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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 295$ K
Mean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.022
 wR factor = 0.060
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**catena-Poly[[aquazinc(II)]- μ -2-carboxylato-phenoxyacetato]**

The $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CO}_2$ arm of the ligand in the title compound, $[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{O}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$, uses the single-bond carboxyl O atom, as well as the ether O atom, to chelate to the Zn atom; the other $-\text{CO}_2$ arm bridges adjacent Zn atoms into a helical chain that propagates by means of a 2_1 screw axis. The $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CO}_2$ arm features distinct single- and double-bond C—O distances; in the other $-\text{CO}_2$ arm, the C—O distances are interpreted in terms of a delocalized carboxyl group. The coordination about zinc is completed by a water molecule, resulting a distorted ZnO_5 square-pyramidal arrangement in which the apical position is occupied by water.

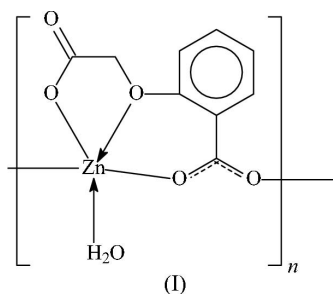
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Comment

A number of divalent first-row transition metal derivatives of the isomeric carboxyphenoxyacetic acids have been crystallographically authenticated. Derivatives of the 4-isomer include the hydrated Mn (Gu *et al.*, 2004; Huo *et al.*, 2005), Co (Kennard *et al.*, 1984), Ni (Chen *et al.*, 2004; Kennard *et al.*, 1984) and Cu (Gao, Yue *et al.*, 2004) complexes; the derivatives of the 3-isomer, the Co (Li *et al.*, 2004) and Ni (Gao, Liu *et al.*, 2004) complexes, also exist as water-coordinated compounds. Only one derivative of the 2-isomer, a tetra-aquacopper compound, has been reported (Kennard *et al.*, 1986).



The present mono-aqua derivative of zinc, (I), represents a variation on the hitherto reported motifs as the metal atom is chelated by the oxyacetate $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CO}_2$ arm of the $\text{O}_2\text{C}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{OCH}_2$ dianion (Fig. 1), the ether O atom (O3) to zinc dative interaction being surprisingly short at 2.268 (1) Å. The $-\text{OCH}_2\text{CO}_2$ and $-\text{CO}_2$ groups both engage in bridging; however, whereas the first of these features long and short C—O distances, the two C—O bond lengths in the latter group are indistinguishable from each other (Table 1). This ligand-bonding motif results in a polymeric chain propagating along [010] (Fig. 2). The Zn atom is displaced out of the square plane formed by atoms O1, O2ⁱ (see Table 1 for symmetry code), O3 and O5 by 0.437 (1)^o in the direction of the apical water O

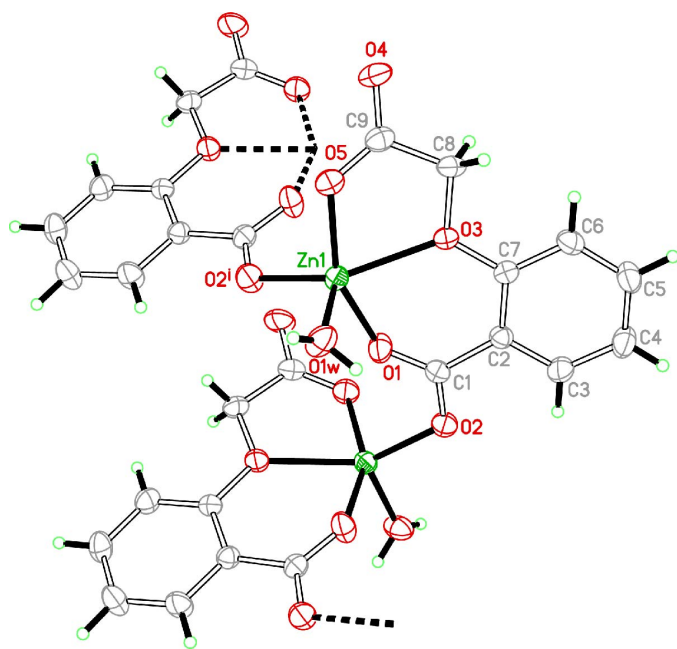


Figure 1
View of a portion of (I), showing 50% displacements ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). The heavy dashed lines indicate bonds to adjacent Zn atoms in the chain. The symmetry code is as in Table 1.

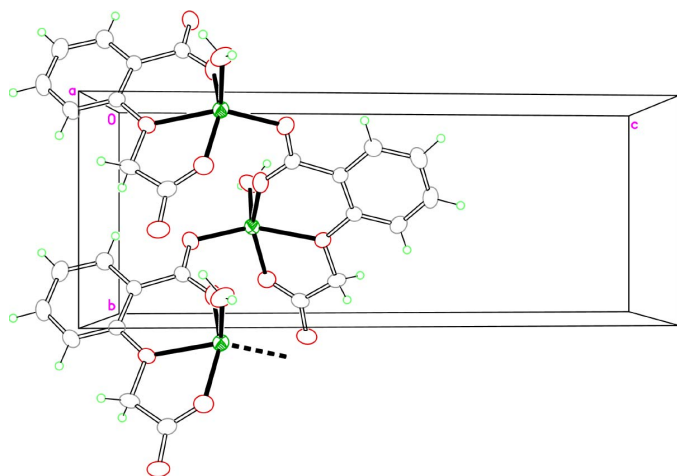


Figure 2
Detail of (I) showing a segment of the helical carboxylate-bridged chain motif.

atom (O1w). Two O—H...O hydrogen bonds (Table 2) link adjacent chains into a layered structure.

Experimental

Zinc nitrate hexahydrate (0.149 g, 0.5 mmol) and 2-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid (0.196 g, 1 mmol) were dissolved in a mixture of ethanol (3 ml) and water (15 ml). The solution was placed in a 23 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel hydrothermal bomb which was heated at 433 K for 120 h. The cooled mixture yielded colorless crystals of (I); these were washed with water and then dried in air (the yield was about 70%).

Crystal data

[Zn(C₉H₆O₅)(H₂O)]
M_r = 277.52
 Monoclinic, *P*₂₁/*n*
a = 8.157 (1) Å
b = 6.7568 (8) Å
c = 17.451 (2) Å
 β = 94.697 (2)°
V = 958.7 (2) Å³
Z = 4

D_x = 1.923 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 Cell parameters from 853 reflections
 θ = 2.3–27.1°
 μ = 2.57 mm⁻¹
T = 295 (2) K
 Block, colorless
 0.50 × 0.36 × 0.28 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART 1K CCD diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2001)
T_{min} = 0.331, *T_{max}* = 0.487
 5672 measured reflections

2095 independent reflections
 1880 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.021
 θ_{\max} = 27.1°
h = -10 → 10
k = -8 → 6
l = -22 → 20

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R [*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.022
wR (*F*²) = 0.060
S = 1.02
 2095 reflections
 153 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0304P)^2 + 0.4871P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.31 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.36 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1—O1	1.961 (1)	C1—O1	1.257 (2)
Zn1—O2 ⁱ	1.969 (1)	C1—O2	1.256 (2)
Zn1—O3	2.268 (1)	C9—O4	1.232 (2)
Zn1—O5	1.996 (1)	C9—O5	1.267 (2)
Zn1—O1w	1.997 (1)		
O1—Zn1—O2 ⁱ	97.92 (6)	O2 ⁱ —Zn1—O5	97.64 (6)
O1—Zn1—O3	80.15 (5)	O2 ⁱ —Zn1—O1w	104.49 (6)
O1—Zn1—O5	153.75 (6)	O3—Zn1—O5	75.17 (5)
O1—Zn1—O1w	93.88 (7)	O3—Zn1—O1w	109.24 (6)
O2 ⁱ —Zn1—O3	146.27 (6)	O5—Zn1—O1w	102.50 (6)

Symmetry code: (i) $\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O1w—H1w1...O4 ⁱⁱ	0.85 (1)	1.80 (1)	2.644 (2)	176 (3)
O1w—H1w2...O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.84 (1)	1.95 (1)	2.776 (2)	166 (2)

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

The carbon-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically (C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å) and refined as riding with the constraint *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(carrier) applied. The water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were freely refined.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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