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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 292 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.029 wR factor = 0.074 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.0

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. catena-Poly[[(2,2'-bipyridine- $\kappa^2 N, N'$ )zinc(II)]- $\mu$ -imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylato- $\kappa^4 N^1, O^5: N^3, O^4$ ]

In the title compound,  $[Zn(C_5H_2N_2O_4)(C_{10}H_8N_2)]_n$ , the  $Zn^{II}$  atom is six-coordinated in an octahedral geometry by two carboxylate O atoms and two N atoms from two imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylate ligands, and two N atoms from a 2,2'-bipyridine ligand. The asymmetric unit contains two formula units. The imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylate ligand bridges two  $Zn^{II}$  atoms to form a one-dimensional zigzag chain structure.

### Comment

1*H*-Imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid (H<sub>3</sub>idc) has great potential for the construction of supramolecular architectures, owing to its versatile binding modes. To date, a few mononuclear (Zhang *et al.*, 2004; Xiao *et al.*, 2004; Ma *et al.*, 2003) and dinuclear complexes (Rajendiran *et al.*, 2003; Bayón *et al.*, 1987) have been reported. However, coordination polymers based on the H<sub>3</sub>idc ligand remain largely unexplored (Wang *et al.*, 2004). In the present work, we report the crystal structure of the title one-dimensional chain Zn<sup>II</sup> coordination polymer, [Zn(2,2'-bipy)(Hidc)]<sub>n</sub>, (I), which was obtained by hydrothermal reaction of Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>idc and 2,2'-bipy (2,2'-bipy = 2,2'-bipyridine).



Compound (I) has a one-dimensional chain structure, which is constructed from the basic unit [Zn(2,2'-bipy)(Hidc)], as illustrated in Fig. 1. The asymmetric unit contains two [Zn(2,2'-bipy)(Hidc)] units. The two  $Zn^{II}$  atoms have a similar distorted octahedral geometry formed by two carboxylate O atoms and four N atoms, two of which belong to a 2,2'-bipy ligand and the other two to two imidazole rings. The Zn–O and Zn–N bonds have average values of 2.209 (8) and 2.136 (1) Å, respectively. The bond angles around the Zn<sup>II</sup> atoms are in the range of 74.24 (7)–172.37 (6)°, thereby indicating distorted Zn<sup>II</sup> octahedra; the *cis* and *trans* angles

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### Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I), together with symmetry-related atoms to complete the Zn coordination. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, -\frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ .]

around the Zn<sup>II</sup> atom are in the ranges 74.24 (7)–102.90 (7) and 158.35 (7)–172.37 (6)°, respectively. Both carboxylate groups of the Hidc ligand, one of which is protonated and the other deprotonated, show monodentate coordination to Zn<sup>II</sup> atoms. The connectivity between the Zn<sup>II</sup> atoms and the Hidc ligands gives rise to one-dimensional zigzag chains. The 2,2′-bipy molecules act as chelating ligands to the Zn<sup>II</sup> atoms and occupy the interchain spaces. A three-dimensional network is built up *via*  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

### **Experimental**

Compound (I) was prepared from a mixture of  $Zn(NO_3)_2$ ·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.149 g, 0.5 mmol), H<sub>3</sub>idc (0.085 g, 0.5 mmol), 2,2'-bipy (0.156 g, 1.0 mmol) and H<sub>2</sub>O (18 ml) in a 30 ml Teflon-lined autoclave under autogenous pressure at 413 K for 5 d. After cooling to room temperature, colorless block crystals suitable for X-ray structure analysis were obtained. Analysis calculated for  $C_{15}H_{10}N_4O_4Zn$ : C 48.0, H 2.7, N 14.9%; found: C 47.9, H 2.5, N 14.8%.

# Table 1Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$O7-H7A\cdots O6$	0.82	1.67	2.486 (2)	180
$O4-H4A\cdots O1$	0.82	1.67	2.485 (2)	179
C9−H9···O5	0.93	2.57	3.387 (3)	148
C12-H12···O5	0.93	2.48	3.246 (3)	139
C12-H12···O6	0.93	2.50	3.182 (3)	130
C13−H13···O8 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.45	3.077 (3)	124
$C16-H16\cdots O7^{iv}$	0.93	2.30	3.204 (2)	165

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

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms, with C-H= 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  and with O-H = 0.82 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2001) and Mercury (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

### Crystal data

$$\begin{split} & [\text{Zn}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)] \\ & M_r = 375.64 \\ & \text{Monoclinic, } P2_1/c \\ & a = 20.470 \text{ (1) Å} \\ & b = 9.6494 \text{ (5) Å} \\ & c = 14.7843 \text{ (7) Å} \\ & \beta = 101.783 \text{ (1)}^\circ \end{split}$$

### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SAINT-Plus*; Bruker, 2001)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.629, T_{\rm max} = 0.691$ 

### Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.029$  $wR(F^2) = 0.074$ S = 1.055621 reflections  $V = 2858.7 \text{ (2) } \text{Å}^{3}$ Z = 8 Mo K\alpha radiation  $\mu = 1.75 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 292 (2) K 0.27 \times 0.23 \times 0.21 mm

15264 measured reflections 5621 independent reflections 4913 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$ 

433 parameters H-atom parameters constrained  $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.43$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  $\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.40$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>



Figure 2 A view of the crystal packing. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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