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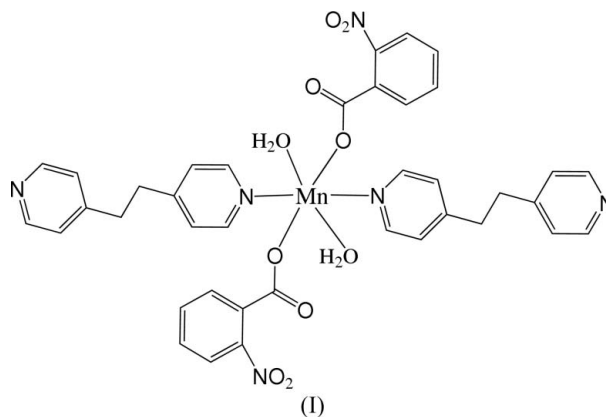
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å
 R factor = 0.052
 wR factor = 0.073
Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.6For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Diaquabis(1,2-di-4-pyridylethane- κN)-
bis(2-nitrobenzoate- κO)manganese(II)

In the title mixed-ligand complex, $[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{NO}_4)_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$, was synthesized and its crystal structure was studied. The Mn atom is six-coordinated in slightly distorted octahedral coordination geometry by two N atoms of two 1,2-di-4-pyridylethane ligands (L), two O atoms of monodentate 2-nitrobenzoate ligands and two O atoms of water molecules. The Mn atom is located on a centre of inversion. A one-dimensional structure is formed in the $[101]$ direction by intermolecular hydrogen bonds between the aqua ligands and N atoms of L . An intramolecular hydrogen bond between the other aqua ligand and a neighbouring O atom of a carboxylate group is also observed.

Comment

1,2-Di-4-pyridylethane (L) is a very popular ligand because of its structural versatility and hydrogen bonding in the construction of crystal engineering materials (Hong *et al.*, 1999). However, only seven mono-coordinated L ligands have been reported (Rochon *et al.*, 1998; Nel *et al.*, 2000; Hong *et al.*, 1999; Vollenhoven & Laubacher, 1976; Fu *et al.*, 2004; Girginova *et al.*, 2005; Ferbinteanu *et al.*, 1999) in 158 complexes (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 5.27, update of August 2006; Allen, 2002) constructed from the L ligand. We have now combined Mn^{II} cations with 2-nitrobenzoate anion and L as a secondary ligand, forming the title complex, $[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{NO}_4)_2(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$, (I), which is reported here.



Each carboxylate coordinates in a monodentate fashion and the Mn^{II} atom lies on a centre of symmetry. Fig. 1 shows the molecular structure of (I). The central Mn^{II} atom in (I) is coordinated by two O atoms from different 2-nitrobenzoate ligands, two N atoms from two ligands L and two O atoms of water molecules, resulting in a slightly distorted octahedral

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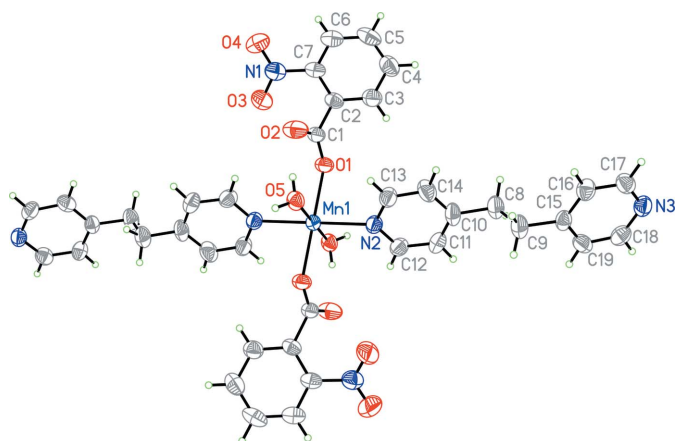


Figure 1
Molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are represented by spheres of arbitrary radii. (Symmetry operation used to generate equivalent atoms: $-x, -y, -z$.)

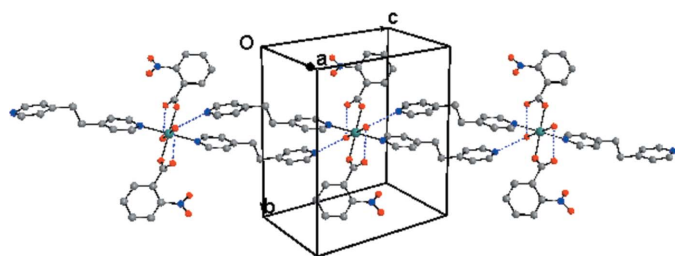


Figure 2
One-dimensional supramolecular structure of (I). Blue dashed lines indicate the hydrogen-bonding interactions.

coordination environment. Both *L* ligands act in a monocoordination mode and show an *anti* configuration. The Mn—O and Mn—N distances are comparable to the corresponding distances in related complexes (Ma *et al.*, 2004; Zhang *et al.*, 2002; Table 1). The *cis* angles at the central Mn^{II} atom are all close to 90°, with a maximum deviation of 3.92 (8)°. It is interesting to note that one O atom from a water molecule bonds with an adjacent N atom of *L* through a strong intermolecular hydrogen bond, and a one-dimensional supramolecular chain is formed in the [101] direction (Fig. 2). An intramolecular hydrogen bond between the other aqua ligand and a neighbouring O atom of a carboxylate groups is also observed (Table 2).

Experimental

A water–ethanol (1:1 *v/v*) solution (5 ml) of Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O (0.0490 g, 0.2 mmol) was added to a water–ethanol (1:1 *v/v*) solution (5 ml) of 2-nitrobenzoic acid (0.0668 g, 0.4 mmol), NaOH (0.0160 g, 0.4 mmol) and 1,2-di-4-pyridylethane (0.0736 g, 0.4 mmol). A light-yellow powder was obtained after a week. The powder was recrystallized from a mixed solvent composed of dimethylformamide, ethanol and water (1:1:1 *v/v/v*) by slow evaporation at room temperature; light-yellow block-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained

after several days (yield 57.2%). Analysis calculated for C₃₈H₃₆MnN₆O₁₀: C 57.65, H 4.58, N 10.62%; found: C 57.39, H 4.67, N 10.45%.

Crystal data

[Mn(C₇H₄NO₄)₂(C₁₂H₁₂N₂)₂·(H₂O)₂]
M_r = 791.67
 Monoclinic, *P*2₁/*n*
a = 10.4669 (16) Å
b = 13.256 (2) Å
c = 14.019 (2) Å
 β = 110.918 (4)°

V = 1817.0 (5) Å³
Z = 2
D_x = 1.447 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 μ = 0.43 mm⁻¹
T = 293 (2) K
 Block, light yellow
 0.20 × 0.15 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2000)
T_{min} = 0.92, *T_{max}* = 0.96

10007 measured reflections
 3751 independent reflections
 2104 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.065
 θ_{\max} = 26.5°

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R [*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.052
wR (*F*²) = 0.073
S = 0.84
 3751 reflections
 322 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0078P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.41 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.48 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mn1—O5	2.1822 (17)	Mn1—N2	2.281 (2)
Mn1—O1	2.2100 (18)		
O5—Mn1—O1	86.42 (7)	O1—Mn1—N2	86.08 (8)
O5—Mn1—N2	89.13 (8)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O5—H5B...O2	0.85	1.83	2.666 (3)	166
O5—H5A...N3 ⁱ	0.85	1.91	2.756 (3)	172

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

All the H atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined with a riding model; C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å, *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(C) for aromatic and CH₂, and O—H = 0.85 Å for water H atoms; *U*_{iso}(H) values of water H atoms were refined.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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