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## CRYSTAL STRUCTURE AND CHARACTERIZATION OF NEUTRAL COBALT(III) 2,3-PYRIDINEDICARBOXYLATE COMPLEX

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**Abstract.** A new Co(III) complex  $[Co^{III}(2,3\text{-pdcH})_3]\cdot 3H_2O$ ,  $(2,3\text{-pdcH}_2-2,3\text{-pyridinedicarboxylic acid})$  has been synthesized from a Co(II) salt at room temperature by using  $(NH_4)_2S_2O_8$  as oxidant. The complex was characterized by elemental analysis, IR and UV-Vis spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction and thermogravimetric analyses. The complex crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$ . The crystal structure reveals a homoleptic complex with a distorted octahedral geometry, where the ligand acts as a monodeprotonated N, O-chelating anion.

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