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**Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 173 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(C-C)$  = 0.005 Å  
 Disorder in main residue  
*R* factor = 0.050  
*wR* factor = 0.134  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0

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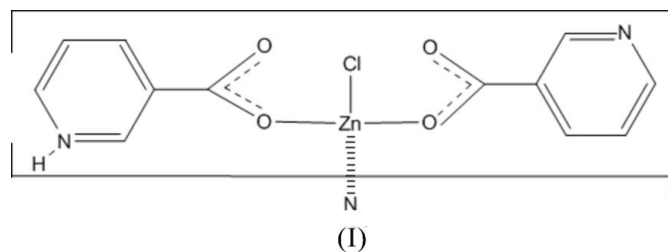
**catena-Poly[[chloro(pyridinium-3-carboxylato- $\kappa O$ )zinc(II)]- $\mu$ -nicotinato- $\kappa^2 O:N$ ]**

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The title bis-nicotinate zinc chloride,  $[Zn(C_6H_4NO_2)Cl(C_6H_5NO_2)]_n$ , has an infinite head-to-tail one-dimensional chain structure. The compound was synthesized under mild hydrothermal conditions. The Zn<sup>II</sup> atom exhibits a distorted tetrahedral coordination geometry. The structure is statistically disordered, with 0.5 site occupancy for the Zn atom and the H atom located on the pyridine N atom. As a result, Zn positions in the crystal structure alternate between two sites related by a crystallographic twofold axis and rows of molecules are formed, supported by strong N—H···O hydrogen bonds.

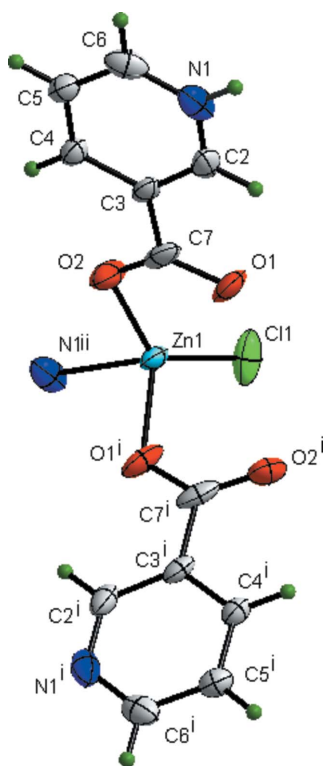
**Comment**

The architecture of solid-state materials, constructed from the directed self-assembly of metal centres with suitable organic spacers, has revealed different one-, two- and three-dimensional topologies with many fascinating properties (Desiraju, 1989; Öhrström & Larsson, 2005). Our ongoing interest is focused on the crystal engineering of hybrid structures constructed from transition metal ions with pyridinecarboxylate groups as the organic ligand (Abu-Youssef & Langer, 2006).



The structure of the title compound, (I), with the atomic numbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1. The structure shows statistical disorder, with 0.5 site occupancy for the Zn atom and the H atom located on N1. Selected bond distances and bond angles are given in Table 1.

The coordination around each Zn<sup>II</sup> node can be described as highly distorted tetrahedral, with angles ranging from 90.79 (14) to 131.31 (9)°. As a result of the Zn-atom disorder, Zn positions in the crystal structure alternate between two sites related by the symmetry operation  $(-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{1}{2})$ . We present here a one-dimensional structure built up from head-to-tail patterns. The Zn<sup>II</sup> centre is coordinated by two O atoms in two chelating carboxylate motifs from the two nicotinate spacers, with a dihedral angle between the mean planes of the carboxylate groups of 74.2 (4)°. The coordination is completed by a chloride ion and an N atom from the adjacent nicotinate ligand, arranged in a head-to-tail fashion, giving rise to rows of



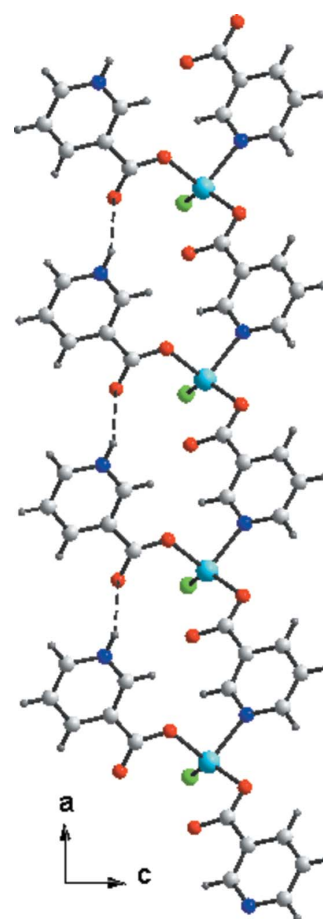
**Figure 1**  
Part of the polymeric structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. For symmetry codes, see Table 1.

monomer units along the  $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0]$  vector, supported by strong N—H...O hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2 and Table 2). On the first-level graph set, as defined by Bernstein *et al.* (1995) and Grell *et al.* (1999),  $C(6)$  chains are formed by these hydrogen bonds. Despite many dissimilarities between the present structure and that of  $[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NCO}_2\text{H})(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NCO}_2)\text{Cl}]$  (Goher *et al.*, 1996) in the topology and the coordination environment of  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}$ , the Zn—Cl bond length is still retained, with a maximum difference of only 0.015 (3) Å.

Only four two- and three-dimensional topologies have been described for  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}$  with the nicotinate spacer (Lin *et al.*, 1998; Evans & Lin, 2001; Rather *et al.*, 2002; Wu *et al.*, 2004). To the best of our knowledge, this is the first example of a coordination mode between the  $\text{Zn}^{\text{II}}$  metal centre and nicotinate ligands, resulting in an infinite one-dimensional self-assembled network.

## Experimental

To an aqueous solution (20 ml) of zinc chloride (0.27 g, 2 mmol, Aldrich), nicotinic acid (0.5 g, 4 mmol, Aldrich) in ethanol (15 ml) was added with continuous stirring. The solution became turbid and was then heated with stirring for 15 min, filtered twice and allowed to boil for 10 min. The resulting clear solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 3–4 weeks. Transparent crystals of (I), suitable for X-ray diffraction, were collected by filtration and dried in air (yield 70%, m.p. 482–483 K). Spectroscopic analysis: IR (KBr pellet,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3020 (C=C, *s*), 1742 (C=O, *s*), 1534 (C=C, *m*), 1395 (C—H, *s*), 1243 (C—N, *s*), 1062 (C—O, *m*), 764 (C—H, *m*).



**Figure 2**  
A perspective drawing, showing rows of monomer units along the vector  $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0]$  with alternating positions of disordered Zn atoms. In this representation, Zn atoms are shown regularly spaced, but they are disordered as well as the hydrogen-bonded (dashed lines) pyridinium H atoms in the overall structure.

### Crystal data

$[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2)\text{Cl}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2)]$   
 $M_r = 346.03$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 13.0493$  (2) Å  
 $b = 7.7050$  (1) Å  
 $c = 12.9115$  (1) Å  
 $\beta = 96.439$  (1)°  
 $V = 1290.00$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.782$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 2.12$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 173$  (2) K  
 Plate, colourless  
 $0.20 \times 0.08 \times 0.04$  mm

### Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2003)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.676$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.920$

6430 measured reflections  
 1341 independent reflections  
 1104 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.045$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^\circ$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.134$   
 $S = 1.01$   
 1341 reflections  
 96 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0709P)^2 + 5.3068P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.55$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.56$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1—O2	1.924 (3)	Zn1—N1 <sup>ii</sup>	2.104 (3)
Zn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.048 (3)	Zn1—Cl1	2.2061 (15)
O2—Zn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	108.91 (12)	O2—Zn1—Cl1	131.31 (9)
O2—Zn1—N1 <sup>ii</sup>	90.79 (14)	O1 <sup>i</sup> —Zn1—Cl1	115.15 (8)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Zn1—N1 <sup>ii</sup>	93.14 (12)	N1 <sup>ii</sup> —Zn1—Cl1	106.06 (1)

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

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1—H1 <sup>iii</sup> ···O2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88	2.15	2.870 (4)	139
C5—H5 <sup>iv</sup> ···O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.95	2.44	3.302 (4)	151

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

H atoms were constrained to ideal geometry using an appropriate riding model, with C—H = 0.95 Å and 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* and *SADABS* (Sheldrick, 2003); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2003); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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