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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.096 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.2

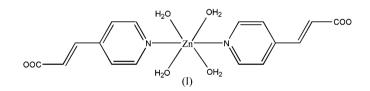
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### trans-Tetraaquabis[3-(4-pyridyl)acrylato-kN]zinc(II)

The title complex,  $[Zn(C_8H_6NO_2)_2(H_2O)_4]$ , consists of a central zinc(II) atom coordinated by two *trans* 3-(4-pyridyl)-acrylate ligands *via* their N atoms and by four water ligands. The Zn atom is located on a centre of inversion. Extensive inter-complex hydrogen bonding occurs between the water ligands and the carboxylate groups, resulting in a three-dimensional network.

#### Comment

Three  $Zn^{II}$  coordination polymers that contain a bridging 3pyridylacrylate ligand have been reported recently (Li *et al.*, 2005; Qu *et al.*, 2004; Wu *et al.*, 2004). However, if the ligands coordinate only in a monodentate fashion, the possibility of participating in a hydrogen-bonding network arises. We report here the structure of the title compound, (I), in which such a hydrogen-bonded network is found.



In complex (I), the  $Zn^{II}$  atom resides on a centre of symmetry and is coordinated by two N atoms from two 3-pyridylacrylate groups and four O atoms from four water molecules in a slightly distorted octahedral geometry. The two 3-pyridylacrylate groups are in *trans* positions (Fig. 1).

The O atom of each coordinated water molecule forms a bifurcated hydrogen bond with the carbonyl O atoms of the 3-pyridylacrylate groups (Table 2 and Fig. 2). The intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions link the molecules into a three-dimensional network.

### **Experimental**

The title compound was obtained from an aqueous solution (15 ml) containing  $Zn(NO_3)_2$ ,  $Na_2CO_3$  and 3-pyridylacrylic acid (2:1:2 molar ratio).

Crystal data  $[Zn(C_8H_6NO_2)_2(H_2O)_4]$ Z = 2 $M_r = 433.73$  $D_{\rm r} = 1.640 {\rm Mg m}^{-3}$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation a = 11.243 (2) Å  $\mu = 1.45 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ b = 7.0251 (8) Å T = 293 (2) K c = 12.930 (2) Å Prism, colourless  $\beta = 120.687 (11)^{\circ}$  $0.15 \times 0.12 \times 0.03 \; \rm mm$ V = 878.2 (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

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Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.812, T_{\max} = 0.958$ 

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$   $wR(F^2) = 0.096$  S = 1.112014 reflections 124 parameters H-atom parameters constrained 6580 measured reflections 2014 independent reflections 1732 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0396P)^{2} + 0.5425P]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.39 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1-O1W Zn1-O2W	2.1063 (19) 2.1090 (19)	Zn1-N1	2.181 (2)
O1W-Zn1-O2W O1W-Zn1-N1	89.45 (7) 87.58 (8)	O2W-Zn1-N1	90.27 (8)

Table 2

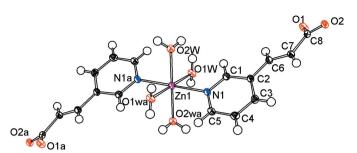
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1W-H1\cdots O2^{i}$	0.86	1.92	2.756 (3)	163
$O1W - H2 \cdot \cdot \cdot O2^{ii}$	0.85	1.92	2.770 (3)	177
O2W−H3···O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.83	1.99	2.809 (3)	167
$O2W-H4\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.84	1.87	2.686 (3)	164
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Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - 1, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii) -x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1; (iii)  $x - 1, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

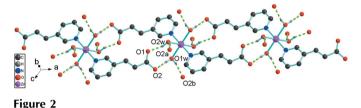
H atoms bonded to C atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined with isotropic displacement parameters using a riding model, with C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . Water H atoms were located in difference maps and refined as riding at the O-H distances given in Table 2, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve



### Figure 1

A view of (I), with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. [Symmetry code: (a) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.]



View of the extensive hydrogen bonding between complexes. [Symmetry codes: (a) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (b) 1 - x, -y, 1 - z.]

structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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