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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.003 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.024$
$w R$ factor $=0.057$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=14.7$
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## The dimer bis( $\mu$-8-hydroxy-7-iodo-quinoline-5-sulfonato- $\left.\kappa^{3} N, O: O^{\prime}\right)$ bis[triaquamagnesium(II)] tetrahydrate

In the title crystal structure, $\left[\mathrm{Mg}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{INO}_{4} \mathrm{~S}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right]$-$4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, the $\mathrm{Mg}^{2+}$ ion has a distorted octahedral coordination geometry, surrounded by N and O atoms of the oxine ring (bidentate chelation), one of the O atoms of a sulfonate group and three water molecules. The inversion-related ligands, water molecules and $\mathrm{Mg}^{2+}$ ions form a cage-like dimer. These dimers are further cross-linked by $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds. The title compound is isomorphous with earlier reported ferron complexes of $\mathrm{Co}, \mathrm{Ni}$ and Zn .

## Comment

Metal-sulfonate interactions are of current interest. In the crystal structure of tetraaquabis(hydroxymethanesulfonato)magnesium(II), the sulfonate group and water molecules are involved in coordination (Cameron et al., 1990), whereas in the three other crystal structures, namely hexaaqua-magnesiumbis(8-anilino-1-naphthalenesulfonate) hexahydrate (Cody \& Hazel, 1977), hexaaqua(1,5-napthalenedisulfonato)magnesium (Cai et al., 2001) and the magnesium salt of 7-hydroxy-8-(phenylazo)-1,3-naphthalenedisulfonic acid (Ojala et al., 1994), the sulfonate groups are not involved in coordination and the metal atoms are surrounded only by water molecules. Recently, many crystal structures of metalsulfoxinate complexes have been reported. In one type, the organic ligands are stacked over one another, each pair of adjacent members of the stack being inversion related. They also serve as the rungs of a ladder, whereas the $\mathrm{O}-M-$ O (sulfonate) bonds form the rails of a ladder. This arrangement has been observed in the ferron complexes of copper (Francis et al., 2003a), cadmium (Francis et al., 2004), barium (Muthiah et al., 2003) and calcium (Francis et al., 2003). In another type, two inversion-related ligands, metal ions and water molecules form a cage-like dimer. These discrete dimeric units are further cross-linked through $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds. This has been observed in the ferron complexes of nickel (Raj et al., 2003), cobalt (Balasubramanian, 1995) and zinc (Francis et al., 2003b), and in the title compound, (I).


In the title crystal structure, the asymmetric unit contains half of the dimeric unit and two uncoordinated water mol-

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 ellipsoids.


Figure 2
The supramolecular ladder in (I), made up of $\mathrm{Mg}-\mathrm{O}$ (sulfonate) bonds and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds.
ecules. The coordination of the $\mathrm{Mg}^{2+}$ ion is distorted octahedral, consisting of $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{N} 1)$ and $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{O} 4)$ atoms of the oxine ring, one of the $\mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ (symmetry code as in Table 1) atoms of a sulfonate group and three water molecules (Fig. 1). The bond distances and angles (Table 1) in this complex agree with those in related sulfonate complexes (Cai et al., 2001; Cameron et al., 1990; Francis et al., 2003b). The two inversion-related ligands, two $\mathrm{Mg}^{2+}$ ions and coordinated water molecules form a cage-like dimer. Neighbouring dimers are cross-linked through $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds, leading to supramolecular ladders involving water molecules and O atoms ( O 1 and O 2 ) of the sulfonate group (Fig. 2). This is represented as $\left(-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 1 W-\mathrm{H} 2 W \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{S} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{O} 3^{\mathrm{ii}}-\right.$ $\left.\mathrm{Mg} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}\right)$ and $\left(-\mathrm{Mg} 1-\mathrm{O} 2 W-\mathrm{H} 3 W \cdots \mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{S} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{O} 3^{\mathrm{ii}}-\mathrm{Mg} 1^{\mathrm{ii}}\right)$ (symmetry code as in Table 2). These ladders are interconnected by $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds, leading to a threedimensional network (Fig. 3).

One of the uncoordinated O atoms (O1) of the sulfonate group accepts an H atom from the coordinated water molecule (O1W) to form a six-membered hydrogen-bonded ring. The coordinated water molecules ( $\mathrm{O} 1 W$ and $\mathrm{O} 2 W$ ) donate H atoms to the sulfonate O atoms $(\mathrm{O} 1$ and O 2$)$ of the neighbouring dimer to form a fork-like interaction. The neigh-


Figure 3
A view of the molecular network in (I).
bouring dimers are bridged by an uncoordinated water molecule $(\mathrm{O} 5 W)$, schematically represented as $\mathrm{O} 4^{\mathrm{iv}} \cdots \mathrm{H} 10 W-\mathrm{O} 5 W-\mathrm{H} 9 W \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{v}}-\mathrm{S}^{\mathrm{v}}-\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{v}}-\mathrm{Mg}^{\mathrm{v}}$. The water molecules (O3W, O4W and O5W) interact with quinolinol oxygen ( O 4$)$ to generate a hydrogen-bonded ring motif ( $\mathrm{O} 44^{\mathrm{iv}} \cdots \mathrm{H} 10 W-\mathrm{O} 5 W \cdots \mathrm{H} 5 W-\mathrm{O} 3 W-\mathrm{H} 6 W \cdots \mathrm{O} 4 W^{\text {iv }}-$ $\left.\mathrm{H} 8 W^{\text {iv }} \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\text {iv }}\right)$. Two such motifs are further bridged by a pair of $\mathrm{O} 4 W-\mathrm{H} 7 W \ldots \mathrm{O} 5 W$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2). The hydrogen-bonded network and coordination geometry of the title compound resemble those observed in the ferron complexes of zinc (Francis et al., 2003b), cobalt (Balasubramanian, 1995) and nickel (Raj et al., 2003), with which it is isomorphous. Within the dimer, the benzene and pyridine rings are stacked over one another. The interplanar and centroid-to-centroid distances are 3.448 and 3.487 (2) $\AA$, respectively, and the angle between the plane normal and the line joining the centroids (slip angle) is $7.6^{\circ}$.

## Experimental

A hot aqueous solution of ferron ( 85 mg , Riedel de-Haen) was added to a suspension of $\mathrm{MgO}(10 \mathrm{mg}, \mathrm{LOBA})$ in 15 ml of acetone. The solution was warmed over a water bath for 5 h . The solution was filtered hot. After a few days of slow evaporation, plate-shaped yellow crystals were obtained.

## Crystal data

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[Mg}2(\mp@subsup{\textrm{C}}{9}{}\mp@subsup{\textrm{H}}{4}{}\mp@subsup{\textrm{INO}}{4}{}\textrm{S}\mp@subsup{)}{2}{}(\mp@subsup{\textrm{H}}{2}{}\textrm{O}\mp@subsup{)}{6}{}]\cdot4\mp@subsup{\textrm{H}}{2}{}\textrm{O
Mr}=926.9
Monoclinic, C2/c
a=22.584 (5) A
b=10.026 (2) A
c=13.401 (3) \AA
\beta=102.26 (3)}\mp@subsup{}{}{\circ
V=2965.1 (12) \AA \AA
Z=4
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$D_{x}=2.077 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 13536
reflections
$\theta=4.2-26.1^{\circ}$
$\mu=2.39 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293$ (2) K
Plate, yellow
$0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.10 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Kuma KM-4 CCD diffractometer $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(XEMP; Siemens, 1990)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.566, T_{\text {max }}=0.788$
16426 measured reflections
2924 independent reflections

## Refinement

| Refinement on $F^{2}$ | $w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0313 P)^{2}\right.$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.024$ | $+3.8372 P]$ |
| $w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.057$ | where $P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3$ |
| $S=1.05$ | $(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001$ |
| 2924 reflections | $\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.55 \mathrm{e} \AA \AA^{-3}$ |
| 199 parameters | $\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.72 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$ |

2605 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.034$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=26.1^{\circ}$
$h=-27 \rightarrow 27$
$k=-10 \rightarrow 12$
$l=-15 \rightarrow 16$

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\begin{aligned}
& \begin{aligned}
& w=1 / {\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0313 P)^{2}\right.} \\
&+3.8372 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3 \\
&(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.55 \mathrm{e} \AA \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.72 \mathrm{e}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
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H atoms of the aromatic C atoms were positioned geometrically and all other H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map. All H atoms were treated as riding atoms, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ distances of $0.93-0.96$ and $0.82-0.85 \AA$, respectively $\left[U_{\text {iso }}(H)=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C}\right.$ or O$\left.)\right]$.

Data collection: KM-4 CCD Software (Kuma, 1999); cell refinement: KM-4 CCD Software; data reduction: KM-4 CCD Software; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: PLATON97 (Spek, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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