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## Key indicators

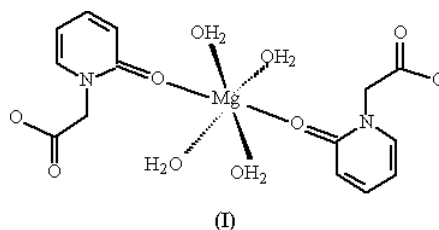
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.043  
 $wR$  factor = 0.120  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.1For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Tetraaquabis[(2-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetato]-  
magnesium(II)

The title complex, tetraaquabis[(2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-1-yl)acetato]magnesium(II),  $[\text{Mg}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ , is a neutral mononuclear molecule consisting of an  $\text{Mg}^{\text{II}}$  ion, two (2-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetate ligands and four coordinated water molecules. The  $\text{Mg}^{\text{II}}$  atom, located on a symmetry center, has octahedral coordination involving two carbonyl O atoms of different (2-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetate ligands and four water molecules.  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds form a layer structure.

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## Comment

(4-Oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetic acid, known as an important medical intermediate (Edwards *et al.*, 1977), is a potential multidentate ligand with a versatile binding mode. However, there is little information on the structure of metal complexes of this acid. Recently, we used the 4-oxo-1(4*H*)-(carboxymethyl)pyridinium hydroxide inner salt to prepare metal complexes (Gao *et al.*, 2004; Zhang *et al.*, 2004). In order to explore the structural properties of related complexes, we have synthesized the title magnesium(II) complex, (I), by the reaction of (2-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetic acid with magnesium(II) nitrate hexahydrate under basic conditions. The crystal structure of (I) is described here.



As illustrated in Fig. 1, the title complex has a mononuclear structure, in which the (2-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetate groups are bonded to the  $\text{Mg}^{\text{II}}$  atom through the carbonyl O atoms in a monodentate fashion. The  $\text{Mg}^{\text{II}}$  atom is located on an inversion center and is coordinated by two carbonyl O atoms and four water molecules, forming an octahedral coordination geometry. The  $\text{Mg}-\text{O}_{\text{carbonyl}}$  bond distance is 2.027 (1)  $\text{\AA}$ , and the average  $\text{Mg}-\text{O}_{\text{water}}$  distance is 2.080 (1)  $\text{\AA}$ . The carboxy group and pyridine ring in the (2-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetate anion are not coplanar; they form a dihedral angle of 80.8 (3)°. The C2—C3, C4—C5 and C1—O3 bond lengths are 1.360 (3), 1.351 (3) and 1.246 (2)  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively.  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds are formed between water molecules and the uncoordinated O atoms in the carboxylate groups of adjacent molecules, with  $\text{O}\cdots\text{O}$  distances in the range 2.717 (2)–2.933 (2)  $\text{\AA}$  and  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  bond angles of

175 (3)–179 (2)°, resulting in a layered structure (Table 2 and Fig. 2).

## Experimental

The title complex was prepared by the addition of  $\text{Mg}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5.13 g, 20 mmol) to an aqueous solution of (2-oxo-4*H*-pyridin-1-yl)acetic acid (5.84 g, 40 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred and the pH was adjusted to 7 with 0.2 *M* NaOH solution. After evaporation at room temperature for a week, colorless single crystals were obtained from the filtered solution. Analysis calculated for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{20}\text{MgN}_2\text{O}_{10}$ : C 43.12, H 4.63, N 7.01%; found: C 41.97, H 5.03, N 6.99%.

### Crystal data

$[\text{Mg}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$	$D_x = 1.486 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 400.63$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 5735 reflections
$a = 10.550 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3.3\text{--}27.4^\circ$
$b = 7.099 (1) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.16 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 13.056 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 113.70 (3)^\circ$	Prism, colorless
$V = 895.3 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.38 \times 0.24 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 2$	

### Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer	2054 independent reflections
$\omega$ scans	1839 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.943$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.969$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$
8176 measured reflections	$h = -13 \rightarrow 13$
	$k = -8 \rightarrow 9$
	$l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0672P)^2 + 0.2876P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.120$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$S = 1.06$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.35 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2054 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.27 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
136 parameters	
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	

**Table 1**

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

Mg1—O1W	2.060 (1)	O3—C1	1.246 (2)
Mg1—O2W	2.099 (1)	C2—C3	1.360 (3)
Mg1—O3	2.027 (1)	C4—C5	1.351 (3)
O3—Mg1—O1W	90.97 (7)	O1W—Mg1—O2W	91.08 (5)
O3—Mg1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	89.03 (7)	O1W—Mg1—O2W <sup>i</sup>	88.92 (5)
O3—Mg1—O2W <sup>i</sup>	88.51 (5)	N1—C6—C7	111.3 (1)
O3—Mg1—O2W	91.49 (5)		

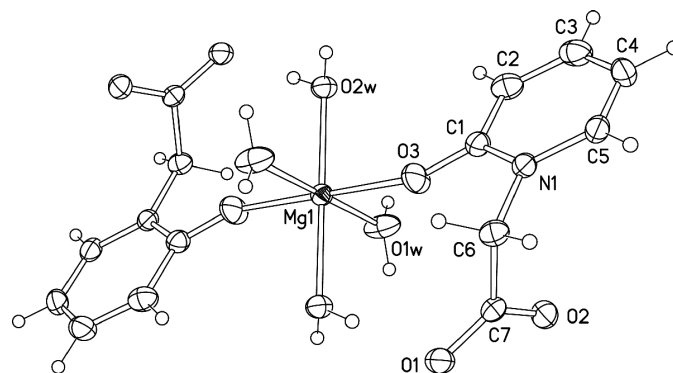
Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y, 1 - z$ .

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

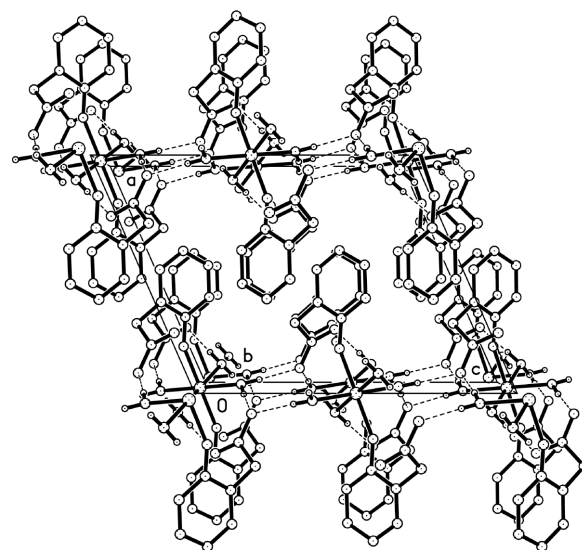
$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
O1W—H1W2 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86 (2)	1.88 (1)	2.735 (2)	175 (3)
O1W—H1W1 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86 (2)	1.93 (1)	2.779 (2)	175 (3)
O2W—H2W2 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.86 (2)	1.86 (1)	2.717 (2)	177 (2)
O2W—H2W1 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.86 (2)	2.09 (2)	2.933 (2)	179 (2)

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



**Figure 1**

Structure of the title compound, showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids for the non-H atoms.



**Figure 2**

Packing diagram of the complex, viewed along the  $b$  axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

H atoms of the water molecules were located in difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically, with the O—H and H $\cdots$ H distances restrained to 0.85 (1) and 1.39 (1)  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . The other H atoms were placed in calculated positions [ $\text{C—H} = 0.93$  and  $0.97 \text{ \AA}$ ] and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS & Rigaku, 2002); 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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