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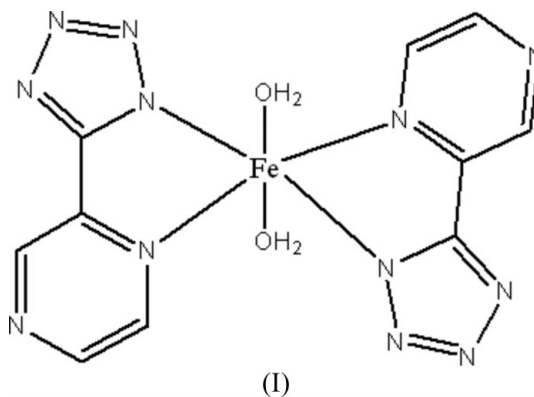
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Key indicatorsSingle-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.032
 wR factor = 0.076
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7For details of how these key indicators were
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<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Diaquabis[5-(pyrazin-2-yl)tetrazolato]iron(II)**

The title complex, $[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_3\text{N}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$, has a crystallographically imposed inversion centre. The Fe^{II} atom is coordinated by four N atoms from two 5-(pyrazin-2-yl)tetrazolate ligands and the O atoms from two water molecules in a distorted octahedral geometry. The packing is governed by intramolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds.

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There is a growing interest in the design, synthesis, characterization and properties of supramolecular networks formed by functionalized organic molecules as bridges between metal centres (Rizk *et al.*, 2005; Eddaoudi *et al.*, 2001). The literature on tetrazoles is expanding rapidly, since tetrazoles play an important role as ligands in coordination chemistry. Since Franke *et al.* (1982) synthesized N1-substituted tetrazoles as ligands of iron(II) spin-crossover compounds in the beginning of the 1980s, many homologous alkyl-substituted ligands have been prepared. Recently, 5-substituted 1*H*-tetrazoles have been synthesized by a facile approach (Demko & Sharpless, 2001*a,b*). In the general reaction, tetrazoles are prepared by the addition of azide to nitriles in water with the aid of a Lewis acid such as Zn^{2+} . In this paper, we report the crystal structure of a new Fe mononuclear complex, (I), obtained under hydrothermal conditions by reaction of 2-cyanopyrazine, NaN_3 and FeCl_2 as Lewis acid.



In (I), the Fe^{II} atom, which occupies a crystallographically imposed centre of symmetry, is coordinated by four N atoms from two 5-(pyrazin-2-yl)tetrazolate ligands and by the O atoms from two water molecules (Fig. 1) in a distorted octahedral geometry (Table 1). In each ligand, the pyrazinyl and tetrazolyl rings are almost coplanar, making a dihedral angle of $2.36(8)^\circ$. Intermolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2) stabilize the crystal structure (Fig. 2).

Experimental

Hydrothermal treatment of FeCl_2 (1.0 mmol, 0.126 g), 2-cyanopyrazine (1 mmol, 0.105 g), NaN_3 (1 mmol, 0.065 g) and water (3 ml) over 50 h at 422 K yielded red prismatic crystals (yield: 45%).

Crystal data

$[\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_3\text{N}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$
 $M_r = 386.15$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 $a = 6.0326$ (5) Å
 $b = 11.4804$ (7) Å
 $c = 10.8416$ (7) Å
 $\beta = 105.454$ (5)°
 $V = 723.71$ (9) Å³

$Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.772$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 1.08$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 Prism, red
 $0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.18$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEX-II area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.774$, $T_{\max} = 0.829$

5759 measured reflections
 1679 independent reflections
 1270 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.7^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.076$
 $S = 1.02$
 1679 reflections
 123 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0289P)^2 + 0.2572P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.36$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Fe1—O1	2.0742 (18)	Fe1—N1	2.2424 (17)
Fe1—N3	2.1715 (17)		
O1—Fe1—O1 ⁱ	180	O1 ⁱ —Fe1—N1	89.95 (7)
O1—Fe1—N3 ⁱ	91.89 (7)	N3 ⁱ —Fe1—N1	103.34 (6)
O1 ⁱ —Fe1—N3 ⁱ	88.11 (7)	N3—Fe1—N1	76.66 (6)
N3 ⁱ —Fe1—N3	180	N1—Fe1—N1 ⁱ	180
O1—Fe1—N1	90.05 (7)		

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 2, -y, -z + 1$.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O1—H3W ⁱⁱ ···N6 ⁱⁱ	0.80 (3)	1.94 (3)	2.730 (3)	170 (3)
O1—H2W ⁱⁱⁱ ···N4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.79 (3)	2.01 (3)	2.794 (3)	167 (3)

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

Water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and were refined isotropically. Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions ($C-H = 0.93$ Å) and refined using a riding model, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:

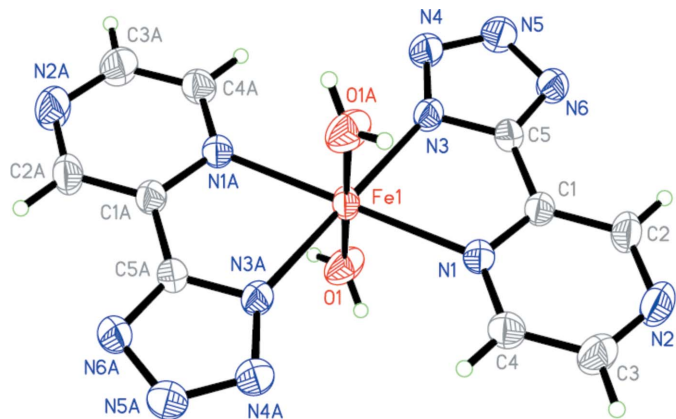


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Non-H atoms are drawn as 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. [Symmetry code: (A) $2 - x, -y, 1 - z$.]

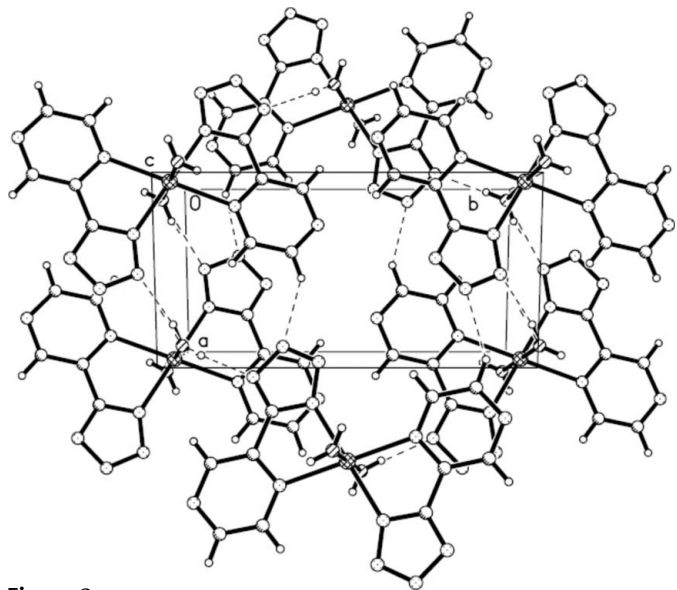


Figure 2

Packing diagram of the title complex, viewed along the c axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

SHELXTL (Bruker, 1998); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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