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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.019 wR factor = 0.046 Data-to-parameter ratio = 24.5

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catena-Poly[imidazolium [[diaquadichloromanganese(II)]-μ-chloro]]

The structure of the title compound, $\{(C_3H_5N_2)[MnCl_3-(H_2O)_2]\}_n$, is composed of discrete imidazolium cations and an $[MnCl_3(H_2O)_2]_n$ infinite-chain anion. The structure is stabilized by $N-H\cdots Cl$ and $O-H\cdots Cl$ hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional network.

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Comment

Some manganese chloride complexes with imidazole as ligands have been investigated, such as $[Mn(Im)_6]Cl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ (where Im is imidazole) and $[Mn(Im)_4(H_2O)_2]Cl_2$ (Garrett *et al.*, 1983*a,b*). $[Mn(N_3)_2(bim)_2]$ [where bim is 1,2-bis(imidazol-1-yl)ethane] (Li *et al.*, 2004) has also been investigated.



In the title compound, (I), the Mn atom is octahedrally coordinated by four Cl atoms and two O atoms. The $[MnCl_4(H_2O)_2]$ groups form a distorted octahedral chain



Figure 1

Drawing of (I) showing one cation and three units of the anion chain. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level [symmetry codes: (i) 2 - x, 1 - y, $\frac{1}{2} + z$; (ii) 2 - x, 1 - y, $-\frac{1}{2} + z$]. H atoms are drawn as circles with arbitrary radii.

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along the c axis, in which the octahedra share common Cl atoms. The coordination environment of Mn corresponds to that observed in Cs[MnCl₃(H₂O)₂], (II) (Jensen et al., 1962), and Rb[MnCl₃(H₂O)₂], (III) (Jensen, 1967). However, (II) and (III) crystallize in the space group Pcca. The bond distances and angles around the Mn atom of the title compound are not significantly different from those in (II) or (III).

In (I), the potentially active H atoms, viz, the imidazole N-H and aqua H atoms, are engaged in hydrogen bonds with Cl atoms, forming a three-dimensional hydrogen-bonded network (Table 2).

Experimental

The title complex crystallized from a solution of MnCl₂·4H₂O (6 mmol) and imidazole (6 mmol) in HCl (1 N, 20 ml) upon slow evaporation at room temperature. Pink crystals of block shape were obtained after several weeks.

Crystal data

$(C_{3}H_{5}N_{2})[MnCl_{3}(H_{2}O)_{2}]$	Z = 4
$M_r = 266.41$	$D_x = 1.786 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Orthorhombic, $Pca2_1$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 11.623 (6) Å	$\mu = 2.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 9.354 (5) Å	T = 293 (2) K
c = 9.114 (5) Å	Block, pink
$V = 990.9 (9) \text{ Å}^3$	$0.52\times0.31\times0.29$ mm

12930 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int}=0.053$

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.3^{\circ}$

2471 independent reflections

2301 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2002) $T_{\min} = 0.46, T_{\max} = 0.54$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.019$	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
$wR(F^2) = 0.046$	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
S = 1.01	Extinction correction: SHELXTL
2471 reflections	Extinction coefficient: 0.0316 (9)
101 parameters	Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
H-atom parameters constrained	1155 Friedel pairs
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0206P)^2]$	Flack parameter: 0.11 (2)
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mn1-O1	2.2055 (16)	Mn1-Cl1	2.5331 (10)
Mn1-O2	2.2080 (17)	Mn1-Cl3i	2.5530 (15)
Mn1-Cl2	2.4932 (11)	Mn1-Cl3	2.5668 (15)
O1-Mn1-O2	88.05 (6)	Cl2-Mn1-Cl3 ⁱ	92.82 (4)
O1-Mn1-Cl2	179.33 (6)	Cl1-Mn1-Cl3 ⁱ	91.57 (3)
O2-Mn1-Cl2	91.38 (6)	O1-Mn1-Cl3	87.55 (6)
O1-Mn1-Cl1	88.44 (6)	O2-Mn1-Cl3	85.07 (6)
O2-Mn1-Cl1	176.48 (5)	Cl2-Mn1-Cl3	92.74 (4)
Cl2-Mn1-Cl1	92.14 (4)	Cl1-Mn1-Cl3	94.99 (4)
O1-Mn1-Cl3 ⁱ	86.83 (6)	Cl3 ⁱ -Mn1-Cl3	171.238 (11)
O2-Mn1-Cl3 ⁱ	88.03 (6)	Mn1 ⁱⁱ -Cl3-Mn1	126.60 (4)

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



Figure 2

The packing in (I), viewed approximately along the b axis. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-{\rm H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
O1−H1W···Cl2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.84	2.35	3.176 (2)	168
$O1 - H2W \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl2^{ii}$	0.84	2.38	3.170 (3)	158
$O2-H3W \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl1^{i}$	0.82	2.36	3.182 (3)	172
$O2-H4W \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl1^{iv}$	0.84	2.42	3.206 (2)	156
$N1-H1\cdots Cl1^{v}$	0.86	2.37	3.190 (2)	158
$N2-H2\cdots Cl3^{vi}$	0.86	2.53	3.358 (3)	162
Symmetry codes: (i)	-x + 2, -	$y + 1, z - \frac{1}{2};$ (ii) $-x + 2, -y +$	$+1, z + \frac{1}{2};$ (iii)
$x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + 1, z;$ (iv)	$x - \frac{1}{2}, -y$	v + 1, z; (v)	-x + 1, -y + 1	$2, z - \frac{1}{2};$ (vi)
$-x+1, -y+1, z-\frac{1}{2}$				

The imidazole H atoms were constrained to an ideal geometry, with C-H = 0.94 Å and N-H = 0.86 Å. Aqua atoms H1W, H2W, H3W and H4W were located in a difference electron-density map and refined as riding, with O-H = 0.82-0.84 Å. All H atoms were refined with with isotropic displacement parameters of $U_{iso}(H) =$ $1.2U_{eq}(C,N,O).$

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997) and DIAMOND (Brandenburg & Berndt, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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