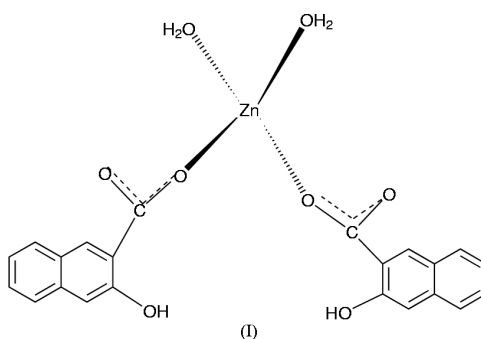


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hailiang\_zhu@163.com**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.015$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.057  
 $wR$  factor = 0.158  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.4For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Diaquabis(3-hydroxynaphthalene-2-carboxyl-  
ato- $\kappa\text{O}$ )zinc(II)**

The title compound,  $[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_7\text{O}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , is a mononuclear zinc(II) complex, with the Zn atom on a twofold rotation axis, coordinated by two O atoms from two water molecules and two O atoms from two 3-hydroxynaphthalene-2-carboxylate ligands, in a distorted tetrahedral geometry. The crystal structure is stabilized by  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming a two-dimensional network.

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Recently, there has been growing interest in the photochemistry of luminescent Zn(II) coordination complexes. As colourless  $d^{10}$  metal ions, zinc(II) can assume coordination geometries from tetrahedral through trigonal-bipyramidal and square-pyramidal to octahedral, and hence is suitable for the construction of luminescent coordination complexes (Zheng & Chen, 2004). Our interest in the luminescent properties of zinc(II) complexes has led us to the title complex, (I), a new mononuclear zinc(II) complex of the 3-hydroxynaphthalene-2-carboxylate (H-na) ligand. We report here the crystal structure of (I).



The asymmetric unit of (I) consists of a half-molecule, with the Zn atom lying on a crystallographic twofold axis; the other half of the molecule is generated by the twofold axis. In this four-coordinate complex (Fig. 1), the Zn atom is in a severely distorted tetrahedral geometry, with the bond angles around it ranging from  $93.3$  (2) to  $128.6$  (4) $^\circ$  (Table 1). The Zn—O bond lengths show normal values. In the crystal structure,  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonding involving the water, carboxylate and hydroxyl O atoms forms a two-dimensional network parallel to the (001) plane (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

**Experimental**

A  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1/1 v/v, 10 ml) solution containing  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.131 g, 0.5 mmol) and 3-hydroxynaphthalene-2-carboxylic acid (0.188 g, 1 mmol) was stirred for 1 h in air, and then placed in a Parr Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel (18 ml). The vessel was sealed and

heated at 423 K for 24 h, cooled to 373 K at a rate of 8 K h<sup>-1</sup> and held at that temperature for 12 h, followed by further cooling to room temperature. Pale-yellow crystals of (I) were collected, washed with water, and dried in a vacuum using CaCl<sub>2</sub> (yield 50%). Elemental analysis found: C 55.32, H 3.68, O 27.03%; calculated for C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>8</sub>Zn: C 55.54, H 3.81, O 26.90%.

#### Crystal data

[Zn(C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	$D_x = 1.459 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 475.73$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C_2$	Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$a = 15.597(9) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 7.5\text{--}15.0^\circ$
$b = 5.509(4) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 1.18 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 12.648(7) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293(2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 95.06(2)^\circ$	Block, pale yellow
$V = 1082.5(12) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.52 \times 0.20 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 2$	

#### Data collection

Siemens R3m diffractometer	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.089$
$\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$
Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	$h = 0 \rightarrow 19$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.579$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.816$	$k = 0 \rightarrow 6$
1227 measured reflections	$l = -15 \rightarrow 15$
1180 independent reflections	2 standard reflections every 200 reflections
879 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	intensity decay: none

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0945P)^2 + 0.6786P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.158$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$S = 1.02$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.41 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1180 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.54 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
141 parameters	Absolute structure: Flack (1983);
H-atom parameters constrained	0 Friedel pairs
	Flack parameter = 0.00 (4)

**Table 1**

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

Zn1—O1W	1.996 (6)	Zn1—O2	2.010 (6)
O1W—Zn1—O1W <sup>i</sup>	101.3 (4)	O1W—Zn1—O2	93.3 (2)
O1W—Zn1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	119.5 (2)	O2 <sup>i</sup> —Zn1—O2	128.6 (4)

Symmetry code: (i)  $2 - x, y, -z$ .

**Table 2**

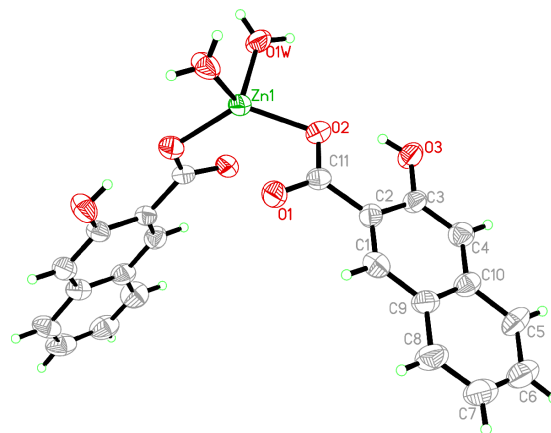
Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
O1W—H1W <sup>ii</sup> ...O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.82	1.89	2.688 (9)	165
O1W—H2W <sup>iii</sup> ...O3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.87	1.89	2.747 (8)	173
O3—H3...O2	0.82	1.86	2.591 (8)	148

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

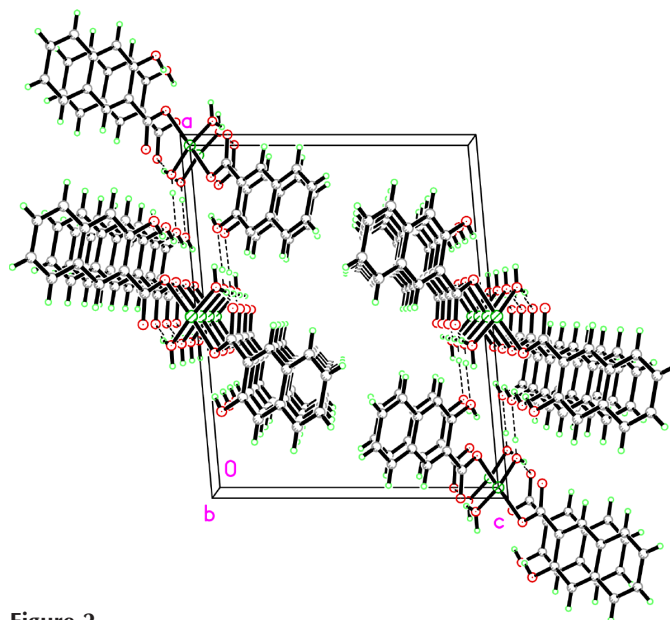
Water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were allowed to ride on the O atom, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ . All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions ( $\text{O--H} = 0.85 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\text{C--H} = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ ) and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

Data collection: *SHELXTL-Plus* (Siemens, 1990); cell refinement: *SHELXTL-Plus*; data reduction: *SHELXTL-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics:



**Figure 1**

The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atomic numbering for the contents of the asymmetric unit. Atom Zn1 lies on a crystallographic twofold axis. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by  $2 - x, y, -z$ .



**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of (I), showing O—H...O hydrogen-bonding interactions as dashed lines.

*SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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