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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 571 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.041 wR factor = 0.104 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.2

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# Benzoato[hydridotris(3,5-methylphenylpyrazolyl)borato- $\kappa^3 N, N', N''$ ]zinc(II)

In the title compound,  $[Zn(C_7H_5O_2)(C_{30}H_{28}BN_6)]$ , the Zn atom is coordinated by three N atoms of the tridentate pyrazolyl groups and the carboxylate O atoms of the benzoate ligand in an isobidentate manner due to a short-range interaction between the Zn atom and the carbonyl O atom [2.593 (2) Å], giving a distorted trigonal–bipyrimidal environment.

#### Comment

Matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) are a class of structurally related zinc-containing endopeptidases comprising more than 20 mammalian MMPs. The MMP catalytic domains exhibit high sequence homology and structural similarity. Each includes two structurally and mechanistically distinct Zn<sup>II</sup> centers. One is thought to stabilize the protein structure whereas the other is crucial for catalysis (Whittaker et al., 1999). Single-crystal X-ray structure and solution NMR studies show that this zinc ion is coordinated by three imidazolyl groups from histidine (His) residues and one hydroxide in the activated enzymes (Parkin, 2004; He et al., 2004). One of the most important model complexes of MMPs is hydridotris(3,5-methylphenylpyrazoly)borate zinc hydroxide (TpZn-OH), (II), since this compound exhibits high structural similarity to the catalytic center of this class of enzymes (Parkin, 2004; Jacobsen & Cohen, 2004; Puerta & Cohen, 2003). The zinc ion adopts a tetrahedral geometry with bond distances and angles very close to the corresponding parameters in the enzymes. To shed light on the mechanism of enzyme interaction with biorelevant molecules, much effort has been devoted to the spectroscopic and structural studies of this class of model complexes with different small molecules.



The title complex, (I), is analogous to (II) except that it has

a benzoate ligand coordinated to the Zn atom, through

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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atomnumbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. All H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



#### Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title compound, viewed down the b axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity.

carboxylate atom O1, in a monodentate mode (Fig. 1). The tridentate hydridotris(3,5-methylphenylpyrazoly) ligand is coordinated to zinc via N1, N3 and N5 of the pyrazolyl ligands. The geometry of the Zn atom is distorted trigonal bipyrimidal because of the presence of a short-range interaction between atoms Zn and O2 [2.593 (2) Å]. Atoms O2 and N5 occupy axial positions, with an angle of 169.81  $(9)^{\circ}$  at the Zn atom. Atoms O1, N1 and N3 occupy equatorial positions, with the angles at the Zn atom between 98.85 (10) and  $128.63 (10)^{\circ}$ . The Zn-N and Zn-O bond distances and other bond lengths and angles are in normal ranges (Allen et al., 1987; Orpen et al., 1989).

 $C-H \cdot \cdot \cdot O$  intra- and intermolecular interactions (Table 2) link the molecules into dimers which are arranged parallel to the *ac* face (Fig. 2). In addition, there are  $\pi - \pi$  interactions between the (C25-C30)<sup>ii</sup> and N1/N2/C2-C4 rings [symmetry code: (ii)  $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$ , with a distance between the centroids of 3.831 Å, and there are  $C-H\cdots\pi$  interactions, [shortest H...centroid distance of 2.790 Å, angle about H of  $165^{\circ}$ ] between C17–H17 and the ring centroid of (C25–C30)<sup>ii</sup>.

## **Experimental**

Equimolar quantities of hydridotris(3,5-methylphenylpyrazolyl)borate zinc hydroxide (69.2 g, 0.12 mmol; Puerta & Cohen, 2002) and benzoic acid (14.9 g, 0.12 mmol) were separately dissolved in 10 and 2 ml methanol, respectively. The solutions were mixed, and stirred magnetically for 30 min. The resulting solid was collected and dried under vacuum. The solid was redissolved in dichloromethane and crystals were obtained by diffusion of hexane into the solution (vield 54.8 mg, 81.6%).

#### Crystal data

$[Zn(C_7H_5O_2)(C_{30}H_{28}BN_6)]$	Z = 4
$M_r = 669.87$	$D_x = 1.372 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
a = 10.147 (2)  Å	$\mu = 0.80 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
b = 23.561 (5)  Å	T = 571 (2) K
c = 13.776 (3) Å	Prism, green
$\beta = 100.09 \ (3)^{\circ}$	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$ mm
$V = 3242.4 (11) \text{ Å}^3$	

### Data collection

Bruker 1K CCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.856, T_{\max} = 0.856$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0308P)^2]$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.104 + 2.4383P] where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ S = 1.007014 reflections  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.42 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 432 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of Extinction correction: SHELXL97 independent and constrained Extinction coefficient: 0.0020 (2) refinement

69871 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int}=0.110$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.0^{\circ}$ 

7014 independent reflections

3841 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn-O1	1.920 (2)	N2-B	1.548 (4)
Zn-N1	2.029 (3)	N4-B	1.535 (4)
Zn-N3	2.038 (3)	N6-B	1.552 (4)
Zn-N5	2.081 (2)		
O1-Zn-N1	128.63 (10)	N3-Zn-N5	90.64 (10)
O1-Zn-N3	123.21 (10)	O2-Zn-O1	56.04 (9)
N1-Zn-N3	98.85 (10)	O2-Zn-N3	94.53 (9)
O1-Zn-N5	113.83 (10)	O2-Zn-N1	96.33 (9)
N1-Zn-N5	91.52 (10)	O2-Zn-N5	169.81 (9)

## Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} C30 - H30 \cdots O1 \\ C16 - H16 \cdots O2^{i} \end{array}$	0.93	2.47	3.111 (4)	126
	0.93	2.55	3.438 (5)	160

Symmetry code: (i) -x, -y + 1, -z + 1.

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with N-H = 0.86 Å, and C-H = 0.93 and 0.96 Å for aromatic and methyl H atoms, respectively, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{iso}(H) = xU_{eq}(C,N)$ , where x = 1.5 for methyl and x = 1.2 for all other H atoms. The H atom attached to boron was refined isotropically; B-H = 1.11 (2) Å.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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