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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
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Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$   
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cyanatomanganese(II): a three-dimensional supra-  
molecular network formed through O—H···N and  
C—H···S interactions

The molecular structure of the neutral mononuclear title complex,  $[\text{Mn}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ , is centrosymmetric; the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atom lies on an inversion center and is six-coordinate ( $\text{MnN}_4\text{O}_2$ ), with an octahedral geometry comprising two *trans* monodentate 2,5-di-3-pyridyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole ligands, two thiocyanate ligands and two bound water molecules. Intermolecular O—H···N hydrogen bonds between these monomeric units result in two-dimensional supramolecular layers with a parallel arrangement, which are stabilized by intralayer aromatic stacking and further extended to a three-dimensional network *via* interlayer weak C—H···S interactions.

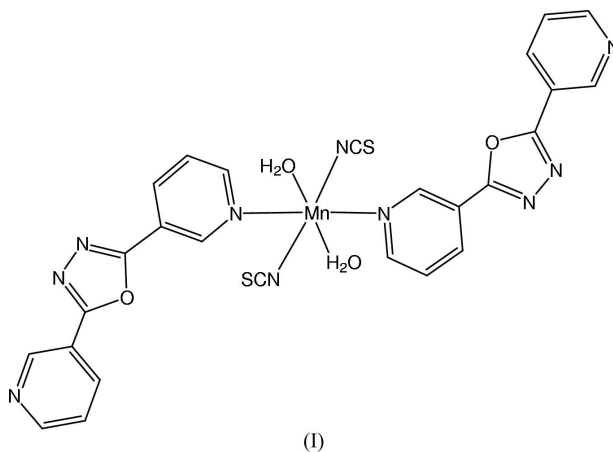
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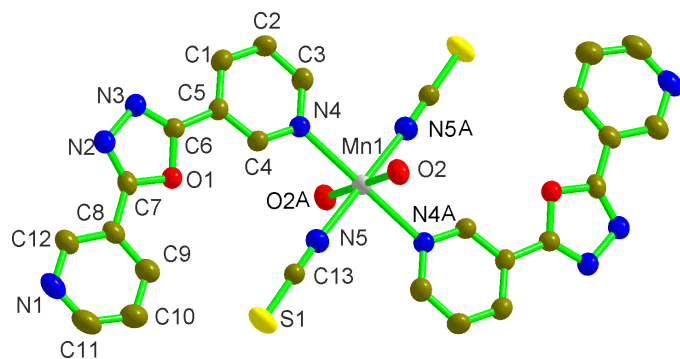
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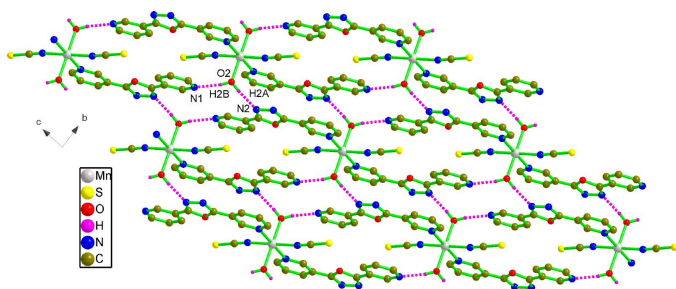
Considerable efforts have been devoted to constructing supramolecular architectures using covalent forces together with weaker hydrogen-bonding and/or other intermolecular cooperative interactions (Roesky & Andruh, 2003). Proper selection of the metal centers and organic building blocks is the key issue in the design of these polymeric networks. Recently, one of our research interests has been focused on assemblies based on bent dipyridyl ligands containing the oxadiazole spacer, mainly 2,5-di-4-pyridyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole (4-bpo) and its 3,3'-N-donor analog (3-bpo), which could produce both discrete (Du *et al.*, 2005) and infinite (Du *et al.*, 2004) coordination frameworks under appropriate conditions. Meanwhile, such *N*-heterocyclic organic compounds also have a promising ability to generate supramolecular arrays *via* hydrogen bonding and aromatic stacking interactions (Du & Zhao, 2003, 2004).



(I)



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP-3 representation of (I), with the atomic labeling of the asymmetric unit and coordination sphere, shown with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted. [Symmetry code A:  $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$ .]



**Figure 2**  
View of the two-dimensional supramolecular array of (I), formed *via* strong O—H...N hydrogen-bonding interactions (indicated by purple dashed lines).

Du, Liu & Bu, 2002; Fang *et al.*, 2002], which possess the general formula  $[M(4\text{-bpo})_2(\text{NCS})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ . The mononuclear molecular species (both 4-bpo molecules and  $\text{NCS}^-$  anions behave as monodentate terminal ligands) are extended to a three-dimensional supramolecular network *via* hydrogen-bonding and aromatic stacking interactions. Interestingly, by changing the metal/ligand ratio, in the  $\text{Cd}^{\text{II}}$  analog, a new three-dimensional covalent network with interesting porous properties is formed (Du, Chen & Bu, 2002). As a continuation of our investigation, we describe here the molecular/supramolecular structure of a new  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$ /3-bpo/NCS complex, diaquabis(2,5-di-3-pyridyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole)dithiocyanatomanganese(II), (I).

The molecular structure of (I) reveals a neutral octahedral mononuclear centrosymmetric complex, depicted in Fig. 1. The  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atom, on a crystallographic inversion center, is coordinated by two N-atom donors of two monodentate  $\text{NCS}^-$  anions and two water molecules, forming the equatorial plane, and two pyridyl N atoms of a pair of monodentate 3-bpo ligands in *trans* arrangement at the axial sites. The axial  $\text{Mn1}-\text{N4}$  distances [2.3449 (17) Å] are elongated in comparison with the  $\text{Mn1}-\text{N5}$  and  $\text{Mn1}-\text{O2}$  equatorial lengths [2.1431 (19) and 2.2107 (16) Å, respectively]. The 3-bpo ligand adopts an unusual *trans* configuration with regard to the two terminal pyridyl groups (Du & Zhao, 2003), in order to fulfill the formation of a hydrogen bond between the uncoordinated 3-

pyridyl N-atom donor and the aqua ligand. The two terminal pyridyl groups make dihedral angles of 6.40 (14) and 8.80 (16)°, respectively, with the central oxadiazole ring, and the dihedral angle between the pyridyl rings is 4.23 (15)°. The  $\text{NCS}^-$  ligands form  $\text{C13}-\text{N5}-\text{Mn1}$  and  $\text{N5}-\text{C13}-\text{S1}$  angles of 173.4 (2) and 179.8 (2)°, respectively.

Analysis of the crystal packing of the title complex suggests that the monomeric units are linked *via* hydrogen bonds to result in a three-dimensional supramolecular network. The relevant hydrogen-bonding geometries and the symmetry codes are listed in Table 2. As illustrated in Fig. 2, intermolecular O—H...N hydrogen bonds, involving the O atoms of aqua ligands and the N atoms of uncoordinated pyridyl and oxadiazole rings, extend these monomeric units to produce a two-dimensional supramolecular array. The center-to-center and center-to-plane distances between two neighboring almost antiparallel pyridyl rings are 3.87 and  $\sim 3.5$  Å, revealing the existence of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions, which further stabilize this structure. Furthermore, these two-dimensional hydrogen-bonding arrays are linked *via* weak interlayer C—H...S interactions between  $\text{SCN}^-$  anions and 3-bpo ligands, generating a three-dimensional supramolecular network. Examination of this structure with PLATON (Spek, 2003) suggests that there are no solvent-accessible voids in the unit cell.

## Experimental

A solution of  $\text{MnCl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (29 mg, 0.15 mmol) in water (5 ml) was added slowly to a solution of 3-bpo (35 mg, 0.16 mmol) in methanol/water (1:1 *v/v*, 10 ml) with constant stirring. An excess of  $\text{NH}_4\text{SCN}$  (27 mg, 0.35 mmol) was added to the above mixture under reflux for *ca* 30 min. The resulting solution was filtered and left to stand at room temperature. Colorless block crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent over a period of three weeks. Yield: 26 mg (50%). Analysis calculated for  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{20}\text{MnN}_{10}\text{O}_4\text{S}_2$ : C 47.63, H 3.08, N 21.35%; found: C 47.76, H 2.88, N 20.90%. IR (KBr pellet,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3258 (*b*), 3068 (*m*), 2070 (*vs*), 1603 (*s*), 1547 (*m*), 1484 (*s*), 1461 (*s*), 1435 (*s*), 1415 (*s*), 1336 (*m*), 1274 (*w*), 1197 (*m*), 1127 (*w*), 1088 (*s*), 1026 (*s*), 999 (*w*), 964 (*m*), 824 (*s*), 733 (*m*), 698 (*s*), 635 (*m*).

### Crystal data

$[\text{Mn}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_8\text{N}_4\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$   
 $M_r = 655.58$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 8.1951$  (19) Å  
 $b = 8.762$  (2) Å  
 $c = 10.619$  (3) Å  
 $\alpha = 82.472$  (3)°  
 $\beta = 77.181$  (3)°  
 $\gamma = 79.873$  (3)°  
 $V = 728.5$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 1$   
 $D_x = 1.494$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 1513 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.6$ – $26.7^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.65$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, colorless  
 0.40 × 0.24 × 0.11 mm

### Data collection

Bruker APEX-II CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.772$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.931$   
 4203 measured reflections

2540 independent reflections  
 2005 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.017$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -10 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -10 \rightarrow 12$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.099$   
 $S = 1.04$   
 2540 reflections  
 196 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0576P)^2 + 0.1207P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.43 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.36 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mn1—N5	2.1431 (19)	S1—C13	1.613 (2)
Mn1—O2	2.2107 (16)	N5—C13	1.157 (3)
Mn1—N4	2.3449 (17)		
N5—Mn1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	90.61 (7)	O2 <sup>i</sup> —Mn1—N4	86.54 (6)
N5—Mn1—O2	89.39 (7)	O2—Mn1—N4	93.46 (6)
N5—Mn1—N4	89.80 (7)	N5—C13—S1	179.8 (2)
N5 <sup>i</sup> —Mn1—N4	90.20 (7)		

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

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O2—H2A $\cdots$ N2 <sup>i</sup>	0.85	1.98	2.822 (3)	170
O2—H2B $\cdots$ N1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.85	1.96	2.796 (3)	165
C10—H10 $\cdots$ S1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.84	3.582 (4)	138

Symmetry codes: (i)  $1 - x, -y, -z$ ; (ii)  $x, y - 1, 1 + z$ ; (iii)  $2 - x, 1 - y, -z$ .

Although all H atoms were visible in difference maps, they were placed in geometrically calculated positions, with C—H distances of 0.93 Å and O—H distances of 0.85 Å, and included in the final

refinement in the riding-model approximation, with displacement parameters derived from their parent atoms [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{O})$ ].

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2003); cell refinement: *APEX2*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Berndt, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2001).

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