

## **Symmetrical and unsymmetrical dizinc complexes as models for the active sites of hydrolytic enzymes†**

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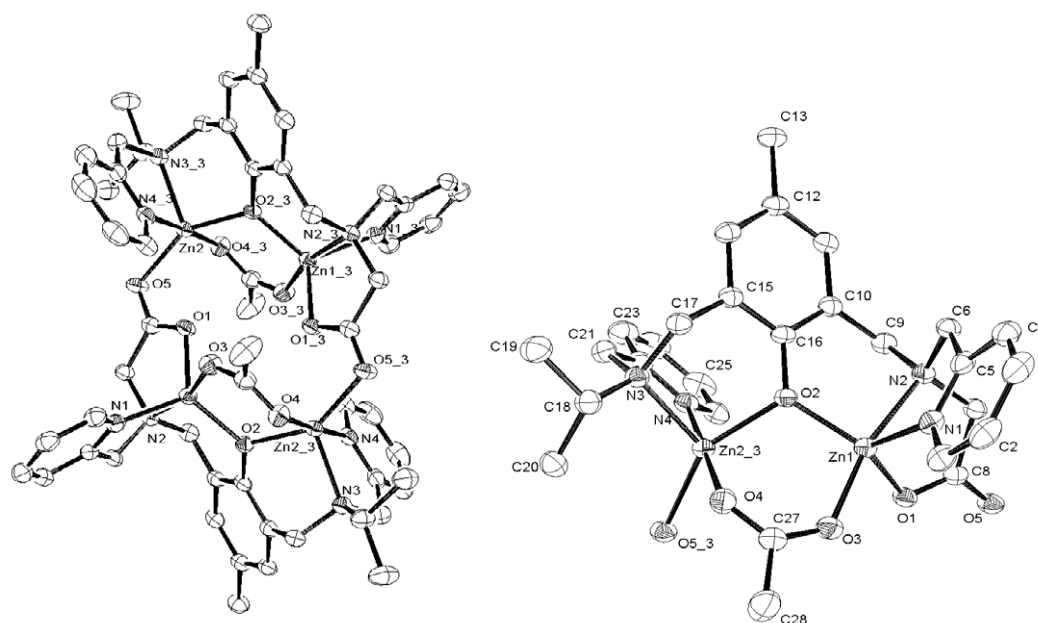
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### **Supplementary Information**

**Figure S1:** An ORTEP representation of the molecular structure of the cation of complex **2**,  $[\{\text{Zn}_2(\text{IPCPMP})(\text{OAc})\}_2]^{2+}$

**Table S1:** Relevant crystallographic details for the crystal structure of  $[\{\text{Zn}_2(\text{IPCPMP})(\text{OAc})\}_2](\text{PF}_6)_2$

**Figure S2:** FAB+ mass spectrum of complex **2** dissolved in a 1:1 MeCN/H<sub>2</sub>O solution



**Figure S1.** An ORTEP representation of the structure of **2**, showing both the dimer of dimers (left) and the simple dimer (right). Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level. Hydrogen atoms, non-coordinated counter ions and solvent molecules have been omitted for clarity. Relevant distances (Å) and angles (°): Zn(1)-O(2) 1.9680(16); Zn(1)-O(3) 2.1132(19); Zn(1)-O(2)-Zn(2) 116.86(8); O(3)-Zn(1)-N(2) 167.07(8); O(2)-Zn(1)-O(1) 121.01(7); O(4\_3)-Zn(2)-N(4\_3) 177.04(7); O(2\_3)-Zn(2)-O(5) 146.06(7).

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for complex **2**.

|                                   |                                                                                                               |                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Identification code               | 2                                                                                                             |                                                                         |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>66</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>10</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>4</sub> |                                                                         |
| Formula weight                    | 1562.59                                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| Temperature                       | 120(2) K                                                                                                      |                                                                         |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                                                                     |                                                                         |
| Crystal system                    | Monoclinic                                                                                                    |                                                                         |
| Space group                       | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                                                            |                                                                         |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 12.5983(2) Å<br>b = 19.4790(3) Å<br>c = 12.5532(4) Å                                                      | $\alpha = 90^\circ$<br>$\beta = 97.187(2)^\circ$<br>$\gamma = 90^\circ$ |
| Volume                            | 3056.38(12) Å <sup>3</sup>                                                                                    |                                                                         |
| Z                                 | 2                                                                                                             |                                                                         |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.698 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                                                                       |                                                                         |
| Absorption coefficient            | 1.704 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                                                        |                                                                         |
| F(000)                            | 1592                                                                                                          |                                                                         |
| Crystal size                      | 0.35 x 0.22 x 0.17 mm <sup>3</sup>                                                                            |                                                                         |
| Theta range for data collection   | 3.47 to 27.48°.                                                                                               |                                                                         |
| Index ranges                      | -16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -25 ≤ k ≤ 25, -<br>16 ≤ l ≤ 16                                                                  |                                                                         |
| Reflections collected             | 53314                                                                                                         |                                                                         |
| Independent reflections           | 6951 [R(int) = 0.0375]                                                                                        |                                                                         |
| Completeness to theta = 27.48°    | 99.2 %                                                                                                        |                                                                         |
| Absorption correction             | Semi-empirical from<br>equivalents                                                                            |                                                                         |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.7464 and 0.5744                                                                                             |                                                                         |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on<br>F <sup>2</sup>                                                                |                                                                         |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 6951 / 0 / 419                                                                                                |                                                                         |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.056                                                                                                         |                                                                         |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0349, wR2 = 0.0897                                                                                     |                                                                         |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0411, wR2 = 0.0954                                                                                     |                                                                         |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 1.292 and -0.726 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                                                                            |                                                                         |

**Figure S2**

