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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.013 Å R factor = 0.072 wR factor = 0.215 Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.9

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## Dibromo{4-bromo-2-[2-(isopropylamino)ethyliminomethyl]phenolato}zinc(II)

In the title mononuclear Schiff base zinc(II) complex,  $[ZnBr_2(C_{12}H_{17}BrN_2O)]$ , the  $Zn^{II}$  ion is four-coordinated by one O atom and one imine N atom of a Schiff base ligand, and by two Br atoms, giving a tetrahedral geometry. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

#### Comment

Zinc complexes have been of great interest in coordination chemistry related to enzymatic reactions and molecular architectures (Fabiane *et al.*, 1998; Demadis *et al.*, 2005; Hanson *et al.*, 2004; Moghimi *et al.*, 2005). In a further investigate of the structures of zinc complexes, the title mononuclear zinc(II) complex, (I), is reported here.



In complex (I), the Zn atom is four-coordinated by one O atom and one imine N atom of a Schiff base ligand, and by two Br atoms, giving a tetrahedral geometry (Fig. 1). All of the bond lengths and angles (Table 1) involving the Zn atom are comparable to the values in other zinc(II) complexes (Qiu, 2006; Odoko *et al.*, 2006; Zhang, 2006; Peng *et al.*, 2006). The C8–C9–N2–C10, C9–N2–C10–C11 and C9–N2–C10–C12 torsion angles are 17.0 (6), 60.1 (7) and 1.4 (7)°, respectively.



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In the crystal structure, the molecules are stabilized by intermolecular  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds, forming layers parallel to the *bc* plane (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

## **Experimental**

5-Bromosalicylaldehyde (1.0 mmol, 201.3 mg), *N*-isopropylethane-1,2-diamine (1.0 mmol, 102.2 mg) and zinc bromide (1.0 mmol, 145.2 mg) were dissolved in ethanol (60 ml). The mixture was stirred for about 1 h to give a clear colourless solution. After leaving the solution to stand in air for 13 d, colourless block-like crystals were formed.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.978 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

Block, colourless

 $0.12 \times 0.10 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$ 

13301 measured reflections

3471 independent reflections

2078 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\mu = 8.42 \text{ mm}^-$ 

T = 298 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.075$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.5^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

[ZnBr<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>17</sub>BrN<sub>2</sub>O)]M<sub>r</sub> = 510.38Monoclinic, P<sub>21</sub>/na = 7.044 (1) Åb = 15.048 (3) Åc = 16.179 (3) Å $<math>\beta$  = 92.007 (3)° V = 1713.9 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{min} = 0.431, T_{max} = 0.518$ (expected range = 0.390–0.469)

## Refinement

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_{\rm o}^2) + (0.1122P)^2 \\ R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.072 & + 0.0647P] \\ wR(F^2) = 0.215 & where \ P = (F_{\rm o}^2 + 2F_{\rm c}^2)/3 \\ S = 1.05 & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ 3471 \ reflections & \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.96 \ e^{\begin{subarray}{c} {\rm A}^{-3} \\ -3 \end{array} \\ 174 \ parameters & \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -1.86 \ e^{\begin{subarray}{c} {\rm A}^{-3} \\ -3 \end{array} \\ H-atom \ parameters \ constrained \end{array}$ 

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1-O1	1.944 (7)	Zn1-Br2	2.3382 (16)
Zn1-N1	2.007 (8)	Zn1-Br3	2.402 (2)
O1-Zn1-N1	94.3 (3)	O1–Zn1–Br3	116.7 (2)
O1-Zn1-Br2	110.6 (2)	N1-Zn1-Br3	105.8 (2)
N1-Zn1-Br2	112.4 (2)	Br2-Zn1-Br3	115.01 (7)

## Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$C10-H10\cdots O1^{i}$ 0.98 1.91 2.882 (11) 170	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
	C10-H10···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.98	1.91	2.882 (11)	170

Symmetry code: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .



## Figure 2

The packing of (I), viewed along the *a* axis. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

All H atoms were placed in idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms. Constrained distances: N-H = 0.90 Å, C-H = 0.93 Å for aromatic CH groups, C-H = 0.97 Å for methylene CH<sub>2</sub> groups and C-H = 0.96 Å for methyl CH<sub>3</sub> groups. Isotropic displacement parameters were fixed at  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{iso}(C,N)$  for amine and methylene CH<sub>2</sub> groups and at  $1.5U_{iso}(C)$  for methyl CH<sub>3</sub> groups. The maximum residual density was observed 1.15 Å from Br3 and the minimum residual density was observed 0.56 Å from atom Br3.

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

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