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## Key indicators

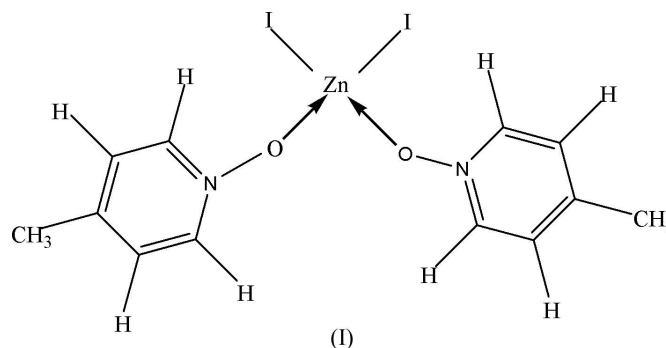
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.008$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.030  
 $wR$  factor = 0.075  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.1For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Diiodidobis(4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide- $\kappa\text{O}$ )zinc(II)

The title mononuclear complex,  $[\text{Zn}(\text{I})_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{NO})_2]$ , lies on a special position of site symmetry 2. The Zn atom is coordinated by two I and two O atoms in a tetrahedral geometry. There is a  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interaction of the 4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide units.

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## Comment

In the title molecular complex, (I), (Fig. 1), the Zn atom is coordinated by two I atoms and the O atoms from two 4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide ligands. Atom Zn1 lies on a twofold axis in a distorted tetrahedral environment. The 4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide units are stacked over each other at a distance of about 3.66 Å. Such  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking causes the molecules to pack as columns along the *b* axis.



## Experimental

4-Methylpyridin *N*-dioxide (0.0625 g, 0.573 mmol) was added to an aqueous solution (10 ml) containing  $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.1035 g, 0.278 mmol) and NaI (0.0870 g, 0.580 mmol). Colourless crystals of (I) were obtained after the solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for three weeks.

## Crystal data

$[\text{Zn}(\text{I})_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_7\text{NO})_2]$   
 $M_r = 537.42$   
Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 19.385$  (5) Å  
 $b = 7.5134$  (19) Å  
 $c = 14.859$  (4) Å  
 $\beta = 126.487$  (3)°  
 $V = 1739.9$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 2.052$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 1828 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.6$ – $26.0$ °  
 $\mu = 4.96$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
Prism, colourless  
0.21 × 0.12 × 0.09 mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.406$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.637$   
4279 measured reflections

1597 independent reflections  
1371 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.5$ °  
 $h = -23 \rightarrow 20$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$  $wR(F^2) = 0.075$  $S = 1.04$ 

1597 reflections

88 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.037P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.59 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.49 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

Table 1

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

Zn1—O1	1.992 (3)	Zn1—I1	2.5399 (6)
O1—Zn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	102.7 (2)	O1—Zn1—I1 <sup>i</sup>	108.00 (9)
O1—Zn1—I1	108.34 (9)	I1—Zn1—I1 <sup>i</sup>	120.11 (3)

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions and included in the final cycles of refinement using a riding model (C—H = 0.93 Å for aromatic H atoms and 0.96 Å for methyl H atoms);  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for aromatic H atoms and  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl H atoms.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAIN*T (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: *SAIN*T; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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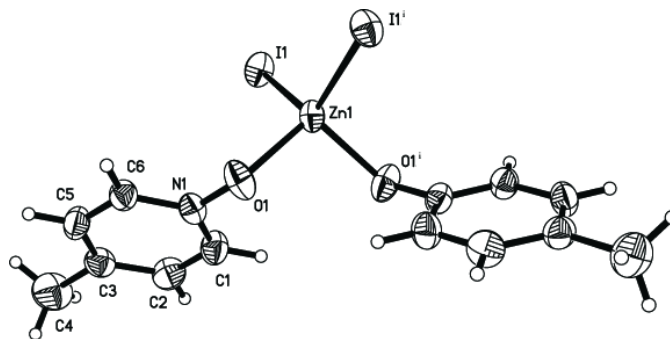


Figure 1

A view of complex (I), with the atom-numbering scheme, showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids [symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ ]. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

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