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The title complex $[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_4)(\text{phen})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ has been prepared and its crystal structure determined by X-ray diffraction methods. The Mn(II) atom has octahedron coordination formed by four oxygen and two nitrogen atoms. The coordination mode of the succinate dianion in the complex is remarkably different from those reported previously. One carboxyl group of the succinate dianion coordinates to the Mn(II) atom as a monodentate and the other carboxyl group is free. The crystal structure consists of the complex and crystalline water molecules. All the oxygen atoms in the structure take part in an H-bonding network and assemble to form a hydrophilic layer, while phenanthroline ligands between neighboring hydrophilic layers to form a hydrophobic layer. Tight stacking interactions of phenanthroline rings are observed in the hydrophobic layer as evidenced by the short distance (3.312 Å) between neighbouring parallel ring planes.

Keywords: Manganese(II); Crystal structure; Succinate; Phenanthroline; Aromatic stacking

INTRODUCTION

Recently, intense efforts have concentrated on elucidating the nature of the biological unit responsible for water oxidation in the photosynthetic apparatus of green plants [1]. The process of water splitting is generally believed to occur at a manganese cluster located in the reaction centre of photosystem II [2]. In order to mimic the manganese cluster, a series of

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bridging complexes of manganese has been synthesized in our laboratory and several crystal structure have been reported [3, 4]. Owing to the possible coordination capability of two carboxyl groups, some dicarboxylic acids, such as oxalic acid, fumaric acid and phthalic acid have been used as the bridging ligand to synthesize multinuclear manganese complexes. In the present work we used succinate acid to try to prepare a binuclear manganese complex, but X-ray analysis of the product revealed that the succinate dianion does not act as a bridging ligand in the complex. We present here the synthesis and crystal structure of the title complex to compare with other complexes bridged by dicarboxylic acids.

EXPERIMENTAL

Synthesis

Solid MnCO_3 (1.15 g, 10 mmol) was added to an aqueous solution (25 cm^3) containing succinic acid (1.18 g, 10 mmol) with stirring and heating until no more CO_2 was released. An ethanol solution (10 cm^3) containing 1,10-phenanthroline (1.98 g, 10 mmol) was slowly added to the above solution with continuous stirring and refluxing for 30 min. After the solution changed colour to yellow, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and filtered. Yellow single crystals were obtained from the solution by slow evaporization of the solvent.

C, N and H were analyzed using a Carlo-Erba 1160 instrument. *Anal.* Calc. for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{22}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9\text{Mn}$ (%): C, 43.54; N, 6.35; H, 5.03; Found: C, 43.42; N, 6.30; H, 4.99.

Crystal Structure Determination

A prismatic crystal of the title complex with approximate dimensions $0.23 \times 0.20 \times 0.40 \text{ mm}$ was mounted on a glass fibre. X-ray diffraction intensity data were collected on a Rigaku AFC7R diffractometer up to a 2θ value of 50.0° with graphite-monochromatized $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$) using the $\omega - 2\theta$ scan technique. A total of 4224 independent reflections was collected, of which 3534 reflections were considered as observed [$I > 3\sigma(I)$] and used for the structure determination. Usual L_p and empirical adsorption corrections were applied.

The structure was solved by the Patterson method followed by Fourier syntheses. Structure refinement was carried out by full-matrix least-squares

procedures using the SHELX program package [5]. H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and fixed during structure refinement. Anisotropic refinement including all the non-H atoms converged to agreement factors $R=0.046$ and $R_w=0.054$ where $w=1/[\sigma^2(F)+0.004458 F^2]$. Atomic scattering factors were taken from International Tables for X-ray Crystallography [6]. Final fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for all the non-H atoms are listed in Table I.

Crystal Data

$C_{16}H_{22}N_2O_9Mn$, $Mr=441.3$, triclinic, $P\bar{1}$, $a=7.5871(4)$, $b=9.3240(6)$, $c=13.9178(9)$ Å, $\alpha=85.648(5)$, $\beta=74.547(5)$, $\gamma=77.134(5)^\circ$, $V=925.01(10)$ Å³, $Z=2$, $F(000)=458.00$, $D_c=1.58$ g · cm⁻³, $\mu(MoK\alpha)=0.77$ mm⁻¹, $S=1.1755$, $(\Delta\rho)_{\max}=0.74$, $(\Delta\rho)_{\min}=-0.34$ e · Å⁻³.

TABLE I Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters for non-H atoms

Atom	x/a	y/b	z/c	$U_{eq}(\text{Å}^2)$
Mn	0.08539(5)	0.41654(4)	0.31807(3)	0.0206(1)
O(1)	-0.1572(3)	0.5844(2)	0.3817(1)	0.0287(6)
O(2)	-0.3851(3)	0.5258(2)	0.3307(2)	0.0336(7)
O(3)	-0.7898(3)	0.9413(2)	0.6101(2)	0.0337(7)
O(4)	-0.7314(3)	1.0065(2)	0.4505(2)	0.0362(7)
O(5)	-0.1073(3)	0.2906(2)	0.2818(1)	0.0274(6)
O(6)	0.1115(3)	0.2893(2)	0.4502(2)	0.0348(7)
O(7)	0.2391(3)	0.5697(2)	0.3495(2)	0.0365(8)
O(8)	1.1238(3)	-0.1276(3)	0.3219(2)	0.0409(8)
O(9)	1.0802(5)	0.0392(4)	0.1400(2)	0.0612(11)
N(1)	0.3322(3)	0.2724(3)	0.2138(2)	0.0257(7)
N(2)	0.1129(3)	0.5232(3)	0.1621(2)	0.0248(7)
C(1)	-0.3190(3)	0.6143(3)	0.3670(2)	0.0214(7)
C(2)	-0.4381(4)	0.7667(3)	0.3923(2)	0.0257(8)
C(3)	-0.5790(4)	0.7673(3)	0.4948(2)	0.0281(8)
C(4)	-0.7097(4)	0.9168(3)	0.5198(2)	0.0236(8)
C(5)	0.4465(4)	0.1531(3)	0.2390(2)	0.0338(9)
C(6)	0.5851(5)	0.0620(4)	0.1687(3)	0.0405(11)
C(7)	0.6031(5)	0.0947(4)	0.0685(3)	0.0394(10)
C(8)	0.4881(4)	0.2195(3)	0.0394(2)	0.0311(9)
C(9)	0.3531(4)	0.3076(3)	0.1149(2)	0.0238(8)
C(10)	0.0197(4)	0.6525(3)	0.1371(2)	0.0345(10)
C(11)	0.0411(5)	0.7060(4)	0.0400(3)	0.0380(11)
C(12)	0.1622(5)	0.6224(4)	-0.0357(2)	0.0381(11)
C(13)	0.2694(4)	0.4845(3)	-0.0140(2)	0.0301(9)
C(14)	0.2405(4)	0.4416(3)	0.0880(2)	0.0238(8)
C(15)	0.5070(5)	0.2641(4)	-0.0631(2)	0.0380(11)
C(16)	0.4027(5)	0.3920(4)	-0.0877(2)	0.0370(11)

TABLE II. Selected bond distances (Å), angles (°) and atomic separations involved in H-bonds (Å)

Mn–O(1)	2.163(2)	Mn–O(5)	2.240(2)
Mn–O(6)	2.141(2)	Mn–O(7)	2.167(3)
Mn–N(1)	2.269(2)	Mn–N(2)	2.296(2)
O(1)–C(1)	1.265(3)	O(2)–C(1)	1.253(4)
O(3)–C(4)	1.256(3)	O(4)–C(4)	1.248(3)
N(1)–C(5)	1.336(4)	N(1)–C(9)	1.366(3)
N(2)–C(10)	1.327(4)	N(2)–C(14)	1.356(3)
C(1)–C(2)	1.515(3)	C(2)–C(3)	1.537(4)
C(3)–C(4)	1.524(3)		
O(1)–Mn–O(5)	88.3(1)	O(1)–Mn–O(6)	99.4(1)
O(1)–Mn–O(7)	83.8(1)	O(1)–Mn–N(1)	165.0(1)
O(1)–Mn–N(2)	91.9(1)	O(5)–Mn–O(6)	94.2(1)
O(5)–Mn–O(7)	170.8(1)	O(5)–Mn–N(1)	89.8(1)
O(5)–Mn–N(2)	87.6(1)	O(6)–Mn–O(7)	91.9(1)
O(6)–Mn–N(1)	95.6(1)	O(6)–Mn–N(2)	168.6(1)
O(7)–Mn–N(1)	96.5(1)	O(7)–Mn–N(2)	87.8(1)
N(1)–Mn–N(2)	73.2(1)	Mn–O(1)–C(1)	130.5(2)
Mn–N(1)–C(5)	126.7(2)	Mn–N(1)–C(9)	114.8(2)
Mn–N(2)–C(10)	127.8(2)	Mn–N(2)–C(14)	114.5(2)
C(1)–C(2)–C(3)	111.4(2)	C(2)–C(3)–C(4)	112.8(2)
O(1)–O(6) ^b	2.831(3)	O(2)–O(7) ^c	2.732(3)
O(3)–O(5) ^d	2.679(3)	O(3)–O(8) ^b	2.710(3)
O(4)–O(6) ^e	2.641(3)	O(4)–O(8) ^f	2.823(3)
O(5)–O(9) ^c	3.023(3)	O(7)–O(8) ^e	2.791(3)
O(8)–O(9)	2.926(3)		

Symmetry codes: ^b – $x, 1-y, 1-z$.^c – $1+x, y, z$.^d – $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$.^e – $1+x, 1+y, z$.^f – $-2+x, 1+y, z$.

other carboxyl group free from coordination. All the uncoordinated O atoms of the succinate dianion link to water molecules through H-bonds as indicated in Table II.

The carbon skeleton of the succinate possesses good planarity, the torsion angle C(1)–C(2)–C(3)–C(4) being 176.3°. The carboxyl groups are not coplanar with the carbon skeleton of the succinate, the dihedral angle between the succinate plane and coordination plane defined by N(1), N(2), O(1) and O(6) atoms is 24.0°.

The crystal structure consists of complex and crystalline water molecules. An extensive H-bonding network exists in the crystal structure as verified by the atomic separations listed in Table II. It is convenient for structural description to look on the title complex molecule as a detergent molecule, *i.e.*, to look on the complex as being constituted of a hydrophobic part (the phenanthroline ligand) and a hydrophilic part (succinate anion and water molecules). All the oxygen atoms in the structure take part in the H-bonding network and assemble to form the hydrophilic layer, and phenanthroline

ligands lie between neighboring hydrophilic layers to form the hydrophobic layer. The phenanthroline ligands located between the hydrophilic layer are something like the detergent micelles distributed in an aqueous solution.

Moreover, a tight stack of phenanthroline rings is observed in the hydrophobic layer. The overlap stack fashion of the neighboring phenanthroline rings related by a crystallographic inversion centre located at $1-x, 1-y, -z$ is illustrated in Figure 2, viewed normal to the phenanthroline ring plane. Mean plane equations and atomic deviations from the mean planes are presented in Table III. The equations in Table III indicate that the phenanthroline rings are parallel to each other and the distance between neighbouring parallel planes is 3.312 \AA , about 0.3 \AA

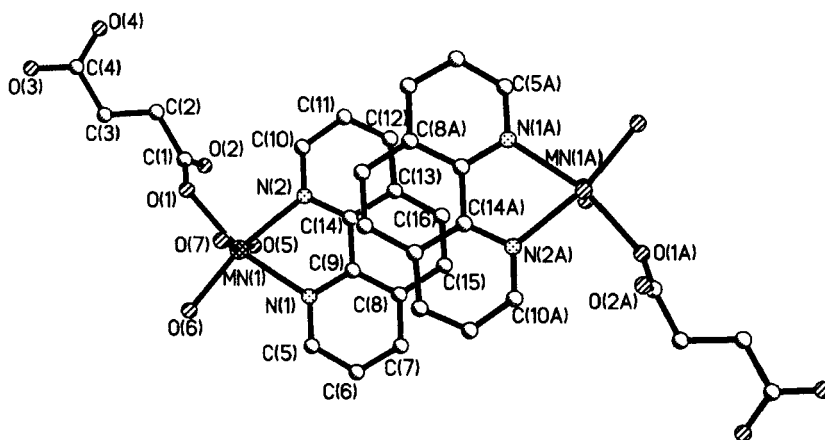


FIGURE 2 The overlap stack of the phenanthroline rings viewed normal to the ring plane; the molecule with suffix A is related to the original one by an inversion centre located on $1-x, 1-y, -z$.

TABLE III Mean plane equations and atomic deviations (\AA) from the mean plane, where X , Y and Z are the coordinates in the orthogonal unit cell in \AA

(1)	Equations of the mean planes Mean plane 1 defined by N(1), N(2), C(5) to C(16) atoms: $0.6549X + 0.6600Y + 0.2844Z = 4.7937$ Mean plane 2 defined by N(1A), N(2A), C(5A) to C(16A) atoms: $0.6549X + 0.6600Y + 0.2844Z = 8.1061$
(2)	Atomic deviation from the mean plane 2 N(1) 3.354; N(2) 3.408; C(5) 3.260; C(6) 3.205; C(7) 3.277; C(8) 3.357; C(9) 3.385; C(10) 3.299; C(11) 3.204; C(12) 3.239; C(13) 3.323; C(14) 3.381; C(15) 3.355; C(16) 3.327.

shorter than the van der Waals thickness of the phenyl ring [10]. The tight stack of aromatic rings in the crystal structure is also evidenced by very short intermolecular distances of 3.298(3) Å (C(8)–C(12A)) and 3.406(3) Å (C(16)–C(14A)).

Supplementary Material

Full lists of crystallographic data are available from the authors upon request.

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