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## Bis(imidazole- $\kappa N^3$ )bis(nitrato- $\kappa O$ )zinc(II)

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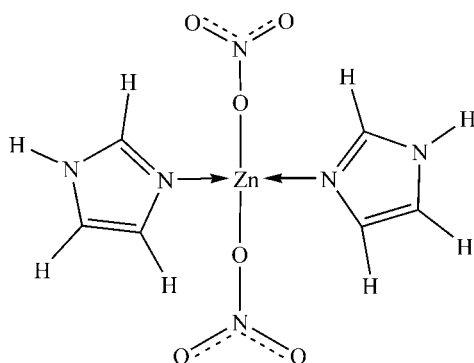
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.005$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.044;  $wR$  factor = 0.127; data-to-parameter ratio = 17.7.

The title complex,  $[Zn(NO_3)_2(C_3H_4N_2)_2]$ , contains a  $Zn^{II}$  centre with a slightly distorted tetrahedral coordination environment, involving two N atoms from imidazole ligands and two O atoms from nitrate anions. The imino NH groups participate in intermolecular  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

### Related literature

For related structures, see: Li *et al.* (2007); Xie *et al.* (2009); He *et al.* (2007); Shaw *et al.* (2009).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$[Zn(NO_3)_2(C_3H_4N_2)_2]$   
 $M_r = 325.55$   
Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 7.785$  (6) Å  
 $b = 8.126$  (2) Å  
 $c = 11.394$  (2) Å

$\alpha = 92.36$  (2)°  
 $\beta = 99.67$  (4)°  
 $\gamma = 96.32$  (7)°  
 $V = 704.9$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 1.77$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  K

$0.1 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$  mm

#### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4  
diffractometer  
Absorption correction: none  
3798 measured reflections

3068 independent reflections  
2733 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.014$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.127$   
 $S = 1.07$   
3068 reflections

173 parameters  
H-atom parameters not refined  
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.53$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.64$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1–O4	1.966 (3)	Zn1–N3	2.011 (3)
Zn1–O1	1.999 (3)	Zn1–N5	2.015 (3)
O4–Zn1–O1	104.93 (12)	O4–Zn1–N5	95.75 (11)
O4–Zn1–N3	113.61 (11)	O1–Zn1–N5	118.25 (12)
O1–Zn1–N3	113.00 (11)	N3–Zn1–N5	110.03 (13)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
N4–H4N $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	1.96	2.808 (4)	170
N6–H6N $\cdots$ O6 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86	1.91	2.741 (4)	161

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

Data collection: *CAD-4 EXPRESS* (Enraf–Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: *CAD-4 EXPRESS*; data reduction: *CAD-4 EXPRESS*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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**S1. Comment**

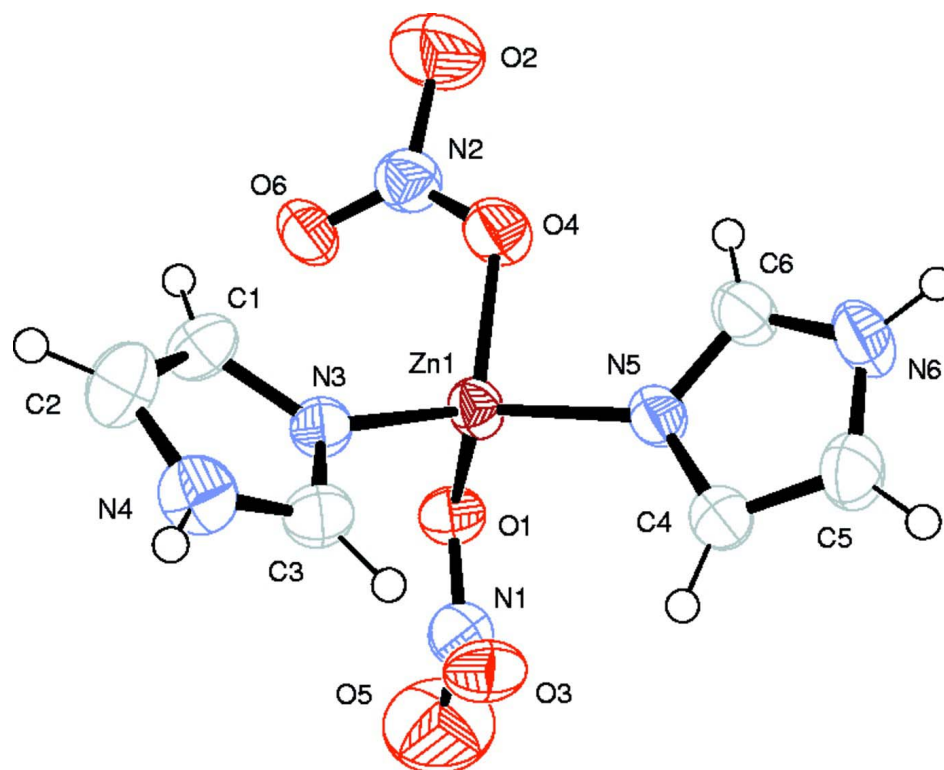
The asymmetric unit of the title compound, contains a Zn<sup>II</sup> cation, two imidazole ligands and two nitrate anions acting as monodentate ligands (Fig. 1). In the molecule the Zn<sup>II</sup> atom is four-coordinated in a distorted tetrahedral configuration by two N atoms from two imidazole molecules and two O atoms from monodentate two nitrate groups (Table 1). The angles O4—Zn—N5 and O1—Zn—O4 are reduced while all the others angles are increased in comparison with the ideal tetrahedral angle of 109.5° (Li *et al.*, 2007) The values of Zn—N distances, 2.011 (3) and 2.015 (3) Å, are little far to that found for tris(2-ethyl-1*H*-imidazole- $\kappa N^3$ )(terephthalato- $\kappa O$ )zinc(II) (Xie *et al.* 2009) and bis(1*H*-imidazole- $\kappa N^3$ )[(2-oxido-benzylideneamino)methanesulfonato- $\kappa^2 N, O$ ]zinc(II) (He *et al.* 2007). The Zn—O coordinating distances of 1.966 (4) and 1.999 (3) Å are comparable of those found in diphenyldipyrazolylmethane complexes with zinc(II) (Shaw *et al.* 2009). The mononuclear complex is joined into a two-dimensional layer by N—H $\cdots$ O type hydrogen-bonds; details have been provided in Table 2.

**S2. Experimental**

Zinc(II) acetate dihydrate (0.1320 g; 0.6 mmol) and lanthanum nitrate hexahydrate (0.0433 g; 0.01 mmol) were dissolved in 10 ml of a mixture of water and methanol (1/2). To this solution was added imidazole (0.0408 g; 0.6 mmol) and tartaric acid (0.0900 g; 0.6 mmol) dissolved in 12 ml of an aqueous NaOH 0.1 *M* solution. After 120 m of stirring, a solution of tartaric acid (0.0900 g; 0.6 mmol) in 5 ml of methanol was added again. The reaction mixture give white solid which was filtered and dried in air. The filtrate was left to crystallize. The crystals of (I) which formed were filtered off and dried [yield 82%]. Analysis calculated for [Zn(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]: C 22.14, H 2.48, N 25.81%; found: C 22.09, H 2.46, N 25.78%. Spectroscopic analysis, IR ( $\nu$ , cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3111, 3058, 1621, 1603, 1571, 1543, 1449, 1332 and 1072. The IR spectra were recorded with a Nicolet Magna 760 IR spectrophotometer in KBr pellets.

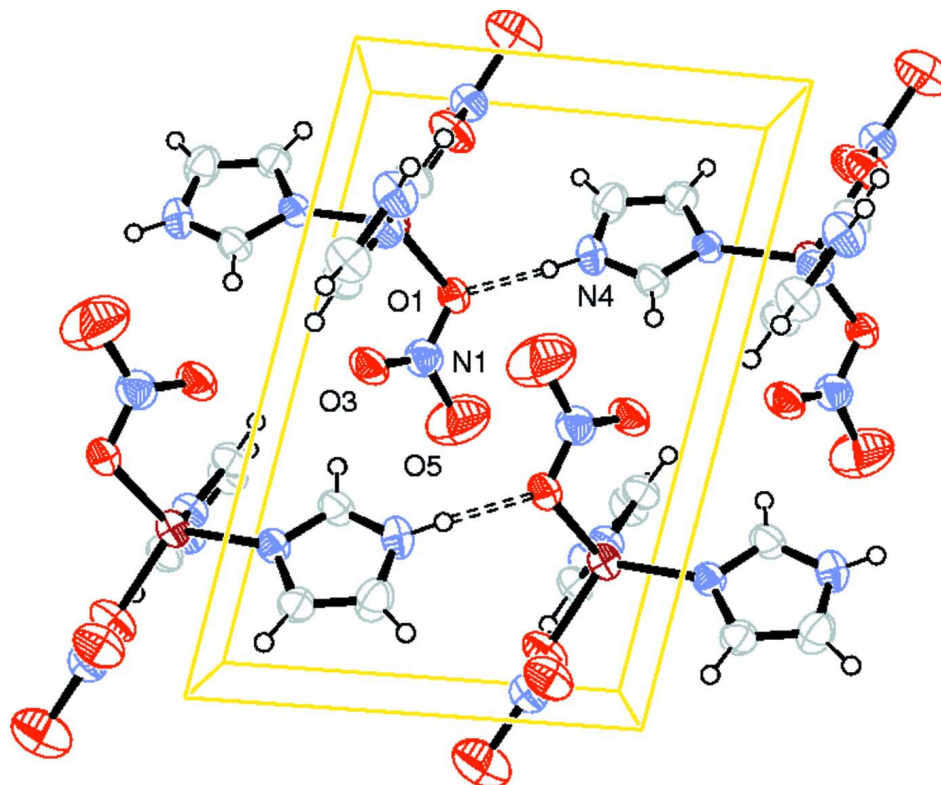
**S3. Refinement**

All H atoms were placed geometrically and refined with a riding model.  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  for H was assigned as 1.2 $U_{\text{eq}}$  of the attached C atoms.



**Figure 1**

An *ORTEP* view of the asymmetric unit of the title compound, showing the atom-numbering scheme (for all non-H atoms). Displacement ellipsoids are plotted at the 50% probability level.

**Figure 2**

Molecular representation of the compound showing hydrogen bonds. The broken lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

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Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$

Hall symbol: -P 1

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$\beta = 99.67$  (4)°

$\gamma = 96.32$  (7)°

$V = 704.9$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 328$

$D_x = 1.534$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 25 reflections

$\theta = 11\text{--}15^\circ$

$\mu = 1.77$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 293$  K

Prism, colourless

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#### Data collection

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diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\omega$  scans

3798 measured reflections

3068 independent reflections

2733 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.5^\circ$

$h = -9 \rightarrow 2$

$k = -10 \rightarrow 10$

$l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

*Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$  $wR(F^2) = 0.127$  $S = 1.07$ 

3068 reflections

173 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters not refined

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0746P)^2 + 0.6727P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.003$  $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.53 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.64 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,  
2008),  $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$ 

Extinction coefficient: 0.017 (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 ( $\text{Å}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Zn1	0.15424 (5)	0.41605 (4)	0.23967 (3)	0.03654 (17)
O1	0.3369 (3)	0.3103 (3)	0.3456 (2)	0.0430 (5)
O2	0.3189 (6)	0.3208 (6)	-0.0920 (4)	0.0971 (13)
O3	0.1851 (4)	0.4038 (4)	0.4754 (2)	0.0547 (6)
O4	0.2364 (4)	0.4269 (3)	0.0859 (2)	0.0558 (7)
O5	0.4232 (7)	0.2470 (7)	0.5506 (5)	0.1252 (18)
O6	0.2253 (4)	0.1542 (3)	0.0596 (2)	0.0574 (7)
N1	0.3052 (4)	0.3279 (4)	0.4537 (3)	0.0510 (7)
N2	0.2542 (4)	0.2947 (4)	0.0259 (3)	0.0503 (7)
N3	-0.0884 (3)	0.2952 (3)	0.2279 (2)	0.0360 (5)
N4	-0.3596 (4)	0.2487 (4)	0.2566 (3)	0.0477 (7)
H4N	-0.4528	0.2558	0.2868	0.057*
N5	0.1481 (4)	0.6622 (3)	0.2647 (2)	0.0385 (6)
N6	0.1656 (4)	0.9234 (3)	0.2214 (3)	0.0509 (7)
H6N	0.1862	1.0114	0.1842	0.061*
C1	-0.1781 (5)	0.1749 (4)	0.1439 (3)	0.0440 (7)
H1	-0.1308	0.1226	0.0847	0.053*
C2	-0.3456 (5)	0.1454 (5)	0.1615 (4)	0.0535 (9)
H2	-0.4340	0.0700	0.1178	0.064*
C3	-0.2038 (4)	0.3359 (4)	0.2941 (3)	0.0417 (7)
H3	-0.1791	0.4147	0.3581	0.050*
C4	0.0906 (5)	0.7536 (4)	0.3524 (3)	0.0429 (7)
H4	0.0509	0.7110	0.4189	0.051*

C5	0.1012 (5)	0.9154 (4)	0.3262 (4)	0.0507 (8)
H5	0.0708	1.0031	0.3704	0.061*
C6	0.1905 (5)	0.7699 (4)	0.1878 (3)	0.0445 (7)
H6	0.2325	0.7422	0.1187	0.053*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Zn1	0.0395 (2)	0.0308 (2)	0.0420 (2)	0.00520 (14)	0.01374 (15)	0.00335 (14)
O1	0.0397 (12)	0.0507 (13)	0.0420 (12)	0.0110 (10)	0.0144 (10)	0.0003 (10)
O2	0.124 (3)	0.106 (3)	0.069 (2)	0.009 (3)	0.041 (2)	0.013 (2)
O3	0.0595 (16)	0.0674 (17)	0.0446 (13)	0.0221 (13)	0.0207 (12)	0.0009 (12)
O4	0.0794 (19)	0.0442 (13)	0.0528 (15)	0.0118 (13)	0.0342 (14)	0.0027 (11)
O5	0.130 (4)	0.144 (5)	0.095 (3)	0.039 (3)	−0.018 (3)	0.028 (3)
O6	0.082 (2)	0.0396 (13)	0.0546 (15)	−0.0006 (13)	0.0282 (14)	0.0086 (11)
N1	0.0515 (17)	0.0519 (17)	0.0489 (16)	0.0010 (14)	0.0108 (13)	0.0008 (13)
N2	0.0495 (17)	0.0553 (18)	0.0472 (16)	0.0039 (14)	0.0126 (13)	0.0046 (13)
N3	0.0364 (13)	0.0365 (13)	0.0361 (13)	0.0051 (10)	0.0094 (10)	0.0005 (10)
N4	0.0363 (14)	0.0550 (17)	0.0559 (17)	0.0096 (12)	0.0167 (13)	0.0031 (14)
N5	0.0459 (14)	0.0319 (12)	0.0396 (13)	0.0048 (11)	0.0118 (11)	0.0051 (10)
N6	0.063 (2)	0.0332 (14)	0.0614 (19)	0.0060 (13)	0.0214 (16)	0.0147 (13)
C1	0.0432 (17)	0.0485 (18)	0.0397 (16)	0.0090 (14)	0.0062 (13)	−0.0084 (14)
C2	0.0428 (19)	0.052 (2)	0.061 (2)	0.0028 (15)	0.0023 (16)	−0.0091 (17)
C3	0.0446 (17)	0.0444 (17)	0.0385 (16)	0.0070 (14)	0.0141 (13)	−0.0018 (13)
C4	0.0528 (19)	0.0368 (16)	0.0407 (16)	0.0038 (14)	0.0138 (14)	0.0030 (13)
C5	0.063 (2)	0.0346 (16)	0.058 (2)	0.0075 (15)	0.0181 (18)	0.0001 (15)
C6	0.0516 (19)	0.0407 (17)	0.0453 (17)	0.0067 (14)	0.0178 (15)	0.0090 (13)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

Zn1—O4	1.966 (3)	N4—H4N	0.8600
Zn1—O1	1.999 (3)	N5—C6	1.320 (4)
Zn1—N3	2.011 (3)	N5—C4	1.383 (4)
Zn1—N5	2.015 (3)	N6—C6	1.334 (5)
O1—N1	1.301 (4)	N6—C5	1.372 (5)
O2—N2	1.526 (5)	N6—H6N	0.8600
O3—N1	1.228 (4)	C1—C2	1.350 (5)
O4—N2	1.282 (4)	C1—H1	0.9300
O5—N1	1.532 (5)	C2—H2	0.9300
O6—N2	1.229 (4)	C3—H3	0.9300
N3—C3	1.327 (4)	C4—C5	1.356 (5)
N3—C1	1.381 (4)	C4—H4	0.9300
N4—C3	1.330 (5)	C5—H5	0.9300
N4—C2	1.369 (5)	C6—H6	0.9300
O4—Zn1—O1	104.93 (12)	C4—N5—Zn1	131.1 (2)
O4—Zn1—N3	113.61 (12)	C6—N6—C5	107.5 (3)
O1—Zn1—N3	113.00 (11)	C6—N6—H6N	126.2

O4—Zn1—N5	95.75 (11)	C5—N6—H6N	126.2
O1—Zn1—N5	118.25 (12)	C2—C1—N3	109.0 (3)
N3—Zn1—N5	110.03 (13)	C2—C1—H1	125.5
N1—O1—Zn1	107.0 (2)	N3—C1—H1	125.5
N2—O4—Zn1	121.2 (2)	C1—C2—N4	106.4 (3)
O3—N1—O1	121.1 (3)	C1—C2—H2	126.8
O3—N1—O5	122.4 (4)	N4—C2—H2	126.8
O1—N1—O5	116.5 (3)	N3—C3—N4	110.7 (3)
O6—N2—O4	123.7 (3)	N3—C3—H3	124.6
O6—N2—O2	120.5 (3)	N4—C3—H3	124.6
O4—N2—O2	115.8 (3)	C5—C4—N5	109.2 (3)
C3—N3—C1	105.9 (3)	C5—C4—H4	125.4
C3—N3—Zn1	124.1 (2)	N5—C4—H4	125.4
C1—N3—Zn1	129.5 (2)	C4—C5—N6	106.2 (3)
C3—N4—C2	108.0 (3)	C4—C5—H5	126.9
C3—N4—H4N	126.0	N6—C5—H5	126.9
C2—N4—H4N	126.0	N5—C6—N6	111.5 (3)
C6—N5—C4	105.5 (3)	N5—C6—H6	124.2
C6—N5—Zn1	123.2 (2)	N6—C6—H6	124.2

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

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