



## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by stirring a slurry of ZnSO<sub>4</sub>, 2,4-pentanedione, NaOH and water at ambient temperature. After 1 h, (I) precipitated quantitatively and was filtered off. After washing, the title compound was recrystallized from ethyl acetate (yield 64%).

### Crystal data

[Zn(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 299.61  
 Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*  
*a* = 10.7987 (9) Å  
*b* = 5.3744 (4) Å  
*c* = 11.1259 (11) Å  
 $\beta$  = 105.781 (7)°  
*V* = 621.37 (9) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.601 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K*α radiation  
 Cell parameters from 15112 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 3.7–28.5°  
 $\mu$  = 1.99 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 100 (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 0.34 × 0.25 × 0.23 mm

### Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II two-circle diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*MULABS*; Spek, 1990; Blessing, 1995)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.495, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.631  
 10 528 measured reflections

1601 independent reflections  
 1476 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.058  
 $\theta_{max}$  = 28.7°  
*h* = -14 → 13  
*k* = -7 → 7  
*l* = -15 → 15

### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.020  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.056  
*S* = 1.06  
 1601 reflections  
 89 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0336P)^2 + 0.0697P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.54 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å).

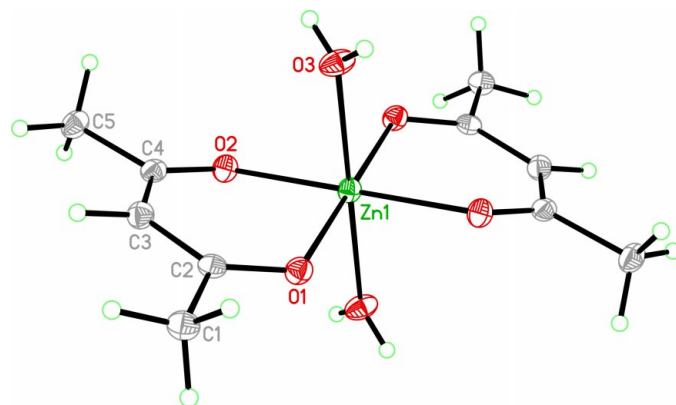
Zn1—O2	2.0319 (8)	O2—C4	1.2700 (14)
Zn1—O1	2.0491 (8)	C2—C3	1.4122 (15)
Zn1—O3	2.1849 (8)	C3—C4	1.4088 (15)
O1—C2	1.2661 (14)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O3—H3A...O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.79 (2)	2.09 (2)	2.8715 (12)	170 (2)
O3—H3B...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.78 (2)	2.122 (19)	2.8656 (11)	158.3 (19)

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



**Figure 1**

Perspective view of the title compound, with the atom numbering; displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

H atoms bonded to C atoms were refined with fixed individual displacement parameters [*U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C) or 1.5 *U*<sub>eq</sub>(C<sub>methyl</sub>)] using a riding model, with C—H = 0.95 Å or methyl C—H = 0.98 Å, respectively. The methyl groups were allowed to rotate but not to tip. The H atoms bonded to O were refined isotropically.

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: *X-AREA*; data reduction: *X-AREA*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL-Plus* (Sheldrick, 1991); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997).

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