

## Rerefinement of the co-crystal of 4-hydroxypyridine with 4-hydroxypyridinium nitrate

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The crystal structure of the title salt adduct,  $C_5H_6NO^+ \cdot NO_3^- \cdot C_5H_5NO$ , has a  $C_5H_6NO^+/C_5H_5NO$  cation/molecule assembly (which lies on an inversion center) whose components are linked through their O atoms by a short hydrogen bond [2.446 (3) Å]. The cation is formally the 4-hydroxypyridinium cation and the neutral component the 4-pyridinone molecule, but the two could not be differentiated as they occupy equivalent positions, with the H atom disordered between them. The nitrogen-bound H atom interacts with the nitrate ion [2.840 (1) Å], which lies on another special position of site symmetry 2.

## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

T = 295 K

Mean  $\sigma(C-C)$  = 0.003 Å

Disorder in main residue

R factor = 0.037

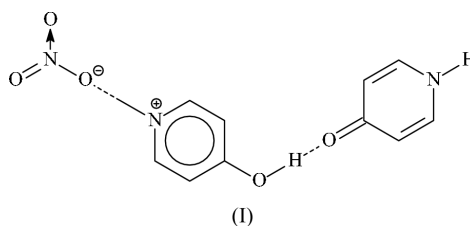
wR factor = 0.117

Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.4

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

## Comment

4-Pyridinone, which exists as a 6/5-hydrate (Jones, 2001), is reported to form a 2:1 adduct with nitric acid; the earlier study had placed an H atom midway between two neutral 4-pyridinone molecules, on a center of inversion (Goodgame *et al.*, 1993). In the present study, the structure was refined without imposing the symmetry constraint on this atom; the structure is consequently interpreted as the title co-crystal (I) (Fig. 1).



The position of the H atom along the linear internuclear axis, when investigated by a *PM3* potential calculation carried out with *HYPERCHEM* (Hypercube, 2000), coincides with the minimum energy when it is off center, at about 1 Å from the single-bonded O atom. The calculations assumed a structure where one ring has a hydroxy group and the other has a double-bonded carbonyl O atom. The published structure (Goodgame *et al.*, 1993) with symmetrical O···H bonds is probably chemically less appropriate.

## Experimental

The title co-crystal was the unexpected compound isolated from the reaction of cadmium nitrate tetrahydrate (3.08 g, 10 mmol) and 4-hydroxypyridine (1.4 g, 15 mmol) in ethanol. The solvent was allowed to evaporate over several days to furnish colorless prismatic crystals of the organic compound. Calculated for  $C_{10}H_{10}N_3O_5$ : C 47.62, H 4.00, N 16.66%; found: C 47.58, H 3.94, N 16.5%. The reaction of the

heterocycle with cobalt nitrate had yielded the water-coordinated bis-adduct (Lu *et al.*, 2004).

Crystal data

$C_5H_6NO^+ \cdot NO_3^- \cdot C_5H_5NO$   
 $M_r = 253.22$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 17.993(4) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 6.528(1) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 12.501(3) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 127.74(3)^\circ$   
 $V = 1161.2(4) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.448 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 5340 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.3\text{--}27.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 295(2) \text{ K}$   
 Prism, colorless  
 $0.38 \times 0.24 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.858, T_{\max} = 0.979$   
 5541 measured reflections

1338 independent reflections  
 1010 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.016$   
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -23 \rightarrow 23$   
 $k = -7 \rightarrow 8$   
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 16$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.117$   
 $S = 1.08$   
 1338 reflections  
 108 parameters  
 All H-atom parameters refined

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0639P)^2 + 0.2278P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.17 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.005(2)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}, ^\circ$ ).

O1—C3	1.291(2)	C2—C3	1.403(2)
N1—C1	1.339(2)	C3—C4	1.411(2)
N1—C5	1.339(2)	C4—C5	1.358(2)
C1—C2	1.354(2)		
C1—N1—C5	120.6(1)	O1—C3—C4	123.3(1)
N1—C1—C2	121.5(2)	C2—C3—C4	116.8(1)
C1—C2—C3	120.0(1)	C3—C4—C5	120.1(1)
O1—C3—C2	119.9(1)	N1—C5—C4	121.0(1)

The carbon-bound H atoms were refined with a distance restraint of 0.95(1)  $\text{\AA}$ ; the nitrogen-bound H atom was refined with a restraint of 0.85(1)  $\text{\AA}$ . The final H atom that would balance the charges was initially located on the  $\bar{1}$  site ( $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}$ ), the atom being midway between the O atom of the cation and that of the symmetry-related neutral molecule. This H atom was then allowed to refine without this symmetry constraint, but with a distance restraint of 0.85(1)  $\text{\AA}$ . The

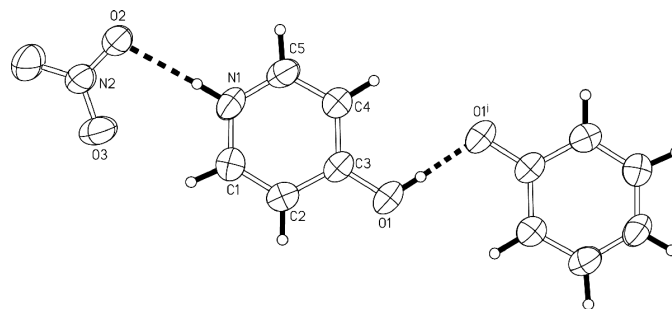


Figure 1

ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I), with ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

H atom is thus disordered over two positions, and the cation and neutral molecule are disordered on equivalent sites.

Data collection: RAPID-AUTO (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: RAPID-AUTO; data reduction: CrystalStructure (Rigaku/MS, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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