

## Crystallographic report

**$\{[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m)(1,10\text{-phenanthroline})_2]\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m\} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{HO}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m$**

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The structure of  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m)(1,10\text{-phenanthroline})_2]\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m\} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{HO}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m$  features chelating *m*-nitrobenzoate and 1,10-phenanthroline ligands so that a distorted octahedron  $\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  coordination geometry results. Copyright © 2005 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

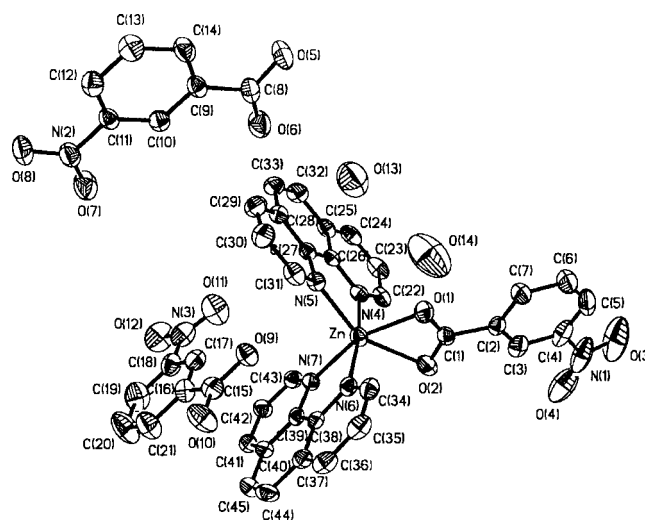
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## COMMENT

The structure of  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m)(1,10\text{-phenanthroline})_2]\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m\} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{HO}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m$  (Fig. 1) features a chelating *m*-nitrobenzoate ligand that forms unsymmetric Zn–O bonds. The zinc center is in a distorted octahedral  $\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$  coordination environment that is defined by four nitrogen atoms derived from two 1,10-phenanthroline ligands and two carboxyl oxygen atoms of the *m*-nitrobenzoate ligand. The coordination complex is similar, for example, to those reported for  $[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)(1,10\text{-phen})_2]\text{NO}_3$ <sup>1</sup> and  $[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)(1,10\text{-phen})_2]\text{ClO}_4$ .<sup>2</sup>

## EXPERIMENTAL

An aqueous solution of  $\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CCH}_3)_2$  (1.0 mmol) was added to an ethanol solution of *m*-nitrobenzoic acid (2.0 mmol) and 1,10-phenanthroline (2.0 mmol) and stirred for 8 h at 30 °C. The white solid was obtained by filtration. The product was recrystallized from an acetonitrile solution of the complex to give colorless crystals, m.p. 287–289 °C. IR (KBr)  $\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})$ : 3088, 3041, 2965, 2871, 1702, 1573, 1532, 1438, 1413, 852, 731. Intensity data were collected at 293 K on a Bruker Smart 1000 CCD for a block  $0.08 \times 0.17 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}^3$ .  $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_7\text{O}_{14}\text{Zn}$ ,  $M = 961.15$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $a = 12.107(6)$ ,  $b = 14.173(7)$ ,  $c = 15.726(8) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 116.420(9)$ ,  $\beta = 90.528(9)$ ,  $\gamma = 114.337(8)^\circ$ ,  $V = 2139.7(19) \text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 2$ , 7494 unique data ( $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$ ),  $R = 0.056$  (3140 data with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ),



**Figure 1.** The molecular structure of  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m)(1,10\text{-phenanthroline})_2]\text{O}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m\} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{HO}_2\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NO}_2\text{-}m$ ; H atoms are omitted for clarity. Key geometric parameters: Zn–O1 2.131(4), Zn–O2 2.295(5), Zn–N4 2.170(5), Zn–N5 2.107(5), Zn–N6 2.149(5), Zn–N7 2.118(5) Å; O1–Zn–O2 59.55(18), O1–Zn–N4 95.56(18), O1–Zn–N5 98.43(19), O1–Zn–N6 93.04(19), O1–Zn–N7 159.43(18), O2–Zn–N4 87.59(19), O2–Zn–N5 152.26(17), O2–Zn–N6 97.13(17), O2–Zn–N7 102.47(19), N4–Zn–N5 77.4(2), N4–Zn–N6 171.39(19), N4–Zn–N7 93.38(19), N5–Zn–N6 100.98(19), N5–Zn–N7 101.59(19), N6–Zn–N7 78.6(2)°.

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