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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 293$  K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å

$R$  factor = 0.024

$wR$  factor = 0.065

Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.4

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## Rerefinement of poly[[tetra- $\mu$ -oxo-dioxobis-(1,10-phenanthroline- $\kappa^2N,N$ )dimolybdenum(VI)-iron(II)]-di- $\mu$ -oxo] in the centrosymmetric space group $P2_1/m$

Polymeric  $[\text{Fe}_2\{\text{MoO}_4\}_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]_n$  adopts a chain structure that propagates linearly along the  $b$  axis of the monoclinic unit cell. The  $(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)\text{Fe}$  moiety lies on a mirror plane, as does the  $\text{MoO}_4$  moiety; two  $\text{MoO}_4$  anions link two  $(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)\text{Fe}$  entities to form an eight-membered  $\text{Fe}-\text{O}-\text{Mo}-\text{O}-\text{Fe}-\text{O}-\text{Mo}-\text{O}-$  ring; the Fe atom is five-coordinate in a trigonal bipyramidal environment; the phenanthroline ligand spans the axial-equatorial sites.

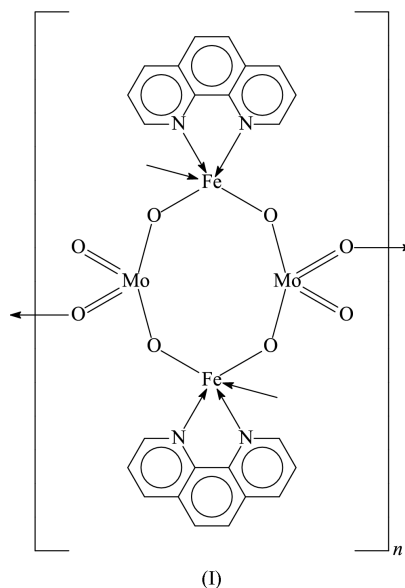
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#### Comment

The title compound, (I), was previously refined in the space group  $P2_1$  (Chu *et al.*, 2001); a check with *PLATON* (Spek, 2003) shows that the structure is better described in  $P2_1/m$ . In this setting, it is isostructural with the Zn analog, which was also reported earlier (Hagrman & Zubieta, 1999); both structures have been described in detail. With the refinement based on new diffraction measurements, the  $(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)\text{Fe}$  moiety lies on a mirror plane, as does the  $\text{MoO}_4$  moiety; two  $\text{MoO}_4$  anions link two  $(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)\text{Fe}$  entities to form an eight-membered  $\text{Fe}-\text{O}-\text{Mo}-\text{O}-\text{Fe}-\text{O}-\text{Mo}-\text{O}-$  ring (Fig. 1).



#### Experimental

A mixture of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.194 g, 0.8 mmol),  $\text{FeCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.123 g, 0.62 mmol), 1,10-phenanthroline (0.054 g, 0.3 mmol), ethylenediamine (0.034 g, 0.58 mmol) and water (7 ml) was placed in a 15 ml Teflon-lined stainless-steel bomb, which was heated at 448 K for 120 h. The bomb was cooled slowly to room temperature and black block-shaped crystals were isolated in about 45% yield. Analysis found: C 36.35, H 2.07, N 7.02%; calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{FeMoN}_2\text{O}_4$ : C 36.40, H 2.04, N 7.07%.

Crystal data

[Fe<sub>2</sub>Mo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 791.99  
 Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*m*  
*a* = 8.873 (1) Å  
*b* = 6.567 (1) Å  
*c* = 10.629 (2) Å  
 β = 100.437 (2)°  
*V* = 609.1 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 1

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 2.159 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo Kα radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2636 reflections  
 θ = 2.3–27.6°  
 μ = 2.23 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 293 (2) K  
 Block, black  
 0.13 × 0.11 × 0.11 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX area-detector diffractometer  
 φ and ω scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)  
*T<sub>min</sub>* = 0.697, *T<sub>max</sub>* = 0.791  
 4906 measured reflections

1469 independent reflections  
 1360 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)  
*R<sub>int</sub>* = 0.025  
 θ<sub>max</sub> = 27.5°  
*h* = -11 → 11  
*k* = -8 → 8  
*l* = -13 → 13

Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R* [*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.024  
*wR* (*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.065  
*S* = 1.04  
 1469 reflections  
 118 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

*w* = 1/[σ<sup>2</sup>(*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup>) + (0.0414*P*)<sup>2</sup> + 0.0379*P*]  
 where *P* = (*F<sub>o</sub>*<sup>2</sup> + 2*F<sub>c</sub>*<sup>2</sup>)/3  
 (Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.39 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -0.33 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mo1—O1	1.778 (2)	Fe1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	1.980 (2)
Mo1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	1.778 (2)	Fe1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.068 (3)
Mo1—O2	1.748 (2)	Fe1—N1	2.143 (3)
Mo1—O3	1.708 (3)	Fe1—N2	2.190 (3)
Fe1—O1	1.980 (2)		
O1—Mo1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	109.1 (1)	O1—Fe1—N2	90.8 (1)
O1—Mo1—O2	110.6 (1)	O1 <sup>ii</sup> —Fe1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	91.2 (1)
O1—Mo1—O3	109.2 (1)	O1 <sup>ii</sup> —Fe1—N1	111.6 (1)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Mo1—O2	110.6 (1)	O1 <sup>ii</sup> —Fe1—N2	90.8 (1)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Mo1—O3	109.2 (1)	O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Fe1—N1	97.9 (1)
O2—Mo1—O3	108.4 (2)	O2 <sup>iii</sup> —Fe1—N2	174.8 (1)
O1—Fe1—O1 <sup>ii</sup>	135.9 (1)	N1—Fe1—N2	76.9 (1)
O1—Fe1—O2 <sup>iii</sup>	91.2 (1)	Mo1—O1—Fe1	153.4 (1)
O1—Fe1—N1	111.6 (1)	Mo1—O2—Fe1 <sup>iii</sup>	170.2 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i) *x*,  $\frac{3}{2}$  - *y*, *z*; (ii) *x*,  $\frac{1}{2}$  - *y*, *z*; (iii) 2 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 2 - *z*.

H atoms were positioned geometrically [C—H = 0.93 Å; *U<sub>iso</sub>*(H) = 1.2*U<sub>eq</sub>*(C)] and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation.

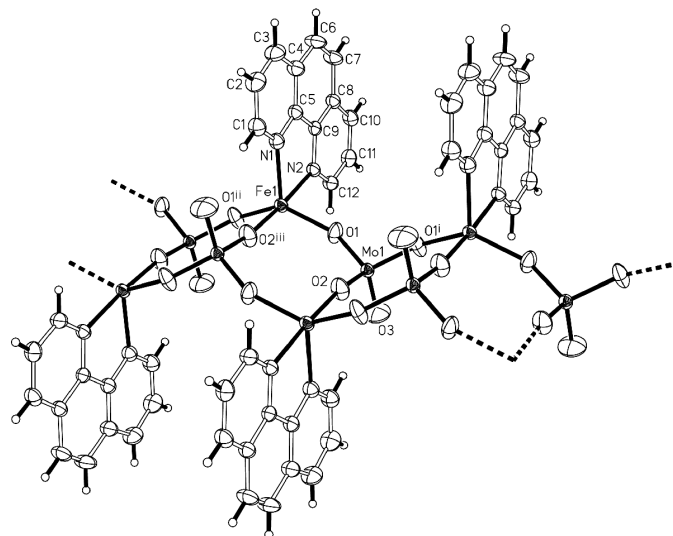


Figure 1

ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot (50% probability displacement ellipsoids) of a fragment of the polymeric chain of the title compound. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry codes: (i) *x*,  $\frac{3}{2}$  - *y*, *z*; (ii) *x*,  $\frac{1}{2}$  - *y*, *z*; (iii) 2 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 2 - *z*.]

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: SAINTE (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: SAINTE; method used to solve structure: atomic coordinates taken from the Zn analog (Hagrman & Zubieta, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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