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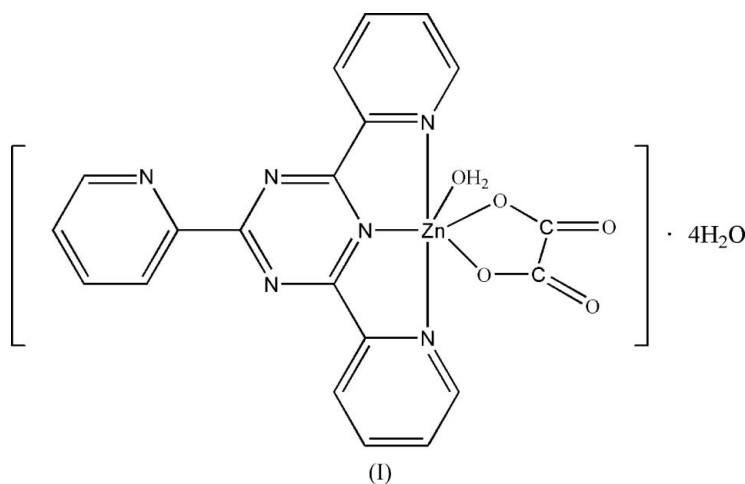
Aquaoxalato(2,4,6-tri-2-pyridyl-1,3,5-triazine)-zinc(II) tetrahydrate

The title compound, $[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_6)(\text{H}_2\text{O})] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, crystallizes isostructurally with the Co [Cheng, Xu & Zheng (2006), *Acta Cryst.* E62, m2561–m2563] and Cu [Zheng, Xu, Lin & Fang (2006), *J. Coord. Chem.* 59, 1825–1834] analogues, with distorted octahedral coordination geometry. $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds form a chain along the a axis.

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Comment

Non-covalent interactions, such as hydrogen-bonding and $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions, play important roles in the crystallization process (Stang & Olenyuk, 1997). For a long time, multidentate O - or N -donor ligands have been widely used to construct complexes (Ghumaan *et al.*, 2006; Zhou *et al.*, 2007). We present here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



Compound (I) crystallizes isostructurally with the the Co (Cheng *et al.*, 2006) and Cu (Zheng *et al.*, 2006) analogues. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the Zn atom shows a distorted octahedral coordination by three N atoms of the tridentate chelating ligand, two O atoms of the oxalate ligand and a water molecule. The plane defined by atoms N1, N2 and N3 is almost perpendicular to that composed of atoms O1, O3 and O5, making a dihedral angle of $89.50(6)^\circ$. Compared with the reported values of $2.073(4)$ Å for $\text{Zn}-\text{N}_{\text{central}}$, and $2.193(4)$ and $2.271(4)$ Å for $\text{Zn}-\text{N}_{\text{lateral}}$ (Harvey *et al.*, 2004), the bond lengths are slightly longer in (I) (Table 1). The $\text{Zn}-\text{O}_{\text{acid}}$ lengths in (I) are slightly shorter than the corresponding bonds in the similar bis-monodentate structure [2.070 and 2.155 Å; Fu *et al.*, 2003].

In the crystal structure of (I), $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2) lead to the formation of a chain along the a axis.

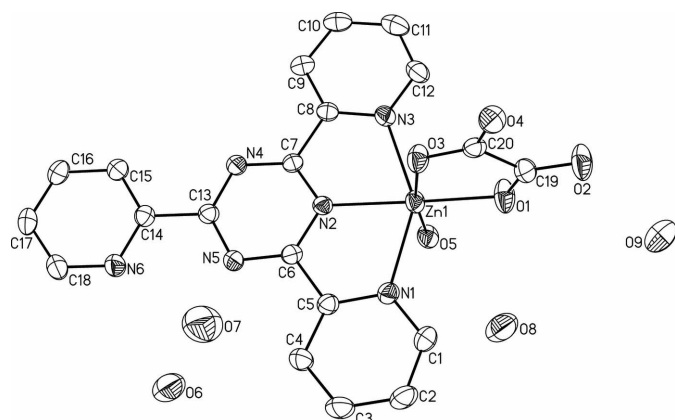


Figure 1
The asymmetric unit of (I), with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 45% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Experimental

Dropwise addition of Na_2CO_3 (2.0 ml, 1.0 M) to a stirred solution of ZnCl_2 (0.136 g, 1.00 mmol) in H_2O (5.0 ml) produced a white precipitate, which was then centrifuged and washed with water until no Cl^- anions were detectable. The collected precipitate and tptz (tptz is 2,4,6-tri-2-pyridyl-1,3,5-triazine) (0.312 g, 1.00 mmol) were added to a stirred solution of oxalic acid (0.126 g, 1.00 mmol) in $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}-\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (30.0 ml; 1:1 v/v). The resulting mixture was stirred for a further 15 min. After filtration, the yellow filtrate (pH = 2.58) was evaporated slowly at room temperature and afforded yellow crystals of (I) over a period of a month (yield 20.1%, based on initial ZnCl_2 input).

Crystal data

$[\text{Zn}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_6)(\text{H}_2\text{O})]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\gamma = 107.74$ (4) $^\circ$
 $M_r = 555.81$ $V = 1172.9$ (6) \AA^3
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ $Z = 2$
 $a = 7.8711$ (16) \AA Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $b = 11.766$ (2) \AA $\mu = 1.11$ mm^{-1}
 $c = 13.982$ (3) \AA $T = 298$ (2) K
 $\alpha = 97.88$ (3) $^\circ$ $0.33 \times 0.33 \times 0.16$ mm
 $\beta = 102.84$ (3) $^\circ$

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID 11532 measured reflections
 diffractometer 5273 independent reflections
 Absorption correction: empirical 4399 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 (using intensity measurements) $R_{\text{int}} = 0.022$
 (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.695$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.840$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$ H atoms treated by a mixture of
 $wR(F^2) = 0.088$ independent and constrained
 $S = 1.11$ refinement
 5273 reflections $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.40$ e \AA^{-3}
 365 parameters $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.39$ e \AA^{-3}

Table 1
Selected bond lengths (\AA).

Zn—O1	1.9972 (16)	Zn—N1	2.236 (2)
Zn—O3	2.0853 (15)	Zn—N2	2.0834 (16)
Zn—O5	2.0843 (16)	Zn—N3	2.3017 (18)

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O5—H19 \cdots O4 ⁱ	0.75 (3)	2.00 (3)	2.738 (2)	166 (4)
O5—H20 \cdots O8	0.82 (3)	1.92 (3)	2.738 (3)	177 (3)
O6—H21 \cdots O7 ⁱ	0.90 (5)	1.93 (5)	2.822 (4)	174 (4)
O6—H22 \cdots N6	0.84 (4)	2.25 (4)	3.056 (3)	160 (4)
O7—H23 \cdots O9 ⁱⁱ	0.77 (4)	2.07 (4)	2.786 (4)	154 (4)
O7—H24 \cdots O9 ⁱⁱⁱ	1.03 (4)	1.81 (4)	2.830 (3)	168 (4)
O8—H25 \cdots O6 ^{iv}	0.81 (4)	2.03 (4)	2.834 (4)	171 (4)
O8—H26 \cdots O7 ^v	0.76 (5)	2.11 (5)	2.861 (5)	174 (4)
O9—H27 \cdots N6 ^{vi}	0.88 (4)	2.21 (4)	3.060 (3)	160 (4)
O9—H28 \cdots O2	0.81 (3)	1.92 (3)	2.720 (3)	171 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) $x - 1, y, z$; (ii) $x - 1, y - 1, z$; (iii) $-x, -y, -z$; (iv) $-x - 1, -y, -z$; (v) $x, y + 1, z$; (vi) $x + 1, y + 1, z$.

All H atoms bound to C were positioned geometrically and refined as riding, with $C-H = 0.93$ \AA and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. H atoms attached to O were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely refined O—H distances are in Table 2.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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