

*Crystallographic report***Bis(*m*-nitrobenzoato)bis(pyridine)zinc(II)****Han-Dong Yin\* and Qi-Bao Wang**

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The molecular structure of  $[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m)_2(\text{pyridine})_2]$  exhibits a distorted  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  tetrahedral geometry; the molecule has two fold symmetry. Copyright © 2004 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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**COMMENT**

The zinc atom in  $[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m)_2(\text{pyridine})_2]$ , Fig. 1, lies on a two fold axis and is in a distorted tetrahedral  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  coordination environment defined by two nitrogen atoms of the pyridine molecules and two oxygen atoms derived from the monodentate *m*-nitrobenzoate ligands. The structure is similar, for example, to those reported for  $[\text{zinc}(\text{2-pyrrolicarboxylato})_2(1\text{-methylimidazole})_2]^1$  and  $[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)_2(\text{pyridine})_2]^2$ .

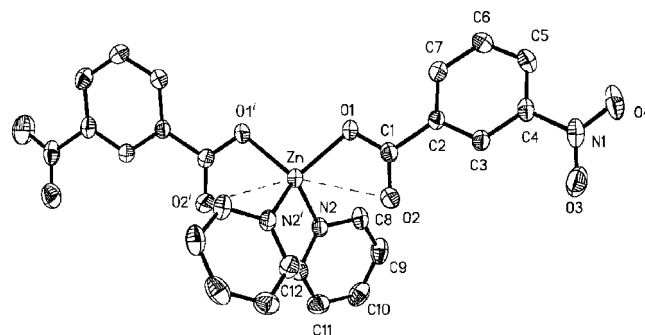
**EXPERIMENTAL**

An aqueous solution of ZnO (1.0 mmol) was added to a 50% ethanol solution of *m*-nitrobenzoic acid (2.0 mmol) and pyridine (2.0 mmol) and stirred for 8.0 h at 30 °C. The white solid was obtained by filtration. The product was recrystallized from ethanol solution to give colorless crystals, m.p. 178–179 °C. Intensity data were collected at 298 K on a Bruker Smart 1000 CCD for a block  $0.27 \times 0.39 \times 0.45 \text{ mm}^3$ .  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{Zn}$ ,  $M = 555.79$ , monoclinic,  $C2/c$ ,  $a = 14.982(6)$ ,  $b = 6.372(3)$ ,  $c = 24.808(10) \text{ Å}$ ,  $\beta = 90.852(6)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2367.9(17) \text{ Å}^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ , 2093 unique data ( $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$ ),  $R = 0.030$  (1753 data with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),  $wR = 0.072$  (all data). Programs used: SHELXL and ORTEP. CCDC deposition number: 247032.

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**Figure 1.** The molecular structure of  $[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m)_2(\text{pyridine})_2]$ . Key geometric parameters: Zn–O1 1.9611(16), Zn1–N2 2.0411(18), Zn···O2 2.7782(18) Å; O1–Zn–N2 105.98(7), O1–Zn–O1<sup>i</sup> 101.77(9), O1–Zn–N2<sup>i</sup> 118.54(7), N2–Zn–N2<sup>i</sup> 106.72(11)°. Symmetry code *i*: 1 – *x*, *y*, 3/2 – *z*.

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