

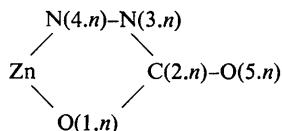
Structures of Chelates of Hydrazinecarboxylic Acid: Bis(hydrazinecarboxylato-*N'*,*O*)-zinc

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Crystals of bis(hydrazinecarboxylato-*N'*,*O*)-zinc, $\text{Zn}(\text{N}'\text{H}_2-\text{NH}-\text{COO})_2$, are monoclinic, space group Pc , with unit cell constants: $a=6.87$ (1), $b=5.08$ (1), $c=9.10$ (1) Å, $\beta=111.2$ (1)°, $V=296.5$ Å³, $Z=2$. The structure has been determined by three-dimensional data (final $R=7.9\%$). Both crystallographically independent hydrazinecarboxylato anions form, with the metal, pentatomic chelate rings



The complex around Zn is a square pyramid. The four basal corners are occupied by O(1·1), O(1·2), N(4·1), N(4·2), the apical position by O(5·2), belonging to an adjacent complex; the zinc atom is displaced 0·46 Å from the basal plane, toward the apex. The complexes form, *via* a bridging anion, chains parallel to [100]. Metal to oxygen bonds, $\text{Zn}-\text{O}_{av}=2.04 \pm 0.02$ Å, are only slightly shorter than those in the octahedral hexaquocation $\text{Zn}(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$. The distances and angles in the chelate rings are practically equal to those found in octahedral complexes of the same ligand. Following a general rule for this ligand and for α -aminoacids, one part of the molecule including N(3), C(2), O(5), O(1) lies in the same plane or nearly so while N(4) is displaced from this plane.

Introduction

Several crystal structures of compounds of hydrazinecarboxylic acid with divalent metals have been determined in this Laboratory: 3*d* metals, and sometimes magnesium, form complex chelates of octahedral types, with different geometries, whereas calcium forms compounds with coordination numbers 7 and 8. The type of coordination in compounds of this acid are of interest in connexion with the possible geometries of compounds of α -aminoacids (Freeman, 1967).

Experimental

Preparation

Crystals of the compound can be obtained from solutions of $(\text{N}_2\text{H}_5)\text{Zn}(\text{N}'\text{H}_2-\text{NH}-\text{COO})_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ after a long time. The crystals are plates or needles and are often twinned.

Crystal data

Compound: bis(hydrazinecarboxylato-*N'*,*O*)-zinc, $\text{Zn}(\text{N}'\text{H}_2-\text{NH}-\text{COO})_2$, F.W.215·48;

Crystal class: monoclinic, domatic

Unit cell (radiation Cu K α , $\lambda=1.5418$ Å)

$a=6.87$ (1), $b=5.08$ (1), $c=9.10$ (1) Å

$\beta=111.2$ (1)°

$V=296.5$ Å³; $Z=2$; $D_m=2.38$, $D_x=2.41$ g.cm⁻³

$\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha)=57.57$ cm⁻¹

Space group: $Pc(C_s^{(2)}, \text{No. } 7)$ from systematic absences and from structure determination (alternative space group $P2/c$).

Intensity data

Independent reflexions (665 out of 677 possible reflexions) of layers $h0l, \dots, h4l$ and $hk0, \dots, hk8$ were recorded on integrated Weissenberg photographs and then measured with a microdensitometer.

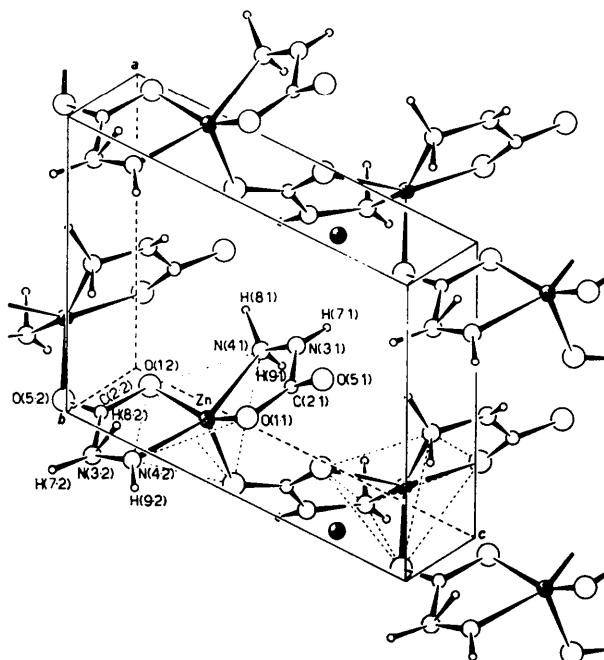


Fig. 1. Clinographic projection of the structure. The complexes around Zn at $0, 1-y, \frac{1}{4}$ and at $1, 1-y, \frac{1}{4}$ have been omitted.

Calculations

The usual corrections were applied to the intensities; no absorption correction was applied ($\mu\bar{R}_{[010]}=0.34$ and $\mu\bar{R}_{[001]}=0.23$). Atomic form factors according to Cromer & Mann (1968) were used. The structure was solved by Patterson and Fourier methods and refined by differential syntheses with anisotropic thermal parameters, following the procedure outlined in other works (e.g. Ferrari, Braibanti, Manotti Lanfredi & Tiripicchio, 1967).

The hydrogen atoms were identified in the difference map. (Final $R=7.9\%$, with and without hydrogen atom contributions).

All the calculations were performed on the computer Olivetti Elea 6001/S of Centro di Calcolo Elettronico of the University of Parma.

The results of the structure determination are summarized in Tables 1-7.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates $\times 10^4$
(with e.s.d.'s)

	x	y	z
Zn	0	2061 (3)	2500
O(1·1)	1416 (19)	4720 (13)	4218 (12)
C(2·1)	2992 (25)	3797 (23)	5338 (15)
N(3·1)	3889 (23)	1542 (21)	5028 (18)
N(4·1)	2764 (21)	0084 (18)	3699 (16)
O(5·1)	4095 (23)	5096 (19)	6521 (16)
O(1·2)	-0302 (18)	0122 (15)	0444 (11)
C(2·2)	-1731 (24)	1092 (21)	-0765 (15)
N(3·2)	-2757 (25)	3283 (27)	-0600 (18)
N(4·2)	-1935 (25)	4670 (20)	0858 (16)
O(5·2)	-2261 (20)	0081 (15)	-2100 (15)
H(7·1)	4750	0433	5725
H(8·1)	3733	-0500	3117
H(9·1)	2167	-1567	4000
H(7·2)	-3667	4133	-1583
H(8·2)	-0750	5667	0600
H(9·2)	-2417	6000	1200

Table 2. Thermal parameters (\AA^2)

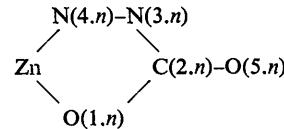
	B ₁₁ or B	B ₂₂	B ₃₃	B ₁₂	B ₁₃	B ₂₃
Zn	2.549	2.080	1.685	0.024	-0.043	0.046
O(1·1)	2.910	1.518	1.271	0.161	-0.666	-0.308
C(2·1)	2.609	2.599	2.850	1.146	-0.366	-1.503
N(3·1)	2.394	0.991	2.421	0.611	-0.807	-0.060
N(4·1)	2.078	1.907	1.394	0.152	-0.433	-0.926
O(5·1)	3.520	3.319	2.174	0.284	-0.374	-0.629
O(1·2)	2.395	1.621	0.807	0.871	-0.231	-0.508
C(2·2)	1.895	1.610	1.269	0.068	0.339	-0.170
N(3·2)	2.267	2.575	2.913	0.090	-1.112	0.288
N(4·2)	3.350	1.948	0.607	0.316	-0.341	0.421
O(5·2)	1.824	2.905	1.937	0.717	0.433	-0.593
H(7·1)	2.000					
H(8·1)	2.100					
H(9·1)	2.800					
H(7·2)	2.200					
H(8·2)	2.800					
H(9·2)	3.000					

Shifts of the last cycle:

$$|\Delta B_{ij}|_{\text{av}}=0.034, |\Delta B_{ij}|_{\text{max}}=0.159$$

Discussion

The structure (Fig. 1) consists of square pyramidal complexes containing pentatomic chelate rings



where $n=1,2$ indicates the two groups, $\text{NH}_2-\text{NH}-\text{COO}^-$, crystallographically independent. The basal corners of the pyramid are occupied by atoms O(1·1), O(1·2), N(4·1), N(4·2) and the apical position by O(5·2) of a carboxyl group chelating an adjacent metal. The distances in the complex (Fig. 2) around the zinc atom,

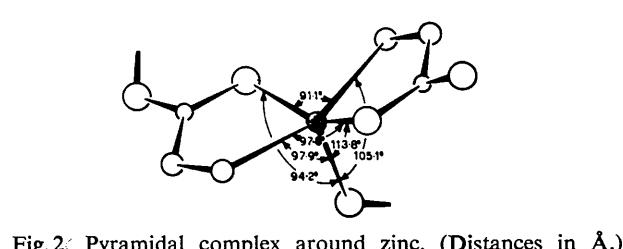
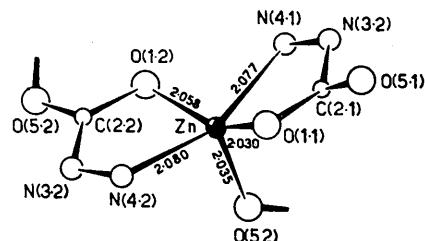


Fig. 2. Pyramidal complex around zinc. (Distances in \AA .)

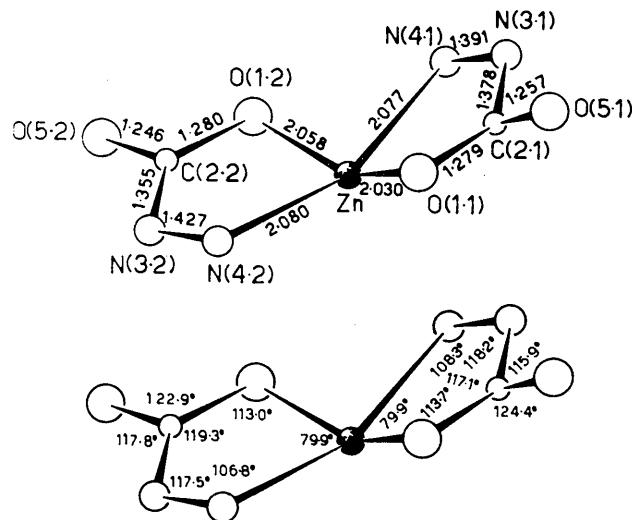


Fig. 3. Chelate rings. (Distances in \AA .)

Zn–O(1·1)=2·03, Zn–O(1·2)=2·06, Zn–O(5·2)=2·03 Å are, on the average, only a little shorter than those found in octahedral complexes, such as $\text{Zn}(\text{OH}_2)_2^{2+}$ (Ferrari, Braibanti, Manotti Lanfredi & Tiripicchio, 1967) where $\text{Zn}–\text{OH}_{2\text{av}}=2\cdot097$ Å. The distance

$\text{Zn}–\text{N}(4\cdot1)=2\cdot077$ Å is significantly longer than $\text{Zn}–\text{O}(1\cdot1)=2\cdot030$ Å and the distance $\text{Zn}–\text{N}(4\cdot2)=2\cdot080$ Å is probably longer than $\text{Zn}–\text{O}(1\cdot2)=2\cdot058$ Å; they follow the general rule that in chelate rings of hydrazinecarboxylic acid (Braibanti, Manotti Lan-

Table 3. Observed and calculated structure factors with phase angles
– after F_o indicates an unobserved reflexion

h	k	l	$10^3 \log_{10} F_o$	a	h	k	l	$10^3 \log_{10} F_o$	a	h	k	l	$10^3 \log_{10} F_o$	a	h	k	l	$10^3 \log_{10} F_o$	a	h	k	l	$10^3 \log_{10} F_o$												
0	1	135	183	0	1	5	3	48	26	178	2	5	7	82	87	182	0	7	250	302	159	4	1	104	102	271	5	1	189	184	353				
0	2	144	186	0	1	5	3	48	43	329	2	5	7	182	187	201	0	7	92	54	126	5	2	237	234	165	5	2	129	109	357				
0	3	201	211	180	0	1	5	3	64	107	13	2	9	49	152	13	1	113	120	110	4	2	276	227	357	3	2	3	187	173	361				
0	4	208	226	0	1	6	3	170	122	350	2	6	8	42	49	1	2	2	174	184	364	2	2	139	135	7	5	3	3	121	117	167			
0	5	0	178	182	0	1	0	4	190	655	1	2	6	24	41	111	1	2	169	156	26	4	3	22	225	235	360	5	3	3	127	116	188		
0	6	0	110	111	0	1	0	4	357	65	21	2	1	1	188	203	151	1	3	2	159	159	344	2	3	180	180	1	5	4	3	94	101	188	
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0	1	302	325	279	1	6	4	155	149	89	2	5	3	93	92	6	1	3	123	136	236	2	2	130	160	1	5	2	4	191	203	158			
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0	6	1	211	212	21	1	2	4	135	135	209	2	1	1	163	163	163	1	3	2	16	21	21	1	2	217	212	212	5	4	4	167	167	186	
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0	23	17	87	87	171	1	8	2	102	96	143	2	3	2	1	1	130	130	130	1	3	6	50	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88		
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0	27	219	236	1	2	1	100	186	208	2	3	2	1	0	213	239	378	2	1	1	60	63	349	181	0	0	302	325	346	5	3	2	108	105	29
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fredi, Tiripicchio & Bigoli, 1970) the metal-nitrogen bonds M-N(4) are longer than the metal oxygen bonds M-O(1). This is very likely due to the negative charge borne by O(1), and in agreement with the general lengthening of the bond C(2)-O(1) with respect to C(2)-O(5). Also in the present compound C(2-*n*)-O(1-*n*) is slightly longer (probably significantly) than C(2-*n*)-O(5-*n*). The zinc ion is displaced toward the apex from the average plane passing through O(1-1), O(1-2), N(4-1), N(4-2), whose equation is $-5.6445x - 2.3812y + 5.4671z = 0.4068$. Deviations of the atoms from this plane are $\Delta[O(1-1)] = -0.024$, $\Delta[O(1-2)] = -0.023$, $\Delta[N(4-1)] = +0.035$, $\Delta[N(4-2)] = +0.042$ and $\Delta[Zn] = +0.469 \text{ \AA}$.

Table 4. Atomic peak heights (e. \AA^{-3}), curvatures (e. \AA^{-5}) and e.s.d.'s

	ϱ	$-A_{hh}$	$-A_{kk}$	$-A_{ll}$	A_{hk}	A_{hl}	A_{kl}
Zn	obs	80.7	775	865	880	-21	222
	calc	81.7	779	867	882	-23	224
O(1-1)	obs	15.1	121	161	154	-9	30
	calc	15.2	118	161	152	-12	28
C(2-1)	obs	9.9	88	96	98	9	14
	calc	9.8	85	95	96	10	13
N(3-1)	obs	12.2	98	125	103	-2	17
	calc	12.5	99	126	104	-2	18
N(4-1)	obs	12.5	113	128	120	2	28
	calc	12.8	113	127	121	1	29
O(5-1)	obs	12.6	106	116	117	4	29
	calc	12.7	107	117	117	5	30
O(1-2)	obs	16.1	135	151	166	10	38
	calc	16.5	135	152	166	10	38
C(2-2)	obs	11.7	113	105	145	-8	41
	calc	11.7	113	105	145	-6	41
N(3-2)	obs	11.1	91	95	101	-6	15
	calc	11.1	88	93	96	-7	11
N(4-2)	obs	12.9	105	130	136	0	37
	calc	13.0	101	131	136	-2	36
O(5-2)	obs	14.9	146	141	151	11	56
	calc	15.1	146	143	141	10	56
e.s.d.'s		0.4	6	6	4	4	4

Table 5. Main bond distances and angles

Zn—O(1-1)	2.030 (9) \AA	O(1-1)—Zn—O(1-2)	151.9 (5) $^\circ$
Zn—N(4-1)	2.077 (14)	O(1-1)—Zn—N(4-1)	79.9 (5)
Zn—O(1-2)	2.058 (10)	O(1-1)—Zn—N(4-2)	97.6 (4)
Zn—N(4-2)	2.080 (13)	O(1-1)—Zn—O(5-2 ⁱ)	113.8 (5)
Zn—O(5-2 ⁱ)	2.035 (14)	O(1-2)—Zn—N(4-1)	91.1 (5)
C(2-1)—O(1-1)	1.279 (18)	O(1-2)—Zn—N(4-2)	79.9 (5)
C(2-1)—O(5-1)	1.257 (18)	O(1-2)—Zn—O(5-2 ⁱ)	94.2 (5)
N(4-1)—N(3-1)	1.391 (19)	N(4-1)—Zn—N(4-2)	155.8 (6)
C(2-1)—N(3-1)	1.378 (19)	N(4-1)—Zn—O(5-2 ⁱ)	105.1 (5)
C(2-2)—O(1-2)	1.280 (17)	N(4-2)—Zn—O(5-2 ⁱ)	97.9 (6)
C(2-2)—O(5-2)	1.246 (17)	C(2-1)—O(1-1)—Zn	113.7 (7)
N(4-2)—N(3-2)	1.427 (20)	N(3-1)—C(2-1)—O(1-1)	117.1 (12)
C(2-2)—N(3-2)	1.355 (20)	N(3-1)—C(2-1)—O(5-1)	115.9 (15)
		O(5-1)—C(2-1)—O(1-1)	124.4 (12)
		C(2-1)—N(3-1)—N(4-1)	118.2 (14)
		N(3-1)—N(4-1)—Zn	108.3 (9)
		C(2-2)—O(1-2)—Zn	113.0 (8)
		N(3-2)—C(2-2)—O(1-2)	119.3 (12)
		N(3-2)—C(2-2)—O(5-2)	117.8 (13)
		O(5-2)—C(2-2)—O(1-2)	122.9 (12)
		C(2-2)—N(3-2)—N(4-2)	117.5 (14)
		N(3-2)—N(4-2)—Zn	106.8 (8)

Table 6. Bond distances involving hydrogen atoms

N(3-1)—H(7-1)	0.89 \AA	H(7-1)—N(3-1)—C(2-1)	127.6 $^\circ$
N(4-1)—H(8-1)	1.03	H(7-1)—N(3-1)—N(4-1)	107.4
N(4-1)—H(9-1)	1.01	H(8-1)—N(4-1)—H(9-1)	107.4
N(3-2)—H(7-2)	0.99	H(8-1)—N(4-1)—N(3-1)	109.9
N(4-2)—H(8-2)	1.06	H(9-1)—N(4-1)—N(3-1)	111.0
N(4-2)—H(9-2)	0.86	H(8-1)—N(4-1)—Zn	120.4
		H(9-1)—N(4-1)—Zn	99.2
		H(7-2)—N(3-2)—C(2-2)	116.4
		H(7-2)—N(3-2)—N(4-2)	122.3
		H(8-2)—N(4-2)—H(9-2)	97.6
		H(8-2)—N(4-2)—N(3-2)	96.3
		H(9-2)—N(4-2)—N(3-2)	130.6
		H(8-2)—N(4-2)—Zn	97.0
		H(9-2)—N(4-2)—Zn	118.2

Table 7. Shortest intermolecular contacts

O(1-1)—N(4-2)	3.093 (18) \AA
O(1-1)—O(1-2 ⁱ)	3.106 (14)
O(1-1)—N(3-2 ⁱⁱ)	3.103 (23)
O(1-1)—C(2-2 ⁱⁱ)	3.039 (18)
O(1-2)—N(4-1)	2.951 (17)
O(1-2)—N(3-1 ⁱⁱⁱ)	3.153 (22)
O(1-2)—N(4-1 ⁱⁱⁱ)	3.064 (20)
O(1-2)—C(2-1 ⁱⁱⁱ)	3.043 (20)
O(5-1)—N(4-2 ^v)	3.002 (25)
O(5-2)—O(1-2 ⁱⁱⁱ)	3.000 (18)
O(5-2)—N(4-2 ⁱⁱⁱ)	3.104 (16)
Asymmetric unit transformations:	
i x, -y, $\frac{1}{2} + z$	
ii x, $1-y$, $\frac{1}{2} + z$	
iii x, -y, $z - \frac{1}{2}$	
iv x, $1-y$, $z - \frac{1}{2}$	
v x+1, $1-y$, $z + \frac{1}{2}$	

The coordination in this compound is different from the square pyramidal arrangement found in bis-(L-serinato)zinc (Van der Helm, Nicholas & Fisher, 1970) where one of the chelate ligands occupies, with oxygen, one corner of the basal plane and, with nitrogen, the apex of the pyramid.

The two hydrazinecarboxylato anions (Fig. 3) are practically equal; corresponding angles and distances repeat values found in octahedral complexes (Table 8). The slight lengthening of C(2)-O(5) and shortening of C(2)-O(1) suggest, however, that the ionic character of the carboxylato group is more pronounced here than in the octahedral complexes.

Table 8. Comparison between octahedral and pyramidal complexes of hydrazinecarboxylic acid.

	$t = \frac{\Delta d(\text{or } \Delta \bar{\alpha})}{(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)^{1/2}}$
Mean octahedral	
\bar{d}	\bar{d}
O(1)-C(2)	1.293 (6) Å
O(5)-C(2)	1.224 (6)
C(2)-N(3)	1.381 (7)
N(3)-N(4)	1.422 (7)
$\bar{\alpha}$	$\bar{\alpha}$
O(1)-C(2)-N(3)	116.74 (45)°
C(2)-N(3)-N(4)	119.14 (42)
O(1)-C(2)-O(5)	124.11 (50)
O(5)-C(2)-N(3)	118.97 (49)
Zn(N'H ₂ -NH-COO) ₂	
\bar{d}	\bar{d}
O(1·1)	1.280 (12) Å
C(2·1)	+965
N(3·1)	-296
O(5·1)	-314
N(4·1)	+545
Zn	2540
$\sigma \cdot 10^4(\text{\AA})$	
O(1·1)	-193
C(2·1)	129
N(3·1)	180
O(5·1)	173
N(4·1)	163
Zn	7
$\sum (\Delta/\sigma)^2 = 40.96$	

Table 9. Analysis of planarity of chelate rings

Ring 1

Equation of plane:

$$-5.1906x - 2.3802y + 6.3743z = 0.8486$$

	Atoms				
	in		out		
$\Delta \cdot 10^4(\text{\AA})$	O(1·1)	C(2·1)	N(3·1)	O(5·1)	N(4·1)
$\sigma \cdot 10^4(\text{\AA})$	-193	+965	-296	-314	+545

$$\sum (\Delta/\sigma)^2 = 40.96$$

Atoms 'in' are not in the same plane

Ring 2

Equation of plane:

$$-5.5189x - 2.8638y + 4.2943z = 0.3211$$

	Atoms				
	in		out		
$\Delta \cdot 10^4(\text{\AA})$	O(1·2)	C(2·2)	N(3·2)	O(5·2)	N(4·2)
$\sigma \cdot 10^4(\text{\AA})$	+13	-70	+26	+17	-2221

$$\sum (\Delta/\sigma)^2 = 0.24$$

Atoms 'in' lie in the same plane

Angle between planes 16.34°

The only differences between the two chelate rings concern the planarities of the rings or of parts of them. (Table 9). In ring 1 the atom C(2·1) is 0.09 Å above the average plane passing through O(1·1), C(2·1), N(3·1), O(5·1) and the group cannot be said to be exactly planar, though it is nearly so. The zinc ion is +0.25 Å and N(4·1)+0.05 Å out of this plane. On the other hand in ring 2, the atoms O(1·2), C(2·2), N(3·2) and O(5·2) lie on the same plane, thus maintaining the general feature of hydrazinecarboxylato chelates where these four atoms form a rigid planar group. In ring 2 the zinc ion is above the plane of the rigid portion of the molecule ($\Delta[\text{Zn}] = +0.16$ Å) whereas N(4·2) is below this plane ($\Delta[\text{N}(4·2)] = -0.22$ Å). It is a typical feature of the hydrazinecarboxylato chelates, that the metal atom and N(4), the flexible points of the whole ring, are displaced either to the same or to opposite sides of the rigid portion of the ring. The same behaviour is shown by α -aminoacids (Freeman, 1967).

The positions of the hydrogen atoms, and the angles involving them, confirm a nearly sp^2 configuration for atoms N(3·1) and N(3·2) and a nearly sp^3 configuration for atoms N(4·1) and N(4·2).

There are several intermolecular contacts in the range 2.95–3.14 Å; but none of them involves hydrogen atoms and consequently they are not hydrogen bonds. The structure, therefore, can be described as an arrangement of chains of complexes, parallel to [100], bridged by one ligand molecule. The chains are held together by van der Waals contacts.

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