

Zinc(II) complexes derived from imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-ylacetic acid (*HIP-2-ac*):  $[Zn(IP-2-ac)_2(H_2O)]$  and unexpectedly,  $[Zn_3(IP-2-ac)_6(H_2O)] \cdot 11H_2O$ .

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Two zinc(II) complexes based on imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-2-ylacetate (*IP-2-ac*),  $[Zn(IP-2-ac)_2(H_2O)]$  (**1**) and  $[Zn_3(IP-2-ac)_6(H_2O)] \cdot 11H_2O$  (**2**), were synthesized and characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. In both **1** and **2**, zinc(II) ions are five-coordinate with  $N_2O_3$  donor set, best described as a distorted trigonal-bipyramidal geometry. In **1**, two *IP-2-ac* ligands chelate zinc(II) through a *N,O* donor set, whereas in **2**, both bidentate and  $\mu$ -bridging binding modes of *IP-2-ac* are observed. The crystal of **1** comprises discrete  $Zn(IP-2-ac)_2(H_2O)$  coordination entities combined into layers by hydrogen bonds. Inter-layer stabilization of the 3-D crystal lattice is provided by weak  $C-H \cdots O$  contacts and  $\pi \cdots \pi$  interactions. The structure of **2** consists of discrete trinuclear  $Zn_3(IP-2-ac)_6(H_2O)$  coordination entities joined into crystal lattice by multiple water molecules.

Compound **1** was characterized by FTIR and FT-Raman spectroscopy, and in terms of thermal stability. Furthermore, its antibacterial activity was tested against selected gram-positive, gram-negative bacteria, and *Candida albicans* yeast and compared with activity of previously reported  $[M(IP-2-ac)_2(H_2O)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$  ( $M = Co, Ni, Mn, Cd$ ) complexes.

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