



Figure 3

The three-dimensional structure of (I), viewed along the *b* axis. Dashed lines indicate C–H···O and π – π interactions.

naphthoic acid molecule are involved in π – π interactions in the *a* direction with two N1/C12–C16 pyridyl rings at $(-x, 1 - y, -z)$ and $(x, y, 1 + z)$, respectively (Table 3). Along the *c* axis, the adduct is linked into an infinite one-dimensional chain by face-to-face π – π stacking between pyridyl rings and naphthalene rings (Table 3). There are also π – π interactions in the *a* direction between naphthalene rings: ring C2–C4/C11/C10/C9 of the 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid molecule is simultaneously involved in π – π interactions with two rings, *viz.* C2–C4/C11/C10/C9 and C5–C8/C10/C11, of another 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid molecule at $(1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$ (Table 3). Thus, along the (102) direction the adduct is also linked into a one-dimensional chain by π – π stacking between naphthalene rings. As a result, the centrosymmetric adduct is engineered into a two-dimensional structure in the *ac* plane by two kinds of π – π interactions, both of which produce stacking in the *a* direction (Fig. 2).

In the adduct, two C–H groups of the same pyridyl ring are involved in C–H···O interactions with the carboxylic acid group (C12–H12···O2; Table 3) and pyridyl O atom (C13–H13···O4) from the same adduct molecule at $(x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2})$. These weak interactions link the two-dimensional structure into a three-dimensional π – π stacking array (Fig. 3).

The structure of (I) also shows that pyridine *N*-oxide can offer more weak interactions than the pyridine ring, due to its extra O atom which can simultaneously participate in two kinds of hydrogen bonds.

Experimental

A mixture of 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (0.075 g, 0.4 mmol) and 4,4'-bipyridyl *N,N'*-dioxide (0.038 g, 0.2 mmol) was stirred in ethanol (10 ml). The solution was kept in air and after several days yellow crystals of (I) were obtained in 70% yield.

Crystal data

$C_{10}H_8N_2O_2 \cdot 2C_{11}H_8O_3$	$V = 1333.2$ (3) Å ³
$M_r = 564.54$	$Z = 2$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 10.7800$ (16) Å	$\mu = 0.10$ mm ⁻¹
$b = 11.8800$ (11) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
$c = 11.4700$ (15) Å	$0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20$ mm
$\beta = 114.820$ (5)°	

Data collection

Rigaku Mercury CCD diffractometer	9907 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (<i>CrystalClear</i> ; Rigaku, 2000)	3038 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.839$, $T_{\max} = 1.000$	2226 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.024$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$	192 parameters
$wR(F^2) = 0.137$	H-atom parameters constrained
$S = 1.08$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.22$ e Å ⁻³
3038 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.16$ e Å ⁻³

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1–C1	1.227 (2)	O4–N1	1.3252 (17)
O2–C1	1.306 (2)	N1–C12	1.339 (2)
O3–C3	1.362 (2)	N1–C14	1.343 (2)
O4–N1–C12	117.92 (14)	O1–C1–C2	122.98 (17)
O4–N1–C14	121.81 (14)	O2–C1–C2	114.18 (14)
O1–C1–O2	122.83 (17)		

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>
O3–H3···O1	0.84	1.85	2.597 (2)	147
O2–H2···O4	0.84	1.70	2.489 (2)	155

Table 3

Geometric parameters for weak hydrogen bonds and π – π interactions in the title structure (Å, °).

*Cg*1 is the centroid of the C2–C4/C11/C10/C9 ring, *Cg*2 is the centroid of the C5–C8/C10/C11 ring and *Cg*3 is the centroid of the N1/C12–C16 ring.

<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>
C14–H14···O1	0.95	2.50	3.389 (7)	156
C12–H12···O2 [†]	0.95	2.47	3.204 (8)	134
C13–H13···O4 [†]	0.95	2.52	3.362 (3)	147
<i>Cg</i> 1··· <i>Cg</i> 1 ⁱⁱ		3.44 [†]	3.861 (4) [‡]	27 [§]
<i>Cg</i> 1··· <i>Cg</i> 2 ⁱⁱ		3.45	3.886 (3)	27
<i>Cg</i> 1··· <i>Cg</i> 3 ⁱⁱⁱ		3.49	3.712 (4)	19
<i>Cg</i> 2··· <i>Cg</i> 3 ^{iv}		3.58	3.685 (5)	13

[†] Perpendicular distance between *Cg**x* and *Cg**y*. [‡] Distance between ring centroids. [§] Angle between the *Cg**x*···*Cg**y* vector and the normal to the plane of *Cg**y*. Symmetry codes: (i) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$; (iii) $-x, 1 - y, -z$; (iv) $x, y, 1 + z$.

All H atoms were located geometrically and refined as riding, with $C-H = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$ and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2000); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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