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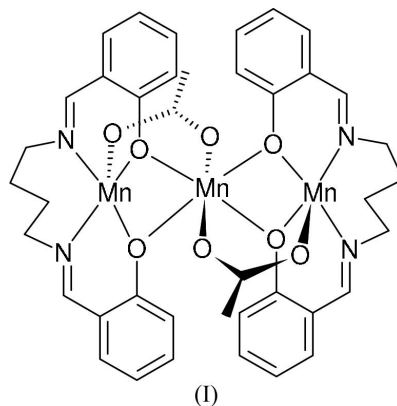
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 298 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ \AA}$   
*R* factor = 0.041  
*wR* factor = 0.088  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Di- $\mu$ -acetato-bis[ $\mu$ -*N,N'*-bis(salicylidene)-butane-1,4-diaminato]trimanganese(II)

The title trinuclear compound,  $[\text{Mn}_3(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2)_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_2]$ , with a linear array of metal atoms, is isostructural with the cobalt(II) complex reported recently by You, Zhu & Liu [(2004). *Acta Cryst. E* **60**, m1900–m1902]. The central  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion, which is located on an inversion center, has a distorted octahedral geometry. The terminal  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion has an irregular square-pyramidal geometry. The  $\text{Mn}\cdots\text{Mn}$  separation is 3.128 (2)  $\text{\AA}$ .

## Comment

Recently, we have reported some trinuclear Schiff base complexes (You *et al.*, 2004a; You & Zhu, 2004). As an extension of our work on these complexes, the title trinuclear manganese(II) compound, (I), is reported here.



Compound (I) is a trinuclear manganese(II) complex (Fig. 1), which is isostructural with the trinuclear cobalt(II) complex di- $\mu$ -acetato-1:2 $\kappa^2\text{O},\text{O}'$ ;2:3 $\kappa^2\text{O},\text{O}'$ -bis{2,2'-[1,4-butanediylbis(nitrilomethylidene)]diphenolato}-1:2 $\kappa^6\text{O},\text{N},\text{N},\text{O}'$ : $\text{O},\text{O}'$ ;2,3 $\kappa^6\text{O},\text{O}'$ : $\text{O},\text{N},\text{N},\text{O}'$ -tricobalt(II), (II), which we have reported recently (You *et al.*, 2004b). In (I), the bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are comparable to those in (II). The central  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion, which is located on an inversion center, has a distorted octahedral geometry. The terminal  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion has an irregular square-pyramidal geometry. The  $\text{Mn}\cdots\text{Mn}$  separation is 3.128 (2)  $\text{\AA}$ .

In the crystal structure, there are no short contacts between molecules (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

1,4-Diaminobutane (0.1 mmol, 8.6 mg) and salicylaldehyde (0.2 mmol, 24.4 mg) were dissolved in MeOH (3 ml). The mixture was stirred for 1 h to give a clear orange solution. To the above solution was added an MeOH solution (2 ml) of  $\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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(0.2 mmol, 41.8 mg), with stirring for 10 min. The mixture was transferred to a stainless steel bomb, which was sealed, heated at 423 K for 12 h and cooled gradually to room temperature. Brown block-shaped crystals were formed.

#### Crystal data

[Mn<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 871.60  
 Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>/*c*  
*a* = 9.190 (5) Å  
*b* = 16.756 (9) Å  
*c* = 12.690 (7) Å  
 $\beta$  = 95.126 (10) $^\circ$   
*V* = 1946.3 (19) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.487 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 1726 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.5–21.1 $^\circ$   
 $\mu$  = 1.02 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 298 (2) K  
 Block, brown  
 0.25 × 0.18 × 0.11 mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  
*T*<sub>min</sub> = 0.785, *T*<sub>max</sub> = 0.897  
 10096 measured reflections

3432 independent reflections  
 2059 reflections with *I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*)  
*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.053  
 $\theta$ <sub>max</sub> = 25.0 $^\circ$   
*h* = -10 → 10  
*k* = -17 → 19  
*l* = -9 → 15

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2 $\sigma$ (*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.041  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.088  
*S* = 0.84  
 3432 reflections  
 250 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0369P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.31 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.29 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å,  $^\circ$ ).

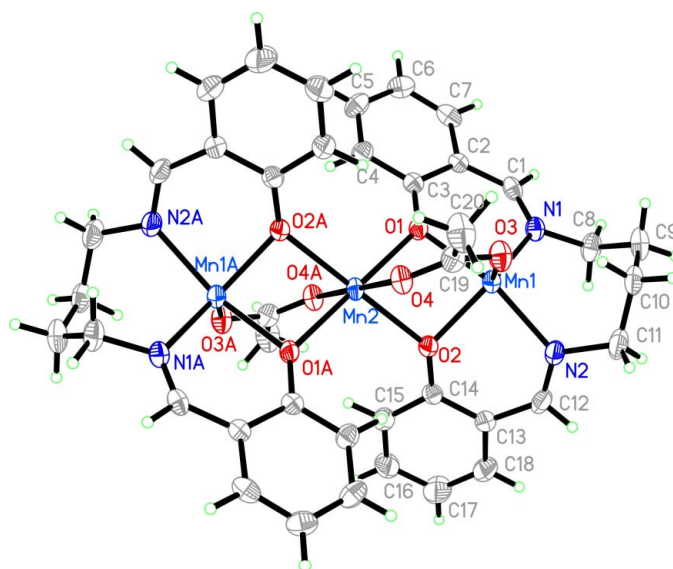
Mn1—O2	2.080 (2)	Mn1—N2	2.176 (3)
Mn1—O3	2.083 (2)	Mn2—O1	2.165 (2)
Mn1—O1	2.102 (2)	Mn2—O4	2.194 (2)
Mn1—N1	2.160 (3)	Mn2—O2	2.215 (2)
O2—Mn1—O3	108.73 (10)	O1—Mn2—O1 <sup>i</sup>	180
O2—Mn1—O1	81.20 (10)	O1—Mn2—O4 <sup>i</sup>	92.14 (9)
O3—Mn1—O1	94.15 (10)	O1—Mn2—O4	87.86 (9)
O2—Mn1—N1	133.74 (10)	O4 <sup>i</sup> —Mn2—O4	180
O3—Mn1—N1	116.55 (11)	O1—Mn2—O2	76.83 (9)
O1—Mn1—N1	86.49 (10)	O1 <sup>i</sup> —Mn2—O2	103.17 (9)
O2—Mn1—N2	85.34 (11)	O4 <sup>i</sup> —Mn2—O2	92.64 (9)
O3—Mn1—N2	102.24 (11)	O4—Mn2—O2	87.36 (9)
O1—Mn1—N2	161.46 (10)	O2—Mn2—O2 <sup>i</sup>	180
N1—Mn1—N2	93.76 (12)		

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

All H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H distances of 0.93–0.97 Å, and with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C) or 1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C).

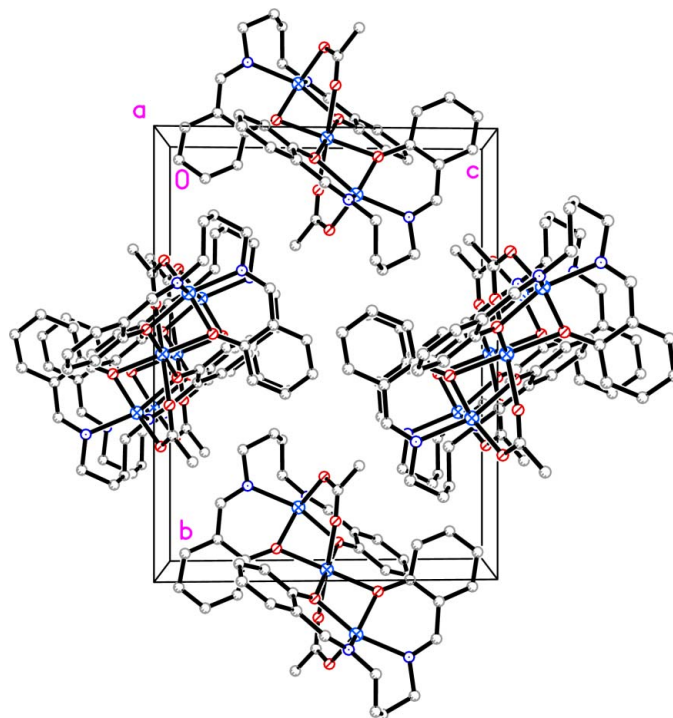
Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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**Figure 1**

The structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. Atoms labeled with the suffix *A* are related by the symmetry operator (1 - *x*, -*y*, 1 - *z*).



**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of (I), viewed along the *a* axis. H atoms have been omitted.

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