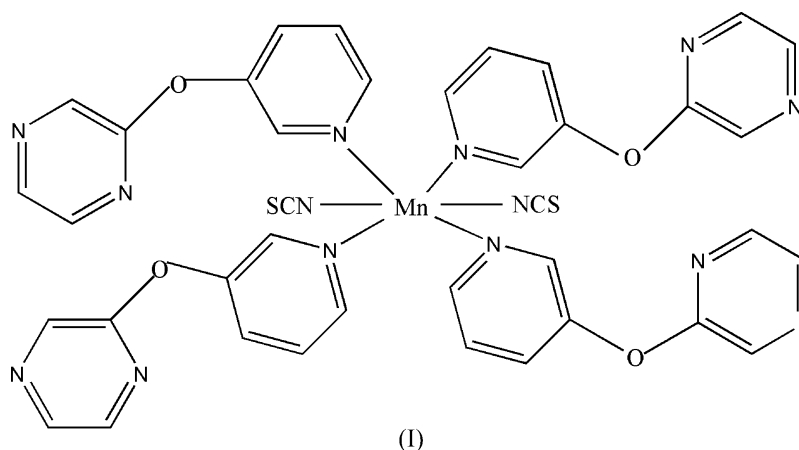


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shijingmin@beelink.com**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 298$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.053
 wR factor = 0.120
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.8For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Tetrakis[3-(pyrazin-2-yloxy)pyridine- κ N]-
dithiocyanatomanganese(II)**In the title compound, $[\text{Mn}(\text{NCS})_2(\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{N}_3\text{O})_4]$, the Mn^{II} ion
lies on an inversion centre and assumes a distorted octahedral
 MnN_6 coordination geometry. Weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ and $\pi-\pi$
stacking interactions consolidate the crystal packing.Received 26 December 2006
Accepted 5 January 2007**Comment**Metal complexes with *N*-heterocyclic rings as ligands play a
pivotal role in modern coordination chemistry: however,
ligand molecules that consist of pyrazinyl and pyridyl are less
well studied (McMorran & Steel, 2002). Our interest in these
ligands resulted in the synthesis of the title complex, (I) (Fig. 1)

The Mn^{II} ion lies on an inversion centre and assumes a distorted octahedral coordination geometry (Table 1) from four N-bonded 3-(pyrazin-2-yloxy)pyridine ligands and two N-bonded thiocyanate anions. In the crystal structure of (I) there are weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ intra- and intermolecular interactions (Table 2). In addition, weak $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions occur between the pyridyl and pyrazine rings; the relevant distances are $Cg1\cdots Cg2^i = 3.766$ (2) and $Cg1\cdots Cg2^i_{\text{perp}} = 3.595$ Å [symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; $Cg1$ and $Cg2$ are the centroids of the $\text{N}5/\text{C}1-\text{C}5$ and $\text{N}3/\text{N}4/\text{C}9/\text{C}11-\text{C}13$ rings, respectively; $Cg1\cdots Cg2^i_{\text{perp}}$ is the perpendicular distance from the $Cg1$ ring plane to the $Cg2^i$ ring plane].

Experimental

A methanol solution (5 ml) of 3-(pyrazin-2-yloxy)pyridine (0.0627 g, 0.362 mmol) was added to an aqueous solution (10 ml) of $\text{Mn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.2621 g, 0.724 mmol) and NaNCS (0.1174 g, 1.45 mmol). The mixture was stirred for a few minutes and colorless single crystals of (I) were obtained after allowing the solution to stand at room temperature for two weeks.

Crystal data

[Mn(NCS)₂(C₉H₇N₃O)₄]
M_r = 863.80
 Triclinic, *P* $\bar{1}$
a = 9.421 (2) Å
b = 9.729 (2) Å
c = 11.650 (3) Å
 α = 76.749 (4)°
 β = 68.154 (3)°
 γ = 88.666 (4)°

V = 962.4 (4) Å³
Z = 1
D_x = 1.490 Mg m⁻³
 Mo *K*α radiation
 μ = 0.51 mm⁻¹
T = 298 (2) K
 Prism, colorless
 0.41 × 0.38 × 0.07 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD
 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
T_{min} = 0.817, *T_{max}* = 0.965

5227 measured reflections
 3708 independent reflections
 2946 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
R_{int} = 0.021
 θ_{max} = 26.0°

Refinement

Refinement on *F*²
R [*F*² > 2σ(*F*²)] = 0.053
wR (*F*²) = 0.120
S = 1.03
 3708 reflections
 268 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0569P)^2 + 0.0965P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.48 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.27 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Mn1—N1	2.146 (2)	Mn1—N2	2.342 (2)
Mn1—N5	2.305 (2)		

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>
C2—H2...N7 ⁱ	0.93	2.57	3.441 (5)	156
C14—H14...N1 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.60	3.201 (4)	123
C15—H15...N1	0.93	2.61	3.220 (4)	124

Symmetry codes: (i) *x* − 1, *y*, *z*; (ii) −*x* + 1, −*y* + 1, −*z*.

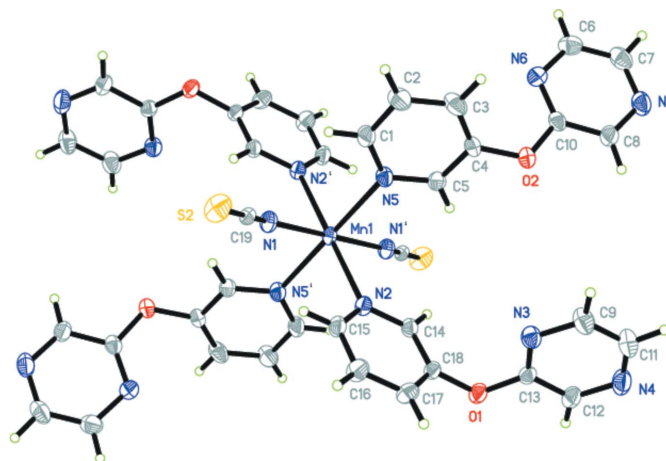


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing 30% displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for the H atoms). [Symmetry code: (i) 1 − *x*, 1 − *y*, −*z*.]

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H = 0.93 Å) and refined as riding, with *U_{iso}*(H) = 1.2*U_{eq}*(C).

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2001); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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