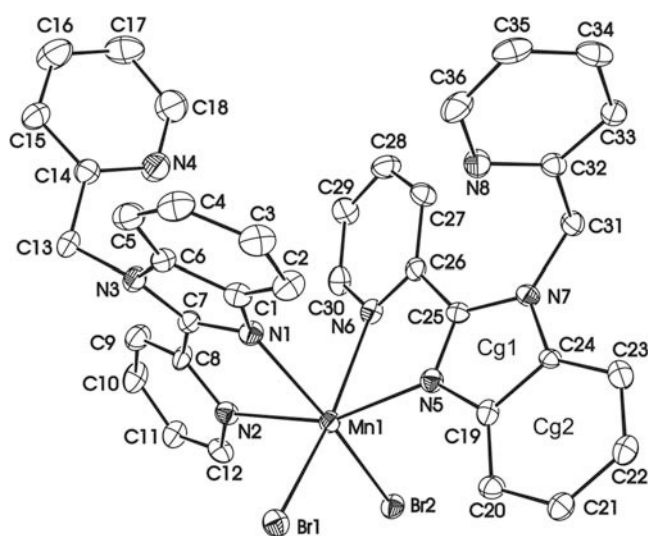


Crystal structure of dibromobis(1-(2-pyridylmethyl)-2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole)manganese(II) — acetonitrile (1:1), $\text{MnBr}_2(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4)_2 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{CN}$

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Abstract

$\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{31}\text{Br}_2\text{MnN}_9$, triclinic, $P\bar{1}$ (no. 2), $a = 9.610(1)$ Å, $b = 12.019(2)$ Å, $c = 17.771(2)$ Å, $\alpha = 107.096(3)^\circ$, $\beta = 96.468(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 107.982(3)^\circ$, $V = 1818.9$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $R_{\text{ref}}(F) = 0.061$, $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.153$, $T = 200$ K.

Source of material

1-(2-Pyridylmethyl)-2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4$, was synthesized by reacting 1,2-diaminobenzene and 2-pyridine-carboxaldehyde according to the literature procedure [1]. A solution of MnBr_2 (0.30 g, 1.40 mmol) and 1-(2-pyridylmethyl)-2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole (0.40 g, 1.40 mmol) in EtOH (10 ml) was stirred for 1 h at room temperature. The formed precipitate was separated by filtration and washed with acetone and dried in vacuo, to give a yellow powder (0.23 g). Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation from a CH_3CN solution.

Experimental details

Hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their respective carrier atoms [$d(\text{C}—\text{H}) = 0.95$ Å (CH), 0.99 Å (CH_2) or 0.98 Å (CH_3) and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{CH and CH}_2)$ or 1.5 $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{CH}_3)$].

Discussion

The crystal structure of the title compound consists of neutral complex $[\text{MnBr}_2(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_4)_2]$ and an acetonitrile solvent mole-

cule. Mn(II) ion is six-coordinated in a distorted octahedral manner by four N atoms from two chelate 1-(2-pyridylmethyl)-2-(2-pyridyl)benzimidazole (pmpb) ligands and two Br atoms. In the previously reported crystal structure of dinuclear Cu(I) complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{pmpb})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ [1], the pmpb acted as a chelating and bridging tridentate ligand, whereas the ligand in the title complex chelates the Mn(II) ion to form a five-membered chelate ring through the α -diimine coordination setting involving the benzimidazole imine N atom and the 2-(2-pyridyl) group. The Br atoms are in *cis* conformation with respect to each other. The main contributions to the distortion are the tight N—Mn—N chelate angles ($70.7(2)^\circ$ and $71.1(2)^\circ$), which result in non-linear *trans* axes ($\angle \text{Br1—Mn1—N6} = 163.1(1)^\circ$, $\angle \text{Br2—Mn1—N1} = 162.9(1)^\circ$ and $\angle \text{N2—Mn1—N5} = 156.7(2)^\circ$). While the two Mn—Br bond lengths are nearly equivalent (2.616(1) Å and 2.648(1) Å), the two Mn—N_{imidazole} bonds (2.211(5) and 2.295(5) Å) are somewhat shorter than the two Mn—N_{pyridine} bonds (2.350(6) and 2.451(6) Å). The complex displays numerous intra- and intermolecular π — π interactions between the imidazole and six-membered rings. The shortest distance between Cg1 (the centroid of imidazole ring N5—C25) and Cg2ⁱ (ring C19—C24; symmetry code *i*: $-x, 1-y, -z$) is 3.973(4) Å, and the dihedral angle between the ring planes is $0.8(3)^\circ$. In addition, there are weak intra- and intermolecular C—H $\cdots$ Br hydrogen bonds with $d(\text{C}\cdots\text{Br}) = 3.536(7) - 3.723(7)$ Å.

Table 1. Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	yellow block, size 0.11 × 0.13 × 0.27 mm
Wavelength:	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å)
μ :	26.01 cm ^{−1}
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Bruker SMART 1000 CCD, ϕ/ω
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$:	52.14°
$N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$, $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$:	11226, 7065
Criterion for I_{obs} , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$:	$I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$, 4182
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$:	452
Programs:	SHELXS-97 [2], SHELXL-97 [3], ORTEP [4], PLATON [5]

Table 2. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	U_{iso}
H(2)	2i	0.0939	0.7120	0.3120	0.058
H(3)	2i	−0.0180	0.7083	0.4223	0.064
H(4)	2i	0.1260	0.7744	0.5531	0.064
H(5)	2i	0.3891	0.8422	0.5791	0.063
H(9)	2i	0.8475	0.8686	0.4187	0.062

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Table 2. Continued.

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso}
H(10)	2i	1.0438	0.9459	0.3580	0.064
H(11)	2i	0.9915	1.0038	0.2458	0.053
H(12)	2i	0.7407	0.9642	0.1911	0.049
H(13A)	2i	0.6502	0.9141	0.5734	0.057
H(13B)	2i	0.7651	0.9328	0.5157	0.057
H(15)	2i	0.7786	0.8045	0.6401	0.074
H(16)	2i	0.8015	0.6162	0.6361	0.097
H(17)	2i	0.7349	0.4541	0.5086	0.095
H(18)	2i	0.6449	0.4899	0.3944	0.092
H(20)	2i	0.0554	0.8497	0.1252	0.044
H(21)	2i	−0.1943	0.7986	0.0600	0.047
H(22)	2i	−0.3623	0.5933	0.0106	0.049
H(23)	2i	−0.2938	0.4306	0.0280	0.049

Table 2. Continued.

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso}
H(27)	2i	0.1759	0.3532	0.1858	0.050
H(28)	2i	0.3997	0.3184	0.2205	0.066
H(29)	2i	0.6306	0.4640	0.2218	0.061
H(30)	2i	0.6328	0.6439	0.1974	0.053
H(31A)	2i	0.0098	0.2984	0.0856	0.045
H(31B)	2i	−0.1447	0.2973	0.0401	0.045
H(33)	2i	−0.3167	0.1582	0.0919	0.049
H(34)	2i	−0.4218	0.1302	0.2025	0.061
H(35)	2i	−0.2974	0.2738	0.3337	0.066
H(36)	2i	−0.0806	0.4377	0.3505	0.068
H(37A)	2i	0.3066	0.0146	0.0819	0.094
H(37B)	2i	0.3322	0.1340	0.0550	0.094
H(37C)	2i	0.2163	0.0003	−0.0039	0.094

Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> ₁₁	<i>U</i> ₂₂	<i>U</i> ₃₃	<i>U</i> ₁₂	<i>U</i> ₁₃	<i>U</i> ₂₃
Mn(1)	2i	0.3966(1)	0.81491(9)	0.20335(5)	0.0268(5)	0.0338(6)	0.0320(5)	0.0036(4)	0.0038(4)	0.0140(4)
Br(1)	2i	0.32905(7)	1.01681(7)	0.26022(4)	0.0364(4)	0.0420(5)	0.0444(4)	0.0106(3)	0.0117(3)	0.0146(3)
Br(2)	2i	0.46459(7)	0.83518(7)	0.06832(4)	0.0380(4)	0.0484(5)	0.0350(4)	0.0086(3)	0.0096(3)	0.0191(3)
N(1)	2i	0.4088(6)	0.7984(5)	0.3291(3)	0.033(3)	0.042(4)	0.036(3)	0.009(3)	0.011(3)	0.017(3)
N(2)	2i	0.6500(5)	0.9000(5)	0.2721(3)	0.029(3)	0.036(3)	0.046(3)	0.009(3)	0.008(3)	0.015(3)
N(3)	2i	0.5474(6)	0.8542(5)	0.4555(3)	0.040(3)	0.044(4)	0.033(3)	0.011(3)	0.004(3)	0.015(3)
N(4)	2i	0.6539(7)	0.6632(7)	0.4467(4)	0.076(5)	0.061(5)	0.051(4)	0.032(4)	0.011(3)	0.018(3)
N(5)	2i	0.1689(5)	0.6714(5)	0.1522(3)	0.034(3)	0.036(4)	0.032(3)	0.012(3)	0.008(2)	0.011(2)
N(6)	2i	0.4138(6)	0.6083(5)	0.1774(3)	0.039(3)	0.044(4)	0.033(3)	0.015(3)	0.006(3)	0.012(3)
N(7)	2i	0.0037(5)	0.4725(5)	0.1055(3)	0.029(3)	0.031(3)	0.035(3)	0.007(2)	0.011(2)	0.015(2)
N(8)	2i	−0.0663(6)	0.3999(5)	0.2356(3)	0.041(3)	0.051(4)	0.037(3)	0.005(3)	0.012(3)	0.016(3)
C(1)	2i	0.3132(7)	0.7832(6)	0.3812(4)	0.040(4)	0.038(4)	0.044(4)	0.016(3)	0.017(3)	0.017(3)
C(2)	2i	0.1530(7)	0.7388(7)	0.3650(4)	0.038(4)	0.065(5)	0.051(5)	0.021(4)	0.019(3)	0.029(4)
C(3)	2i	0.0883(8)	0.7369(7)	0.4307(5)	0.038(4)	0.066(6)	0.069(6)	0.022(4)	0.024(4)	0.034(4)
C(4)	2i	0.1754(9)	0.7760(7)	0.5099(5)	0.061(5)	0.067(6)	0.055(5)	0.034(4)	0.035(4)	0.033(4)
C(5)	2i	0.3307(9)	0.8166(7)	0.5261(4)	0.068(5)	0.052(5)	0.048(5)	0.027(4)	0.021(4)	0.024(4)
C(6)	2i	0.3963(7)	0.8178(6)	0.4603(4)	0.045(4)	0.036(4)	0.035(4)	0.014(3)	0.009(3)	0.015(3)
C(7)	2i	0.5486(7)	0.8405(6)	0.3755(4)	0.035(4)	0.036(4)	0.032(4)	0.010(3)	0.006(3)	0.013(3)
C(8)	2i	0.6821(7)	0.8786(6)	0.3411(4)	0.030(4)	0.049(5)	0.026(4)	0.009(3)	−0.001(3)	0.013(3)
C(9)	2i	0.8274(8)	0.8910(7)	0.3728(4)	0.045(4)	0.062(6)	0.048(5)	0.015(4)	0.003(4)	0.025(4)
C(10)	2i	0.9442(7)	0.9368(7)	0.3365(4)	0.026(4)	0.081(6)	0.049(5)	0.016(4)	0.004(3)	0.021(4)
C(11)	2i	0.9137(7)	0.9683(7)	0.2697(4)	0.025(4)	0.062(5)	0.045(4)	0.011(3)	0.011(3)	0.021(4)
C(12)	2i	0.7639(7)	0.9461(6)	0.2385(4)	0.032(4)	0.039(4)	0.050(4)	0.002(3)	0.021(3)	0.018(3)
C(13)	2i	0.6711(8)	0.8745(7)	0.5208(4)	0.056(5)	0.051(5)	0.030(4)	0.018(4)	0.001(3)	0.013(3)
C(14)	2i	0.6942(8)	0.7533(7)	0.5201(4)	0.058(5)	0.044(5)	0.038(4)	0.017(4)	0.014(4)	0.015(3)
C(15)	2i	0.7502(9)	0.7377(8)	0.5900(5)	0.081(6)	0.059(6)	0.048(5)	0.030(5)	0.002(4)	0.023(4)
C(16)	2i	0.765(1)	0.628(1)	0.5880(6)	0.107(8)	0.096(8)	0.068(7)	0.059(7)	0.022(6)	0.043(6)
C(17)	2i	0.725(1)	0.5321(9)	0.5131(6)	0.098(7)	0.074(7)	0.101(8)	0.056(6)	0.038(6)	0.050(6)
C(18)	2i	0.671(1)	0.5549(9)	0.4453(6)	0.100(7)	0.067(7)	0.068(6)	0.041(6)	0.024(5)	0.018(5)
C(19)	2i	0.0307(6)	0.6695(6)	0.1163(4)	0.024(3)	0.043(4)	0.028(3)	0.006(3)	0.008(3)	0.014(3)
C(20)	2i	−0.0133(7)	0.7660(6)	0.1062(4)	0.036(4)	0.037(4)	0.039(4)	0.011(3)	0.011(3)	0.019(3)
C(21)	2i	−0.1614(7)	0.7347(7)	0.0671(4)	0.035(4)	0.047(5)	0.038(4)	0.017(3)	0.008(3)	0.017(3)
C(22)	2i	−0.2629(7)	0.6108(7)	0.0379(4)	0.032(4)	0.053(5)	0.036(4)	0.015(4)	0.004(3)	0.015(3)
C(23)	2i	−0.2238(7)	0.5139(7)	0.0472(4)	0.039(4)	0.041(5)	0.034(4)	0.006(3)	0.011(3)	0.009(3)
C(24)	2i	−0.0744(6)	0.5450(5)	0.0869(3)	0.025(3)	0.027(4)	0.029(3)	0.007(3)	0.009(3)	0.014(3)
C(25)	2i	0.1495(6)	0.5524(6)	0.1439(3)	0.031(3)	0.032(4)	0.029(3)	0.012(3)	0.014(3)	0.014(3)
C(26)	2i	0.2800(7)	0.5209(6)	0.1720(3)	0.038(4)	0.036(4)	0.022(3)	0.008(3)	0.008(3)	0.008(3)
C(27)	2i	0.2706(7)	0.4118(6)	0.1883(4)	0.035(4)	0.038(4)	0.053(5)	0.009(3)	0.013(3)	0.019(3)
C(28)	2i	0.4030(8)	0.3909(7)	0.2084(4)	0.063(5)	0.054(5)	0.062(5)	0.029(4)	0.011(4)	0.032(4)
C(29)	2i	0.5394(8)	0.4775(7)	0.2104(4)	0.044(4)	0.047(5)	0.063(5)	0.025(4)	0.009(4)	0.015(4)
C(30)	2i	0.5391(7)	0.5843(7)	0.1951(4)	0.033(4)	0.051(5)	0.043(4)	0.018(4)	0.006(3)	0.007(3)
C(31)	2i	−0.0670(7)	0.3376(6)	0.0912(4)	0.041(4)	0.036(4)	0.030(4)	0.009(3)	0.009(3)	0.009(3)
C(32)	2i	−0.1387(7)	0.3172(6)	0.1609(4)	0.032(3)	0.036(4)	0.039(4)	0.011(3)	0.011(3)	0.016(3)
C(33)	2i	−0.2702(7)	0.2149(6)	0.1454(4)	0.036(4)	0.046(5)	0.039(4)	0.007(3)	0.007(3)	0.020(3)
C(34)	2i	−0.3317(8)	0.1982(7)	0.2107(5)	0.043(4)	0.048(5)	0.076(6)	0.016(4)	0.027(4)	0.038(4)
C(35)	2i	−0.2584(9)	0.2831(8)	0.2882(5)	0.062(5)	0.074(6)	0.059(5)	0.035(5)	0.034(4)	0.048(5)
C(36)	2i	−0.1292(9)	0.3803(8)	0.2974(4)	0.066(5)	0.075(6)	0.036(4)	0.025(5)	0.016(4)	0.027(4)
N(9)	2i	0.0345(9)	0.0965(7)	0.1175(5)	0.100(6)	0.084(6)	0.097(6)	0.061(5)	0.048(5)	0.048(5)
C(37)	2i	0.2581(9)	0.0552(8)	0.0526(5)	0.065(5)	0.084(7)	0.066(5)	0.041(5)	0.038(4)	0.042(5)
C(38)	2i	0.136(1)	0.0803(7)	0.0903(5)	0.078(6)	0.044(5)	0.060(5)	0.019(5)	0.008(5)	0.029(4)

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