

Structure and NMR properties of the dinuclear complex di- μ -azido- $\kappa^4 N^1:N^1$ -bis[(azido- κN)-(pyridine-2-carboxamide- $\kappa^2 N^1,O$)zinc(II)]

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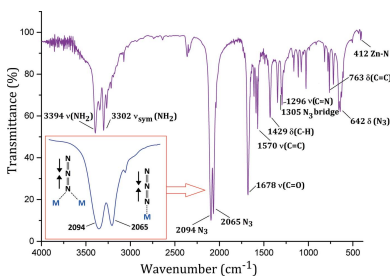
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The new diamagnetic complex, $[Zn_2(N_3)_4(C_6H_6N_2O)_2]$ or $[Zn_2(pca)_2(\mu_{1,1}-N_3)_2(N_3)_2]$ was synthesized using pyridine-2-carboxamide (pca) and azido ligands, and characterized using various techniques: IR spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray diffraction in the solid state, and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) in solution. The molecule is placed on an inversion centre in space group $P\bar{1}$. The pca ligand chelates the metal centre *via* the pyridine N atom and the carbonyl O atom. One azido ligand bridges the two symmetry-related Zn^{2+} cations in the *end-on* coordination mode, while the other independent azido anion occupies the fifth coordination site, as a terminal ligand. The resulting five-coordinate Zn centres have a coordination geometry intermediate between trigonal bipyramidal and square pyramidal. The behaviour of the title complex in DMSO solution suggests that it is a suitable NMR probe for similar or isostructural complexes including other transition-metal ions. The diamagnetic nature of the complex is reflected in similar 1H and ^{13}C NMR chemical shifts for the free ligand pca as for the Zn complex.

1. Chemical context

Polynuclear complexes have received the attention of coordination chemists as they are ideal candidates for developing new functional molecular materials. In the design and preparation of such systems, a number of synthetic strategies have been used for propagating new motifs, affording a large number of polynuclear complexes with potential applications (Miller & Drillon, 2002). Complexes based on Zn^{2+} ions are of interest because of the versatility of this transition metal towards different kinds of chelating ligands, and its ability to bind ligands with different coordination numbers, ranging from two to six (Sakai *et al.*, 2006). Some complexes have been proposed as models for the active sites of zinc-containing enzymes (Parkin, 2000; Döring *et al.*, 2002), while others have been studied for their catalytic properties (Dey *et al.*, 2002) or for the purpose of producing OLED devices (Sano *et al.*, 2000; Tokito *et al.*, 2000; Ray *et al.*, 2012).

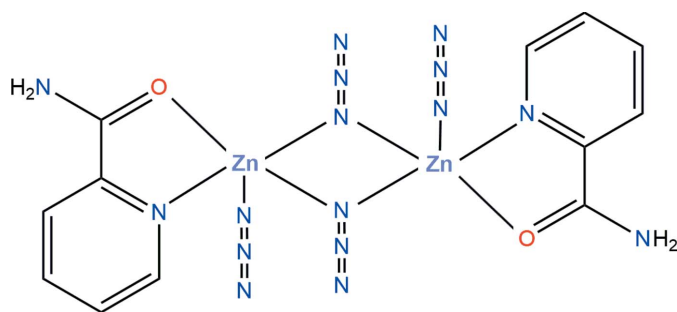
Upon coordination of a ligand to a metal centre, the ligand properties, such as electrophilic or nucleophilic character, acidity, susceptibility to oxidation or reduction, can be significantly altered, thereby enhancing or inhibiting its reactivity (Konidaris *et al.*, 2012). Co-ligands are also important for the structure and properties of the complex, especially if they can bridge metal centres. Among them, the azido ligand, N_3^- ,



has been widely used in the building of molecular magnetic materials with a rich diversity of topologies (Ribas *et al.*, 1999; Hong & Chen, 2009). The challenging aspect of N_3^- is its great coordination flexibility, which turns out to be rather a drawback since structures are poorly predictable. However, the correlation between the structures of polynuclear complexes including azido bridges and their magnetic properties is now well understood (Husain *et al.*, 2012; Yu *et al.*, 2007).

The azido ion can link two or more metal ions in different configurations. The most representative are the *end-to-end* (EE) mode, in which two terminal N atoms bridge the metals, and the *end-on* (EO) mode, in which only one terminal N atom is used (Dori & Ziolo, 1973; Mautner *et al.*, 2013). Based on a survey of the CSD (Groom *et al.*, 2016), the prevalence of the EO mode is much higher than the EE mode, by a factor of about ten. Mixed species having both terminal (*i.e.* non-bridging) and EE/EO bridging azides are known, but are not so common. Several architectures occur depending on whether EE or EO bridges are present, which can be symmetric or asymmetric, single or multiple, and associated or not with other bridges (Goher *et al.*, 2000; Maji *et al.*, 2001).

In this context, our group has paid attention to the synthesis of Zn^{2+} complexes including azido ligands, with the aim of using these diamagnetic compounds as NMR probes for other structurally related or analogous complexes. Herein, we report the molecular structure of a dinuclear complex with bridging and non-bridging azido ligands, synthesized with picolinamide, a pyridine derivative with an amido group, suitable for the chelation of transition metals (Đaković *et al.*, 2008).



2. Structural commentary

The dinuclear complex $[Zn_2(N_3)_4(pca)_2]$, where *pca* is picolinamide (IUPAC name: pyridine-2-carboxamide), crystallizes in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$, with the molecule placed on the inversion centre (Fig. 1). The central $[Zn_2N_2]$ core is thus planar by symmetry, with azido ligand N3/N4/N5 bridging the metal centres in the EO configuration. The double bridge is asymmetric, with $Zn-N3$ bond lengths of 2.057 (3) and 2.218 (3) Å (Table 1). These bond lengths are comparable to those observed in other Zn^{2+} complexes bearing Schiff bases (Ray *et al.*, 2012; Đaković *et al.*, 2015; Sheng *et al.*, 2014), and are in agreement with IR spectroscopy data (You *et al.*, 2009; Qian & You, 2011). The *pca* molecule behaves as a κ^2-N,O -chelating ligand, forming a common five-membered metallacycle. This mode of coordination is almost universally found in

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Zn1–N6	1.991 (4)	Zn1–O1	2.119 (3)
Zn1–N1	2.057 (3)	Zn1–N3 ⁱ	2.218 (3)
Zn1–N3	2.057 (3)		
N6–Zn1–N1	133.42 (14)	N3–Zn1–O1	92.16 (12)
N6–Zn1–N3	112.66 (15)	N6–Zn1–N3 ⁱ	94.82 (14)
N1–Zn1–N3	113.87 (13)	N1–Zn1–N3 ⁱ	95.16 (13)
N6–Zn1–O1	98.33 (13)	N3–Zn1–N3 ⁱ	80.02 (12)
N1–Zn1–O1	77.87 (12)	O1–Zn1–N3 ⁱ	166.53 (12)

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$.

other complexes including *pca* as ligand: there are very few occurrences of κ^2-N,N -*pca* ligands reported so far in the CSD. Finally, each Zn centre coordinates one terminal azido ion, N6/N7/N8, with the short distance $Zn-N6 = 1.991$ (4) Å. Both independent azido ligands are nearly linear, and the bridging azido has a bent coordination with the metal centre. In the dinuclear complex, the $Zn \cdots Zn$ separation is 3.2760 (11) Å.

The IR spectrum of the solid shows the stretching modes of coordinated *pca* ligands (Fig. 2). The band at 1678 cm^{-1} is assigned to the $\nu_{C=O}$ vibration, which is shifted towards lower energy because of the $C=O$ bond lengthening upon coordination [$C6=O1$: 1.250 (4) Å]. In contrast, the $N-H$ stretching band of the amide group is not displaced in comparison to the free ligand, indicating that the NH_2 group does not coordinate to Zn^{2+} ions (Konidaris *et al.*, 2012). The medium intensity band at 1296 cm^{-1} can be attributed to the ν_{C-N} vibration in the pyridyl ring. The most useful IR vibrations are those related to azido ligands, which are clearly split over two frequencies, at 2094 and 2065 cm^{-1} (Fig. 2, inset). Based on previous reports in the literature, the former can be assigned to bridging-EO azido ligands and the latter to

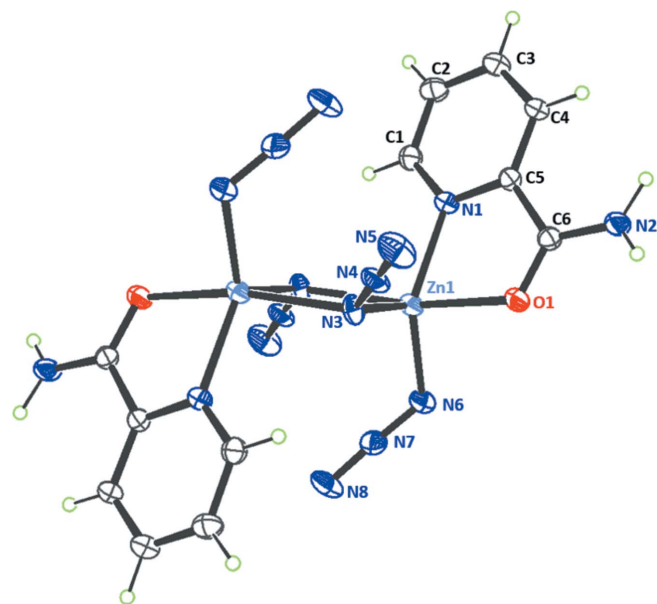


Figure 1
Molecular structure of the title compound, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms. Non-labelled atoms are generated by the symmetry operation $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$.

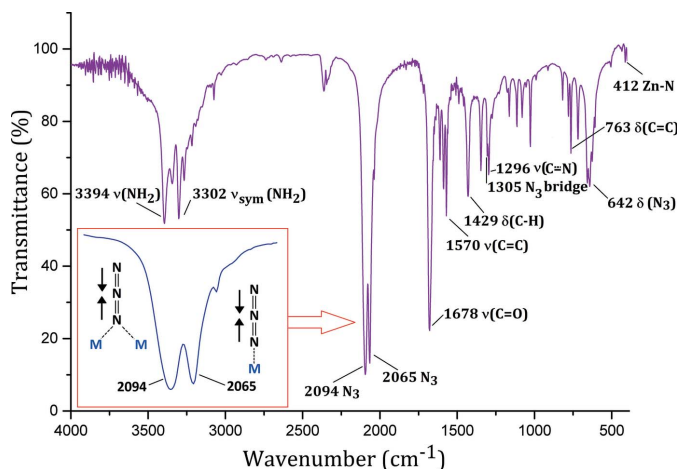


Figure 2
IR spectrum (KBr pellet) of the title complex, with assignment of the main bands. The inset is an expansion of the antisymmetric stretching vibrations for azide groups.

terminal azido ligands (Đaković *et al.*, 2015; Forster & Horrocks, 1966). Similar intensities for these bands are in agreement with the X-ray structure. Finally, Zn–N vibrations give a low-intensity band at 412 cm^{-1} (Majumder *et al.*, 2006).

The resulting dinuclear complex has five-coordinate Zn^{2+} ions, for which the Addison geometric parameter is $\tau_5 = 0.55$, midway between an ideal square-pyramidal ($\tau_5 = 0$) and a trigonal-bipyramidal geometry ($\tau_5 = 1$; Addison *et al.*, 1984). The strain caused by the five-membered metallacycle formed by the *pca* ligand [bite angle: $77.87(12)^\circ$], together with the geometric restraint imposed by the central $[\text{Zn}_2\text{N}_2]$ ring [$\text{N}3-\text{Zn}1-\text{N}3'$ angle: $80.02(12)^\circ$] account for the observed trigonal distortion. Such distortion has been observed in other similar dinuclear five-coordinate Zn^{2+} complexes bearing both terminal and bridging azido ligands: for nine complexes retrieved from the CSD, the Addison parameter ranges from $\tau_5 = 0.40$ (Sun & Wang, 2007) to $\tau_5 = 0.93$ (Wang *et al.*, 2004).

Non-covalent intermolecular interactions are present in the crystal structure. Given that the NH_2 groups in the *pca* ligands

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{N}2-\text{H}2\text{A}\cdots\text{N}5^{\text{ii}}$	0.85 (2)	2.41 (3)	3.184 (5)	151 (4)
$\text{N}2-\text{H}2\text{B}\cdots\text{N}8^{\text{iii}}$	0.88 (2)	2.13 (2)	2.994 (5)	166 (4)

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

are not engaged in coordination, they form instead weak intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds with terminal N atoms of azide groups (Table 2). These bonds form a 2D framework parallel to plane (100) in the crystal. The molecules are then arranged in such a way that pyridyl rings are stacked in the [100] direction, with an offset face-to-face arrangement characterized by centroid-to-centroid distances for pyridyl rings of $4.702(3)$ and $5.141(3)\text{ \AA}$ along a stack (Fig. 3).

3. NMR measurements and chemical shift calculations

Using $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ solutions of the free ligand *pca* and the title complex, ^1H and ^{13}C -NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 500 MHz spectrometer. Computationally, the geometry for the complex was optimized with the BLYP functional (Becke, 1993) and the 6-31+G(2d,p) basis to correlate the experimental structural information, time-dependent DFT, and NMR chemical shift estimations. Bond lengths and angles are similar in the DFT-optimized structure and in the X-ray crystal structure, validating the correctness of the calculations (GAUSSIAN09; Frisch *et al.*, 2009). The shielding scales were converted to chemical shift scales by applying reference shielding of 32.0531 and 178.5112 ppm for ^1H and ^{13}C in TMS, respectively.

The ^1H and ^{13}C data of *pca* together with those of the complex are displayed in Table 3. Moreover, ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts were calculated, allowing the assignment of all signals in the experimental spectra (Figs. 4 and 5). The aromatic ^1H spin systems are identified assuming doublet-like signals for H1 and H4, and triplet-like signals for H2 and H3.

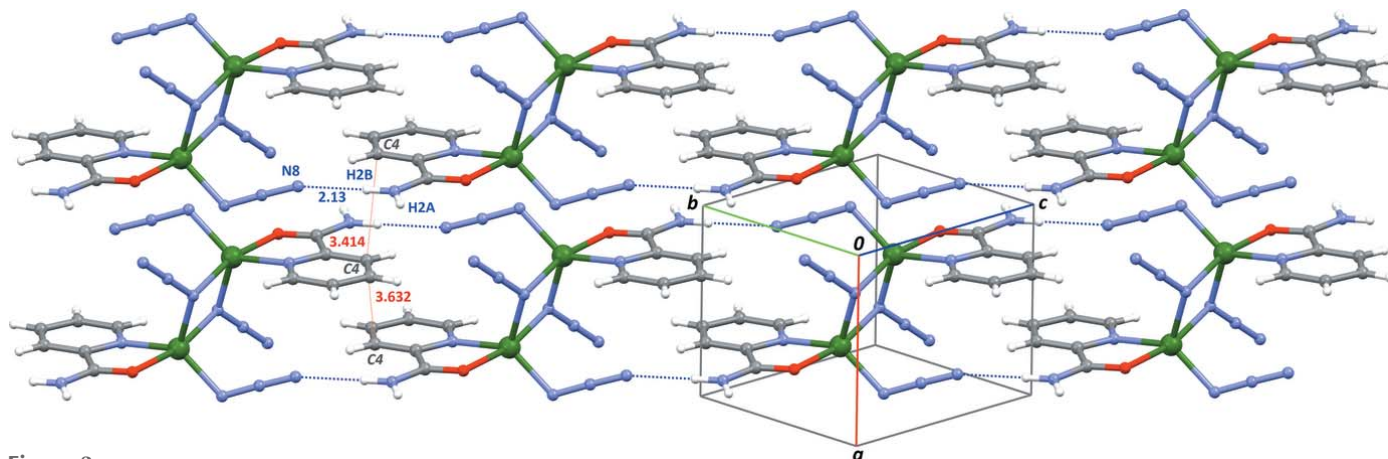


Figure 3
Part of the crystal structure of the title complex showing the arrangement of $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds. The proximity between π systems is reflected in the intermolecular $\text{C}4\cdots\text{C}4$ separations, as measured using Mercury (Macrae *et al.*, 2020; thin red lines): $\text{C}4\cdots\text{C}4^{\text{i}} = 3.632\text{ \AA}$, and $\text{C}4^{\text{i}}\cdots\text{C}4^{\text{ii}} = 3.414\text{ \AA}$ [symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x, 2 - y, -z$; (ii) $-1 + x, y, z$]. The strongest intermolecular hydrogen bond (Table 2, entry 2) is represented by blue dotted lines.

Table 3

¹H-NMR (500 MHz) and ¹³C-NMR (125 MHz) chemical shifts, δ (ppm), and coupling constants *J*_{H–H} (Hz), for the ligand *pca* and the diamagnetic complex [Zn₂(N₃)₄(*pca*)₂], in DMSO-*d*₆.

	¹ H-NMR (experimental)	H · · H coupling	¹ H-NMR (calculated)	¹³ C-NMR (experimental)	¹³ C-NMR (calculated)
Picolinamide	H4: 8.01 H3: 7.97 H2: 7.57 H1: 8.61 NH ₂ : 8.11, 7.62	<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.8 <i>td</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.6, 1.7 <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.5, 4.8, 1.3 <i>ddd</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.7 <i>broad s</i>	H4: 8.18 H3: 7.94 H2: 7.56 H1: 8.68 NH ₂ : 5.18, 7.66	C4: 122.36 C3: 138.12 C2: 126.94 C1: 148.92 C5: 150.66 C6: 166.55	C4: 127.02 C3: 142.08 C2: 130.65 C1: 153.41 C5: 155.63 C6: 171.00
[Zn ₂ (N ₃) ₄ (<i>pca</i>) ₂]	H4: 8.09 H3: 8.03 H2: 7.64 H1: 8.65 NH ₂ : 8.29, 7.85	<i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.7 <i>td</i> , <i>J</i> = 7.6 <i>m</i> <i>d</i> , <i>J</i> = 4.6 <i>broad s</i>	H4: 8.00 H3: 8.33 H2: 7.92 H1: 9.08 NH ₂ : 6.84, 6.13	C4: 122.51 C3: 138.56 C2: 127.24 C1: 148.93 C5: 149.81 C6: 166.53	C4: 128.35 C3: 146.74 C2: 134.07 C1: 154.42 C5: 149.48 C6: 170.84

The presence of two NH broad signals with short relaxation times is due to the presence of the N and Zn atoms, which are more electronegative than H. The proton signals are slightly deshielded upon complexation, with the magnitude of deshielding decreasing while the distance from the metal centre increases. As seen in Fig. 4, the 3*d*¹⁰ cation does not affect the position of the signals very much. The most affected signals are those corresponding to the amide NH groups, which are shifted by *ca* 0.2 ppm and broadened upon coordination. This behaviour is probably related to different hydrogen-bonding schemes involving the NH₂ group: free *pca* is strongly stabilized in the solid state by *R*₂²(8) ring motifs (Évora *et al.*, 2012), which are no longer present once the molecule is coordinated to the metal centre. The small influence of the metal centres on NMR properties is confirmed by experimental ¹³C-NMR chemical shifts, which are almost identical for *pca* and the title complex (Fig. 5). However, a broadening is observed for the quaternary carbon atom C5, which is located in the close vicinity of the N and Zn sites, resulting in a very short relaxation time.

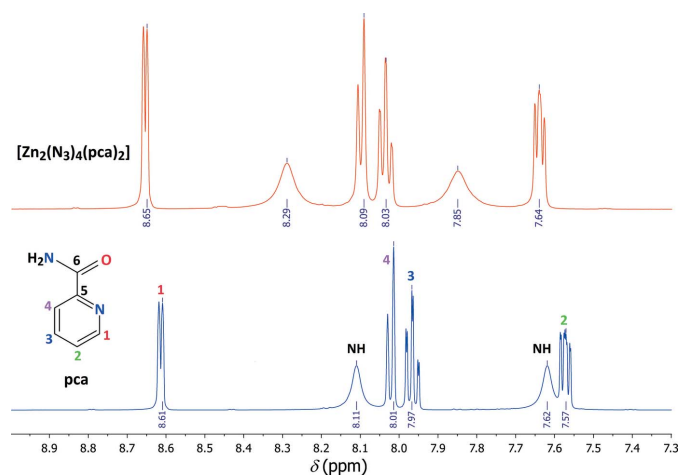


Figure 4

Experimental ¹H-NMR spectra of *pca* (blue) and [Zn₂(N₃)₄(*pca*)₂] (red) in DMSO-*d*₆. Chemical shifts and coupling constants are given in Table 3.

These data corroborate that proton chemical shifts for *pca* are only marginally affected by coordination to a diamagnetic metal centre as Zn²⁺. Very different spectra would be expected with paramagnetic centres, such as Mn²⁺, Co²⁺, or Cu²⁺. Most often, NMR spectra are difficult to interpret for these complexes, due to their broad and out of tune signals. However, our NMR data do not allow determination of whether the complex survives as a dimeric compound in solution, and whether the hydrogen bonding scheme observed in the crystal structure is retained in solution.

4. Synthesis and crystallization

An aqueous solution of *pca* (0.122 g, 1.0 mmol in 10 mL) was slowly poured onto an aqueous solution of Zn(SO₄)·7H₂O (0.287 g, 1.0 mmol in 10 mL) and an aqueous solution of NaN₃ (0.130 g, 2.0 mmol in 5 mL). After one week at room temperature, colourless crystals formed in the mixture. Yield: 90%. Melting point: 471 K. The complex is soluble in water, DMSO, DMF and ethanol. IR data (cm⁻¹, KBr pellet): 3394 (amide ν_{N–H}), 3302 (amide ν_{symN–H}), 2094, 2065 (ν_{asymm}(N₃)),

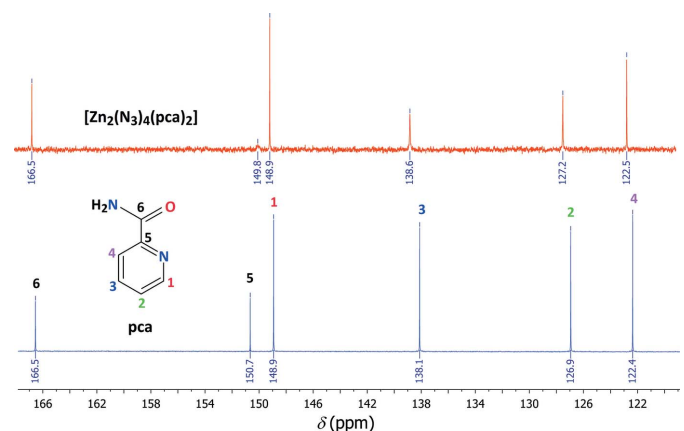


Figure 5

Experimental ¹³C-NMR spectra of *pca* (blue) and [Zn₂(N₃)₄(*pca*)₂] (red) in DMSO-*d*₆. Chemical shifts are given in Table 3.

Table 4
Experimental details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	[Zn ₂ (N ₃) ₄ (C ₆ H ₆ N ₂ O) ₂]
<i>M</i> _r	543.12
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
Temperature (K)	295
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	6.7689 (8), 8.3283 (10), 9.4835 (11)
α , β , γ (°)	69.942 (9), 75.447 (9), 75.901 (9)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	478.74 (10)
<i>Z</i>	1
Radiation type	Ag <i>K</i> α , λ = 0.56083 Å
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.35
Crystal size (mm)	0.27 × 0.04 × 0.03
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Stoe Stadivari
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (<i>X-AREA</i> ; Stoe & Cie, 2018)
<i>T</i> _{min} , <i>T</i> _{max}	0.426, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] reflections	11210, 2088, 1344
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.099
(<i>sin</i> θ / λ) _{max} (Å ⁻¹)	0.639
Refinement	
<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2 σ (<i>F</i> ²)], <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²), <i>S</i>	0.040, 0.078, 0.80
No. of reflections	2088
No. of parameters	151
No. of restraints	2
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$, $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.65, -0.52

Computer programs: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2018), *SHELXT2018/2* (Sheldrick, 2015a), *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2015b), *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 2012), *Mercury* (Macrae et al., 2020) and *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

1678 ($\nu_{\text{C}=\text{O}}$), 1570 ($\nu_{\text{C}=\text{C}}$), 1296 ($\nu_{\text{C}=\text{N}}$). UV–Vis (λ_{max} /nm, H₂O, *ca* 10⁻⁵ *M*): 215 ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$), 264 ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$).

5. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 4. All C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined as riding on their carrier C atoms, while amide H atoms were found in a difference map and refined with free orientation. The geometry of the NH₂ group was restrained with distance targets N–H = 0.87 (2) Å, and isotropic displacement parameters for these H atoms were calculated as $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N2})$.

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Structure and NMR properties of the dinuclear complex di- μ -azido- $\kappa^4N^1:N^1$ -bis-[(azido- κN)(pyridine-2-carboxamide- κ^2N^1,O)zinc(II)]

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Computing details

Data collection: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2018); cell refinement: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2018); data reduction: *X-AREA* (Stoe & Cie, 2018); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXT2018/2* (Sheldrick, 2015a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2018/3* (Sheldrick, 2015b); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 2012) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2020); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

Di- μ -azido- $\kappa^4N^1:N^1$ -bis[(azido- κN)(pyridine-2-carboxamide- κ^2N^1,O)zinc(II)]

Crystal data

[Zn₂(N₃)₄(C₆H₆N₂O)₂]

$M_r = 543.12$

Triclinic, *P1*

$a = 6.7689$ (8) Å

$b = 8.3283$ (10) Å

$c = 9.4835$ (11) Å

$\alpha = 69.942$ (9)°

$\beta = 75.447$ (9)°

$\gamma = 75.901$ (9)°

$V = 478.74$ (10) Å³

$Z = 1$

$F(000) = 272$

$D_x = 1.884$ Mg m⁻³

Melting point: 471 K

Ag $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.56083$ Å

Cell parameters from 6594 reflections

$\theta = 2.5$ – 22.2 °

$\mu = 1.35$ mm⁻¹

$T = 295$ K

Needle, colourless

$0.27 \times 0.04 \times 0.03$ mm

Data collection

Stoe Stadivari
diffractometer

Radiation source: Sealed X-ray tube, Axo Astix-
f Microfocus source

Graded multilayer mirror monochromator

Detector resolution: 5.81 pixels mm⁻¹

ω scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(X-AREA; Stoe & Cie, 2018)

$T_{\min} = 0.426$, $T_{\max} = 1.000$

11210 measured reflections

2088 independent reflections

1344 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.099$

$\theta_{\max} = 21.0$ °, $\theta_{\min} = 2.5$ °

$h = -8 \rightarrow 8$

$k = -10 \rightarrow 10$

$l = -11 \rightarrow 12$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$

$wR(F^2) = 0.078$

$S = 0.80$

2088 reflections

151 parameters

2 restraints

0 constraints

Primary atom site location: dual

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
map

Hydrogen site location: mixed

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent
and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0255P)^2]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.65 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.52 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Zn1	0.71118 (8)	0.52257 (7)	0.37011 (6)	0.03385 (16)
O1	0.7775 (4)	0.5513 (4)	0.1331 (3)	0.0381 (7)
N1	0.7228 (5)	0.7831 (4)	0.2758 (4)	0.0297 (8)
N2	0.8242 (6)	0.7454 (5)	-0.1008 (4)	0.0412 (9)
H2A	0.859 (6)	0.663 (4)	-0.141 (5)	0.049*
H2B	0.827 (7)	0.852 (3)	-0.164 (4)	0.049*
N3	0.4244 (5)	0.4627 (5)	0.3951 (4)	0.0346 (8)
N4	0.3234 (5)	0.5162 (4)	0.2967 (4)	0.0378 (9)
N5	0.2268 (6)	0.5678 (5)	0.2013 (4)	0.0562 (12)
N6	0.9229 (5)	0.3132 (5)	0.4351 (4)	0.0430 (9)
N7	0.8669 (5)	0.1971 (5)	0.5432 (4)	0.0390 (9)
N8	0.8183 (7)	0.0821 (5)	0.6474 (5)	0.0589 (12)
C1	0.6936 (6)	0.8957 (6)	0.3551 (5)	0.0366 (10)
H1	0.678297	0.853763	0.460923	0.044*
C2	0.6855 (7)	1.0727 (6)	0.2841 (5)	0.0419 (11)
H2	0.667083	1.147761	0.341574	0.050*
C3	0.7048 (6)	1.1356 (6)	0.1285 (5)	0.0413 (11)
H3	0.696926	1.254022	0.079321	0.050*
C4	0.7364 (6)	1.0207 (5)	0.0448 (5)	0.0347 (10)
H4	0.750748	1.060098	-0.061039	0.042*
C5	0.7458 (6)	0.8456 (5)	0.1235 (4)	0.0290 (9)
C6	0.7848 (6)	0.7035 (5)	0.0490 (5)	0.0303 (9)

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
Zn1	0.0414 (3)	0.0265 (3)	0.0289 (3)	-0.0046 (2)	-0.0060 (2)	-0.0036 (2)
O1	0.0548 (19)	0.0256 (16)	0.0287 (16)	-0.0070 (14)	-0.0027 (13)	-0.0050 (13)
N1	0.0309 (18)	0.0261 (19)	0.0302 (19)	-0.0045 (15)	-0.0083 (14)	-0.0043 (15)
N2	0.066 (3)	0.028 (2)	0.027 (2)	-0.005 (2)	-0.0079 (18)	-0.0076 (17)
N3	0.044 (2)	0.043 (2)	0.0190 (18)	-0.0124 (18)	-0.0077 (16)	-0.0078 (16)
N4	0.049 (2)	0.024 (2)	0.038 (2)	-0.0150 (17)	-0.0050 (18)	-0.0025 (17)
N5	0.075 (3)	0.056 (3)	0.043 (2)	-0.015 (2)	-0.033 (2)	-0.003 (2)
N6	0.043 (2)	0.031 (2)	0.040 (2)	0.0021 (17)	-0.0037 (17)	-0.0019 (18)
N7	0.041 (2)	0.034 (2)	0.038 (2)	0.0014 (18)	-0.0099 (17)	-0.0098 (18)
N8	0.075 (3)	0.036 (2)	0.049 (3)	-0.012 (2)	-0.012 (2)	0.010 (2)
C1	0.046 (3)	0.036 (3)	0.030 (2)	-0.004 (2)	-0.0099 (19)	-0.012 (2)
C2	0.051 (3)	0.032 (3)	0.047 (3)	-0.009 (2)	-0.011 (2)	-0.015 (2)
C3	0.046 (3)	0.029 (2)	0.045 (3)	-0.009 (2)	-0.006 (2)	-0.007 (2)
C4	0.040 (2)	0.027 (2)	0.032 (2)	-0.0039 (19)	-0.0071 (19)	-0.0024 (19)
C5	0.027 (2)	0.028 (2)	0.030 (2)	-0.0026 (17)	-0.0039 (17)	-0.0070 (18)
C6	0.027 (2)	0.031 (2)	0.030 (2)	-0.0026 (18)	-0.0058 (17)	-0.0056 (19)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Zn1—N6	1.991 (4)	N4—N5	1.151 (4)
Zn1—N1	2.057 (3)	N6—N7	1.197 (5)
Zn1—N3	2.057 (3)	N7—N8	1.159 (5)
Zn1—O1	2.119 (3)	C1—C2	1.389 (6)
Zn1—N3 ⁱ	2.218 (3)	C1—H1	0.9300
O1—C6	1.250 (4)	C2—C3	1.370 (6)
N1—C5	1.339 (5)	C2—H2	0.9300
N1—C1	1.342 (5)	C3—C4	1.388 (6)
N2—C6	1.314 (5)	C3—H3	0.9300
N2—H2A	0.852 (19)	C4—C5	1.385 (5)
N2—H2B	0.884 (19)	C4—H4	0.9300
N3—N4	1.193 (4)	C5—C6	1.515 (5)
N6—Zn1—N1	133.42 (14)	N7—N6—Zn1	117.3 (3)
N6—Zn1—N3	112.66 (15)	N8—N7—N6	178.1 (5)
N1—Zn1—N3	113.87 (13)	N1—C1—C2	122.1 (4)
N6—Zn1—O1	98.33 (13)	N1—C1—H1	119.0
N1—Zn1—O1	77.87 (12)	C2—C1—H1	119.0
N3—Zn1—O1	92.16 (12)	C3—C2—C1	119.2 (4)
N6—Zn1—N3 ⁱ	94.82 (14)	C3—C2—H2	120.4
N1—Zn1—N3 ⁱ	95.16 (13)	C1—C2—H2	120.4
N3—Zn1—N3 ⁱ	80.02 (12)	C2—C3—C4	119.3 (4)
O1—Zn1—N3 ⁱ	166.53 (12)	C2—C3—H3	120.3
C6—O1—Zn1	114.5 (3)	C4—C3—H3	120.3
C5—N1—C1	118.1 (4)	C5—C4—C3	118.1 (4)
C5—N1—Zn1	116.5 (3)	C5—C4—H4	121.0
C1—N1—Zn1	125.2 (3)	C3—C4—H4	121.0
C6—N2—H2A	117 (3)	N1—C5—C4	123.1 (4)
C6—N2—H2B	125 (3)	N1—C5—C6	112.3 (3)
H2A—N2—H2B	117 (4)	C4—C5—C6	124.6 (4)
N4—N3—Zn1	123.8 (3)	O1—C6—N2	122.8 (4)
N4—N3—Zn1 ⁱ	121.5 (3)	O1—C6—C5	118.5 (4)
Zn1—N3—Zn1 ⁱ	99.98 (12)	N2—C6—C5	118.7 (4)
N5—N4—N3	179.7 (5)		
C5—N1—C1—C2	0.4 (6)	C3—C4—C5—N1	1.1 (6)
Zn1—N1—C1—C2	-174.2 (3)	C3—C4—C5—C6	-178.3 (4)
N1—C1—C2—C3	1.0 (6)	Zn1—O1—C6—N2	179.9 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-1.3 (6)	Zn1—O1—C6—C5	-0.3 (4)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.4 (6)	N1—C5—C6—O1	4.7 (5)
C1—N1—C5—C4	-1.4 (6)	C4—C5—C6—O1	-175.8 (4)
Zn1—N1—C5—C4	173.6 (3)	N1—C5—C6—N2	-175.5 (4)
C1—N1—C5—C6	178.0 (3)	C4—C5—C6—N2	4.0 (6)
Zn1—N1—C5—C6	-6.9 (4)		

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$.

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H \cdots <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H \cdots <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> \cdots <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H \cdots <i>A</i>
N2—H2 <i>A</i> \cdots N5 ⁱⁱ	0.85 (2)	2.41 (3)	3.184 (5)	151 (4)
N2—H2 <i>B</i> \cdots N8 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.88 (2)	2.13 (2)	2.994 (5)	166 (4)
C1—H1 \cdots N3 ⁱ	0.93	2.69	3.243 (5)	119
C4—H4 \cdots N8 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.64	3.541 (6)	165

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