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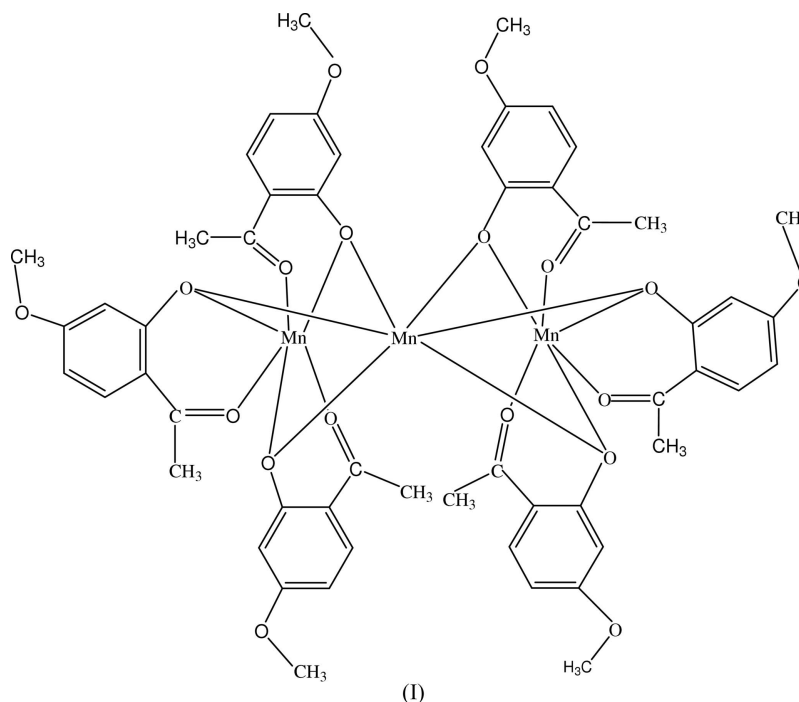
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
T = 298 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007 \text{ \AA}$   
R factor = 0.047  
wR factor = 0.115  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.A trinuclear manganese(II) complex of  
2-acetyl-5-methoxyphenol

In the title centrosymmetric compound, hexakis( $\mu$ -2-acetyl-5-methoxyphenolato)trimanganese(II),  $[\text{Mn}_3(\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{O}_3)_6]$ , three  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atoms are linearly linked by deprotonated hydroxyl groups of paeonol anions. One Mn atom is located on an inversion center and is coordinated by six hydroxy O atoms, and the Mn atom located on a general position is coordinated by three hydroxy O and three acetyl O atoms. Within the trinuclear molecule, there is a short  $\text{Mn} \cdots \text{Mn}$  separation of 3.0464 (8)  $\text{\AA}$ .

## Comment

2-Acetyl-5-methoxyphenol (common name paeonol) is an effective component of many traditional Chinese medicines. Many new metallic complexes of paeonol have been prepared and characterized; however, structural studies of them are rarely reported (Sillanpaa, 1991; Demertzi *et al.*, 2000). Linear trinuclear manganese complexes bridged by acetate anions have been reported previously (Tangoulis *et al.* 1996; Baldwin *et al.* 1995). Recently, we prepared the title  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  complex, (I), with paeonol ligands and present here its structure.



The trinuclear molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Three  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atoms are linked linearly by deprotonated hydroxyl groups of paeonol anions. Atom Mn1 is located on an inversion center and coordinated by six hydroxy O atoms

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with a distorted octahedral geometry. Atom Mn2 is located on a general position and coordinated by three hydroxy O and three acetyl O atoms, with a distorted octahedral geometry (Table 1). Within the trinuclear molecule, there is a short Mn...Mn separation of 3.0464 (8) Å.

Weak C—H...O interactions are observed in the crystal structure (Table 2).

## Experimental

A methanol solution (20 ml) of manganese(II) acetate dihydrate (0.184 g, 1.0 mmol) was mixed with a methanol solution (15 ml) of paeonol (0.166 g, 1 mmol). After stirring for 3 h at 320 K, the precipitate was filtered off. Single crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation of the filtrate after 9 d.

### Crystal data

|   |   |
|---|---|
| $[\text{Mn}_3(\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{O}_3)_6]$ | $Z = 2$                                   |
| $M_r = 1155.79$                                   | $D_x = 1.456 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$                              | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                    |
| $a = 11.967 (2) \text{ \AA}$                      | $\mu = 0.78 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $b = 19.883 (3) \text{ \AA}$                      | $T = 298 (2) \text{ K}$                   |
| $c = 12.304 (2) \text{ \AA}$                      | Block, yellow                             |
| $\beta = 115.740 (2)^\circ$                       | $0.19 \times 0.18 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ |
| $V = 2637.1 (7) \text{ \AA}^3$                    |   |

### Data collection

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer               | 13782 measured reflections             |
| $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans                                | 4647 independent reflections           |
| Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2002) | 2690 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| $T_{\min} = 0.866$ , $T_{\max} = 0.912$                     | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.052$               |
|   | $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$     |

### Refinement

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Refinement on $F^2$             | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.032P)^2 + 2.7402P]$     |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                       |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.115$               | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$               |
| $S = 1.01$                      | $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.53 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 4647 reflections                | $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 346 parameters                  |  |
| H-atom parameters constrained   |  |

**Table 1**

Selected bond lengths (Å).

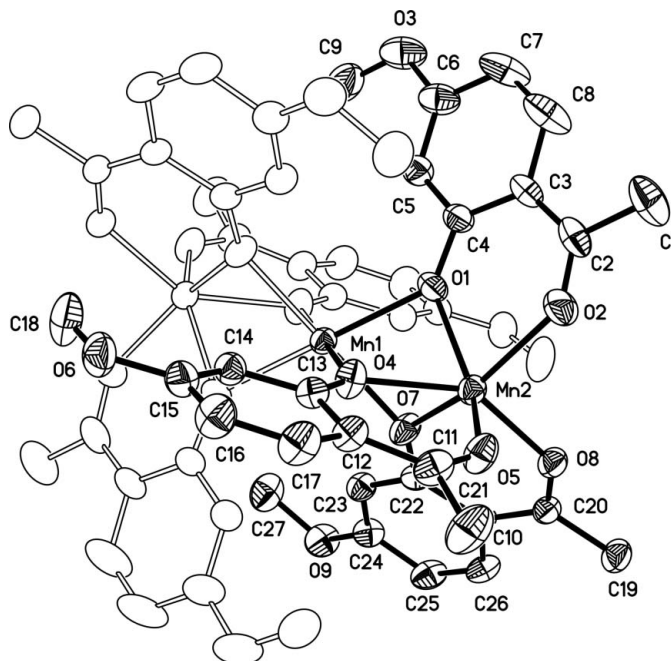
|        |           |        |           |
|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Mn1—O1 | 2.178 (3) | Mn2—O4 | 2.172 (3) |
| Mn1—O4 | 2.192 (3) | Mn2—O5 | 2.122 (3) |
| Mn1—O7 | 2.162 (3) | Mn2—O7 | 2.142 (3) |
| Mn2—O1 | 2.163 (3) | Mn2—O8 | 2.128 (3) |
| Mn2—O2 | 2.134 (3) |        |           |

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-H\cdots A$                            | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|--|-------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $\text{C}25-\text{H}25\cdots\text{O}5^i$ | 0.93  | 2.55        | 3.396 (5)   | 151           |

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



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I), shown with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids, H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Hollow unlabeled atoms are related by the symmetry operator  $(1-x, 1-y, 1-z)$ .

Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.96 Å, and torsion angles were refined to fit the electron density,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . Aromatic H atoms were placed geometrically, with C—H = 0.93 Å, and refined in riding mode, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2003); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2003); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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