

Bis(3-bromo-1-oxidoanthraquinone- κ^2O^1,O^9)-bis(pyridine- κN)zinc(II)**Hapipah M. Ali,^a Siti Nadiyah Abdul Halim,^a Saha Koushik,^b Nordin Hj. Lajis,^b Wan Jefri Basirun^a and Seik Weng Ng^{a*}**^aDepartment of Chemistry, University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and^bLaboratory of Natural Products, Institute of Bioscience, Universiti Putra Malaysia, 43400 Serdang, Malaysia

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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

T = 295 K

Mean $\sigma(C-C)$ = 0.006 Å

R factor = 0.044

wR factor = 0.131

Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3

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The Zn atom in the title compound, $[Zn(C_{14}H_6BrO_3)_2(C_5H_5N)_2]$, lies on a centre of inversion. It is chelated by the bromo-substituted hydroxyanthraquinone molecule and is coordinated by the pyridine molecules in an all-*trans* octahedral geometry.

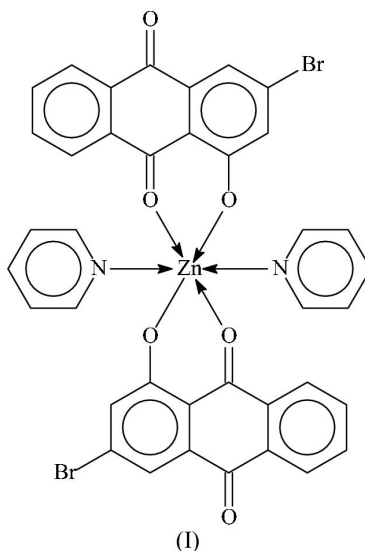
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Comment

The deprotonated 2-hydroxyanthraquinone anion is a potentially *O,O'*-chelating anion, but only a few metal complexes have been crystallographically authenticated (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 5.26; Allen, 2002). 3-Bromo-2-hydroxyanthraquinone is a biologically active compound that can be synthesized through an unusual halogen rearrangement in the Friedel–Crafts acylation of a halophenol (Saha *et al.*, 2005). The deprotonated anion chelates to zinc in the title compound, which crystallizes from pyridine as a bis-pyridine adduct, (I) (Fig. 1). The Zn atom lies on a special position of $\bar{1}$ site symmetry; the chelating O atoms form a square, and the N atoms of the heterocycle occupy the other two octahedral sites around it. The Zn1–O1 bond is marginally shorter than the Zn1–O2 bond; other bond dimensions are unexceptional.

**Experimental**

3-Bromo-2-hydroxyanthraquinone (0.50 g, 1.65 mmol; Saha *et al.*, 2005) and zinc acetate dihydrate (0.18 g, 0.82 mmol) were heated in ethanol for several hours. The red solid that was isolated upon removal of the solvent was recrystallized from pyridine to furnish red prism-shaped crystals.

Crystal data

[Zn(C₁₄H₆BrO₃)₂(C₅H₅N)₂]
M_r = 827.77
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$
a = 8.0912 (6) Å
b = 9.6445 (7) Å
c = 11.3013 (8) Å
 α = 105.477 (1)°
 β = 106.119 (1)°
 γ = 99.227 (1)°
V = 789.9 (1) Å³

Z = 1
D_x = 1.740 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 Cell parameters from 2899 reflections
 θ = 2.0–27.1°
 μ = 3.36 mm⁻¹
T = 295 (2) K
 Prism, red
 0.48 × 0.28 × 0.11 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2001)
T_{min} = 0.404, *T_{max}* = 0.695
 6723 measured reflections

3409 independent reflections
 2670 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.019
 θ_{max} = 27.1°
h = -9 → 10
k = -12 → 12
l = -13 → 14

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R [*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.044
wR (*F*²) = 0.131
S = 1.02
 3409 reflections
 223 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0725P)^2 + 0.6848P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.82 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.70 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1—O1	2.017 (2)	Zn1—N1	2.219 (3)
Zn1—O2	2.107 (2)		
O1—Zn1—O1 ⁱ	180	O2—Zn1—O2 ⁱ	180
O1—Zn1—O2	84.8 (1)	O2—Zn1—N1	91.6 (1)
O1—Zn1—O2 ⁱ	95.2 (1)	O2—Zn1—N1 ⁱ	88.4 (1)
O1—Zn1—N1	91.1 (1)	N1—Zn1—N1 ⁱ	180
O1—Zn1—N1 ⁱ	88.9 (1)		

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

The H atoms were positioned geometrically (C—H = 0.93 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with *U_{iso}*(H) values set at 1.2*U_{eq}* of the parent atoms.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve

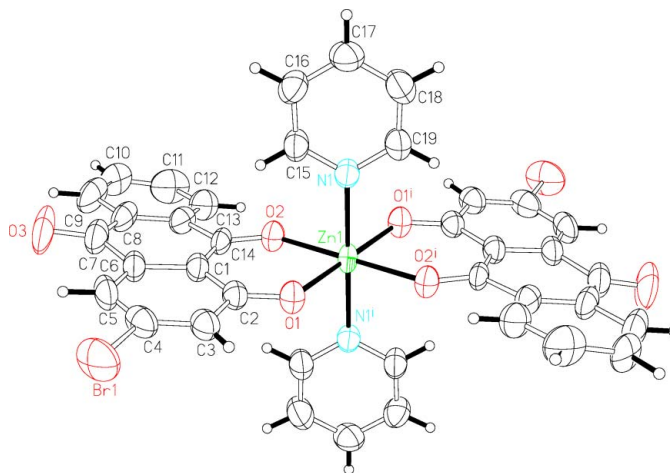


Figure 1

ORTEP plot (Johnson, 1976) of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. The Zn atom lies at the centre of inversion ($\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$). [Symmetry code: (i) 1 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 1 - *z*.]

structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP II (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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