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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 183\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.054
 wR factor = 0.165
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.8For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.(Acetonitrile- κN)(2,3,5,7,8,10,12,13,15,17,18,20-dodecaphenylporphyrinato- $\kappa^4 N$)zinc(II) acetonitrile solvate

The structure of the title compound, $[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_{92}\text{H}_{60}\text{N}_4)(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{N})]\cdot\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{N}$, shows relatively small saddle-type distortion with ruffling, compared to other dodecaphenylporphyrin complexes.

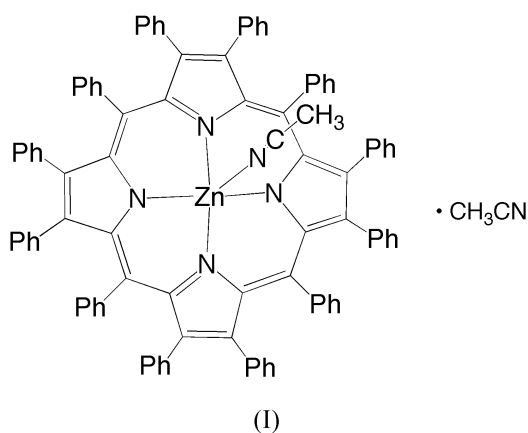
Comment

Zinc(II)–porphyrin complexes have been well studied in terms of photochemical behavior to mimic photosynthetic systems, in which a long-lived charge separation is required (Gust *et al.*, 2001, and references therein). As for the porphyrin ligands, multisubstituted porphyrins are known to exhibit severe distortion (Shelnutt *et al.*, 1998). Among those distorted porphyrins, 2,3,5,7,8,10,12,13,15,17,18,20-dodecaphenylporphyrin (H_2DPP) is known to show a large saddle-type distortion (Medforth *et al.*, 1992). In the absence of its crystal structure, the zinc(II) complex of DPP^{2-} has been reported to show a reduced lifetime of the lowest excited state, compared to a planar ZnTPP (TPP^{2-} is the 5,10,11,20-tetraphenylporphyrin dianion) (Gentemann *et al.*, 1997). In order to obtain structural information, we have determined the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).

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The crystal structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1. The geometry around the Zn^{II} center is distorted square-pyramidal and the DPP^{2-} ligand exhibits a saddle distortion with ruffling (Fig. 2). The distortion is described in terms of the deviation of each atom from the least-squares plane of the porphyrin core (in units of 0.01 Å in Fig. 3). The deviation of each atom is quite small (up to 0.60 Å) compared with those of other metal complexes of the DPP^{2-} ligand, in which deviations are over 1 Å (Retsek *et al.*, 2003; Harada *et al.*, 2004). However, the deviation is larger than those of five-coordinate Zn – TPP -type complexes (Collins & Hoard, 1970; Boblik & Walker, 1980; Li *et al.*, 1997). The Zn^{II} ion is located 0.233 (1) Å above the least-

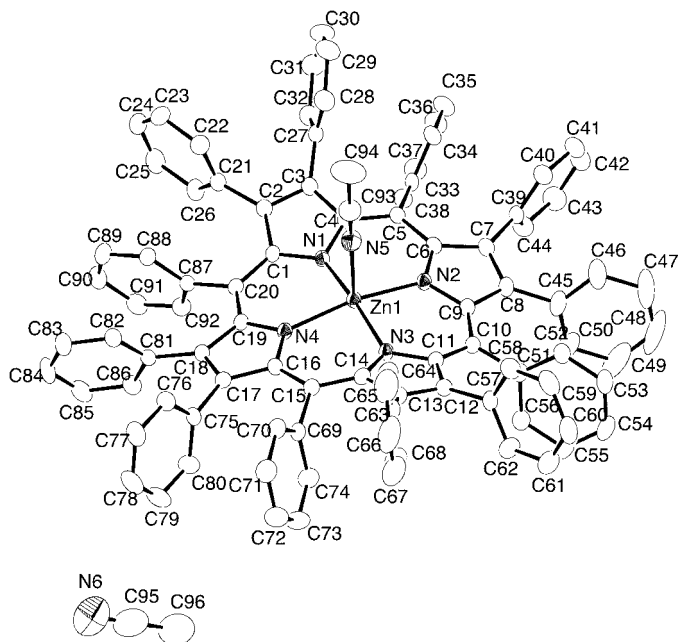


Figure 1
A view of the structure of (I), with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted.

squares plane consisting of atoms N1–N4 toward the acetonitrile ligand. The displacement of the Zn^{II} ion is smaller than that in Zn(TPP)(dimethylsulfoxide) [Vinodu & Goldberg, 2004; 0.317 (1) Å] and the complex reported by Li *et al.* (1997; 0.399 Å).

Experimental

Zn(DPP) (Ono *et al.*, 1998) (10 mg, 7.8 × 10⁻⁶ mol) was recrystallized from CHCl₃/CH₃CN (1:1 *v/v*, 5 ml) to obtain crystals of the title compound.

Crystal data

[Zn(C₉₂H₆₀N₄)(C₂H₃N)]·C₂H₃N
M_r = 1369.00
 Triclinic, P1
a = 11.4472 (7) Å
b = 18.136 (2) Å
c = 19.063 (2) Å
 α = 117.072 (3)°
 β = 96.767 (2)°
 γ = 91.495 (3)°
V = 3485.3 (5) Å³
Z = 2
D_x = 1.304 Mg m⁻³
 Mo Kα radiation
 Cell parameters from 8989 reflections
 θ = 3.1–27.5°
 μ = 0.41 mm⁻¹
T = 183.1 K
 Block, green
 0.75 × 0.18 × 0.09 mm

Data collection

Rigaku/MSC Mercury CCD diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: numerical (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2000)
T_{min} = 0.966, *T_{max}* = 0.990
 27 953 measured reflections
 15 607 independent reflections
 11 469 reflections with *F*² > 2σ(*F*²)
R_{int} = 0.046
 θ_{max} = 27.5°
h = -14 → 10
k = -21 → 23
l = -24 → 24

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R[*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.054
wR(*F*²) = 0.165
S = 1.00
 15 590 reflections
 928 parameters
 H-atom parameters not refined
w = 1/[σ²(*F_o*²) + (0.092)[max(*F_o*², 0) + 2*F_o*²/3]²]
 (Δσ)_{max} = 0.001
 Δρ_{max} = 0.89 e Å⁻³
 Δρ_{min} = -0.62 e Å⁻³

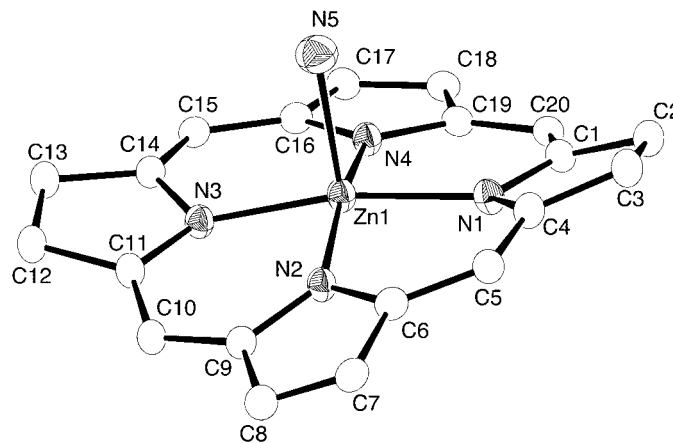


Figure 2
The structure of the porphyrin core of (I).

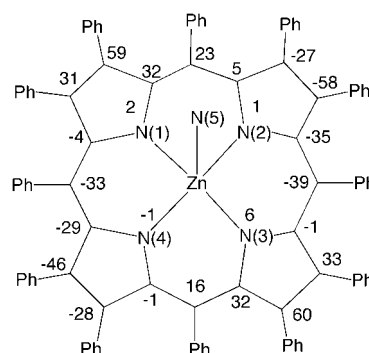


Figure 3
The deviation of each atom from the least-squares plane of 24 atoms of the porphyrin core (in units of 0.01 Å).

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1–N1	2.030 (2)	Zn1–N4	2.095 (2)
Zn1–N2	2.106 (2)	Zn1–N5	2.204 (2)
Zn1–N3	2.032 (2)		
N1–Zn1–N2	89.43 (8)	N2–Zn1–N4	166.19 (7)
N1–Zn1–N3	167.95 (8)	N2–Zn1–N5	96.18 (8)
N1–Zn1–N4	89.39 (8)	N3–Zn1–N4	89.34 (8)
N1–Zn1–N5	94.76 (8)	N3–Zn1–N5	97.28 (8)
N2–Zn1–N3	88.95 (8)	N4–Zn1–N5	97.63 (8)

H atoms were position geometrically (C–H = 0.96 Å and were included but not refined. 17 reflections were omitted in the course of the least-squares refinement of the setting *I* > -10σ(*I*).

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2000); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation & Rigaku, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *PATY* in *DIRDIF94* (Beurskens *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation & Rigaku, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999).

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