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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å
 R factor = 0.023
 wR factor = 0.064
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.9For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Diaquabis(5-carboxy-1*H*-imidazole-4-
carboxylato- $\kappa^2\text{N}^3, \text{O}^4$)zinc(II)

In the title complex, $[\text{Zn}(\text{H}_2\text{IDC})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ (where H_2IDC^- is the 5-carboxy-1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate monoanion, $\text{C}_5\text{H}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$), the Zn^{II} atom is located on an inversion centre, is *trans*-coordinated by two *N,O*-bidentate H_2IDC^- ligands and two water molecules and shows an approximately octahedral configuration. A three-dimensional supramolecular architecture is formed *via* hydrogen-bond interactions.

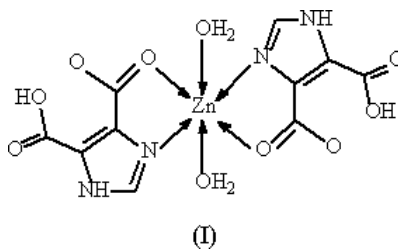
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Comment

Recently, we are interested in the solid-state coordination chemistry of *N*-heterocyclic carboxylic acids, such as imidazoledicarboxylic acid (H_3IDC), which is recognized as possessing efficient *N/O* donors exhibiting versatile coordination behavior and hydrogen bonding, and which can be successively deprotonated to generate the H_2IDC^- , HIDC^{2-} and IDC^{3-} anions. To date, there have been some reports on mononuclear (Zhang *et al.*, 2004; Xiao *et al.*, 2004; Ma *et al.*, 2003; Sengupta *et al.*, 2001; Sanna *et al.*, 1998) and dinuclear (Rajendiran *et al.*, 2003) complexes based on the H_3IDC ligand. For example, Ma *et al.* (2003) and Zhang *et al.* (2004) have described the structures of the mononuclear complexes $[\text{Cd}(\text{H}_2\text{IDC})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ and $[\text{Mn}(\text{H}_2\text{IDC})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$, in which both Mn^{II} and Cd^{II} ions exhibit octahedral geometries with the H_2IDC^- ligand. The present Zn^{II} complex, $[\text{Zn}(\text{H}_2\text{IDC})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$, (I), is isomorphous with the Cd^{II} and Mn^{II} analogs. Similar structural descriptions of these analogs apply to the present isomorphous complex.



The carboxylic acid ligand bears a formal charge of -1 , and the free carboxylate atoms O3 and O2 form an intramolecular hydrogen bond (Table 2). The Zn^{II} atom lies on an inversion centre, is *trans*-coordinated by two *N,O*-bidentate H_2IDC^- ligands [$\text{Zn}-\text{N} = 2.0742$ (13) Å and $\text{Zn}-\text{O} = 2.1445$ (12) Å] and two water molecules [$\text{Zn}-\text{O} = 2.1565$ (14) Å] and has an approximately octahedral geometry. The H_2IDC^- ligand behaves as a chelating unit that binds through the aromatic amino and negatively charged carboxyl atoms, giving a five-membered chelate ring. A three-dimensional supramolecular network is constructed *via* hydrogen-bonding interactions,

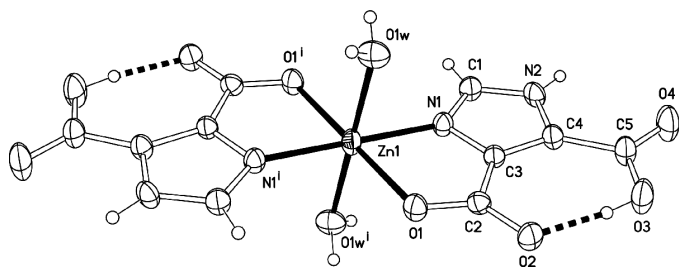


Figure 1
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of the title complex, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. [Symmetry code: (i) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$.]

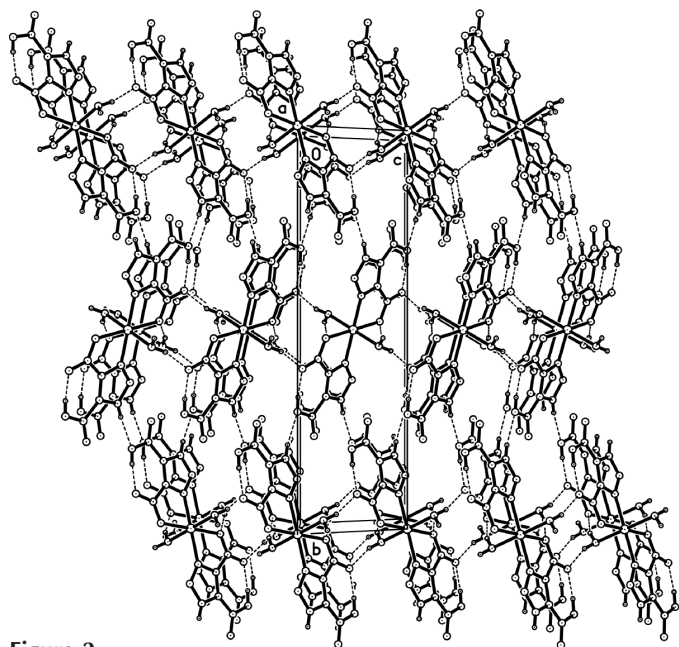


Figure 2
Packing diagram of the title complex. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

involving the water molecules, the uncoordinated imidazole N atom, and carboxylate O atoms of H_2IDC^- ligands (Table 2 and Fig. 2).

Experimental

1*H*-Imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid (4.60 g, 20 mmol) and zinc diacetate dihydrate (4.40 g, 20 mmol) were dissolved in water. The mixture was sealed in a 25 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel bomb and held at 403 K for 3 d. The bomb was cooled naturally to room temperature, and colorless prismatic crystals were obtained after several days. Analysis calculated for $C_{10}H_{10}N_4O_{10}Zn$: C 29.18, H 2.45, N 13.61%; found: C 29.34, H 2.51, N 13.56%.

Crystal data

$[Zn(C_5H_3N_2O_4)_2(H_2O)_2]$
 $M_r = 411.61$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 $a = 5.0974$ (10) Å
 $b = 22.414$ (5) Å
 $c = 6.5617$ (13) Å
 $\beta = 111.87$ (3)°
 $V = 695.7$ (3) Å³
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.965$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 6098 reflections
 $\theta = 3.5$ – 27.5°
 $\mu = 1.84$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 Prism, colorless
 $0.37 \times 0.24 \times 0.19$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
 $T_{min} = 0.595, T_{max} = 0.706$
 6667 measured reflections

1599 independent reflections
 1441 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.024$
 $\theta_{max} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -5 \rightarrow 6$
 $k = -29 \rightarrow 28$
 $l = -8 \rightarrow 8$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.023$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.064$
 $S = 1.05$
 1599 reflections
 124 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0382P)^2 + 0.2368P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.38$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.19$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1–N1	2.0742 (13)	O2–C2	1.2611 (18)
Zn1–O1	2.1445 (12)	O3–C5	1.314 (2)
Zn1–O1W	2.1565 (14)	O4–C5	1.209 (2)
O1–C2	1.2578 (19)		
N1–Zn1–N1 ⁱ	180	O1 ⁱ –Zn1–O1	180
N1 ⁱ –Zn1–O1	99.98 (5)	O1 ⁱ –Zn1–O1W	91.19 (5)
N1–Zn1–O1	80.02 (5)	O1–Zn1–O1W	88.81 (5)
N1–Zn1–O1W	86.26 (5)	O1W ⁱ –Zn1–O1W	180
N1 ⁱ –Zn1–O1W	93.74 (5)		

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

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
N2–H6 ⁱⁱ ···O3 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86	2.02	2.869 (3)	170
N2–H6 ⁱⁱ ···O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86	2.58	3.155 (3)	125
O3–H7 ⁱⁱ ···O2	0.85 (2)	1.67 (2)	2.519 (3)	173 (3)
O1W–H1W1 ⁱⁱ ···O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.84 (3)	1.96 (3)	2.772 (3)	162 (2)
O1W–H1W2 ⁱⁱ ···O1 ^{iv}	0.85 (3)	1.92 (3)	2.733 (3)	160 (2)

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

H atoms attached to C and N atoms were placed in calculated positions [$C-H = 0.93$ Å or $N-H = 0.86$ Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$] using the riding-model approximation. The carboxy and water H atoms were located in a difference map and refined with an O–H distance restraint of 0.85 (1) Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSK, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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