

**cis-Diaquabis(*trans*-cinnamato-*O,O'*)-  
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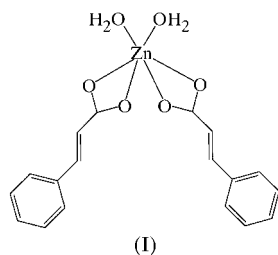
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The title complex,  $[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , shows a distorted octahedral coordination and has a crystallographic twofold rotation axis. Intermolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonding forms a two-dimensional network in the *ab* plane.

**Comment**

Metal–ligand interaction is one of the possible ways of controlling the relative arrangement of the *trans*-cinnamate



ions in the crystals to yield the desired photodimer (Ito, 1998). The structure of *cis*-diaquabis(*trans*-cinnamato-*O,O'*)zinc(II), (I), has been determined and is presented here.

**Experimental**

Crystals of (I) were grown from an aqueous solution. The crystal specimen was sealed in a capillary to avoid efflorescence.

**Crystal data** $[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$   
 $M_r = 395.72$   
Monoclinic, *C*2  
 $a = 11.728$  (4) Å  
 $b = 5.105$  (3) Å  
 $c = 14.547$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 99.83$  (2)°  
 $V = 858.2$  (5) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$  $D_x = 1.531$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo *K*α radiation  
Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 14.5$ – $15.0$ °  
 $\mu = 1.462$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 299$  (1) K  
Needle, colourless  
 $0.70 \times 0.15 \times 0.10$  mm**Data collection**

Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer

 $\theta$ - $2\theta$  scansAbsorption correction: by integration (Coppens *et al.*, 1965)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.802$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.872$   
1448 measured reflections  
1383 independent reflections  
1084 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.019$  $\theta_{\max} = 30$ °  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 17$   
 $k = -7 \rightarrow 0$   
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$   
3 standard reflections every 150 reflections  
intensity decay: none**Refinement**Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R(F) = 0.034$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.088$   
 $S = 1.05$   
1383 reflections  
150 parameters  
All H-atom parameters refined $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0404P)^2 + 0.4323P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.46$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.42$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
Absolute structure: Flack (1983), no Friedel pairs  
Flack parameter = 0.13 (2)**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1—O2	2.118 (3)	O2—C5	1.275 (5)
Zn1—O3	2.390 (3)	O3—C5	1.246 (5)
Zn1—O4	1.965 (4)		
O2—Zn1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	94.2 (2)	O3—Zn1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	136.8 (2)
O2—Zn1—O3	57.6 (1)	O3—Zn1—O4	127.0 (1)
O2—Zn1—O3 <sup>i</sup>	92.0 (1)	O3—Zn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	84.3 (1)
O2—Zn1—O4	99.6 (1)	O4—Zn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	93.8 (2)
O2—Zn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	139.9 (1)		

Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, y, 2 - z$ .**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ⋯ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H⋯ <i>A</i>
O4—H4A $\cdots$ O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.75 (5)	1.93 (5)	2.681 (5)	175 (6)
O4—H4B $\cdots$ O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.84 (7)	1.90 (7)	2.713 (4)	163 (6)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} + y, z$ ; (ii)  $x, 1 + y, z$ .

The C—H distances are in the range 0.86 (5)–0.98 (5) Å. The Flack parameter value of 0.13 (2) suggests the correct polar direction.

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