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{2-[2,2-Bis(4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydro-1,3-oxazol-2-yl- κ N)propyl]pyridine}-dichloridoiron(II)

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S1. Comment

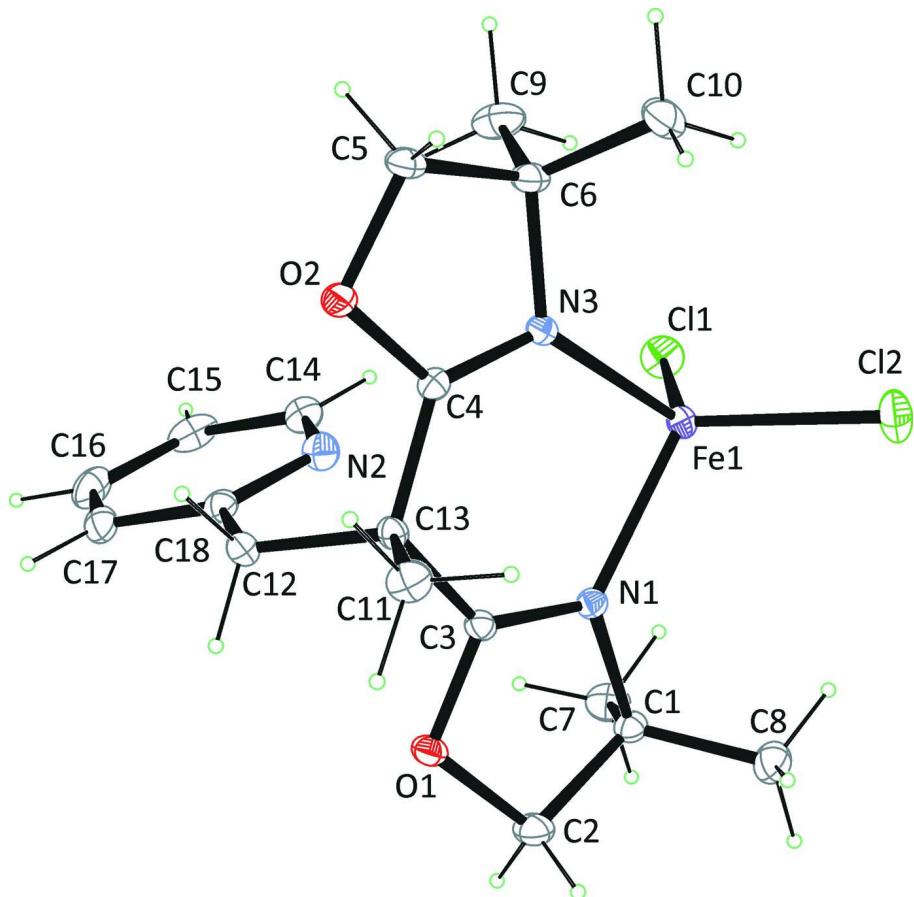
Metal complexes containing bis(oxazoline) ligands have been widely investigated in the field of homogeneous and asymmetric catalysis. This type of ligands could stabilize the pseudotetrahedral coordination environment of iron(II) affording to efficient ATRP catalyst. The complex $\text{Fe}(\text{box-py})\text{Cl}_2$ is analogous to $\text{Fe}(\text{box})\text{Cl}_2$, described in the literature (Ferro *et al.*, 2007) and has been investigated in order to obtaining an improved understanding of the factors influencing efficient ATRP catalysis in iron-based systems. The title compound $\text{Fe}(\text{box-py})\text{Cl}_2$ ($\text{box-py} = 2\text{-[2,2-Bis-(4,4-di-methyl-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl)-propyl]-pyridine}$), $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{25}\text{Cl}_2\text{Fe}_1\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$, has been used as catalyst in the framework of still not published studies on atom transfer radical polymerization (ATRP) of styrene and methylmethacrylate. The molecular structure of $\text{Fe}(\text{box-py})\text{Cl}_2$ shows a distorted tetrahedral geometry, due to the constraints imposed by the ligand ($\text{N1—Fe1—N3} = 88.85 (7)^\circ$; $\text{Cl1—Fe1—Cl2} = 113.81 (3)^\circ$). The Fe—N and Fe—Cl bond distances are similar to that found for $\text{Fe}(\text{box})\text{Cl}_2$ and for similar salicylaldiminato complex (O'Reilly *et al.*, 2003). Finally, the heteroaromatic ring is almost perpendicular to the six-membered chelated ring (angle between their mean planes is equal to $88.5 (1)^\circ$) and shows the nitrogen atom pointing towards the coordination environment of the iron.

S2. Experimental

$\text{Fe}(\text{box-py})\text{Cl}_2$ was obtained by the reaction of FeCl_2 with the ligand. Details for the synthesis will be reported in forthcoming work. Prismatic yellow crystals of the title complex were obtained by slow evaporation of a methylene chloride solution at room temperature.

S3. Refinement

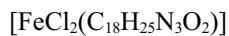
All the H atoms were generated stereochemically and refined by the riding model with C—H in the range 0.95 \AA – 0.99 \AA and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})=1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$; (1.5 for H atoms of methyl groups).

**Figure 1**

ORTEP view of the title compound. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.

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Crystal data



$M_r = 442.16$

Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$

Hall symbol: -P 2ybc

$a = 10.102 (2)$ Å

$b = 13.925 (3)$ Å

$c = 14.764 (2)$ Å

$\beta = 105.27 (1)^\circ$

$V = 2003.5 (6)$ Å³

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 920$

$D_x = 1.466 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 186 reflections

$\theta = 3.3\text{--}21.8^\circ$

$\mu = 1.04 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 173$ K

Prism, yellow

$0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$ mm

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius KappaCCD
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 9 pixels mm⁻¹

CCD rotation images, thick slices scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 2001)

$T_{\min} = 0.820$, $T_{\max} = 0.903$

16483 measured reflections

4578 independent reflections

3033 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.054$

N3—Fe1—N1—C1	175.79 (18)	Fe1—N3—C6—C10	−60.1 (3)
Cl2—Fe1—N1—C1	−69.11 (18)	C4—N3—C6—C5	12.9 (3)
Cl1—Fe1—N1—C1	61.53 (18)	Fe1—N3—C6—C5	−179.43 (15)
N1—Fe1—N3—C4	−9.9 (2)	O2—C5—C6—N3	−17.1 (3)
Cl2—Fe1—N3—C4	−122.71 (19)	O2—C5—C6—C9	98.8 (2)
Cl1—Fe1—N3—C4	106.0 (2)	O2—C5—C6—C10	−134.4 (2)
N1—Fe1—N3—C6	−175.18 (19)	N3—C4—C13—C3	−13.5 (4)
Cl2—Fe1—N3—C6	72.03 (19)	O2—C4—C13—C3	171.6 (2)
Cl1—Fe1—N3—C6	−59.23 (19)	N3—C4—C13—C12	−138.7 (3)
C3—N1—C1—C8	−130.6 (2)	O2—C4—C13—C12	46.5 (2)
Fe1—N1—C1—C8	60.6 (2)	N3—C4—C13—C11	103.4 (3)
C3—N1—C1—C7	106.6 (2)	O2—C4—C13—C11	−71.4 (2)
Fe1—N1—C1—C7	−62.3 (2)	N1—C3—C13—C4	12.4 (4)
C3—N1—C1—C2	−11.4 (3)	O1—C3—C13—C4	−171.2 (2)
Fe1—N1—C1—C2	179.80 (15)	N1—C3—C13—C12	137.6 (3)
C3—O1—C2—C1	−14.9 (2)	O1—C3—C13—C12	−46.0 (2)
N1—C1—C2—O1	15.6 (2)	N1—C3—C13—C11	−104.4 (3)
C8—C1—C2—O1	133.6 (2)	O1—C3—C13—C11	72.0 (2)
C7—C1—C2—O1	−99.4 (2)	C18—C12—C13—C4	63.0 (2)
C1—N1—C3—O1	2.4 (3)	C18—C12—C13—C3	−64.7 (2)
Fe1—N1—C3—O1	170.87 (14)	C18—C12—C13—C11	179.02 (19)
C1—N1—C3—C13	178.6 (2)	C18—N2—C14—C15	−1.3 (4)
Fe1—N1—C3—C13	−12.9 (4)	N2—C14—C15—C16	1.2 (4)
C2—O1—C3—N1	8.5 (3)	C14—C15—C16—C17	−0.1 (4)
C2—O1—C3—C13	−168.4 (2)	C15—C16—C17—C18	−0.7 (4)
C6—N3—C4—O2	−3.3 (3)	C14—N2—C18—C17	0.4 (4)
Fe1—N3—C4—O2	−170.57 (15)	C14—N2—C18—C12	−179.3 (2)
C6—N3—C4—C13	−177.9 (2)	C16—C17—C18—N2	0.6 (4)
Fe1—N3—C4—C13	14.8 (4)	C16—C17—C18—C12	−179.7 (2)
C5—O2—C4—N3	−8.6 (3)	C13—C12—C18—N2	−6.2 (3)
C5—O2—C4—C13	166.98 (19)	C13—C12—C18—C17	174.1 (2)
C4—O2—C5—C6	16.0 (2)		