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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.026  
 $wR$  factor = 0.076  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.2For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**catena-Poly[[bis(*N,N*-dimethylformamide)-  
manganese(II)]-di- $\mu_2$ -oxalato]**

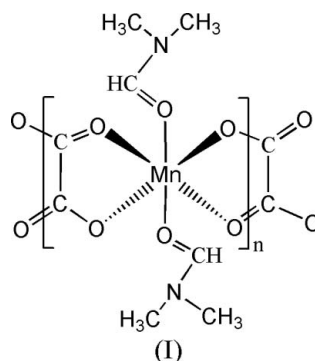
The title complex,  $[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{NO})_2]_n$ , forms extended one-dimensional chains with oxalate dianions bridging  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atoms in a bis-bidentate mode. The unique  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atom lies on a crystallographic twofold axis and is in a distorted octahedral coordination environment. There is a single weak intramolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen-bond interaction [ $\text{H}\cdots\text{O} = 2.38\text{ \AA}$ ].

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## Comment

Supramolecular coordination chemistry has been widely investigated during the last few years due to the interesting architectures, amazing properties and potential technological applications of the materials which can be prepared (Janiak, 2003; Navarro *et al.*, 2006). Recently, Garcia-Couceiro *et al.* (2005) have successfully isolated single-chain one-dimensional coordination polymers  $[\text{Mn}(\text{ox})(4\text{atr})_2]_n$  and  $\{\{\text{Co}(\text{ox})(\text{Htr})_2\} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (ox = oxalate dianion, 4atr = 4-amine-1,2,4-triazole and Htr = 1,2,4-triazole) on different surfaces, affording the possibility to perform nanoscale studies on their properties and investigate their potential applications as nanomaterials. To a further exploration of the coordination chemistry of the oxalate dianion, we report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



A fully coordinated  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atom of (I) is shown in Fig. 1 and selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1. The  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atom, lying on a crystallographic twofold rotation axis, is in a distorted octahedral coordination environment involving two carbonyl O atoms from two different dimethylformamide ligands and four carboxylate O atoms from two oxalate dianions. The oxalate dianions act in a bis-bidentate mode, bridging symmetry-related  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  atoms to form an extended one-dimensional structure (Fig. 2). The intrachain  $\text{Mn}\cdots\text{Mn}$  distance is  $5.672(2)\text{ \AA}$ . The dimethylformamide ligands coordinate to  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  in a monodentate mode. In addition, there is a single weak  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond (Table 2).

## Experimental

To an ethanol solution (5 ml) of oxalic acid (9 mg, 0.1 mmol) was added dropwise a solution (5 ml) of manganese(II) chloride tetrahydrate (19.7 mg, 0.1 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (10 ml) with stirring. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for about 20 min and then the precipitate was filtered off, leaving the colorless filtrate to evaporate at room temperature. Pink block-shaped crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained within 6 d in 40% yield. Analysis calculated for  $C_4H_7Mn_{0.5}NO_3$ : C 33.23, H 4.88, N 9.69%; found: C 33.39, H 4.96, N 9.76%.

### Crystal data

$[Mn(C_2O_4)(C_3H_7NO)_2]$	$Z = 4$
$M_r = 289.16$	$D_x = 1.567 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Orthorhombic, <i>Pbcn</i>	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 15.324 (7) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 1.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 7.936 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$
$c = 10.079 (5) \text{ \AA}$	Block, pink
$V = 1225.7 (10) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.24 \times 0.23 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Bruker APEX-II diffractometer	7513 measured reflections
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	1455 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan	1137 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
( <i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.777$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.786$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.8^\circ$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0375P)^2 + 0.3835P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.077$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.009$
$S = 1.04$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1455 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
80 parameters	
H-atom parameters constrained	

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

Mn1—O2 <sup>i</sup>	2.1762 (14)	Mn1—O3	2.1962 (14)
Mn1—O1	2.1828 (15)		
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Mn1—O2 <sup>ii</sup>	96.02 (8)	O1—Mn1—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	99.35 (6)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Mn1—O1 <sup>iii</sup>	75.79 (5)	O2 <sup>i</sup> —Mn1—O3	92.43 (6)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Mn1—O1	100.14 (6)	O1—Mn1—O3	85.05 (5)
O1 <sup>iii</sup> —Mn1—O1	174.05 (7)	O3 <sup>iii</sup> —Mn1—O3	85.46 (8)
O2 <sup>i</sup> —Mn1—O3 <sup>iii</sup>	160.13 (5)		

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

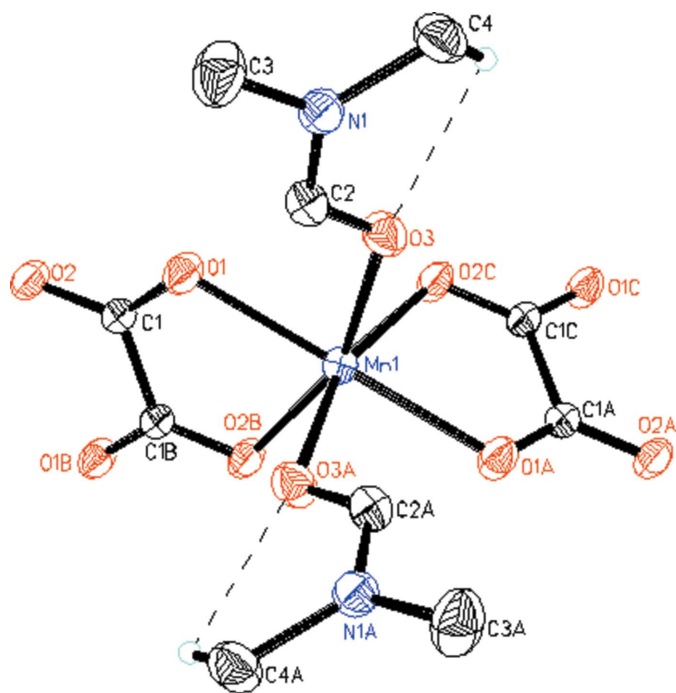
**Table 2**

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C4-H4C\cdots O3$	0.96	2.38	2.773 (2)	104

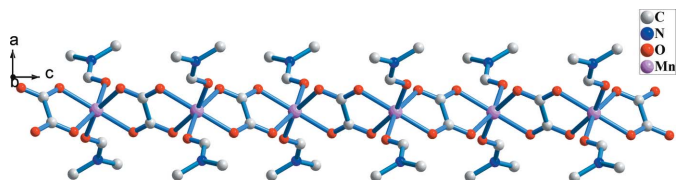
H atoms were located in difference maps, but were subsequently placed in calculated positions and included in the riding-model approximation, with  $C-H = 0.93-0.96 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{methyl } C)$ .

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2003); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine



**Figure 1**

A portion of the one-dimensional structure of the title complex. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. Only H atoms involved in hydrogen bonds are shown. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. [Symmetry codes: (A)  $x, -y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (B)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 2$ ; (C)  $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ .]



**Figure 2**

Part of the one-dimensional chain of (I). H atoms have been omitted.

structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2001) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Berndt, 1999).

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