	0.027(2)	0.012(1)	0.009(1)	0.003(1)	0.005(1)
C(4)	2i	0.3034(4)	0.3230(3)	0.7425(3)	0.032(2)	0.030(2)	0.042(2)	0.014(2)	0.024(2)	0.016(2)
C(8)	2i	0.3919(3)	0.6258(3)	0.4353(2)	0.015(2)	0.026(2)	0.017(2)	0.011(1)	0.006(1)	−0.001(1)
C(11)	2i	0.4536(3)	0.7885(3)	0.3161(2)	0.021(2)	0.037(2)	0.012(2)	0.006(2)	0.007(1)	0.004(1)
O(1)	2i	0.7830(2)	0.7264(2)	0.6883(2)	0.022(1)	0.022(1)	0.014(1)	0.0104(9)	0.0059(9)	0.0006(9)
O(2)	2i	0.9685(3)	0.7316(3)	0.8367(2)	0.053(2)	0.085(2)	0.018(1)	0.056(2)	0.008(1)	0.010(1)
O(5)	2i	0.2045(3)	1.0354(2)	0.7156(2)	0.037(1)	0.030(2)	0.033(1)	0.015(1)	0.003(1)	0.006(1)
C(19)	2i	0.7809(3)	1.1227(3)	0.5743(2)	0.015(2)	0.030(2)	0.014(2)	0.011(1)	0.006(1)	0.005(1)
C(25)	2i	0.6177(3)	0.8919(3)	0.8624(2)	0.021(2)	0.020(2)	0.014(1)	0.008(1)	0.006(1)	0.003(1)
C(6)	2i	0.3155(3)	0.4169(3)	0.6007(3)	0.016(2)	0.023(2)	0.025(2)	0.010(1)	0.008(1)	0.003(1)
C(21)	2i	0.7976(3)	0.8154(3)	0.8595(2)	0.019(2)	0.021(2)	0.016(2)	0.007(1)	0.008(1)	0.004(1)
C(22)	2i	0.8636(3)	0.8470(3)	0.9707(2)	0.019(2)	0.034(2)	0.014(2)	0.013(2)	0.001(1)	0.006(1)
C(13)	2i	0.6275(3)	0.9347(3)	0.5014(2)	0.013(1)	0.025(2)	0.009(1)	0.009(1)	0.003(1)	0.001(1)
C(20)	2i	0.8557(4)	0.7519(3)	0.7892(3)	0.030(2)	0.025(2)	0.021(2)	0.016(2)	0.014(2)	0.007(1)
C(26)	2i	0.4816(3)	0.9163(3)	0.7949(2)	0.017(2)	0.022(2)	0.013(2)	0.006(1)	0.004(1)	0.005(1)
C(9)	2i	0.3229(3)	0.5883(3)	0.3232(2)	0.016(2)	0.037(2)	0.015(2)	0.008(2)	0.003(1)	−0.005(1)
C(23)	2i	0.8034(3)	0.9020(3)	1.0293(2)	0.030(2)	0.039(2)	0.008(1)	0.016(2)	0.003(1)	0.001(1)
C(5)	2i	0.2583(3)	0.3123(3)	0.6326(3)	0.020(2)	0.023(2)	0.038(2)	0.006(2)	0.010(2)	0.004(2)
C(24)	2i	0.6782(3)	0.9262(3)	0.9745(2)	0.025(2)	0.035(2)	0.014(2)	0.014(2)	0.009(1)	0.004(1)
C(27)	2i	0.0713(4)	0.9385(4)	0.6516(3)	0.030(2)	0.046(3)	0.047(2)	0.011(2)	0.018(2)	0.000(2)
C(3)	2i	0.4000(4)	0.4323(3)	0.8188(3)	0.038(2)	0.031(2)	0.029(2)	0.016(2)	0.022(2)	0.013(2)
C(16)	2i	0.9529(3)	1.2391(3)	0.7878(3)	0.025(2)	0.026(2)	0.017(2)	0.009(2)	0.001(1)	0.002(1)
C(17)	2i	0.9543(3)	1.3005(3)	0.7051(3)	0.025(2)	0.019(2)	0.028(2)	0.008(1)	0.007(2)	0.006(2)

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