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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=295 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.003 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.032$
$w R$ factor $=0.080$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=16.2$

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## Poly[bis[(pyridine- $\kappa N$ )zinc(II)](Zn-Zn)-$\mu_{4}$-carboxylatophenoxyacetato]

The title compound, $\left[\mathrm{Zn}_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{5}\right)_{2}\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2}\right]$, contains pairs of pyridine-coordinated $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ ions $[\mathrm{Zn} \cdots \mathrm{Zn}=2.987$ (1) $\AA$ ] which are bridged by two carboxylate fragments and two -O-$\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ fragments of four 4-carboxylatophenoxyacetate dianions to give rise to $\mathrm{ZnO}_{4} \mathrm{~N}$ square-based pyramids. The extended connectivity results in a layered structure.

## Comment

The 4-carboxylatophenoxyacetate dianion chelates to zinc(II) through its two carboxylate ends to form a polymeric compound in its diaqua derivative (Zhao et al., 2005). Assuming that the same species exists in solution, the addition of pyridine readily displaces the water molecules to afford the bis-pyridine adduct which was crystallized as the title compound, (I).


Compound (I) can be described as a polymer of dinuclear units (Fig. 1). Two adjacent zinc cations are linked by a pair of 4-carboxy- $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ units and also by a pair of oxyacetate $-\mathrm{O}-$ $\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ units of four different dianions to furnish two intersecting centrosymmetric $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{Zn}_{2}$ rings. Around each Zn atom, the four O atoms constitute an approximate $\mathrm{ZnO}_{4}$ square plane, above which lies the N atom of the pyridine molecule. The Zn atom is displaced from its O -atom neighbours, in the direction of the N atom, by 0.378 (1) $\AA$, probably due to the presence of the second Zn atom opposite the axial site at a distance of 2.987 (1) $\AA$. The bridging mode of the $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ and $-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{2-}-\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ units leads to a tightly held layer structure.

## Experimental

An aqueous solution of zinc(II) acetate dihydrate ( $1.10 \mathrm{~g}, 5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to an aqueous solution of 4-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid $(0.98 \mathrm{~g}, 5 \mathrm{mmol})$. An excess ( 1 ml ) of pyridine was then added,

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followed by drops of aqueous sodium hydroxide ( 0.1 M ) until the pH of the mixture was 6 . Colorless crystals of (I) were isolated from the filtered solution after several days. Analysis calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{5} \mathrm{Zn}$ : C 49.66, H 3.27, N 4.14\%; found: C 49.62, H 3.25, N 4.11\%.

## Crystal data

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[Zn
\(M_{r}=677.22\)
Monoclinic, \(P 2_{1} / c\)
\(a=9.354\) (2) \(\AA\) 。
\(b=14.876\) (3) \(\AA\)
\(c=10.231\) (2) \(\AA\)
\(\beta=109.58(3)^{\circ}\)
\(V=1341.3(5) \AA^{3}\)
\(Z=2\)
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## Data collection

## Rigaku RAXIS-RAPID

diffractometer
$\omega$ scan
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.459, T_{\text {max }}=0.756$
12817 measured reflections
$D_{x}=1.677 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 12595 reflections
$\theta=3.5-27.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=1.85 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=295$ (2) K
Block, colorless
$0.34 \times 0.25 \times 0.16 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.032$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.080$
$S=1.04$
3069 reflections
190 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained
Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left(\AA^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| Zn1-O1 | 2.051 (2) | $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5^{\text {iii }}$ | 2.087 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 2^{\text {i }}$ | 2.011 (2) | Zn1-N1 | 2.032 (2) |
| $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 4^{\text {ii }}$ | 2.059 (2) | $\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1^{\text {i }}$ | 2.987 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 158.45 (7) | $\mathrm{O} 2{ }^{\text {i }}-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5^{\text {iii }}$ | 87.03 (7) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 4^{\text {ii }}$ | 89.76 (7) | $\mathrm{O} 2{ }^{\text {i }}-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 107.22 (8) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5^{\text {iii }}$ | 86.35 (7) | $\mathrm{O} 4{ }^{\text {iii }}-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O} 5^{\text {iii }}$ | 158.88 (7) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 94.17 (7) | $\mathrm{O} 4^{\text {ii }}-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 100.16 (7) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{O}^{\text {iii }}$ | 89.07 (7) | $\mathrm{O} 5^{\text {iii }}-\mathrm{Zn} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 100.82 (7) |
| Symmetry codes $x,-y+\frac{1}{2}, z-\frac{1}{2}$. | $+1,-y .$ | $+1 ; \text { (ii) }-x$ | $+\frac{3}{2} ; \quad$ (iii) |

H atoms were positioned geometrically $(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93 \AA$ for the aromatic H atoms and $0.97 \AA$ for the aliphatic H atoms) and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$. The displacement factors of atoms $\mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{C} 2$, and C3 perhaps suggest some static or dynamic disorder of the pyridine ring, but no attempt was made to model this further.

Data collection: RAPID-AUTO (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: RAPID-AUTO; data reduction: CrystalStructure (Rigaku/MSC, 2002); 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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Figure 1
View of a fragment of (I), showing the close association of two zinc cations. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level and H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. Symmetry codes are as given in Table 1.


Figure 2
View of the layered structure of (I).

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