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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 KMean  $\sigma(n-O) = 0.003 \text{ Å}$ Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.038 wR factor = 0.107 Data-to-parameter ratio = 8.8

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# Hexaaquazinc(II) bis(6-hydroxypyridine-3-carboxylate)

The Zn atom in the title compound,  $[Zn(H_2O)_6](C_6H_4NO_3)_2$ , lies on a special position of 2/m site symmetry in an octahedron made up of water molecules. The anion is disordered across a mirror plane. The cation interacts with the anion indirectly through hydrogen bonds to form a threedimensional network. Received 18 April 2005 Accepted 3 May 2005 Online 7 May 2005

## Comment

A number of syntheses of the zinc(II) derivatives of organic acids have yielded the hexaaquazinc(II) cation, the deprotonated acid remaining in the outer coordination sphere of the coordination octahedron as noted in, for example, the dihydrogen-1,2,4,5-benzenetetracarboxylate (Sun et al., 2002), the bis[(4-oxo-4H-pyridin-1-yl)acetate] dihydrate (Gao et al., 2004), the 1,5-naphthalenedisulfonate (Huo et al., 2005) and the 3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonate tetrahydrate (Ma et al., 2003). The reaction of the zinc cation and the 6-hydroxypyridine-3-carboxylate anion in a 1:1 molar stoichiometry yielded a similar compound, (I), with a hexaaquazinc(II) cation and an uncoordinated 6-hydroxpyridine-3-carboxylate anion (Fig. 1). As the O1w water molecule lies on a general position, whereas atom Zn1 lies on a special position of 2/msite symmetry, atom Zn1 exists within a square made up of the four equivalent water molecules; the other two sites are occupied by the O2w (which lies on a mirror plane) and O2 $w^{ii}$ water molecules [symmetry code: (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z]. The two ions interact through hydrogen bonds to lead to a tightly held three-dimensional framework (Table 2). The anion lies on a mirror plane bisecting the carboxyl group; its two C-Odistances are equal. The hydroxypyridine portion is disordered across this mirror plane. Pairs of adjacent anions are linked by hydrogen bonds to furnish a hydrogen-bonded dianion (Fig. 1).



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### Figure 1

ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot showing the numbering scheme for (I). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level, and H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, y, 1 - z; (ii) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (iii) x, 1 - y, z; (iv)  $\frac{5}{2} - x$ ,  $\frac{3}{2} - y$ , 2 - z.]

Table 3

## **Experimental**

A mixture of zinc nitrate trihydrate (0.298 g, 1 mmol), 6-hydroxypyridine-3-carboxylic acid (0.139 g, 1 mmol), sodium hydroxide (0.040 g, 1 mmol) and water (10 ml) were sealed in a 23 ml Teflonlined stainless steel Parr bomb. The bomb was heated to 433 K for 2 d. It was cooled to room temperature at 10 K h<sup>-1</sup> to yield colorless crystals.

#### Crystal data

| $[Zn(H_2O)_6](C_6H_4NO_3)_2$               | $D_x = 1.732 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| $M_r = 449.67$                             | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| Monoclinic, $C2/m$                         | Cell parameters from 1640                 |
| a = 11.568 (1)  Å                          | reflections                               |
| b = 9.780 (1)  Å                           | $\theta = 2.7-27.5^{\circ}$               |
| c = 7.6255 (7) Å                           | $\mu = 1.49 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $\beta = 91.286 \ (3)^{\circ}$             | T = 295 (2) K                             |
| $V = 862.5 (1) \text{ Å}^3$                | Block, colorless                          |
| Z = 2                                      | $0.34 \times 0.31 \times 0.24 \text{ mm}$ |
| Data collection                            |                                           |
| Bruker APEX area-detector                  | 992 independent reflections               |
| diffractometer                             | 979 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$     |
| $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans               | $R_{\rm int} = 0.033$                     |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan          | $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$         |
| (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)                     | $h = -14 \rightarrow 14$                  |
| $T_{\rm min} = 0.211, T_{\rm max} = 0.716$ | $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$                  |
| 2428 measured reflections                  | $l = -7 \rightarrow 9$                    |
| D C                                        |                                           |

#### Refinement

| Refinement on $F^2$             | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0522P)^2]$                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$ | + 1.9207P]                                                 |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.107$               | where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                             |
| S = 1.12                        | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$                        |
| 992 reflections                 | $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.40 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 113 parameters                  | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.35 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ |
| H atoms treated by a mixture of |                                                            |
| independent and constrained     |                                                            |
| refinement                      |                                                            |

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

| Zn1–O1w <sup>i</sup>   | 2.037 (2) | Zn1–O2w            | 2.121 (4) |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| $Zn1 - O1w^{ii}$       | 2.037 (2) | $Zn1-O2w^{ii}$     | 2.121 (4) |
| $Zn1 - O1w^m$          | 2.037 (2) |                    |           |
| $O1w - Zn1 - O1w^{4}$  | 92.1 (2)  | O1w - Zn1 - O2w    | 91.4 (1)  |
| $O1w - Zn1 - O1w^{ii}$ | 180       | $O1w-Zn1-O2w^{ii}$ | 88.7 (1)  |
| $O1w-Zn1-O1w^{iii}$    | 87.9 (2)  |                    |           |

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

| Hydrogen-bond geometry $(\text{\AA}^\circ)$ |                        |     |     |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|
| riyurogen bond geometry (ri, )              | Hydrogen-bond geometry | (Å, | °). |

| $D - H \cdots A$                        | D-H                      | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$    | $D \cdots A$   | $D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| $O1w - H1w1 \cdots O1$                  | 0.84 (1)                 | 1.82 (1)                   | 2.655 (3)      | 174 (3)                              |
| $O1w - H1w2 \cdots O1^{viii}$           | 0.84(1)                  | 1.89 (1)                   | 2.706 (3)      | 166 (3)                              |
| $O2w - H2w1 \cdots O2^{v}$              | 0.85 (1)                 | 2.01(2)                    | 2.788 (5)      | 153 (3)                              |
| $O2w - H2w1 \cdots O2^v$                | 0.85 (1)                 | 2.01 (2)                   | 2.788 (5)      | 153 (3)                              |
| $O2w - H2w2 \cdots O2^{vi}$             | 0.85(1)                  | 1.96 (1)                   | 2.758 (6)      | 157 (1)                              |
| $O2w - H2w2 \cdot \cdot \cdot O2^{vii}$ | 0.85 (1)                 | 1.96 (1)                   | 2.758 (6)      | 157 (1)                              |
| $O2-H20\cdots N1^{iv}$                  | 0.85                     | 2.03                       | 2.86 (1)       | 165                                  |
| Symmetry codes: (ir                     | v) $-x + \frac{5}{2}, -$ | $y + \frac{3}{2}, -z + 2;$ | (v) $x - 1, y$ | z, z - 1; (vi)                       |

Symmetry codes: (iv)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 2;$  (v) x - 1, y, z - 1; (vi) -x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1; (vii) -x + 2, y, -z + 1; (viii)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z + 1.$ 

The carboxylate anion is disordered over a mirror plane. The C–C distances were restrained to 1.39 (1) Å, and the two N–C distances were restrained to within 0.01 Å of each other. Additionally, the ring was restrained to near planarity. C-bound H atoms were placed at calculated positions (C–H = 0.93 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{iso}(H)$  set to  $1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The water H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps, and were refined with a distance restraint of O–H = 0.85 (1) Å. The hydroxy group was allowed to rotate about the C–O bond, with O–H = 0.85 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2002); 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).

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