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## [2,6-Bis(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyridine]dichloridomanganese(II)

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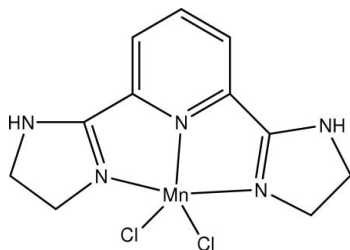
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 273$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.008$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.067;  $wR$  factor = 0.187; data-to-parameter ratio = 19.2.

In the title compound,  $[\text{MnCl}_2(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5)]$ , the  $\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}$  ion is five-coordinated in a distorted square-pyramidal geometry, with three N atoms from the neutral tridentate 2,6-bis(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyridine ligand and one chloride ion forming the basal plane and the other chloride ion in the apical position. Both dihydroimidazole rings adopt envelope conformations. In the crystal structure, molecules are linked into a three-dimensional network by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds.

## Related literature

For the synthesis of 2,6-bis(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyridine, see: Baker *et al.* (1991). For general background, see: Bordo *et al.* (2001); Hagrman *et al.* (1999); Yaghi *et al.* (1998). For related structures, see: Böca *et al.* (2005); Haga *et al.* (1996); Hammes *et al.* (2005); Ren, Ye, He *et al.* (2004); Ren, Ye, Zhu *et al.* (2004); Ren *et al.* (2007); Stupka *et al.* (2004); Sun *et al.* (2008).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $[\text{MnCl}_2(\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{13}\text{N}_5)]$  $M_r = 341.10$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  $a = 9.297$  (5) Å $b = 12.686$  (7) Å $c = 12.383$  (6) Å $\beta = 100.313$  (9)°  
 $V = 1436.9$  (13) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation $\mu = 1.28$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 273$  K  
 $0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.21$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS, Bruker, 1998)  
 $T_{\text{min}} = 0.700$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.774$ 8507 measured reflections  
3317 independent reflections  
1750 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.077$ 

## Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.067$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.187$   
 $S = 0.95$   
3317 reflections173 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.68$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.53$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Mn1—N2	2.234 (4)	Mn1—Cl1	2.3759 (19)
Mn1—N4	2.237 (4)	Mn1—Cl2	2.3842 (18)
Mn1—N3	2.244 (4)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{N5}-\text{H5A}\cdots\text{Cl2}^{\text{i}}$	0.86	2.46	3.287 (5)	161
$\text{N1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{Cl1}^{\text{ii}}$	0.86	2.50	3.261 (5)	147
$\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{Cl2}^{\text{i}}$	0.93	2.78	3.681 (6)	164

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

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: SAINT-Plus (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: SAINT-Plus; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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**[2,6-Bis(4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)pyridine]dichloridomanganese(II)****Chun-Xia Ren, Su-Yun Li, Zhao-Zhong Yin, Xiang Lu and Yu-Qiang Ding****S1. Comment**

The construction supramolecular architectures is currently of great interest owing to their intriguing network topologies and potential functions such as adsorption, ion exchange, shape-selective catalysis, non-linear and magnetic materials (Yaghi *et al.*, 1998; Hagrman *et al.*, 1999). The protonation and deprotonation of an imidazole ligand is believed to play an important role in the mechanism of the coordination chemistry (Bordo *et al.*, 2001). We described previously a number of such metal complexes with imidazole ligands, and concluded that hydrogen bonding involving this group influences the geometry around the metal atom and the crystallization mechanism (Ren, Ye, He *et al.*, 2004; Ren, Ye, Zhu *et al.*, 2004; Ren *et al.*, 2007; Sun *et al.*, 2008). We report here the crystal structure of the title mononuclear coordination complex, [Mn(bip)Cl<sub>2</sub>], where bip is 2,6-bis(4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)pyridine.

As shown in Fig. 1, in the title compound the manganese(II) atom is five-coordinated in a distorted square-pyramidal geometry, with three N atoms from the neutral tridentate bip ligand and one Cl<sup>-</sup> ion (C11) forming the basal plane and the other Cl<sup>-</sup> ion (C12) in the apical position. The Mn1 atom deviates from the C11-N2-N3-N4 plane by 0.5633 (7) Å towards the C12 atom. The Mn—N bond lengths of 2.234 (4), 2.237 (4), 2.244 (4) Å are slightly shorter than those observed in metal-imidazole systems (Stupka *et al.*, 2004; Hammes *et al.*, 2005; Haga *et al.*, 1996; Böca *et al.*, 2005). The N—Mn—N bond angles lie in the range 70.69 (14)–140.86 (14)°.

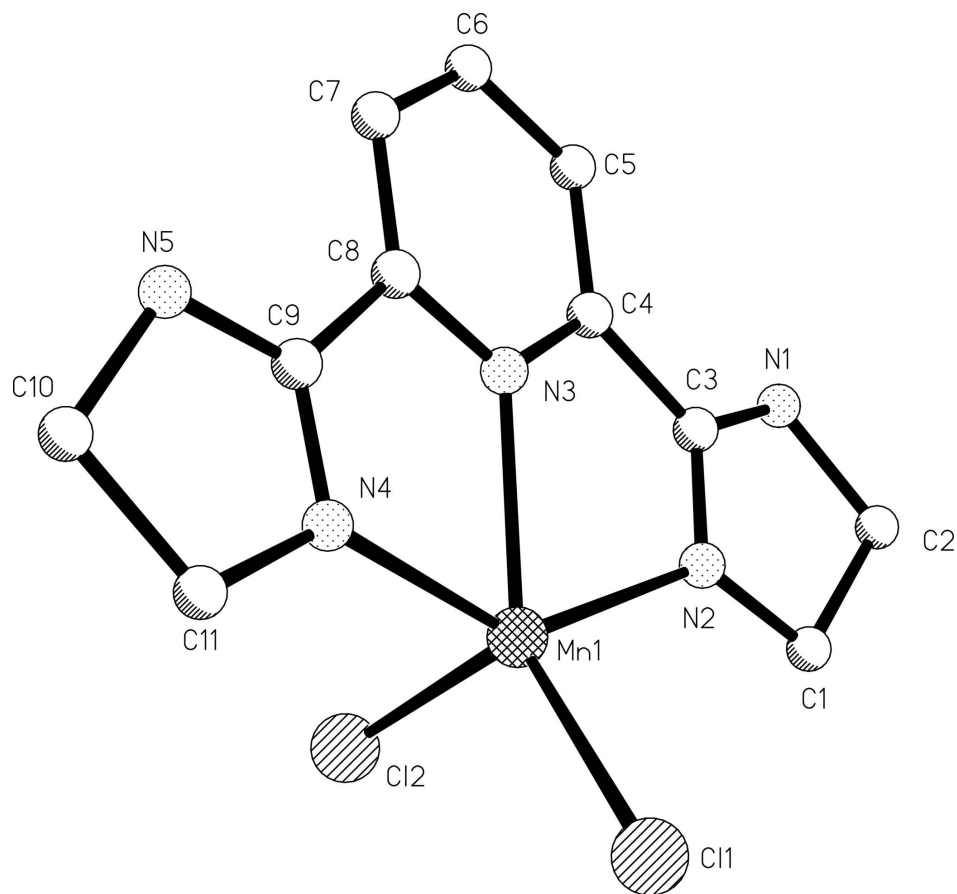
Adjacent molecules are linked into a three-dimensional network by N—H⋯Cl and C—H⋯Cl hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

**S2. Experimental**

All the reagents and solvents employed were commercially available and used as received without further purification. The ligand 2,6-bis(4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-2-yl)pyridine (bip) was synthesized by literature methods (Baker *et al.*, 1991). A solution of MnCl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.2 mmol, 40 mg) in acetonitrile (10 ml) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of bip (0.4 mmol, 86 mg) in methanol (10 ml) at 333 K. Yellow single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into the clear filtrate for 2 d in 60% yield. Main IR bands (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3365*m*, 3251 *s*, 1621*w*, 1596*m*, 1573 *s*, 1523*m*, 1446 *s*, 1275 *s*, 1026*m*, 957*w*, 822*w*, 745*w*, 663*w*.

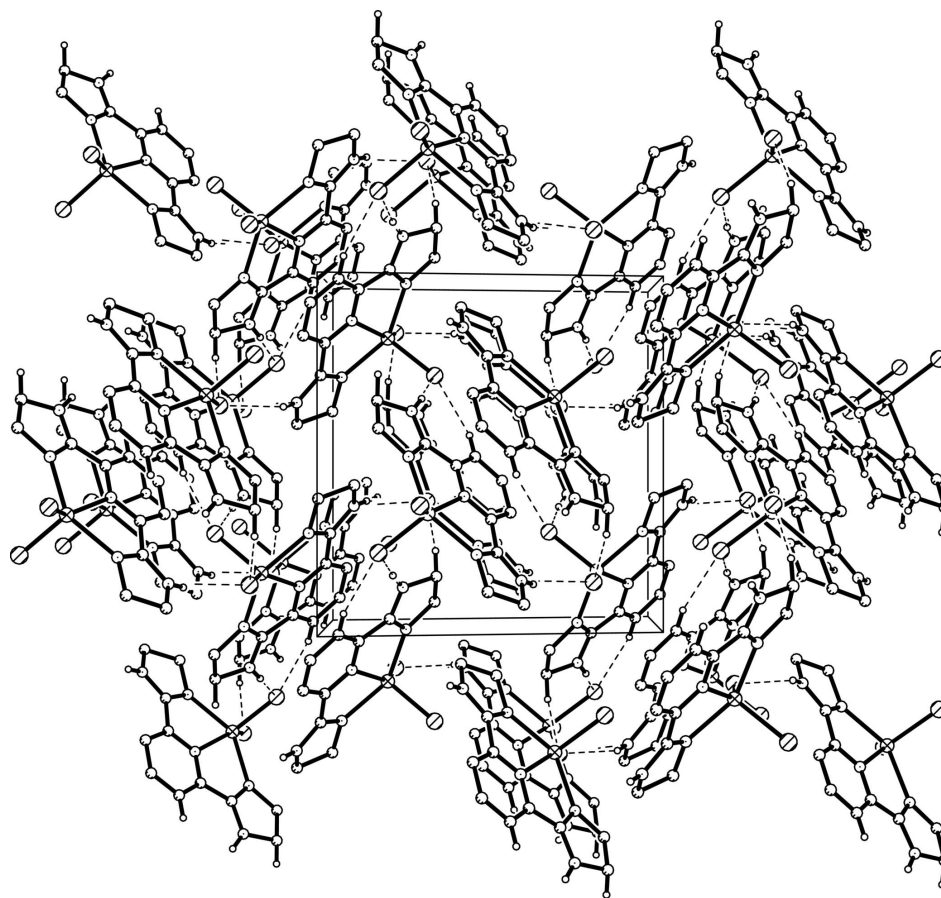
**S3. Refinement**

All the H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with N-H = 0.86 Å, C-H = 0.93 or 0.97 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$ .



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the  $[\text{Mn}(\text{bip})\text{Cl}_2]$  complex, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of  $[\text{Mn}(\text{bip})\text{Cl}_2]$  viewed along the  $a$  axis. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

**[2,6-Bis(4,5-dihydro-1H-imidazol-2-yl)pyridine]dichloridomanganese(II)**

*Crystal data*

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$c = 12.383\ (6)\ \text{\AA}$

$\beta = 100.313\ (9)^\circ$

$V = 1436.9\ (13)\ \text{\AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 692$

$D_x = 1.577\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073\ \text{\AA}$

Cell parameters from 1365 reflections

$\theta = 2.3\text{--}23.1^\circ$

$\mu = 1.28\ \text{mm}^{-1}$

$T = 273\ \text{K}$

Block, yellow

$0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.21\ \text{mm}$

*Data collection*

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*SADABS*, Bruker, 1998)

$T_{\text{min}} = 0.700$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.774$

8507 measured reflections

3317 independent reflections

1750 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.077$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.9^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.3^\circ$   
 $h = -10 \rightarrow 12$

$k = -10 \rightarrow 16$   
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 15$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.067$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.187$   
 $S = 0.95$   
 3317 reflections  
 173 parameters  
 0 restraints  
 Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
 direct methods  
 Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
 map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
 neighbouring sites  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0956P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.68 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.53 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,  
 2008),  $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001x \text{Fc}^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
 Extinction coefficient: 0.016 (3)

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Mn1	1.09096 (8)	0.66191 (6)	0.31687 (6)	0.0431 (3)
Cl1	1.33924 (15)	0.63750 (13)	0.29973 (12)	0.0605 (5)
Cl2	0.96929 (17)	0.77218 (13)	0.17311 (13)	0.0697 (5)
N1	0.9960 (5)	0.8515 (3)	0.5846 (4)	0.0519 (12)
H1	0.9262	0.8644	0.6198	0.062*
N2	1.1031 (5)	0.7757 (3)	0.4559 (3)	0.0492 (11)
N3	0.9235 (4)	0.6172 (3)	0.4186 (3)	0.0360 (9)
N4	0.9927 (4)	0.5062 (3)	0.2597 (3)	0.0458 (11)
N5	0.8274 (5)	0.3790 (4)	0.2646 (4)	0.0542 (12)
H5A	0.7647	0.3429	0.2923	0.065*
C1	1.1869 (7)	0.8745 (5)	0.4878 (5)	0.0587 (16)
H1A	1.1677	0.9266	0.4297	0.070*
H1B	1.2911	0.8606	0.5045	0.070*
C2	1.1298 (6)	0.9119 (5)	0.5908 (5)	0.0606 (16)
H2A	1.1988	0.8957	0.6573	0.073*
H2B	1.1103	0.9870	0.5881	0.073*
C3	1.0010 (5)	0.7721 (4)	0.5141 (4)	0.0413 (12)
C4	0.8964 (5)	0.6824 (4)	0.4970 (4)	0.0359 (11)
C5	0.7820 (5)	0.6653 (4)	0.5540 (4)	0.0432 (12)
H5	0.7626	0.7126	0.6069	0.052*

C6	0.6986 (6)	0.5756 (4)	0.5292 (4)	0.0510 (14)
H6	0.6222	0.5613	0.5662	0.061*
C7	0.7285 (5)	0.5069 (4)	0.4493 (4)	0.0474 (13)
H7	0.6737	0.4459	0.4325	0.057*
C8	0.8416 (5)	0.5311 (4)	0.3951 (4)	0.0387 (11)
C9	0.8875 (5)	0.4711 (4)	0.3049 (4)	0.0388 (11)
C10	0.8854 (7)	0.3506 (5)	0.1671 (5)	0.0618 (17)
H10A	0.8137	0.3615	0.1008	0.074*
H10B	0.9186	0.2781	0.1700	0.074*
C11	1.0136 (6)	0.4282 (5)	0.1743 (5)	0.0595 (16)
H11A	1.1062	0.3918	0.1950	0.071*
H11B	1.0123	0.4629	0.1043	0.071*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Mn1	0.0457 (5)	0.0447 (5)	0.0447 (5)	-0.0006 (4)	0.0233 (4)	0.0035 (4)
Cl1	0.0490 (8)	0.0707 (10)	0.0689 (9)	0.0051 (7)	0.0298 (7)	0.0207 (8)
Cl2	0.0638 (10)	0.0713 (11)	0.0796 (11)	0.0170 (8)	0.0280 (8)	0.0339 (9)
N1	0.056 (3)	0.046 (3)	0.061 (3)	-0.016 (2)	0.029 (2)	-0.013 (2)
N2	0.050 (3)	0.049 (3)	0.054 (3)	-0.013 (2)	0.025 (2)	0.000 (2)
N3	0.041 (2)	0.034 (2)	0.035 (2)	-0.0027 (18)	0.0134 (18)	0.0013 (19)
N4	0.052 (3)	0.044 (3)	0.046 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.024 (2)	-0.002 (2)
N5	0.065 (3)	0.045 (3)	0.058 (3)	-0.009 (2)	0.025 (2)	-0.010 (2)
C1	0.062 (4)	0.048 (3)	0.071 (4)	-0.015 (3)	0.027 (3)	-0.001 (3)
C2	0.065 (4)	0.054 (4)	0.066 (4)	-0.014 (3)	0.021 (3)	-0.011 (3)
C3	0.042 (3)	0.044 (3)	0.040 (3)	-0.003 (2)	0.014 (2)	0.002 (2)
C4	0.043 (3)	0.032 (3)	0.036 (2)	-0.001 (2)	0.017 (2)	0.004 (2)
C5	0.049 (3)	0.045 (3)	0.041 (3)	-0.002 (3)	0.021 (2)	0.001 (2)
C6	0.054 (3)	0.050 (3)	0.058 (3)	-0.004 (3)	0.034 (3)	0.004 (3)
C7	0.043 (3)	0.048 (3)	0.055 (3)	-0.008 (3)	0.020 (3)	0.000 (3)
C8	0.039 (3)	0.037 (3)	0.042 (3)	0.003 (2)	0.013 (2)	0.004 (2)
C9	0.046 (3)	0.032 (3)	0.039 (3)	0.003 (2)	0.009 (2)	0.004 (2)
C10	0.076 (4)	0.056 (4)	0.056 (3)	0.012 (3)	0.017 (3)	-0.012 (3)
C11	0.066 (4)	0.064 (4)	0.054 (3)	0.003 (3)	0.027 (3)	-0.012 (3)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

Mn1—N2	2.234 (4)	C1—H1A	0.97
Mn1—N4	2.237 (4)	C1—H1B	0.97
Mn1—N3	2.244 (4)	C2—H2A	0.97
Mn1—Cl1	2.3759 (19)	C2—H2B	0.97
Mn1—Cl2	2.3842 (18)	C3—C4	1.486 (7)
N1—C3	1.340 (7)	C4—C5	1.397 (6)
N1—C2	1.450 (7)	C5—C6	1.380 (8)
N1—H1	0.86	C5—H5	0.93
N2—C3	1.291 (6)	C6—C7	1.382 (7)
N2—C1	1.489 (7)	C6—H6	0.93

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N3—C4	1.333 (6)	C7—C8	1.380 (6)
N3—C8	1.333 (6)	C7—H7	0.93
N4—C9	1.289 (6)	C8—C9	1.476 (7)
N4—C11	1.487 (7)	C10—C11	1.535 (9)
N5—C9	1.352 (7)	C10—H10A	0.97
N5—C10	1.455 (7)	C10—H10B	0.97
N5—H5A	0.86	C11—H11A	0.97
C1—C2	1.542 (8)	C11—H11B	0.97
N2—Mn1—N4	140.86 (14)	C1—C2—H2B	111.3
N2—Mn1—N3	71.04 (14)	H2A—C2—H2B	109.2
N4—Mn1—N3	70.69 (14)	N2—C3—N1	116.8 (5)
N2—Mn1—C11	103.72 (12)	N2—C3—C4	118.3 (5)
N4—Mn1—C11	101.82 (11)	N1—C3—C4	124.8 (4)
N3—Mn1—C11	143.13 (12)	N3—C4—C5	122.1 (5)
N2—Mn1—C12	98.52 (13)	N3—C4—C3	112.1 (4)
N4—Mn1—C12	99.76 (12)	C5—C4—C3	125.8 (4)
N3—Mn1—C12	106.47 (12)	C6—C5—C4	117.7 (5)
C11—Mn1—C12	110.39 (6)	C6—C5—H5	121.2
C3—N1—C2	107.6 (4)	C4—C5—H5	121.2
C3—N1—H1	126.2	C5—C6—C7	120.1 (5)
C2—N1—H1	126.2	C5—C6—H6	119.9
C3—N2—C1	106.5 (4)	C7—C6—H6	119.9
C3—N2—Mn1	117.8 (4)	C8—C7—C6	118.6 (5)
C1—N2—Mn1	134.3 (3)	C8—C7—H7	120.7
C4—N3—C8	119.6 (4)	C6—C7—H7	120.7
C4—N3—Mn1	119.4 (3)	N3—C8—C7	121.9 (5)
C8—N3—Mn1	120.7 (3)	N3—C8—C9	110.9 (4)
C9—N4—C11	106.5 (5)	C7—C8—C9	127.1 (5)
C9—N4—Mn1	117.8 (3)	N4—C9—N5	115.8 (5)
C11—N4—Mn1	135.6 (3)	N4—C9—C8	119.6 (5)
C9—N5—C10	109.2 (5)	N5—C9—C8	124.5 (4)
C9—N5—H5A	125.4	N5—C10—C11	101.1 (5)
C10—N5—H5A	125.4	N5—C10—H10A	111.6
N2—C1—C2	103.7 (4)	C11—C10—H10A	111.6
N2—C1—H1A	111.0	N5—C10—H10B	111.6
C2—C1—H1A	111.0	C11—C10—H10B	111.6
N2—C1—H1B	111.0	H10A—C10—H10B	109.4
C2—C1—H1B	111.0	N4—C11—C10	105.6 (4)
H1A—C1—H1B	109.0	N4—C11—H11A	110.6
N1—C2—C1	102.3 (5)	C10—C11—H11A	110.6
N1—C2—H2A	111.3	N4—C11—H11B	110.6
C1—C2—H2A	111.3	C10—C11—H11B	110.6
N1—C2—H2B	111.3	H11A—C11—H11B	108.7

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*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

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N5—H5A $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.46	3.287 (5)	161
N1—H1 $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	2.50	3.261 (5)	147
C7—H7 $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.78	3.681 (6)	164

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (ii)  $x-1/2, -y+3/2, z+1/2$ .