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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
 Mean $\sigma(\text{N}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.026
 wR factor = 0.071
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 31.5

For details of how these key indicators were
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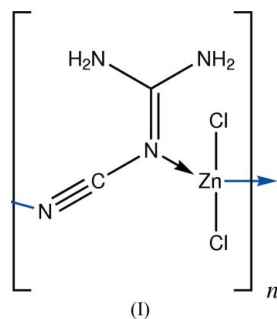
catena-Poly[[dichlorozinc(II)]- μ -cyanoguanidine]

The one-dimensional title compound, $[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)]_n$, contains ZnCl_2N_2 tetrahedra linked by N,N -bridging cyanoguanidine molecules. A network of $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds help to establish the crystal packing.

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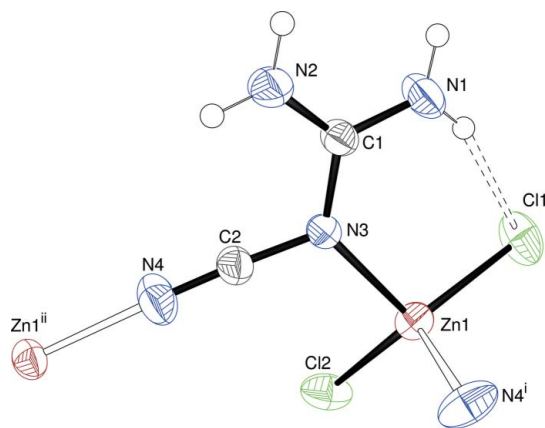
Comment

The title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), is a one-dimensional coordination polymer containing cyanoguanidine molecules, Zn^{2+} ions and Cl^- ions. The Zn^{2+} cation is tetrahedrally coordinated by two terminal Cl^- ions and two cyanoguanidine molecules (Table 1), one bonded through the cyanide atom N4 and one from the imine atom N3. The $\text{C1}-\text{N3}-\text{C2}$ bond angle in (I) is $116.22(15)^\circ$, compared with the corresponding angle of $118.38(2)^\circ$ in the free ligand (Hirshfeld & Hope, 1980). The $\text{C1}-\text{N3}$ [$1.370(2)$ Å] and $\text{C2}-\text{N3}$ [$1.308(3)$ Å] bond lengths in (I) indicate that the conventional Lewis structure shown in the chemical scheme ($\text{C1}=\text{N3}$ a formal double bond and $\text{C2}-\text{N3}$ a formal single bond) is only a very approximate representation of the actual electron distribution in the molecule (Hughes, 1940; Hirshfeld & Hope, 1980).

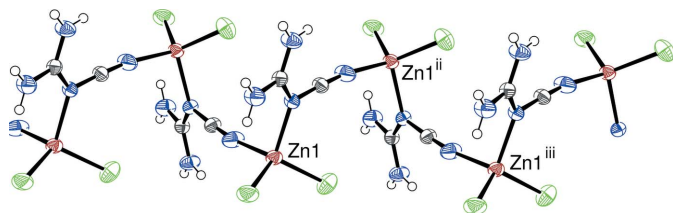


The connectivity of the building units in (I) results in a polymeric chain of stoichiometry $\text{Zn}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)\text{Cl}_2$ (Fig. 2), which propagates in the polar [001] direction. The chain conformation is reinforced by an intra-chain $\text{N1}-\text{H2}\cdots\text{Cl1}$ hydrogen bond. Further $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ bonds cross-link the polymeric strands (Table 2). Atom H1 has no nearby Cl^- ions but possibly forms a weak bifurcated $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots(\text{Cl},\text{Cl})$ interaction (bond angle sum for H1 = 359°).

Two polymorphs of the molecular compound $\text{Zn}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)_2\text{Cl}_2$ have been reported by Pickardt & Kuhn (1995) and Fowkes & Harrison (2005). These both contain ZnCl_2N_2 tetrahedra, with the two cyanoguanidine molecules both bonding through their cyanide N atoms. Other compounds with the stoichiometry of the title compound, $M(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)_2\text{X}_2$ (M is a divalent metal cation and X is a halide) include $\text{Hg}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)_2\text{Cl}_2$ and $\text{Cd}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)_2\text{Br}_2$ (Pickardt &


Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I), expanded to show the polymeric connectivity (open bonds) of the chain. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radius. The intra-chain hydrogen bond is indicated by a double-dashed line. [Symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x, -y, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $1 - x, -y, z + \frac{1}{2}$.]


Figure 2

Part of an [001] polymeric chain in (I). [Symmetry codes: (ii) $1 - x, -y, z + \frac{1}{2}$, (iii) $x, y, z + 1$.]

Kuhn, 1996). The mercury compound contains *N,N*-bonded cyanoguanidine molecules, as seen here in (I), but the Cl^- ions also act as μ_2 bridges between the irregularly-coordinated Hg^{2+} ions, leading to a layered polymeric network. The cadmium compound features cyanide-*N*-bonded cyanoguanidine molecules and bridging Br^- ions, leading to one-dimensional chains of distorted tetrahedral CdN_2Br_2 units.

Experimental

An aqueous solution (10 ml) of cyanoguanidine (0.73 M) and a methanolic solution (10 ml) of ZnCl_2 (0.73 M) were mixed at 293 K in a Petri dish, resulting in a colourless mixture. Colourless blocks and slabs of (I) grew over the course of a few days as the water/methanol evaporated at 293 K.

Crystal data

$[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{N}_4)]$
 $M_r = 220.36$
 Orthorhombic, *Pca*2₁
 $a = 13.6756$ (8) Å
 $b = 7.3710$ (5) Å
 $c = 7.4200$ (5) Å
 $V = 747.96$ (8) Å³

$Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.957$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 3.92$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 Slab, colourless
 $0.51 \times 0.49 \times 0.09$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART1000 CCD area-detector diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1999)
 $T_{\min} = 0.240, T_{\max} = 0.720$

9597 measured reflections
 2612 independent reflections
 2481 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.039$
 $\theta_{\max} = 32.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.071$
 $S = 1.05$
 2612 reflections
 83 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.047P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.49 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.57 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997)
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0218 (16)
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), with 1163 Friedel pairs
 Flack parameter: 0.027 (11)

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| Zn1—N4 ^{iv} | 1.985 (2) | Zn1—Cl2 | 2.2238 (7) |
| Zn1—N3 | 2.0887 (14) | Zn1—Cl1 | 2.2252 (7) |

Symmetry code: (iv) $-x + 1, -y, z - \frac{1}{2}$.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| <i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H | H... <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> ... <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| N1—H1...Cl1 ^v | 0.86 | 2.92 | 3.6437 (18) | 144 |
| N1—H1...Cl2 ^{vi} | 0.86 | 2.92 | 3.389 (2) | 116 |
| N1—H2...Cl1 | 0.86 | 2.48 | 3.3050 (18) | 161 |
| N2—H3...Cl1 ^v | 0.86 | 2.42 | 3.262 (2) | 166 |
| N2—H4...Cl2 ^{vii} | 0.86 | 2.50 | 3.289 (2) | 153 |

Symmetry codes: (v) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + 1, z$; (vi) $-x + 1, -y + 1, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (vii) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y, z$.

H atoms were placed in idealized locations, with $\text{N—H} = 0.86$ Å, and refined as riding, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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$h = -20 \rightarrow 20$

$k = -10 \rightarrow 11$

$l = -11 \rightarrow 9$

Refinement

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Least-squares matrix: full

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1 restraint

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier

map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites

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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 (\AA^2)

| | x | y | z | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Zn1 | 0.424511 (14) | 0.23356 (3) | 0.72398 (5) | 0.02943 (8) |
| Cl1 | 0.40928 (4) | 0.51909 (9) | 0.63074 (11) | 0.04953 (16) |
| Cl2 | 0.33515 (4) | 0.15972 (8) | 0.96339 (10) | 0.04576 (14) |
| C1 | 0.65364 (13) | 0.2735 (2) | 0.7454 (3) | 0.0276 (4) |
| C2 | 0.58011 (11) | 0.0556 (3) | 0.9148 (3) | 0.0307 (4) |
| N1 | 0.64494 (13) | 0.4213 (3) | 0.6480 (3) | 0.0420 (4) |
| H1 | 0.6963 | 0.4784 | 0.6126 | 0.050* |
| H2 | 0.5879 | 0.4611 | 0.6196 | 0.050* |
| N2 | 0.74078 (13) | 0.2115 (3) | 0.7896 (3) | 0.0390 (4) |
| H3 | 0.7924 | 0.2680 | 0.7545 | 0.047* |
| H4 | 0.7460 | 0.1146 | 0.8534 | 0.047* |
| N3 | 0.56986 (10) | 0.1852 (2) | 0.7959 (2) | 0.0265 (3) |
| N4 | 0.58423 (12) | -0.0587 (4) | 1.0211 (4) | 0.0471 (6) |

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

| | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{12} | U^{13} | U^{23} |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Zn1 | 0.02959 (11) | 0.02627 (11) | 0.03243 (13) | 0.00409 (6) | -0.00139 (11) | -0.00518 (13) |
| Cl1 | 0.0527 (3) | 0.0378 (3) | 0.0581 (4) | 0.0195 (2) | 0.0104 (3) | 0.0144 (3) |
| Cl2 | 0.0439 (2) | 0.0449 (3) | 0.0484 (3) | -0.0134 (2) | 0.0135 (2) | -0.0086 (3) |
| C1 | 0.0270 (7) | 0.0267 (7) | 0.0291 (11) | -0.0018 (5) | 0.0025 (6) | 0.0031 (7) |
| C2 | 0.0255 (7) | 0.0336 (10) | 0.0330 (10) | -0.0001 (6) | 0.0009 (6) | 0.0073 (8) |
| N1 | 0.0390 (8) | 0.0353 (9) | 0.0515 (12) | 0.0006 (7) | 0.0059 (8) | 0.0180 (9) |
| N2 | 0.0247 (7) | 0.0397 (9) | 0.0525 (12) | -0.0014 (7) | -0.0001 (7) | 0.0112 (8) |
| N3 | 0.0253 (6) | 0.0253 (7) | 0.0290 (8) | -0.0018 (5) | -0.0008 (5) | 0.0043 (6) |
| N4 | 0.0321 (8) | 0.0528 (13) | 0.0563 (15) | 0.0059 (7) | 0.0077 (7) | 0.0275 (11) |

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Zn1—N4 ⁱ | 1.985 (2) | C2—N4 | 1.156 (3) |
| Zn1—N3 | 2.0887 (14) | C2—N3 | 1.308 (3) |
| Zn1—Cl2 | 2.2238 (7) | N1—H1 | 0.8600 |
| Zn1—Cl1 | 2.2252 (7) | N1—H2 | 0.8600 |
| C1—N1 | 1.313 (3) | N2—H3 | 0.8600 |
| C1—N2 | 1.318 (3) | N2—H4 | 0.8600 |
| C1—N3 | 1.370 (2) | N4—Zn1 ⁱⁱ | 1.985 (2) |

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|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| N4 ⁱ —Zn1—N3 | 98.07 (7) | C1—N1—H1 | 120.0 |
| N4 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl2 | 114.44 (8) | C1—N1—H2 | 120.0 |
| N3—Zn1—Cl2 | 106.09 (5) | H1—N1—H2 | 120.0 |
| N4 ⁱ —Zn1—Cl1 | 111.87 (9) | C1—N2—H3 | 120.0 |
| N3—Zn1—Cl1 | 109.26 (5) | C1—N2—H4 | 120.0 |
| Cl2—Zn1—Cl1 | 115.37 (3) | H3—N2—H4 | 120.0 |
| N1—C1—N2 | 120.42 (18) | C2—N3—C1 | 116.22 (15) |
| N1—C1—N3 | 117.97 (17) | C2—N3—Zn1 | 113.50 (11) |
| N2—C1—N3 | 121.60 (18) | C1—N3—Zn1 | 130.18 (14) |
| N4—C2—N3 | 176.63 (17) | C2—N4—Zn1 ⁱⁱ | 171.1 (2) |
| N1—C1—N3—C2 | -169.9 (2) | Cl2—Zn1—N3—C2 | 29.17 (17) |
| N2—C1—N3—C2 | 11.4 (3) | Cl1—Zn1—N3—C2 | 154.14 (16) |
| N1—C1—N3—Zn1 | 6.2 (3) | N4 ⁱ —Zn1—N3—C1 | 94.6 (2) |
| N2—C1—N3—Zn1 | -172.58 (18) | Cl2—Zn1—N3—C1 | -146.97 (18) |
| N4 ⁱ —Zn1—N3—C2 | -89.24 (19) | Cl1—Zn1—N3—C1 | -22.0 (2) |

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

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