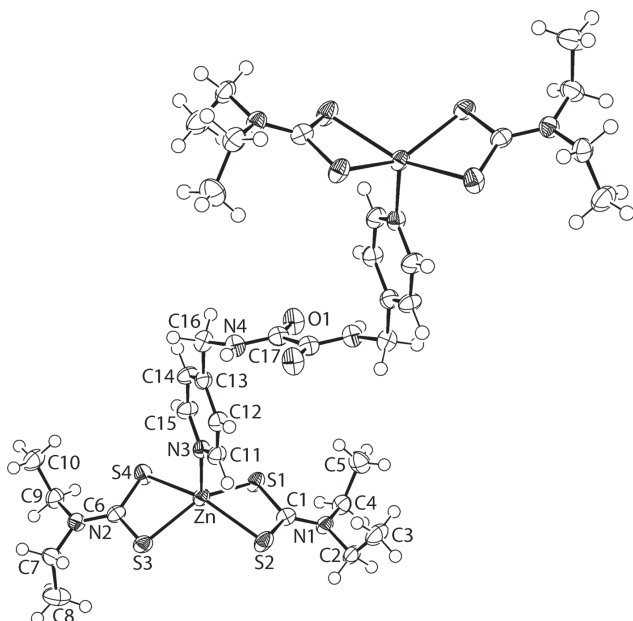


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**Crystal structure of  $(\mu_2\text{-}N,N'\text{-bis}((\text{pyridin-4-yl})\text{methyl})\text{ethanediamide-}\kappa^2N:N')\text{-tetrakis}(\text{diethylcarbamo-dithioato-}\kappa^2S,S')\text{dizinc(II)}$ ,  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_8\text{O}_2\text{S}_8\text{Zn}_2$**



**Table 1:** Data collection and handling.

|                                                                            |                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal:                                                                   | Colourless prism                                   |
| Size:                                                                      | 0.30 × 0.17 × 0.08 mm                              |
| Wavelength:                                                                | Mo K $\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å)                |
| $\mu$ :                                                                    | 14.5 cm <sup>-1</sup>                              |
| Diffractometer, scan mode:                                                 | AFC12K/SATURN724, $\omega$ scans                   |
| 2 $\theta_{\text{max}}$ , completeness:                                    | 55°, >99%                                          |
| $N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$ , $R_{\text{int}}$ : | 16452, 5264, 0.062                                 |
| Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$ :                    | $I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 4749 |
| $N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$ :                                       | 251                                                |
| Programs:                                                                  | Rigaku programs [1, 2], SHELX [3, 4], ORTEP [5]    |

**Table 2:** Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>).

| Atom | <i>x</i>     | <i>y</i>     | <i>z</i>    | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Zn   | 0.21031(2)   | 0.20249(2)   | 0.73375(3)  | 0.01958(11)                      |
| O1   | 0.52122(12)  | 0.43816(14)  | 0.91005(18) | 0.0298(5)                        |
| S1   | 0.28223(4)   | 0.08693(5)   | 0.73415(6)  | 0.02308(18)                      |
| S2   | 0.22879(5)   | 0.14223(5)   | 0.90076(6)  | 0.02747(19)                      |
| S3   | 0.09406(4)   | 0.24463(5)   | 0.70649(6)  | 0.02297(17)                      |
| S4   | 0.16676(4)   | 0.20584(5)   | 0.55226(6)  | 0.02545(19)                      |
| N1   | 0.30869(13)  | 0.01153(15)  | 0.90478(19) | 0.0208(5)                        |
| N2   | 0.03936(13)  | 0.26094(15)  | 0.51813(19) | 0.0210(5)                        |
| N3   | 0.27190(13)  | 0.30336(15)  | 0.75524(19) | 0.0191(5)                        |
| N4   | 0.43457(14)  | 0.52858(16)  | 0.8992(2)   | 0.0236(6)                        |
| H4N  | 0.4174(18)   | 0.5658(17)   | 0.931(2)    | 0.028*                           |
| C1   | 0.27747(16)  | 0.07369(18)  | 0.8533(2)   | 0.0215(6)                        |
| C2   | 0.30565(17)  | −0.00001(19) | 1.0066(2)   | 0.0247(7)                        |
| H2A  | 0.3110       | −0.0586      | 1.0227      | 0.030*                           |
| H2B  | 0.2605       | 0.0172       | 1.0158      | 0.030*                           |
| C3   | 0.3597(2)    | 0.0473(2)    | 1.0755(3)   | 0.0343(8)                        |
| H3A  | 0.4046       | 0.0304       | 1.0670      | 0.051*                           |
| H3B  | 0.3558       | 0.0367       | 1.1422      | 0.051*                           |
| H3C  | 0.3536       | 0.1056       | 1.0617      | 0.051*                           |
| C4   | 0.34887(17)  | −0.04722(19) | 0.8627(3)   | 0.0255(7)                        |
| H4A  | 0.3256       | −0.0580      | 0.7949      | 0.031*                           |
| H4B  | 0.3508       | −0.0991      | 0.8988      | 0.031*                           |
| C5   | 0.42110(18)  | −0.0190(2)   | 0.8643(3)   | 0.0327(8)                        |
| H5A  | 0.4199       | 0.0350       | 0.8347      | 0.049*                           |
| H5B  | 0.4430       | −0.0576      | 0.8279      | 0.049*                           |
| H5C  | 0.4468       | −0.0163      | 0.9314      | 0.049*                           |
| C6   | 0.09407(16)  | 0.23985(17)  | 0.5843(2)   | 0.0205(6)                        |
| C7   | −0.02380(17) | 0.2883(2)    | 0.5439(3)   | 0.0273(7)                        |
| H7A  | −0.0466      | 0.3284       | 0.4956      | 0.033*                           |
| H7B  | −0.0130      | 0.3155       | 0.6078      | 0.033*                           |
| C8   | −0.0714(2)   | 0.2176(2)    | 0.5477(3)   | 0.0378(9)                        |

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### Abstract

$\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{54}\text{N}_8\text{O}_2\text{S}_8\text{Zn}_2$ , monoclinic,  $C2/c$  (no. 15),  $a = 20.192(7)$  Å,  $b = 16.448(5)$  Å,  $c = 14.150(5)$  Å,  $\beta = 102.368(8)^\circ$ ,  $V = 4590(3)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.052$ ,  $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.123$ ,  $T = 98$  K.

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The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in the figure. Tables 1 and 2 contain details of the measurement method and a list of the atoms including atomic coordinates and displacement parameters.

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Table 2 (continued)

| Atom | <i>x</i>    | <i>y</i>    | <i>z</i>  | <i>U</i> <sub>iso</sub> <sup>*</sup> / <i>U</i> <sub>eq</sub> |
|------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| H8A  | −0.0782     | 0.1870      | 0.4869    | 0.057*                                                        |
| H8B  | −0.1151     | 0.2383      | 0.5567    | 0.057*                                                        |
| H8C  | −0.0517     | 0.1818      | 0.6018    | 0.057*                                                        |
| C9   | 0.03756(17) | 0.2543(2)   | 0.4136(2) | 0.0257(7)                                                     |
| H9A  | −0.0096     | 0.2441      | 0.3785    | 0.031*                                                        |
| H9B  | 0.0656      | 0.2075      | 0.4021    | 0.031*                                                        |
| C10  | 0.0637(2)   | 0.3312(2)   | 0.3743(3) | 0.0338(8)                                                     |
| H10A | 0.0366      | 0.3778      | 0.3869    | 0.051*                                                        |
| H10B | 0.0602      | 0.3255      | 0.3045    | 0.051*                                                        |
| H10C | 0.1113      | 0.3397      | 0.4064    | 0.051*                                                        |
| C11  | 0.28589(16) | 0.34213(19) | 0.8404(2) | 0.0225(6)                                                     |
| H11  | 0.2660      | 0.3229      | 0.8913    | 0.027*                                                        |
| C12  | 0.32830(16) | 0.40935(19) | 0.8573(2) | 0.0220(6)                                                     |
| H12  | 0.3364      | 0.4357      | 0.9184    | 0.026*                                                        |
| C13  | 0.35884(15) | 0.43817(18) | 0.7848(2) | 0.0203(6)                                                     |
| C14  | 0.34439(17) | 0.39753(19) | 0.6969(2) | 0.0233(6)                                                     |
| H14  | 0.3640      | 0.4153      | 0.6451    | 0.028*                                                        |
| C15  | 0.30149(17) | 0.3313(2)   | 0.6848(2) | 0.0244(7)                                                     |
| H15  | 0.2924      | 0.3041      | 0.6241    | 0.029*                                                        |
| C16  | 0.40502(17) | 0.51158(18) | 0.7985(2) | 0.0238(6)                                                     |
| H16A | 0.4419      | 0.5025      | 0.7635    | 0.029*                                                        |
| H16B | 0.3789      | 0.5596      | 0.7694    | 0.029*                                                        |
| C17  | 0.48952(16) | 0.48855(18) | 0.9465(2) | 0.0221(6)                                                     |

### Source of materials

The compound was isolated from the 2:1 reaction of Zn(S<sub>2</sub>CNEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and (4-NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>N(H)C(=O)−C(=O)N(H)CH<sub>2</sub>−(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-4) following standard procedures [6, 7]. Colourless crystals were obtained by the diffusion of ethyl ether into a dimethylformamide solution of the compound. **M.p.**: >553 K but, turns opaque at 513 K. **IR** (cm<sup>−1</sup>): ν(C−S) 1065 (s, sh), ν(C−N) 1484 (s).

### Experimental details

The C-bound H atoms were geometrically placed (C−H = 0.95–0.99 Å) and refined as riding with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = 1.2–1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C). The N-bound H-atoms were located in difference Fourier maps, and refined with a distance restraint of N−H = 0.88(1) Å, and with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) set to 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(N). Owing to poor agreement, two low order reflections, *i.e.* (2 0 0) and (−1 1 1), were omitted from the final cycles of refinement. The maximum and minimum residual electron density peaks of 0.48 and 1.02 e Å<sup>−3</sup>, respectively, were located 1.37 and 0.81 Å from the Zn atom.

### Comment

The isomeric molecules of general formula (*n*-NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>N(H)C(=O)−C(=O)N(H)CH<sub>2</sub>−(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N-*n*), for *n* = 2, 3 and 4, abbreviated as <sup>n</sup>LH<sub>2</sub>, are bifunctional in the sense that they

contain a central di-amide moiety as well as pyridyl-N donors. With metals, the situation may be envisaged whereby the pyridyl-N atoms bridge metal centres and the diamide forms supramolecular tapes *via* amide-N−H⋯O(amide) hydrogen bonding. As a continuation of investigations coordinating <sup>n</sup>LH<sub>2</sub> with zinc dithiocarbamates, *i.e.* Zn(S<sub>2</sub>CNRR')<sub>2</sub> for R, R' = alkyl [6, 7], the title compound, [Zn(S<sub>2</sub>CNEt<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub><sup>4</sup>LH<sub>2</sub>, was studied.

The binuclear complex is disposed about a centre of inversion with the unlabelled atoms in the Figure related by the symmetry operation 1 − *x*, 1 − *y*, 2 − *z*. The Zn atom is coordinated by two dithiocarbamate ligands forming Zn−S bonds that span the relatively narrow range 2.3913(10) to 2.5306(12) Å, and the pyridyl-N atom. The resulting NS<sub>4</sub> coordination approximates a square pyramid, with the N atom in the apical position, as judged by the value of τ = 0.20, *cf.* τ = 0.0 for an ideal square pyramid and 1.0 for an ideal trigonal bipyramid [8]. In these respects, the structure resembles literature precedents [6, 7]. Interestingly, the molecular packing does not feature conventional hydrogen bonding interactions. Instead, the three-dimensional architecture features methylene-C−H⋯O(amide) and pyridyl-C−H⋯S interactions. This observation contradicts binuclear {Zn[S<sub>2</sub>CN(Me)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH]<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub><sup>3</sup>LH<sub>2</sub> [6], where supramolecular chains were formed as a result of hydroxy-O−H⋯(hydroxy) hydrogen bonding. The diamide functionality come into play to connect centrosymmetrically related chains into double chains *via* hydroxy-O−H⋯O(amide) hydrogen bonding. The situation changed somewhat when the dithiocarbamate ligand carry residues incapable of forming hydrogen bonding interactions. Thus, in binuclear {Zn[S<sub>2</sub>CN(*n*-Pr)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub><sup>3</sup>LH<sub>2</sub> the diamide groups form amide-N−H⋯O(amide) hydrogen bonds to form supramolecular tapes [7].

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