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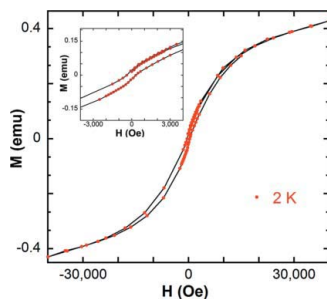
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The title complex, *catena*-poly[di- μ_3 -acetato- $\kappa^6 O:O:O'$ -tetra- μ_2 -acetato- $\kappa^4 O:O:\kappa^4 O:O'$ -diaquabis(pyridine- κN)trimanganese(II)], $[\text{Mn}_3(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_6(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$, is a true one-dimensional coordination polymer, in which the Mn^{II} centres form a zigzag chain along [010]. The asymmetric unit contains two metal centres, one of which (Mn1) lies on an inversion centre, while the other (Mn2) is placed close to an inversion centre on a general position. Since all the acetates behave as bridging ligands, although with different μ_2 - and μ_3 -coordination modes, a one-dimensional polymeric structure is formed, based on trinuclear repeat units (Mn1 \cdots Mn2 \cdots Mn2'), in which the Mn2 and Mn2' sites are related by an inversion centre. Within this monomeric block, the metal–metal separations are Mn1 \cdots Mn2 = 3.36180 (18) Å and Mn2 \cdots Mn2' = 4.4804 (3) Å. Cation Mn1, located on an inversion centre, displays an $[\text{MnO}_6]$ coordination sphere, while Mn2, on a general position, has a slightly stronger $[\text{MnO}_5\text{N}]$ ligand field, as the sixth coordination site is occupied by a pyridine molecule. Both centres approximate an octahedral ligand field. The chains are parallel in the crystal structure and interact *via* hydrogen bonds involving coordinated water molecules. However, the shortest metal–metal separation between two chains [5.3752 (3) Å] is large compared with the intrachain interactions. These structural features are compatible with a single-chain magnet behaviour, as confirmed by preliminary magnetic studies. **[Text rephrased in a few places - please check and confirm.]**

Keywords: crystal structure; manganese carboxylate cluster; one-dimensional polymer; qubit-based computation materials; single-molecule magnet; single-chain magnets; Ising one-dimensional system.

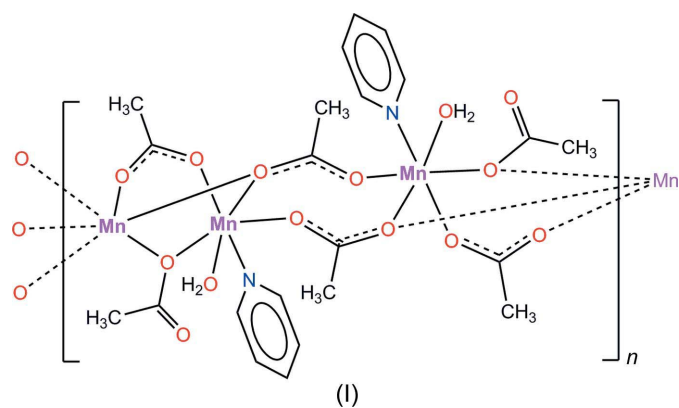
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1. Introduction

Manganese carboxylate cluster chemistry is now widely recognized as a field from which materials suitable for qubit-based computation could emerge. That chemistry was pioneered by George Christou and David Hendrickson, among others, with the fruitful Mn_{12} line of compounds, including the emblematic cluster $[\text{Mn}_{12}\text{O}_{12}(\text{O}_2\text{CPh})_{16}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$ (Boyd *et al.*, 1988; Sessoli *et al.*, 1993). This mixed-valence cluster displays the two essential features required for a single-molecule magnet (SMM), *i.e.* a high-spin ground state and a large negative magnetic anisotropy. However, the most impressive behaviour reported for these clusters is the resonant quantum tunnelling of magnetization, which is a key property for molecular spintronics (Perenboom *et al.*, 1998; Hill *et al.*, 2003, 2010). Like SMM clusters, some chain-shaped molecules also exhibit bistability and slow relaxation of their magnetization. These compounds, termed single-chain magnets (SCM), have their magnetic behaviour affected not only by the magnetic anisotropy of the spins but also by their intrachain magnetic interactions (Coronado *et al.*, 2003; Brooker & Kitchen, 2009; Zhang *et al.*, 2013).

Although many synthetic approaches have been described in the literature, the rational design of a synthesis for a given manganese carboxylate cluster is hindered by the fine tuning of the following parameters: the oxidation states of the metal centres; the suitability of the symmetry of the ligand field for the $3d$ orbitals centred on the metals; the coordination modes of the carboxylate ligands; and competition with ancillary ligands. Moreover, both the nuclearity and dimensionality of the resulting structure are quite unpredictable, with a large range of possibilities, from isolated SMMs, which may be described as zero-dimensional nanoparticles, to three-dimensional polymeric architectures, which may be considered as bulk materials.

While working on the synthesis of such compounds, we obtained a one-dimensional coordination polymer, namely $[\text{Mn}_3(\text{OAc})_6(\text{py})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$ (OAc is acetate and py is pyridine), (I), which is a candidate for a new SCM.



2. Experimental

2.1. Synthesis, crystallization and SQUID magnetometry

All synthetic and post-synthetic work was carried out under aerobic conditions. The reagents and solvents were obtained

Table 1

Experimental details.

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| Crystal data | |
| Chemical formula | [Mn ₃ (C ₂ H ₅ O ₂) ₆ (C ₆ H ₅ N) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂] |
| <i>M_r</i> | 713.31 |
| Crystal system, space group | Triclinic, <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$ |
| Temperature (K) | 200 |
| <i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å) | 8.1153 (2), 9.0404 (2), 10.0759 (2) |
| α , β , γ (°) | 83.160 (1), 81.994 (1), 77.423 (1) |
| <i>V</i> (Å ³) | 711.43 (3) |
| <i>Z</i> | 1 |
| Radiation type | Mo <i>K</i> α |
| μ (mm ⁻¹) | 1.38 |
| Crystal size (mm) | 0.15 × 0.12 × 0.12 |
| Data collection | |
| Diffractometer | Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer |
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan (<i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2009) |
| <i>T_{min}</i> , <i>T_{max}</i> | 0.820, 0.852 |
| No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] reflections | 11780, 3514, 3269 |
| <i>R_{int}</i> | 0.012 |
| (<i>sin</i> θ / λ) _{max} (Å ⁻¹) | 0.667 |
| Refinement | |
| <i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2 σ (<i>F</i> ²)], <i>wR</i> (<i>F</i> ²), <i>S</i> | 0.020, 0.057, 1.06 |
| No. of reflections | 3514 |
| No. of parameters | 198 |
| H-atom treatment | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement |
| $\Delta\rho_{max}$, $\Delta\rho_{min}$ (e Å ⁻³) | 0.31, -0.35 |

Computer programs: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2009), *XPREP* (Bruker, 2009), *SHELXS2013* (Sheldrick, 2008), *SHELXL2013* (Sheldrick, 2008), *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008).

from commercial sources and used without further purification. IR analyses were performed using a Nicolet Nexus 6700 FT-IR spectrometer in the 4000–600 cm⁻¹ range. Compound (I) was prepared by the addition of excess pyridine (12.41 mmol, 1 ml) to a hot solution of Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O (1 mmol, 0.245 g) in EtOH (95%; 5 ml). The solution was stirred for 30 min and filtered, **[and then layered with Et₂O?]**. After 1 d, colourless crystals of (I) were obtained from this solution by slow diffusion of Et₂O (yield 48%). IR (**[Medium?]**, ν_{max} , cm⁻¹): 3252 (*br*), 2943 (*s*), 2878 (*s*), 1557 (*m*), 1414 (*m*), 1004 (*st*), 877 (*m*), 658 (*m*), 606 (*m*). Magnetic susceptibility measurements on powdered crystals were carried out using a Quantum Design SQUID magnetometer at 2 K under an applied field *H* of -50000 to 50000 Oe, and in the temperature range 2–300 K at *H* = 1000 Oe. Correction for the diamagnetic contribution of the constituent atoms was applied using Pascal's constants.

2.2. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 1. The collection of diffraction data (work done in Canada) and the final structure refinement (work done in Mexico) were routine. All C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H = 0.95 (pyridine) or 0.98 Å (methyl). Methyl groups were considered as rigid tetrahedral groups free to rotate about their C–C bonds. Isotropic displacement parameters for these H atoms were calculated as $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ for the pyridine molecule

and $1.5U_{eq}(C)$ for the methyl groups. Atoms H71 and H72 of the water molecule were clearly detected in a difference map and were refined with free coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters.

3. Results and discussion

Although the synthesis of (I) was carried out under aerobic conditions, the complex is an Mn^{II} species with the formula [Mn₃(OAc)₆(H₂O)₂(py)₂]_∞, where OAc and py are acetate and pyridine ligands, respectively. One manganese ion, Mn1, is located on an inversion centre in the triclinic unit cell, and the other, Mn2, is located on a general position, close to an inversion centre. Three acetate ligands are bonded to Mn1, using three coordination modes (Fig. 1). The first acetate (atoms O1/O2) bridges independent Mn centres in the common 2.11 *syn-syn* mode [for Harris coordination nomenclature, see Coxall *et al.* (2000)], found, for example, in the starting material manganese diacetate, Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O (Bertaut *et al.*, 1974; Nicolaï *et al.*, 2001), and also in Co(OAc)₂·H₂O (Zhang *et al.*, 2010) and other simple divalent metal salts. Acetate O5/O6 bridges the same metal centres Mn1 and Mn2 in the 2.20 coordination mode, which is much less frequently observed. For Mn-based coordination polymers, only two cases have been reported to date in which this coordination mode for acetate is found, *viz.* [Mn₃(OAc)₆(H₂O)₄·2H₂O (Cheng & Wang, 1991) and a complex polymer with a chain-like structure (Xu *et al.*, 2009). Finally, the polymeric nature of (I) is fixed by the third acetate, O3/O4, in the 3.12 coordination mode, between Mn1 and Mn2 in the asymmetric unit and a symmetry-related Mn2ⁱ site [symmetry code: (i) -*x* + 1, -*y* + 1, -*z* + 1]. This arrangement for polymerization is identical to that found in Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O

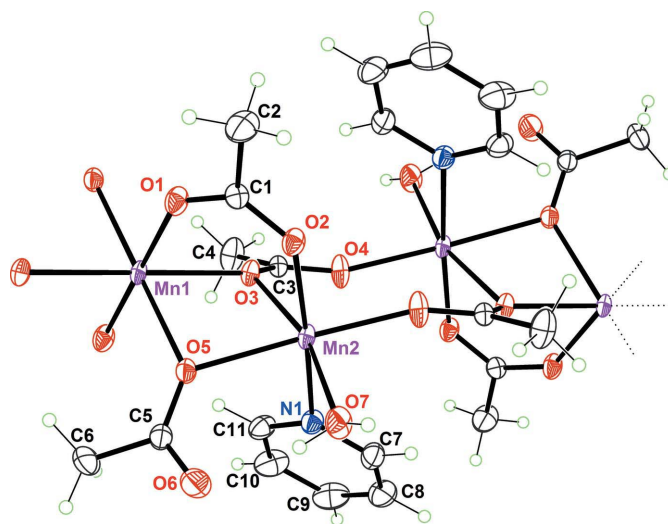


Figure 1 Part of the polymeric chain of (I), limited to two Mn1...Mn2 units related by an inversion centre. Coordination spheres for the Mn1...Mn2...Mn2ⁱ monomer are complete, and the asymmetric unit is labelled. Nonlabelled atoms are generated by the symmetry operator (-*x* + 1, -*y* + 1, -*z* + 1). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

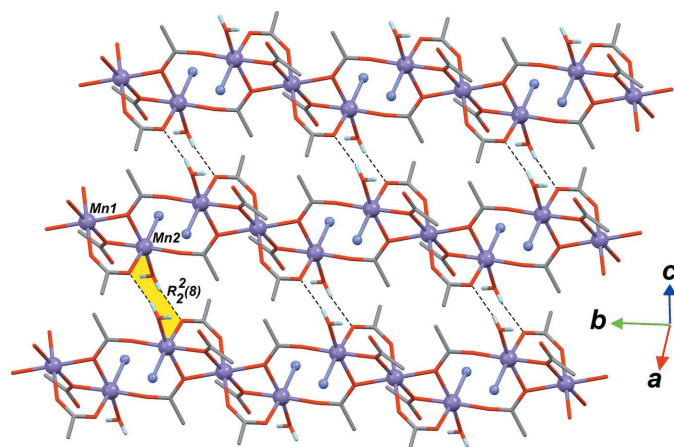


Figure 2 Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing three chains in the [010] direction and the $R_2^2(8)$ rings connecting the chains (dashed bonds). For the sake of clarity, pyridine ligands bonded to Mn2 centres are drawn with a single N atom (blue spheres), and all methyl H atoms have been omitted.

(Bertaut *et al.*, 1974) and α -Mn(OAc)₂ (Lin *et al.*, 2009), and in more complex polymeric compounds with various dimensionalities (*e.g.* Zartilas *et al.*, 2008; Weng *et al.*, 2008; Wan *et al.*, 2010). These different μ_2 - and μ_3 -bridging modes are reflected in the IR spectrum [might the IR spectrum be added to the supplementary material?] of (I): the ν_{asym} and ν_{sym} vibration modes for the COO⁻ groups are split into two or three bands around 1557 and 1414 cm⁻¹, respectively.

The arrangement of the acetate ligands completes the octahedral coordination environment for the centrosymmetric Mn1 centre. This metal centre presents an [MnO₆] ligand field with the symmetry lowered from octahedral to C_i , because the Mn1–O bond lengths for each acetate are significantly different: Mn1–O1 = 2.1369 (9) Å, Mn1–O3 = 2.1997 (8) Å and Mn1–O5 = 2.2277 (8) Å. The coordination environment for Mn2, which is in a general position, is completed with neutral ligands, H₂O and pyridine, present in the reaction media. Mn2 thus has an [MnO₅N] coordination, with a ligand field probably slightly stronger than that for Mn1 and a large deviation from octahedral symmetry: the coordination bond lengths for Mn2 are in the range 2.0995 (9)–2.2946 (10) Å and the *trans* angles are in the range 164.84 (4)–176.87 (4)°.

The one-dimensional polymeric chain of (I), formed *via* inversion centres, runs in the [010] direction (Fig. 2). Within the asymmetric unit, the Mn1···Mn2 separation is 3.36180 (18) Å and the Mn2···Mn2ⁱ distance, allowing polymerization, is longer, at 4.4804 (3) Å. Both distances are unexceptional, considering that, in Mn–acetate-based polymers, they span a large range, *ca* 2.5–5.2 Å (reference available?), allowing a variety of magnetic ground states for these materials. In the present case, the long metal–metal separations alternate along the chain with the dimers possessing the short separation. Parallel chains are packed in the crystal structure, and the cohesion is maintained through O–H···O hydrogen bonds of moderate strength, using the coordinated water molecules as donors (Fig. 2 and Table 2). The graph set (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) resulting from two inversion-related

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> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| O7–H71···O6 | 0.81 (2) | 1.92 (2) | 2.6694 (15) | 154 (2) |
| O7–H72···O2 ⁱ | 0.78 (2) | 2.05 (2) | 2.8162 (13) | 169 (2) |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$.

interchain hydrogen bonds is $R_2^2(8)$, common in water–acetate systems. The metal–metal distance in the $R_2^2(8)$ ring is Mn2···Mn2ⁱⁱ = 5.3752 (3) Å [symmetry code: (ii) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$]. Since this distance is much longer than the metal–metal distances along the chain, (I) should be considered as a true one-dimensional coordination polymer, rather than a two-dimensional material. In spite of its low dimensionality, this material is a densely packed system, reaching a high Kitaigorodski packing coefficient of $C_K = 0.733$ (PLATON; Spek, 2009).

The above-described geometric features are encouraging and make (I) a candidate for being an Ising one-dimensional system [Standard reference needed?] behaving as a ferri- or ferromagnet. Assuming a weak enough crystal-field splitting, high-spin d^5 electronic configurations may be expected for the Mn^{II} centres. The anisotropic trinuclear units (Mn1···Mn2···Mn2ⁱ) have distances between the magnetic sites that are suitable for ferromagnetic interactions. Indeed, these distances, of 3.36 and 4.48 Å, may be compared with those observed in the first heterometallic Mn^{III}–Ni^{II} polymeric SCM synthesized in 2002: Mn^{III}···Mn^{III} = 3.42 Å and Mn^{III}···Ni^{II} = 5.06 Å (Clérac *et al.*, 2002). Thus, the actual nature of the magnetic behaviour for the title Mn^{II} polymer should be defined mainly by interchain contacts resulting from the $R_2^2(8)$ ring motifs. A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (Version 5.35, updated May 2014; Allen, 2002) retrieved 139 similar $R_2^2(8)$ rings in Mn compounds, with coordinated water molecules as donors and carboxylate O atoms as acceptors. Most of them are associated with first-level centrosymmetric patterns R_a^a , as in (I), and the others belong to second-level patterns R_b^b according to Motherwell's graph-set nomenclature (Motherwell *et al.*, 2000). The important feature to be considered, bearing the magnetic properties in mind, is the poor flexibility of this ring: for R_a^a patterns, the ring has a chair conformation and the metal–metal interaction is determined mainly by the puckering parameters, while R_b^b patterns may adopt a folded conformation, allowing shorter metal–metal interactions. In the subset of 139 hits, regardless of the Mn oxidation state and the dimensionality of the crystal structure, the Mn···Mn separation in $R_2^2(8)$ rings is in the range 4.77–6.32 Å. Interestingly, the shortest separation was reported for a complex Mn₂₂ cluster, in which the $R_2^2(8)$ ring links two molecules. This mixed-valence compound is an SMM with quantum tunnelling of magnetization (Brockman *et al.*, 2007). Thus, it may be inferred that the $R_2^2(8)$ ring in (I) is not an efficient exchange pathway, making a strong anti-ferromagnetic interchain coupling unlikely.

Preliminary magnetic measurements of (I) are in agreement with this structural description. At room temperature, the title

complex shows a $\chi_m T$ value of $13.15 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}$, which is very close to that calculated for three non-interacting $S_1 = \frac{5}{2}$ centres, $13.12 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ K}$, assuming a spin-only model ($g_{Mn} = 2.00$; Christian *et al.*, 2004). A plot of M versus T shows different magnetization pathways below a critical temperature $T_C = 50 \text{ K}$, pointing to superparamagnetic behaviour [Might it help the reader to have this plot available in the supporting information?]. On the other hand, a hysteresis loop in the $M(H)$ plot is observed (Fig. 3), indicative of ferromagnetic exchange interactions (Bertotti, 1998). Experimentally, an SCM shows both superparamagnet-like properties with frequency-dependent out-of-phase signals in AC susceptibility measurements, and hysteresis in M versus applied DC field measurements (King *et al.*, 2004; Brockman *et al.*, 2007). Therefore, AC magnetic susceptibility measurements are currently being carried out, in order to characterize further the potential SCM behaviour of this new polymer.

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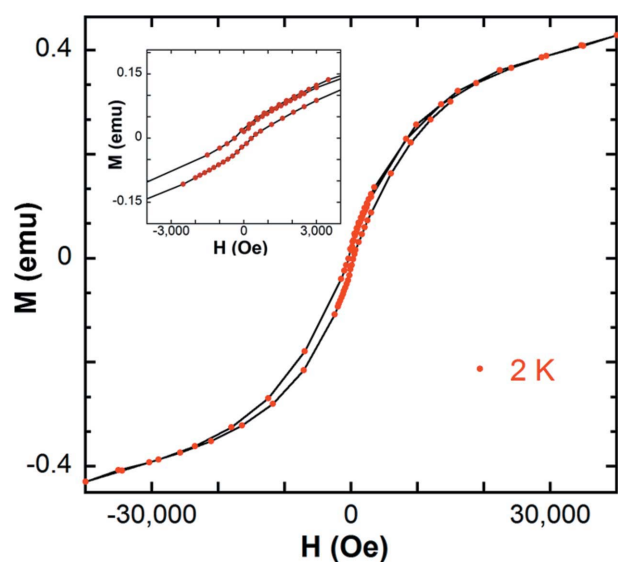


Figure 3
 Magnetization (M) versus applied magnetic field (H) hysteresis loop for (I) at $T = 2 \text{ K}$. The inset focuses on the experimental data in the -3000 to 3000 Oe range.

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1 supporting information

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7 program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS2013* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2013*
8 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008); software used to
9 prepare material for publication: *SHELXL2013* (Sheldrick, 2008).10 **catena-Poly[di- μ_3 -acetato- $\kappa^6\text{O}:\text{O}:\text{O}'$ -tetra- μ_2 -acetato- $\kappa^4\text{O}:\text{O};\kappa^4\text{O}:\text{O}'$ -diaquabis(pyridine- κN)trimanganese(II)]**11 *Crystal data*12 $[\text{Mn}_3(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}_2)_6(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ 13 $M_r = 713.31$ 14 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ 15 $a = 8.1153$ (2) Å16 $b = 9.0404$ (2) Å17 $c = 10.0759$ (2) Å18 $\alpha = 83.160$ (1)°19 $\beta = 81.994$ (1)°20 $\gamma = 77.423$ (1)°21 $V = 711.43$ (3) Å³22 $Z = 1$ $F(000) = 365$ $D_x = 1.665$ Mg m⁻³

Melting point: 493 K

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 9432 reflections

 $\theta = 2.3$ – 28.3 ° $\mu = 1.38$ mm⁻¹ $T = 200$ K

Block, colourless

 $0.15 \times 0.12 \times 0.12$ mm23 *Data collection*24 Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector
diffractometer

25 Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

26 Graphite monochromator

27 φ and ω scans28 Absorption correction: multi-scan
(*SADABS*; Bruker, 2009)29 $T_{\min} = 0.820$, $T_{\max} = 0.852$

11780 measured reflections

3514 independent reflections

3269 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.012$ $\theta_{\max} = 28.3$ °, $\theta_{\min} = 2.3$ ° $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$ $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$ $l = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 30 *Refinement*31 Refinement on F^2

32 Least-squares matrix: full

33 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.020$ 34 $wR(F^2) = 0.057$ 35 $S = 1.06$

36 3514 reflections

37 198 parameters

38 0 restraints

39 0 constraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sitesH atoms treated by a mixture of independent
and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.031P)^2 + 0.2663P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.35 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

42 *Special details*

43 **Experimental.** Data collection was performed with four batch runs at $\phi = 0.00^\circ$ (600 frames), at $\phi = 90.00^\circ$ (600 frames), at $\phi = 180.00^\circ$ (600 frames) and at $\phi = 270.00^\circ$ (600 frames). A fifth batch run was collected at $\phi = 0.00^\circ$ (50 frames) to monitor crystal and diffractometer stability. Frame width = 0.30° in omega. Data were merged, corrected for decay (if any), and treated with multi-scan absorption corrections (if required).

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

| | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i> | <i>z</i> | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 46 Mn1 | 0.5000 | 1.0000 | 0.5000 | 0.01484 (6) |
| 47 Mn2 | 0.67310 (2) | 0.63019 (2) | 0.56849 (2) | 0.01492 (6) |
| 48 N1 | 0.49468 (13) | 0.58131 (12) | 0.75859 (11) | 0.0203 (2) |
| 49 O1 | 0.69813 (11) | 0.93862 (10) | 0.34097 (9) | 0.02220 (18) |
| 50 O2 | 0.81744 (11) | 0.69304 (9) | 0.38176 (9) | 0.02006 (17) |
| 51 O3 | 0.43984 (10) | 0.77516 (9) | 0.49460 (9) | 0.01721 (16) |
| 52 O4 | 0.30799 (13) | 0.58516 (10) | 0.49762 (11) | 0.0290 (2) |
| 53 O5 | 0.66602 (11) | 0.85585 (9) | 0.64449 (9) | 0.01837 (17) |
| 54 O6 | 0.83746 (14) | 0.78614 (12) | 0.80527 (11) | 0.0335 (2) |
| 55 O7 | 0.89280 (13) | 0.53570 (12) | 0.67585 (11) | 0.0269 (2) |
| 56 H71 | 0.908 (3) | 0.601 (3) | 0.718 (2) | 0.046 (6)* |
| 57 H72 | 0.980 (3) | 0.482 (2) | 0.659 (2) | 0.041 (5)* |
| 58 C1 | 0.80320 (14) | 0.81979 (13) | 0.31196 (12) | 0.0176 (2) |
| 59 C2 | 0.92106 (19) | 0.83031 (17) | 0.18292 (15) | 0.0327 (3) |
| 60 H2A | 1.0210 | 0.7471 | 0.1864 | 0.049* |
| 61 H2B | 0.9572 | 0.9281 | 0.1719 | 0.049* |
| 62 H2C | 0.8615 | 0.8225 | 0.1066 | 0.049* |
| 63 C3 | 0.30526 (14) | 0.72234 (13) | 0.49728 (11) | 0.0164 (2) |
| 64 C4 | 0.13774 (16) | 0.83251 (15) | 0.50462 (17) | 0.0306 (3) |
| 65 H4A | 0.0509 | 0.7845 | 0.4793 | 0.046* |
| 66 H4B | 0.1475 | 0.9232 | 0.4427 | 0.046* |
| 67 H4C | 0.1053 | 0.8619 | 0.5967 | 0.046* |
| 68 C5 | 0.72135 (15) | 0.87587 (13) | 0.75330 (12) | 0.0192 (2) |
| 69 C6 | 0.6347 (2) | 1.01701 (16) | 0.82145 (15) | 0.0323 (3) |
| 70 H6A | 0.7028 | 1.0322 | 0.8898 | 0.048* |
| 71 H6B | 0.5218 | 1.0051 | 0.8644 | 0.048* |
| 72 H6C | 0.6232 | 1.1054 | 0.7544 | 0.048* |
| 73 C7 | 0.50630 (18) | 0.43829 (15) | 0.81537 (14) | 0.0264 (3) |
| 74 H7A | 0.6018 | 0.3634 | 0.7860 | 0.032* |
| 75 C8 | 0.3863 (2) | 0.39423 (17) | 0.91456 (15) | 0.0332 (3) |
| 76 H8A | 0.3998 | 0.2916 | 0.9527 | 0.040* |
| 77 C9 | 0.2468 (2) | 0.5017 (2) | 0.95705 (15) | 0.0371 (3) |
| 78 H9A | 0.1618 | 0.4746 | 1.0246 | 0.044* |
| 79 C10 | 0.23278 (19) | 0.6499 (2) | 0.89948 (15) | 0.0356 (3) |
| 80 H10A | 0.1372 | 0.7262 | 0.9261 | 0.043* |
| 81 C11 | 0.36003 (17) | 0.68556 (15) | 0.80251 (13) | 0.0259 (3) |

| | | | | | |
|----|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 82 | H11A | 0.3516 | 0.7883 | 0.7655 | 0.031* |
|----|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

83 *Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)*

| 84 | | U^{11} | U^{22} | U^{33} | U^{12} | U^{13} | U^{23} |
|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 85 | Mn1 | 0.01447 (12) | 0.00843 (11) | 0.01996 (12) | -0.00059 (8) | 0.00022 (9) | -0.00054 (8) |
| 86 | Mn2 | 0.01320 (9) | 0.00939 (9) | 0.02067 (10) | -0.00066 (6) | 0.00036 (6) | -0.00119 (6) |
| 87 | N1 | 0.0203 (5) | 0.0181 (5) | 0.0210 (5) | -0.0024 (4) | -0.0005 (4) | -0.0009 (4) |
| 88 | O1 | 0.0210 (4) | 0.0158 (4) | 0.0257 (4) | 0.0004 (3) | 0.0040 (3) | -0.0012 (3) |
| 89 | O2 | 0.0184 (4) | 0.0155 (4) | 0.0233 (4) | -0.0004 (3) | 0.0024 (3) | -0.0013 (3) |
| 90 | O3 | 0.0136 (4) | 0.0121 (4) | 0.0250 (4) | -0.0018 (3) | -0.0013 (3) | -0.0009 (3) |
| 91 | O4 | 0.0309 (5) | 0.0144 (4) | 0.0435 (6) | -0.0071 (4) | -0.0014 (4) | -0.0084 (4) |
| 92 | O5 | 0.0205 (4) | 0.0134 (4) | 0.0210 (4) | -0.0016 (3) | -0.0036 (3) | -0.0026 (3) |
| 93 | O6 | 0.0365 (6) | 0.0294 (5) | 0.0333 (5) | 0.0076 (4) | -0.0169 (4) | -0.0090 (4) |
| 94 | O7 | 0.0199 (5) | 0.0234 (5) | 0.0353 (5) | 0.0055 (4) | -0.0067 (4) | -0.0077 (4) |
| 95 | C1 | 0.0148 (5) | 0.0180 (5) | 0.0196 (5) | -0.0031 (4) | -0.0002 (4) | -0.0030 (4) |
| 96 | C2 | 0.0317 (7) | 0.0305 (7) | 0.0275 (7) | 0.0002 (6) | 0.0113 (6) | 0.0015 (5) |
| 97 | C3 | 0.0173 (5) | 0.0139 (5) | 0.0181 (5) | -0.0030 (4) | -0.0016 (4) | -0.0023 (4) |
| 98 | C4 | 0.0151 (6) | 0.0221 (6) | 0.0538 (9) | -0.0011 (5) | -0.0061 (6) | -0.0023 (6) |
| 99 | C5 | 0.0206 (6) | 0.0163 (5) | 0.0202 (5) | -0.0039 (4) | -0.0003 (4) | -0.0018 (4) |
| 100 | C6 | 0.0425 (8) | 0.0253 (7) | 0.0275 (7) | 0.0034 (6) | -0.0074 (6) | -0.0115 (5) |
| 101 | C7 | 0.0326 (7) | 0.0196 (6) | 0.0253 (6) | -0.0049 (5) | 0.0002 (5) | -0.0003 (5) |
| 102 | C8 | 0.0452 (8) | 0.0298 (7) | 0.0267 (7) | -0.0178 (6) | -0.0018 (6) | 0.0047 (5) |
| 103 | C9 | 0.0303 (7) | 0.0543 (10) | 0.0262 (7) | -0.0171 (7) | 0.0027 (6) | 0.0065 (6) |
| 104 | C10 | 0.0250 (7) | 0.0472 (9) | 0.0264 (7) | 0.0041 (6) | 0.0042 (5) | 0.0007 (6) |
| 105 | C11 | 0.0248 (6) | 0.0257 (6) | 0.0217 (6) | 0.0026 (5) | 0.0000 (5) | 0.0018 (5) |

106 *Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

| | | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| 107 | Mn1—O1 | 2.1369 (9) | O7—H72 | 0.78 (2) |
| 108 | Mn1—O1 ⁱ | 2.1369 (9) | C1—C2 | 1.5094 (17) |
| 109 | Mn1—O3 | 2.1997 (8) | C2—H2A | 0.9800 |
| 110 | Mn1—O3 ⁱ | 2.1997 (8) | C2—H2B | 0.9800 |
| 111 | Mn1—O5 ⁱ | 2.2277 (8) | C2—H2C | 0.9800 |
| 112 | Mn1—O5 | 2.2277 (8) | C3—C4 | 1.4985 (17) |
| 113 | Mn2—O4 ⁱⁱ | 2.0995 (9) | C4—H4A | 0.9800 |
| 114 | Mn2—O2 | 2.1579 (9) | C4—H4B | 0.9800 |
| 115 | Mn2—O7 | 2.1755 (10) | C4—H4C | 0.9800 |
| 116 | Mn2—O3 | 2.2215 (8) | C5—C6 | 1.5092 (17) |
| 117 | Mn2—O5 | 2.2494 (8) | C6—H6A | 0.9800 |
| 118 | Mn2—N1 | 2.2946 (10) | C6—H6B | 0.9800 |
| 119 | N1—C7 | 1.3392 (16) | C6—H6C | 0.9800 |
| 120 | N1—C11 | 1.3395 (16) | C7—C8 | 1.3819 (19) |
| 121 | O1—C1 | 1.2542 (14) | C7—H7A | 0.9500 |
| 122 | O2—C1 | 1.2625 (14) | C8—C9 | 1.376 (2) |
| 123 | O3—C3 | 1.2796 (14) | C8—H8A | 0.9500 |
| 124 | O4—C3 | 1.2352 (14) | C9—C10 | 1.383 (2) |
| 125 | O4—Mn2 ⁱⁱ | 2.0995 (9) | C9—H9A | 0.9500 |

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|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 126 | O5—C5 | 1.2870 (15) | C10—C11 | 1.3833 (19) |
| 127 | O6—C5 | 1.2343 (16) | C10—H10A | 0.9500 |
| 128 | O7—H71 | 0.81 (2) | C11—H11A | 0.9500 |
| 129 | | | | |
| 130 | O1—Mn1—O1 ⁱ | 180.0 | H71—O7—H72 | 108 (2) |
| 131 | O1—Mn1—O3 | 86.76 (3) | O1—C1—O2 | 125.21 (11) |
| 132 | O1 ⁱ —Mn1—O3 | 93.24 (3) | O1—C1—C2 | 116.92 (11) |
| 133 | O1—Mn1—O3 ⁱ | 93.24 (3) | O2—C1—C2 | 117.87 (11) |
| 134 | O1 ⁱ —Mn1—O3 ⁱ | 86.76 (3) | C1—C2—H2A | 109.5 |
| 135 | O3—Mn1—O3 ⁱ | 180.0 | C1—C2—H2B | 109.5 |
| 136 | O1—Mn1—O5 ⁱ | 91.39 (3) | H2A—C2—H2B | 109.5 |
| 137 | O1 ⁱ —Mn1—O5 ⁱ | 88.61 (3) | C1—C2—H2C | 109.5 |
| 138 | O3—Mn1—O5 ⁱ | 101.79 (3) | H2A—C2—H2C | 109.5 |
| 139 | O3 ⁱ —Mn1—O5 ⁱ | 78.21 (3) | H2B—C2—H2C | 109.5 |
| 140 | O1—Mn1—O5 | 88.61 (3) | O4—C3—O3 | 122.80 (11) |
| 141 | O1 ⁱ —Mn1—O5 | 91.39 (3) | O4—C3—C4 | 119.24 (11) |
| 142 | O3—Mn1—O5 | 78.21 (3) | O3—C3—C4 | 117.94 (10) |
| 143 | O3 ⁱ —Mn1—O5 | 101.79 (3) | C3—C4—H4A | 109.5 |
| 144 | O5 ⁱ —Mn1—O5 | 180.0 | C3—C4—H4B | 109.5 |
| 145 | O4 ⁱⁱ —Mn2—O2 | 88.84 (4) | H4A—C4—H4B | 109.5 |
| 146 | O4 ⁱⁱ —Mn2—O7 | 88.67 (4) | C3—C4—H4C | 109.5 |
| 147 | O2—Mn2—O7 | 95.57 (4) | H4A—C4—H4C | 109.5 |
| 148 | O4 ⁱⁱ —Mn2—O3 | 105.82 (4) | H4B—C4—H4C | 109.5 |
| 149 | O2—Mn2—O3 | 89.30 (3) | O6—C5—O5 | 124.09 (11) |
| 150 | O7—Mn2—O3 | 164.84 (4) | O6—C5—C6 | 118.89 (12) |
| 151 | O4 ⁱⁱ —Mn2—O5 | 176.87 (4) | O5—C5—C6 | 117.01 (11) |
| 152 | O2—Mn2—O5 | 91.19 (3) | C5—C6—H6A | 109.5 |
| 153 | O7—Mn2—O5 | 88.22 (4) | C5—C6—H6B | 109.5 |
| 154 | O3—Mn2—O5 | 77.31 (3) | H6A—C6—H6B | 109.5 |
| 155 | O4 ⁱⁱ —Mn2—N1 | 93.24 (4) | C5—C6—H6C | 109.5 |
| 156 | O2—Mn2—N1 | 173.79 (3) | H6A—C6—H6C | 109.5 |
| 157 | O7—Mn2—N1 | 90.33 (4) | H6B—C6—H6C | 109.5 |
| 158 | O3—Mn2—N1 | 84.51 (3) | N1—C7—C8 | 123.28 (13) |
| 159 | O5—Mn2—N1 | 87.05 (3) | N1—C7—H7A | 118.4 |
| 160 | C7—N1—C11 | 117.44 (11) | C8—C7—H7A | 118.4 |
| 161 | C7—N1—Mn2 | 119.52 (9) | C9—C8—C7 | 118.76 (13) |
| 162 | C11—N1—Mn2 | 122.07 (8) | C9—C8—H8A | 120.6 |
| 163 | C1—O1—Mn1 | 135.91 (8) | C7—C8—H8A | 120.6 |
| 164 | C1—O2—Mn2 | 129.37 (8) | C8—C9—C10 | 118.72 (13) |
| 165 | C3—O3—Mn1 | 136.43 (7) | C8—C9—H9A | 120.6 |
| 166 | C3—O3—Mn2 | 120.89 (7) | C10—C9—H9A | 120.6 |
| 167 | Mn1—O3—Mn2 | 98.99 (3) | C9—C10—C11 | 119.02 (14) |
| 168 | C3—O4—Mn2 ⁱⁱ | 161.58 (10) | C9—C10—H10A | 120.5 |
| 169 | C5—O5—Mn1 | 135.62 (7) | C11—C10—H10A | 120.5 |
| 170 | C5—O5—Mn2 | 126.01 (7) | N1—C11—C10 | 122.75 (13) |
| 171 | Mn1—O5—Mn2 | 97.33 (3) | N1—C11—H11A | 118.6 |
| 172 | Mn2—O7—H71 | 107.7 (15) | C10—C11—H11A | 118.6 |
| 173 | Mn2—O7—H72 | 134.9 (15) | | |

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|-----|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| 174 | | | | |
| 175 | Mn1—O1—C1—O2 | -1.0 (2) | Mn2—O5—C5—O6 | 27.84 (17) |
| 176 | Mn1—O1—C1—C2 | 178.82 (10) | Mn1—O5—C5—C6 | 14.66 (17) |
| 177 | Mn2—O2—C1—O1 | 0.83 (18) | Mn2—O5—C5—C6 | -150.87 (9) |
| 178 | Mn2—O2—C1—C2 | -178.99 (9) | C11—N1—C7—C8 | 0.8 (2) |
| 179 | Mn2 ⁱⁱ —O4—C3—O3 | -85.5 (3) | Mn2—N1—C7—C8 | -168.22 (11) |
| 180 | Mn2 ⁱⁱ —O4—C3—C4 | 96.5 (3) | N1—C7—C8—C9 | 0.5 (2) |
| 181 | Mn1—O3—C3—O4 | -177.30 (9) | C7—C8—C9—C10 | -0.4 (2) |
| 182 | Mn2—O3—C3—O4 | -24.02 (16) | C8—C9—C10—C11 | -0.8 (2) |
| 183 | Mn1—O3—C3—C4 | 0.76 (18) | C7—N1—C11—C10 | -2.0 (2) |
| 184 | Mn2—O3—C3—C4 | 154.04 (9) | Mn2—N1—C11—C10 | 166.62 (11) |
| 185 | Mn1—O5—C5—O6 | -166.63 (10) | C9—C10—C11—N1 | 2.1 (2) |

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

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

| 188 | $D-H\cdots A$ | $D-H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 189 | O7—H71 \cdots O6 | 0.81 (2) | 1.92 (2) | 2.6694 (15) | 154 (2) |
| 190 | O7—H72 \cdots O2 ⁱⁱⁱ | 0.78 (2) | 2.05 (2) | 2.8162 (13) | 169 (2) |

191 Symmetry code: (iii) $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$.

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