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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003 \text{ Å}$ Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.030 wR factor = 0.084 Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.7

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# Chlorobis(1,10-phenanthroline)(trichloroacetato)manganese(II)

In the title compound,  $[Mn(C_2Cl_3O_2)Cl(C_{12}H_8N_2)_2]$ , the Mn<sup>II</sup> ion exhibits a distorted octahedral geometry, with one O atom from a trichloroacetate anion and three N atoms from two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands occupying the equatorial plane, and one Cl<sup>-</sup> anion and one pyridyl N atom occupying the axial positions. In the crystal structure, complex molecules are linked by C-H···O and C-H···Cl intermolecular hydrogen bonds into layers. In addition,  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions are observed.

## Comment

Manganese complexes with carboxylate ligands have received extensive attention due to the fact that carboxylates are good candidates for the investigation of exchange-coupling interactions between adjacent metal ions (Soler *et al.*, 2004). Trichloroacetic acid, a type of carboxylate organic ligand, and its coordination chemistry, have received a great deal of attention (Dell'Amico *et al.*, 2000; Ng, 2004; Gomez-Segura *et al.*, 2005; Turta, Prodius *et al.*, 2004; Turta, Shova *et al.*, 2004; Dey *et al.*, 2004). However, there are only a few reports on transition metal complexes with trichloroacetate and rigid chelating organic ligands such as 1,10-phenanthroline or 2,2bipyridine (de Boer *et al.*, 2005; Yin *et al.*, 2005). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The Mn atom in compound (I) is six-coordinated, by one  $Cl^-$  anion, one O atom from a trichloroacetate anion and four N atoms from two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands (Fig. 1). The three *trans* angles at Mn1 (Table 1) indicates a distorted octahedral geometry of the Mn atom.

In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by C–  $H \cdots O$  and C– $H \cdots Cl$  intermolecular hydrogen-bonding

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#### Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atomic numbering scheme. Both components of the disordered Cl atoms are shown.

interactions (Table 2) into a two-dimensional network, as shown in Fig. 2. The molecular packing is further stabilized by  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between the 1,10-phenanthroline ring systems of screw-related molecules; the distance between the centroids of the N1-pyridine ring at (x, y, z) and the N2-pyridine ring at the symmetry position  $(1 - x, -\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z)$  is 3.695 (1) Å.

## **Experimental**

MnCl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.20 g, 1.0 mmol) and Cl<sub>3</sub>CCOOH (0.32 g, 2.0 mmol) were dissolved in a water–ethanol mixture (1:1  $\nu/\nu$ ; 20 ml). The mixture was stirred for *ca* 30 min at 333 K and then 1,10-phenan-throline monohydrate (0.198 g, 1.0 mmol) was added. The mixture was further stirred for another 1 h at 333 K, then filtered, and the resultant filtrate was left to stand for slow evaporation at room temperature. Yellow single crystals of (I) were obtained after a period of 7 d (yield 85%). Analysis, calculated for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>16</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>MnN<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C 50.93, H 2.63, N 9.14%; found: C 51.01, H 2.66, N 9.07%.

#### Crystal data

$[Mn(C_2Cl_3O_2)Cl(C_{12}H_8N_2)_2]$	Z = 4	Tab
$M_r = 613.17$	$D_x = 1.560 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	Hvd
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation	
a = 18.1550 (5)  Å	$\mu = 0.95 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	D-H
b = 10.6381 (3)  Å	T = 298 (2) K	
c = 14.6858 (4) Å	Block, yellow	C8-
$\beta = 112.992 \ (2)^{\circ}$	$0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$	C18-
V = 2611.02 (13) Å <sup>3</sup>		C20-
		Symn
Data collection		5

Bruker SMART CCD APEX-II area-detector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.735, T_{\max} = 0.827$  24639 measured reflections 6585 independent reflections 5462 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.019$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.5^{\circ}$ 



#### Figure 2

A packing diagram for (I), viewed along the c axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. Only one disorder component is shown.

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0398P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.030$	+ 0.8491P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.084$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.02	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
6585 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
353 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.31 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mn1-O1	2.1378 (12)	Mn1-N2	2.3109 (14)
Mn1-N3	2.2876 (14)	Mn1-N1	2.3131 (13)
Mn1-N4	2.3033 (13)	Mn1-Cl4	2.4374 (5)
O1-Mn1-N3	84.94 (5)	N4-Mn1-N1	161.37 (5)
O1-Mn1-N4	110.18 (5)	N2-Mn1-N1	71.54 (5)
N3-Mn1-N4	72.10 (5)	O1-Mn1-Cl4	100.71 (4)
O1-Mn1-N2	152.53 (5)	N3-Mn1-Cl4	163.26 (4)
N3-Mn1-N2	86.46 (5)	N4-Mn1-Cl4	91.18 (4)
N4-Mn1-N2	91.77 (5)	N2-Mn1-Cl4	94.96 (4)
O1-Mn1-N1	83.89 (5)	N1-Mn1-Cl4	98.28 (4)
N3-Mn1-N1	97.98 (5)		

Table 2	-	
Hydrogen-bond geometry	(Å,	°)

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$C8-H8\cdots Cl4^{i}$ $C18-H18\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.93 0.93	2.71 2.54	3.565 (2) 3.334 (3)	154 144
$C20-H20\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.93	2.43	3.255 (3)	148

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

Atoms Cl1 and Cl2 are disordered and were modelled with split positions having site-occupancy factors of 0.604 (17) and 0.396 (17). The C–Cl distances involving the disordered atoms were restrained to be equal. H atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with C–H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}(\rm H) = 1.2 U_{eq}(\rm C)$ .

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