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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.007 Å R factor = 0.053 wR factor = 0.128 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.2

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[Hydridotris(5-methyl-3-phenylpyrazol-1-yl)borato- $\kappa^3 N^2$, $N^{2'}$, $N^{2''}$](1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylato- $\kappa^2 N$, O)zinc(II) methanol solvate

In the title compound, $[Zn(C_{30}H_{28}BN_6)(C_4H_3N_2O_2)]\cdot CH_3OH$, the zinc ion is coordinated by three N atoms of the tridentate pyrazolyl groups, one of the carboxylate O atoms and one N atom of the 1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylate ligand in a trigonal-bipyramidal geometry.

Comment

One of the most important model complexes of matrix metalloproteinases is the hydridotris(3,5-methylphenylpyrazoly)borate zinc hydroxide (Tp^{Me,Ph}Zn-OH). This compound exhibits high structural similarity to the catalytic center of the enzymes (Parkin, 2004; Puerta & Cohen, 2003). Structural analysis revealed that the zinc ion in this model compound adopted a tetrahedral geometry with bond distances and bond angles very close to the corresponding parameters in the enzymes. Previously, we (He, 2006a,b; He et al., 2005) reported the interactions of this compound with a variety of potential synthetic inhibitors of these enzymes and found that their coordination modes to Zn^{2+} ions were highly dependent upon the bite size of the inhibitor. To further examine the preference of monodentate and bidentate coordination of an inhibitor to the Zn^{2+} ion, we have studied the interaction of [Tp^{Me,Ph}Zn-OH] with 1H-imidazole-4carboxylic acid, which can bind to Zn^{2+} through one imidazole N (monodentate), one imidazole N and one carboxylate O (bidentate), or two carboxylate O (bidentate) atoms.



In the title complex, (I), the tridentate hydridotris(3,5methylphenylpyrazoly) ligand is coordinated to the zinc *via* pyrazolyl atoms N1, N3 and N5 (Fig. 1). The 1*H*-imidazole-4carboxylate anion coordinates to Zn²⁺ through the chelation of carboxylate O2 and imidazolyl N7 atoms. The angular structural parameter, τ , is 1.01 (Addison *et al.* 1984). Thus, zinc adopts a trigonal–bipyramidal geometry. Atoms O2 and N3 occupy the axial positions with an angle of 170.15 (12)° about

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the Zn atom. Atoms N1, N5 and N7 occupy equatorial positions. The other bond lengths and angles are in normal ranges (Puerta & Cohen, 2002, 2003). These results show that the chelation effect in this molecule is much stronger than that of chelation from two O atoms of the carboxylate anion.

Atom O1 is hydrogen bonded to O3 through H3A, whereas O2 is hydrogen-bonded to atom N12 of a second molecule (Table 1).

Experimental

Equimolar quantities of hydridotris(3,5-methylphenylpyrazolyl)borate zinc hydroxide (69.2 mg, 0.12 mmol) (Puerta & Cohen, 2002) and 1*H*-imidazole-4-carboxylic acid (14.9 mg, 0.12 mmol) were separately dissolved in 10 and 2 ml of methanol, respectively. The solutions were mixed and stirred magnetically for 30 min. The solid formed was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield 48 mg, 69%.

V = 3429.7 (12) Å³

 $D_r = 1.340 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

 $\mu = 0.76 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.089$

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^\circ$

Prism, colorless

 $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

42524 measured reflections

6734 independent reflections 4349 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Z = 4

Crystal data

 $[Zn(C_{30}H_{28}BN_6)(C_4H_3N_2O_2)] - CH_4O$ $M_r = 691.89$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ a = 15.371 (3) Å b = 13.829 (3) Å c = 16.357 (3) Å $\beta = 99.46$ (3)°

Data collection

Bruker SMART 1K CCD diffractometer φ and ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2002) $T_{\min} = 0.862, T_{\max} = 0.928$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0294P)^2$		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.053$	+ 6.1376P]		
$wR(F^2) = 0.128$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$		
S = 1.10	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$		
6734 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.42 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$		
443 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.35 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$		
H atoms treated by a mixture of	Extinction correction: SHELXL97		
independent and constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.00088 (15)		
refinement			

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, $^{\circ}$).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} O3-H3A\cdots O1\\ N12-NH12\cdots O2^{i} \end{array}$	0.82	1.93	2.728 (5)	165
	0.86	1.89	2.711 (4)	160

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

The H atoms on B1 was refined [B1-BH = 1.10 (4) Å], while the other H atoms were geometrically constrained and refined in riding



Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

mode as follows: methyl C–H = 0.96 Å, $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$; aromatic C–H = 0.93 Å, $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$; O–H = 0.82 Å, $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$; N–H = 0.86 Å, $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$.

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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