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Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.018 wR factor = 0.054Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.3

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Aqua{2,2'-[propane-1,3-diylbis(nitrilomethylidyne)]diphenolato}zinc(II)

In the title compound, $[Zn(C_{17}H_{16}N_2O_2)(H_2O)]$, the Zn^{II} atom has a distorted pentacoordinate square-pyramidal geometry. A mirror plane passes through the Zn^{II} atom, the central C atom of the propyl group and the O atom of the coordinated water molecule. The two planar Schiff base groups make a dihedral angle of 39.49 (6)°. The crystal packing is stabilized by weak intermolecular interactions *via* the coordinated water molecule.

Comment

To date, it has been reported that Zn^{II} and its complexes exhibit insulinomimetic activity *in vitro* and anti-diabetic effects in animals (Chen *et al.*, 1998; Song *et al.*, 2001; Sakurai *et al.*, 2002). It has also been reported that several vanadium complexes of the tetradentate Schiff base salen-type [*N*,*N'*bis(salicylidene)-1,2-ethylenediamine] ligands show insulinenhancing properties (Durai & Saminathan, 1997; Correia *et al.*, 2004). As part of a study aimed to design new insulinomimetic Zn^{II} complexes, we have synthesized the title compound, (I), in which bis(*N*,*N'*-salicylidene)propane-1,3diamine (salpr) behaves as a tetradentate Schiff base ligand.



The crystal structure and the atom-numbering scheme of (I) are shown in Fig.1. Selected geometric parameters are shown in Table 1. The Zn^{II} atom is in a pentacoordinate distorted square-pyramidal geometry, defined by two N atoms and two O atoms of the salpr ligand as the basal plane and by one apical O atom of a water molecule. The Zn^{II} atom sits in the body of the pyramid 0.3539 (7) Å from the O1/N1/N1ⁱ/O1ⁱ basal plane [symmetry code: (i) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$]. A mirror plane passes through the Zn^{II} atom, the central C9 atom of the propyl group and the O2 atom of the coordinated water molecule. The two planar Schiff base groups (r.m.s. deviation of fitted atoms of O1/C1–C6/C7/N1 and O1ⁱ/C1ⁱ–C6ⁱ/C7ⁱ/N1ⁱ = 0.0207 Å) make a dihedral angle of 39.49 (6)°. The sixmembered chelate ring composed of Zn^{II} and the propanediamine group has a chair conformation with out-of-plane Zn^{II} and C9 atoms.

In the crystal structure, complex molecules are weakly linked with one another along the *a* axis *via* the coordinated

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water molecules. The water molecule makes bifurcated $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds with two O atoms of a neighboring salpr ligand. Atom C8 of the propyl group makes another $C-H\cdots O$ contact with O2 of the water molecule of a neighboring complex (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

Experimental

N,N'-Bis(salicylidene)propane-1,3-diamine (5 mg) was dissolved in 80% (ν/ν) EtOH–water (5 ml) and zinc chloride (1.2 mg) dissolved in a small amount of water was added at room temperature. Colorless platelet-shaped crystals appeared from this mixture after a few days by evaporation at room temperature.

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

reflections

Platelet, colorless

 $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ mm

 $\theta = 3.4-27.5^{\circ}$ $\mu = 1.58 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 296.1 K

Cell parameters from 13198

Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} Zn(C_{17}H_{16}N_2O_2)(H_2O) \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 363.72 \\ Orthorhombic, Pnma \\ a = 8.731 (7) Å \\ b = 24.06 (2) Å \\ c = 7.488 (7) Å \\ V = 1573 (2) Å^3 \\ Z = 4 \\ D_x = 1.536 \text{ Mg m}^{-3} \end{bmatrix}$

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID
diffractometer1845 independent reflections
1579 reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ ω scans $R_{int} = 0.016$ Absorption correction: multi-scan
(ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995) $\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
 $T_{min} = 0.668, T_{max} = 0.854$ $k = -31 \rightarrow 31$ 15638 measured reflections $l = -9 \rightarrow 9$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0353P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.018$	+ 0.1946P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.054$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.10	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
1845 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.37 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
113 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1-O1 Zn1-O2	2.027 (2) 2.012 (1)	Zn1-N1	2.112 (2)
$01-Zn1-O1^{i}$ 01-Zn1-O2 01-Zn1-N1	86.05 (3) 100.00 (3) 86.59 (3)	$\substack{\text{O2-Zn1-N1}\\\text{N1-Zn1-N1}^i}$	99.70 (3) 94.06 (4)

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

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, $^\circ).$

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O2-H2w\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.88	1.77	2.590 (3)	154
$C8-H8b\cdots O2^{iii}$	0.97	2.63	3.407 (2)	137

Symmetry codes: (ii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$; (iii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$.

All H atoms, except for those of the water molecule, were located in difference Fourier maps and were placed at ideal positions and



Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. Unlabeled atoms are related to labeled atoms by the symmetry operation $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$.





A view of the crystal packing of (I). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds and intermolecular contacts.

treated as riding $[C-H = 0.93 \text{ Å} \text{ and } U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ for aromatic H atoms; C-H = 0.97 Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ for methylene H atoms]. H atoms of the water molecule were located in difference Fourier maps and treated as riding $[U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)]$.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSC, 2005) and *CRYSTALS* (Betteridge *et al.*, 2003); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et al.*, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *CrystalStructure*.

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