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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=273 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.005 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.041$
$w R$ factor $=0.124$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=14.2$
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## \{1,1'-[1,3-Propanediylbis(nitrilomethylidyne)]-di-2-naphtholato\}zinc(II), containing a squareplanar $\mathbf{Z n O}_{2} \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{2}}$ group

The title compound, $\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\right]$, is a mononuclear zinc(II) complex. The Zn atom is located on a mirror plane and is coordinated by two N atoms and two O atoms from a Schiff base ligand in a slightly distorted square-planar geometry.

## Comment

The synthesis and structure of the title compound, (I), is reported, as part of ongoing studies of model zinc complexes related to those with biological functions ( $\mathrm{Wu}, 2004$ ).

(I)

Compound (I) is a mononuclear zinc(II) complex (Fig. 1). The central Zn atom, located on a mirror plane, is coordinated by two O atoms and two N atoms of the Schiff base ligand. This $\mathrm{ZnO}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ coordination has a slightly distorted squareplanar geometry [both trans- $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}$ angles are $\left.173.59(11)^{\circ}\right]$, with the Zn atom displaced by 0.011 (2) $\AA$ from the plane of the four donor atoms. The $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{O}$ bond length in (I) (Table 1) is much shorter than the value of 2.058 (3) $\AA$ observed in a related Schiff base zinc complex (Tatar et al., 2002), although in the latter case, another $O$ atom is coordinated to Zn , resulting in a distorted square-pyramidal geometry about the Zn atom. The $\mathrm{Zn}-\mathrm{N}$ bond length in (I) is also much shorter than the value of 2.040 (3) $\AA$ observed in


Figure 1
View of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level and H atoms shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by $1-x, y, z$.

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Figure 2
The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the $c$ axis.
the same related Schiff base zinc complex (Tatar et al., 2002). The dihedral angle between the two naphthalene rings in (I) is 52.6 (4) ${ }^{\circ}$.

## Experimental

1,2-Diaminoethane ( $0.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 12.1 \mathrm{mg}$ ) and 2-hydroxy-1-naphthaldehyde ( $0.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 68.9 \mathrm{mg}$ ) were dissolved in EtOH ( 15 ml ). The mixture was stirred for 30 min to give a clear yellow solution. An EtOH solution ( 15 ml ) of $\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right)_{2} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.2 \mathrm{mmol}, 44.1 \mathrm{mg})$ was added with stirring. The mixture was stirred for another 30 min and filtered. The filtrate was left to stand at room temperature in air for 14 d , whereupon colourless block-shaped crystals were formed.

## Crystal data

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\mathrm{Zn}\left(\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)\right]} \\
& M_{r}=445.80 \\
& \text { Orthorhombic, } C m c 2_{1} \\
& a=30.601(4) \AA \\
& b=8.4526(11) \AA \\
& c=7.7465(10) \AA \\
& V=2003.7(5) \AA^{3} \\
& Z=4 \\
& D_{x}=1.478 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 3565 reflections
$\theta=2.5-27.2^{\circ}$
$\mu=1.25 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=273$ (2) K
Block, colourless
$0.27 \times 0.22 \times 0.19 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.729, T_{\text {max }}=0.797$
5623 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.041$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.124$
$S=1.11$
1983 reflections
140 parameters
H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0924 P)^{2}\right.$
$+0.1608 P$ ]
where $P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$

1983 independent reflections
1908 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.025$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=26.5^{\circ}$
$h=-37 \rightarrow 37$
$k=-7 \rightarrow 10$
$l=-9 \rightarrow 9$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.57 \mathrm{e} \mathrm{A}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.35$ e $\AA^{-3}$
Extinction correction: SHELXL97
Extinction coefficient: 0.0049 (10)
Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
844 Friedel pairs
Flack parameter $=0.09(2)$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $1.851(2)$ | $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.871(3)$ |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $82.42(14)$ | $\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $173.59(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $91.20(12)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $95.17(18)$ |

Symmetry code: (i) $1-x, y, z$.
All H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}$ distances of $0.93-$ $0.97 \AA$ and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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