

**catena-Poly[[dichloridozinc(II)]- $\mu$ -1,1'-  
(butane-1,4-diyl)diimidazole- $\kappa^2 N^3:N^3'$ ]**

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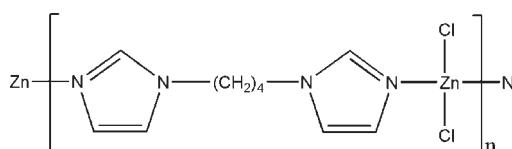
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 185\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.051;  $wR$  factor = 0.107; data-to-parameter ratio = 18.3.

The title compound,  $[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4)]_n$ , is a coordination polymer consisting of zigzag chains propagating in [001], in which the metal cation exhibits a distorted tetrahedral  $\text{ZnCl}_2\text{N}_2$  coordination. Adjacent chains are linked by intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional supramolecular network.

## Related literature

For general background to metal complexes of *N*-heterocyclic compounds, see: Hu *et al.* (2003); Ohmori *et al.* (2005); Chen *et al.* (2004); Hu *et al.* (2005). For related structures, see: Li *et al.* (2006); Liu *et al.* (2007); Jin *et al.* (2007); Yang *et al.* (2009); Qi *et al.* (2008).



## Experimental

### Crystal data

$[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4)]$

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Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$

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$b = 11.6001 (13)\text{ \AA}$

$c = 15.8047 (18)\text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 92.908 (2)^\circ$

$V = 1429.8 (3)\text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 2.08\text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 185\text{ K}$

$0.29 \times 0.22 \times 0.15\text{ mm}$

### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD

diffractometer

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)

$T_{\min} = 0.585$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.742$

7827 measured reflections

2820 independent reflections

2174 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.054$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$

$wR(F^2) = 0.107$

$S = 1.06$

2820 reflections

154 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.68\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.36\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
C3—H3 $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.63	3.538 (2)	166
C5—H5 $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.78	3.599 (5)	147

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2007); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2007); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2008) and Mercury (Macrae *et al.*, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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### **S1. Comment**

N-heterocyclic compounds have been extensively studied in coordination chemistry research for their excellent bridging ability (Hu *et al.*, 2003; Ohmori *et al.*, 2005; Chen *et al.*, 2004; Hu *et al.*, 2005). The compound 1,1'-(1,4-butanediyl)bis(imidazole) (bbi), as a flexible nitrogenous ligand with a long -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>- spacer, can link discrete clusters into an extended network and is a good candidate to form highly connected 3D frameworks. A number of metal-bbi coordination polymers have been reported (Li *et al.*, 2006; Liu *et al.*, 2007; Jin *et al.*, 2007; Yang *et al.*, 2009; Qi *et al.*, 2008). Here we present a new polymeric compound, [ZnCl<sub>2</sub>(bbi)]<sub>n</sub>, (I), with a zigzag chain structure, synthesized under solvothermal conditions.

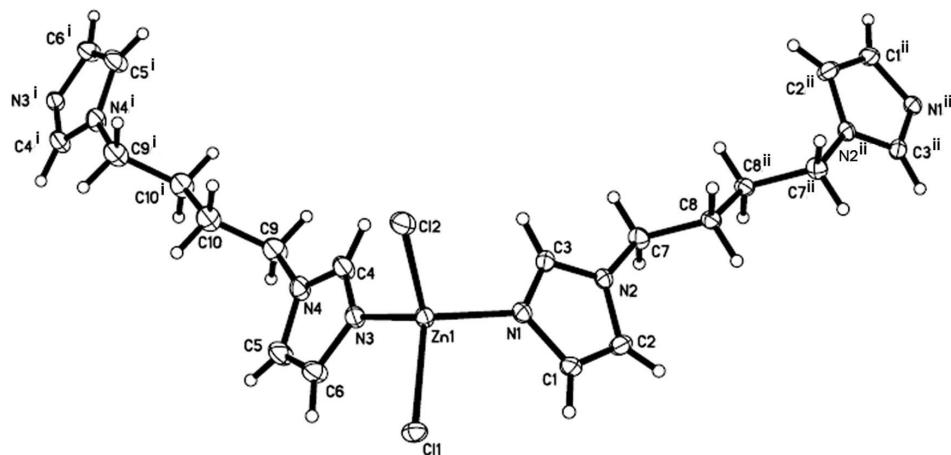
In the title compound, (I), the Zn centers are four-coordinated by two N atoms from two bbi ligands [Zn(1)—N(1) = 2.005 (3) Å and Zn(1)—N(3) = 2.013 (3) Å] and two Cl atoms [Zn(1)—Cl(1) = 2.2557 (11) Å and Zn(1)—Cl(2) = 2.2321 (12) Å], resulting in a distorted tetrahedral geometry (Fig. 1). Each bbi coordinates to two Zn atoms through its two aromatic N atoms and acts as a bridging bidentate ligand to form a one-dimensional zigzag chain (Fig. 2). The adjacent Zn—Zn distance is 14.290 Å, which is similar to that observed in [Cu<sub>2</sub>(bbi)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (Qi *et al.*, 2008). In addition, these one-dimensional chains are further connected by weak intermolecular C—H···Cl hydrogen bonds to construct a three-dimensional supramolecular network (Fig. 2).

### **S2. Experimental**

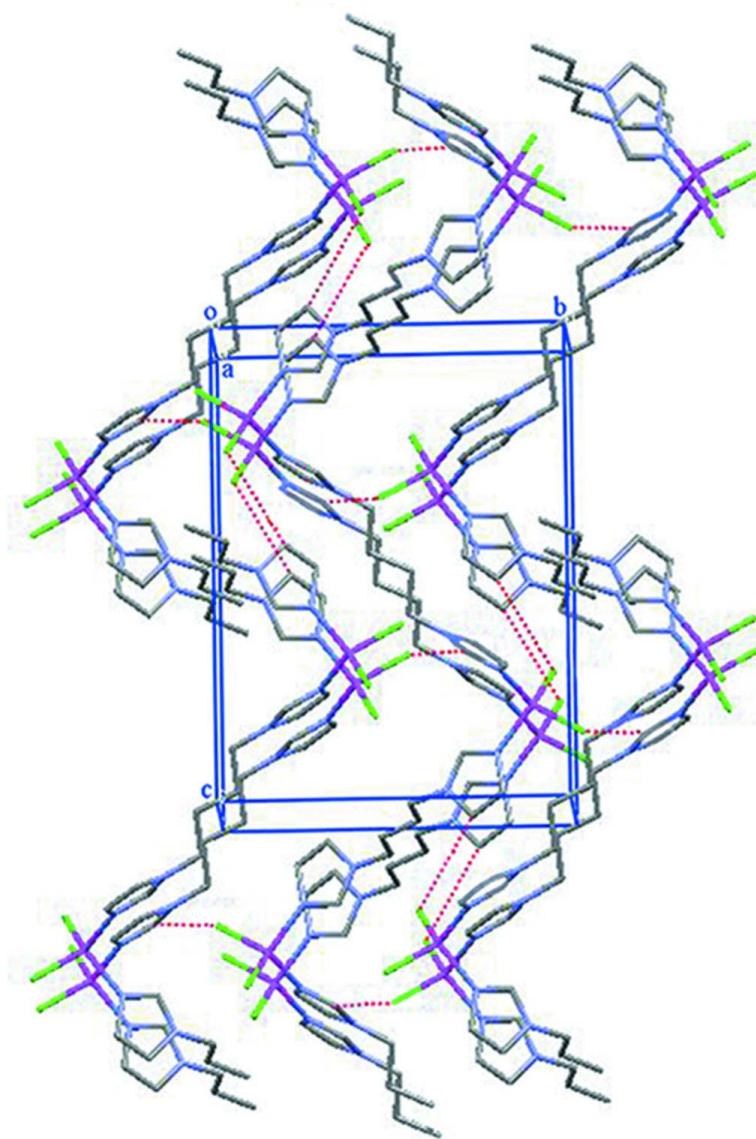
The title compound was solvothermally prepared from a reaction mixture of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.3 mmol), bbi (0.1 mmol), ethanol (3 ml) and distilled water (7 ml); the pH value was adjusted to 4.5 with triethylamine and acetic acid. The mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature, then sealed in a 20 ml teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and heated at 433 K for 72 h under autogenous pressure. After cooling to room temperature, colorless block crystals were obtained (yield 83% based on Zn).

### **S3. Refinement**

H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined with fixed individual displacement parameters [U<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2U<sub>eq</sub>(C)], using a riding model, with C—H distances of 0.93 Å for Csp<sup>2</sup> and 0.97 Å for CH<sub>2</sub>.

**Figure 1**

Partial molecular structure of the title compound showing the atom numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. Atoms marked with i or ii are at the symmetry positions ( $x+2, y+5/2, 3/2-z$ ) and ( $x, y+5/2, 1/2-z$ ) respectively.

**Figure 2**

The zigzag polymeric chain structure of the title compound. Dashed lines denote hydrogen bonds.

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*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
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Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
map  
Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0437P)^2 + 0.2952P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
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 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^* / U_{\text{eq}}$
Zn1	0.46384 (6)	0.61215 (4)	0.27801 (3)	0.02355 (16)
Cl1	0.33311 (13)	0.46729 (9)	0.34476 (7)	0.0299 (3)
Cl2	0.67102 (14)	0.55460 (11)	0.19540 (7)	0.0370 (3)
N2	0.1432 (4)	0.8426 (3)	0.1480 (2)	0.0244 (8)
N1	0.2770 (4)	0.6993 (3)	0.2141 (2)	0.0249 (8)
N3	0.5563 (4)	0.7158 (3)	0.3717 (2)	0.0289 (9)
N4	0.6711 (5)	0.8617 (3)	0.4421 (2)	0.0341 (10)
C1	0.1030 (5)	0.6818 (4)	0.2160 (3)	0.0319 (11)
H1	0.0509	0.6195	0.2413	0.038*
C2	0.0202 (6)	0.7689 (4)	0.1755 (3)	0.0342 (11)
H2	-0.0980	0.7776	0.1676	0.041*
C3	0.2941 (5)	0.7974 (4)	0.1726 (3)	0.0283 (10)
H3	0.3992	0.8307	0.1620	0.034*
C6	0.5363 (6)	0.6995 (4)	0.4562 (3)	0.0384 (12)
H6	0.4815	0.6368	0.4796	0.046*
C5	0.6077 (6)	0.7875 (4)	0.5003 (3)	0.0423 (13)

H5	0.6131	0.7965	0.5589	0.051*
C4	0.6379 (6)	0.8141 (4)	0.3661 (3)	0.0359 (11)
H4	0.6688	0.8468	0.3153	0.043*
C7	0.1145 (6)	0.9520 (4)	0.1043 (3)	0.0302 (11)
H7A	0.2243	0.9890	0.0974	0.036*
H7B	0.0478	1.0018	0.1393	0.036*
C8	0.0227 (5)	0.9402 (4)	0.0186 (3)	0.0261 (10)
H8A	-0.0814	0.8957	0.0238	0.031*
H8B	0.0952	0.8993	-0.0194	0.031*
C9	0.7655 (6)	0.9682 (4)	0.4623 (3)	0.0438 (13)
H9A	0.7132	1.0070	0.5089	0.053*
H9B	0.7574	1.0192	0.4136	0.053*
C10	0.9514 (6)	0.9456 (4)	0.4862 (3)	0.0423 (13)
H10A	1.0055	0.9121	0.4380	0.051*
H10B	0.9591	0.8899	0.5320	0.051*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Zn1	0.0249 (3)	0.0224 (3)	0.0230 (3)	-0.0008 (2)	-0.00252 (19)	0.0021 (2)
Cl1	0.0288 (6)	0.0250 (6)	0.0366 (6)	-0.0026 (5)	0.0069 (5)	0.0052 (5)
Cl2	0.0349 (6)	0.0457 (8)	0.0311 (6)	0.0052 (6)	0.0072 (5)	0.0077 (5)
N2	0.0253 (19)	0.024 (2)	0.0237 (18)	0.0029 (16)	-0.0019 (15)	0.0046 (15)
N1	0.0265 (19)	0.023 (2)	0.0247 (19)	0.0014 (16)	-0.0006 (15)	0.0043 (16)
N3	0.031 (2)	0.028 (2)	0.027 (2)	-0.0034 (17)	-0.0035 (16)	0.0027 (16)
N4	0.039 (2)	0.031 (2)	0.031 (2)	-0.0085 (18)	-0.0086 (18)	-0.0007 (17)
C1	0.028 (2)	0.034 (3)	0.034 (3)	-0.001 (2)	0.002 (2)	0.015 (2)
C2	0.022 (2)	0.038 (3)	0.043 (3)	-0.002 (2)	0.003 (2)	0.012 (2)
C3	0.026 (2)	0.031 (3)	0.028 (2)	-0.003 (2)	-0.0038 (18)	0.004 (2)
C6	0.048 (3)	0.040 (3)	0.028 (3)	-0.018 (3)	0.000 (2)	0.001 (2)
C5	0.054 (3)	0.048 (3)	0.024 (2)	-0.011 (3)	-0.001 (2)	0.001 (2)
C4	0.045 (3)	0.035 (3)	0.027 (2)	-0.007 (2)	-0.006 (2)	0.005 (2)
C7	0.036 (3)	0.022 (3)	0.032 (3)	-0.001 (2)	-0.002 (2)	0.005 (2)
C8	0.024 (2)	0.030 (3)	0.025 (2)	0.005 (2)	0.0043 (18)	0.0050 (19)
C9	0.057 (3)	0.037 (3)	0.037 (3)	-0.018 (3)	-0.007 (2)	0.003 (2)
C10	0.052 (3)	0.034 (3)	0.039 (3)	-0.017 (3)	-0.008 (2)	0.002 (2)

*Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $\text{^\circ}$ )*

Zn1—N1	2.005 (3)	C3—H3	0.9300
Zn1—N3	2.013 (3)	C6—C5	1.342 (7)
Zn1—Cl2	2.2321 (12)	C6—H6	0.9300
Zn1—Cl1	2.2557 (11)	C5—H5	0.9300
N2—C3	1.330 (5)	C4—H4	0.9300
N2—C2	1.373 (5)	C7—C8	1.506 (6)
N2—C7	1.457 (5)	C7—H7A	0.9700
N1—C3	1.323 (5)	C7—H7B	0.9700
N1—C1	1.375 (5)	C8—C8 <sup>i</sup>	1.540 (8)

N3—C4	1.312 (6)	C8—H8A	0.9700
N3—C6	1.364 (5)	C8—H8B	0.9700
N4—C4	1.336 (5)	C9—C10	1.504 (6)
N4—C5	1.369 (6)	C9—H9A	0.9700
N4—C9	1.466 (6)	C9—H9B	0.9700
C1—C2	1.344 (6)	C10—C10 <sup>ii</sup>	1.524 (9)
C1—H1	0.9300	C10—H10A	0.9700
C2—H2	0.9300	C10—H10B	0.9700
N1—Zn1—N3	107.13 (14)	C6—C5—N4	106.5 (4)
N1—Zn1—Cl2	112.74 (10)	C6—C5—H5	126.8
N3—Zn1—Cl2	111.43 (11)	N4—C5—H5	126.8
N1—Zn1—Cl1	106.02 (10)	N3—C4—N4	111.7 (4)
N3—Zn1—Cl1	104.75 (11)	N3—C4—H4	124.1
Cl2—Zn1—Cl1	114.17 (5)	N4—C4—H4	124.1
C3—N2—C2	106.6 (4)	N2—C7—C8	113.7 (4)
C3—N2—C7	126.6 (4)	N2—C7—H7A	108.8
C2—N2—C7	126.8 (4)	C8—C7—H7A	108.8
C3—N1—C1	105.2 (4)	N2—C7—H7B	108.8
C3—N1—Zn1	126.4 (3)	C8—C7—H7B	108.8
C1—N1—Zn1	127.5 (3)	H7A—C7—H7B	107.7
C4—N3—C6	105.5 (4)	C7—C8—C8 <sup>i</sup>	110.6 (5)
C4—N3—Zn1	128.8 (3)	C7—C8—H8A	109.5
C6—N3—Zn1	125.6 (3)	C8 <sup>i</sup> —C8—H8A	109.5
C4—N4—C5	106.5 (4)	C7—C8—H8B	109.5
C4—N4—C9	128.0 (4)	C8 <sup>i</sup> —C8—H8B	109.5
C5—N4—C9	125.3 (4)	H8A—C8—H8B	108.1
C2—C1—N1	109.3 (4)	N4—C9—C10	112.1 (4)
C2—C1—H1	125.3	N4—C9—H9A	109.2
N1—C1—H1	125.3	C10—C9—H9A	109.2
C1—C2—N2	106.9 (4)	N4—C9—H9B	109.2
C1—C2—H2	126.5	C10—C9—H9B	109.2
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N2—C3—H3	124.0	C10 <sup>ii</sup> —C10—H10A	109.0
C5—C6—N3	109.7 (4)	C9—C10—H10B	109.0
C5—C6—H6	125.1	C10 <sup>ii</sup> —C10—H10B	109.0
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