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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.007 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.057 wR factor = 0.152Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.2

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# Diaquabis(4,4'-bipyridine)zinc bis(2,4,6-trinitrophenolate) dihydrate

The space group of the title compound,  $[Zn(C_{10}H_8N_2)_2(H_2O)_2](C_6H_2N_3O_7)_2\cdot 2H_2O$ , reported as *Cc* [Liang *et al.* (2001). *Chin. J. Inorg. Chem.* **17**, 699–703], is revised to *C2/c*. In the revised description, the Zn atom lies on a special position of 2 symmetry (Wyckoff 2*e*); one 4,4'-bipyridine entity also lies on a twofold axis that passes through the two N atoms, whereas the other 4,4'-bipyridine entity lies on an inversion center (Wyckoff 4*a*) that lies midway between the 4-and 4'-C atoms.

#### Comment

The reaction of zinc dipicrate octahydrate with 4,4'-bipyridine gives bis(4,4'-bipyridine)diaquazinc dipicrate (Liang et al., 2000) as a dihydrate (Liang et al., 2001b), (I), as well as a monohydrated co-crystal with 4,4'-bipyridine (Liang et al., 2001a). The crystal structures of both were refined in the space group Cc; that of the dihydrate was refined to 0.087 for reflections with 2584  $I > \sigma(I)$ . However, the published packing diagram shows a centrosymmetric arrangement of the contents. In the revised C2/c setting, the structure refined to 0.057, but some retraints had to be imposed on the model (Fig. 1). In the revised description, the Zn atom lies on a twofold axis as does one of the two 4,4-bipyridine units. This axis passes through the two N atoms. The other spacer unit lies on an inversion center that is mid-way between the 4- and 4'-C atoms. Arising from the revision, the 4,4'-bipyridine-zinc layer motif is better regarded as an almost perfect square. One side is equal in length to the *b*-axial distance, whereas the other is half the c axis, as seen from the axial ratio (11.418 Å/22.908 Å) which is nearly 1/2.



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 $D_x = 1.605 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 25

 $0.18 \times 0.15 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 15.4 - 15.9^{\circ}$ 

 $\mu = 0.75 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) K

Block, yellow

 $R_{int} = 0.021$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ} \\ h = -17 \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$ 

 $k = -14 \rightarrow 0$ 

 $l = -28 \rightarrow 28$ 

2 standard reflections

frequency: 60 min

intensity decay: none

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0526P)^2]$ 

+ 9.5165*P*] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.61 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.60 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

#### Crystal data

$$\begin{split} & [\text{Zn}(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\text{-}\\ & (\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_7)_2\text{-}2\text{H}_2\text{O}\\ & M_r = 906.01\\ & \text{Monoclinic, } C2/c\\ & a = 14.391 \text{ (2) Å}\\ & b = 11.418 \text{ (1) Å}\\ & c = 22.908 \text{ (3) Å}\\ & \beta = 95.08 \text{ (1)}^\circ\\ & V = 3749.4 \text{ (8) Å}^3\\ & Z = 4 \end{split}$$

#### Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  $T_{\min} = 0.874$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.914$ 3829 measured reflections 3679 independent reflections 2020 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$   $wR(F^2) = 0.152$  S = 1.013679 reflections 278 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

The aromatic H atoms were positioned geometrically (C–H = 0.93 Å) in a riding-model approximation, and were assigned displacement parameters 1.2 times those of their parent C atoms. The water H atoms were located and refined, subject to O–H = 0.85 (1) Å and H···H = 1.39 (1) Å; the displacement parameters were similarly assigned. The aromatic ring of the anion was refined as a rigid hexagon (C–C = 1.39 Å); the three C–N distances were restrained to be approximately equal within 0.01 Å, as were the six N–O distances.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1988); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP*II (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.



### Figure 1

ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of a portion of the crystal structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

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