

**Bis( $\mu$ -*N*-ethyl-*N*-isopropylidithiocarbamato-*S*:*S'*)bis-[(*N*-ethyl-*N*-isopropylidithiocarbamato-*S*,*S'*)zinc(II)]**

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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.038  
 $wR$  factor = 0.094  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.5

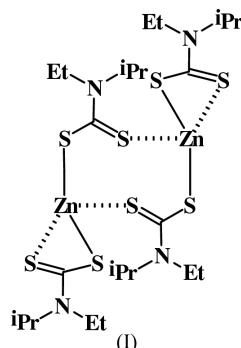
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In the centrosymmetric title compound,  $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{NS}_2)_4]$ , one dithiocarbamate group chelates the Zn atom, whereas the other is bonded to two Zn atoms.

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**Comment**

Zinc(II) dithiocarbamates adopt centrosymmetric dimeric structures (Cox & Tiekink, 1997). The geometry of the Zn atom in the title compound, (I), is similar to that found in the butylethyldithiocarbamate (Baba *et al.*, 2001) where the intra-dimer interaction is shorter and the bridging distance is longer.

**Experimental**

Carbon disulfide was added to an ethanol solution of ethylisopropylamine at 277 K followed by an ethanol solution of zinc chloride. The mixture was stirred vigorously and then set aside. The solid that separated was isolated and recrystallized from ethanol to afford the title compound.

**Crystal data**

$[\text{Zn}_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{NS}_2)_4]$	$D_x = 1.431\text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 779.88$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 8192 reflections
$a = 10.8646 (1)\text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.3\text{--}28.3^\circ$
$b = 15.0517 (1)\text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 1.81\text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 11.2934 (1)\text{ \AA}$	$T = 298 (2)\text{ K}$
$\beta = 101.419 (1)^\circ$	Block, colorless
$V = 1810.26 (3)\text{ \AA}^3$	$0.48 \times 0.44 \times 0.30\text{ mm}$
$Z = 2$	

**Data collection**

Siemens CCD area-detector diffractometer	4432 independent reflections
$\omega$ scans	3629 reflections with $(I) > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: empirical ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.061$
$T_{\min} = 0.477$ , $T_{\max} = 0.613$	$\theta_{\max} = 28.3^\circ$
12 713 measured reflections	$h = -7 \rightarrow 14$
	$k = -19 \rightarrow 20$
	$l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.094$   
 $S = 0.97$   
4432 reflections  
269 parameters  
All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0463P)^2]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.68 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.62 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
Extinction coefficient: 0.033 (1)

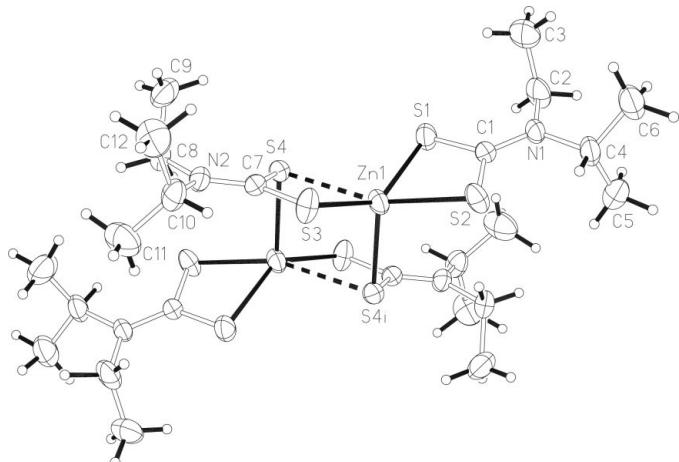
**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

Zn1–S1	2.357 (1)	Zn1–S4	2.707 (1)
Zn1–S2	2.460 (1)	Zn1–S4 <sup>i</sup>	2.408 (1)
Zn1–S3	2.362 (1)		
S1–Zn1–S2	75.1 (1)	S2–Zn1–S4 <sup>i</sup>	103.8 (1)
S1–Zn1–S3	139.7 (1)	S3–Zn1–S4	70.9 (1)
S1–Zn1–S4	92.6 (1)	S3–Zn1–S4 <sup>i</sup>	102.9 (1)
S1–Zn1–S4 <sup>i</sup>	114.9 (1)	S4–Zn1–S4 <sup>i</sup>	93.3 (1)
S2–Zn1–S3	110.0 (1)	Zn1 <sup>i</sup> –S4–Zn1	86.7 (1)
S2–Zn1–S4	161.9 (1)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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**Figure 1**  
*ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title compound at the 50% probability level. H atoms are shown as circles of arbitrary radii.

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