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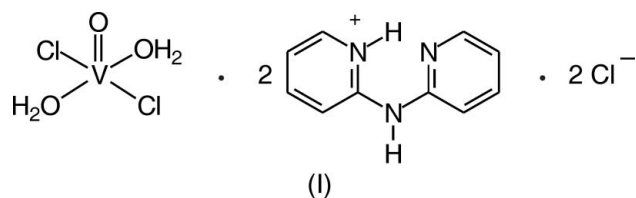
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 303$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.034
 wR factor = 0.097
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.***trans*-Diaquadichlorooxovanadium(IV)
bis[2-(2-pyridylamino)pyridinium]
dichloride**

The neutral complex *trans*-[VOCl₂(H₂O)₂] co-crystallizes with di-2-pyridylamine hydrochloride to provide the title compound, (C₁₀H₁₀N₃)₂[VCl₂O(H₂O)₂]Cl₂. The V-bound aqua ligands form two hydrogen bonds each. The amine functionality of the 2-(2-pyridylamino)pyridinium cation participates as a monovalent donor in the hydrogen bonding. In both instances, interstitial Cl⁻ ions serve as hydrogen-bond acceptors. The three hydrogen bonds that are formed per anion give rise to one-dimensional chains along [100].

Comment

The title compound, (I), is a hydrogen-bonded adduct that is formed upon treatment of a solution of triethyl vanadate(V) with (2,2'-dipyridyl)amine and HCl in hot EtOH. The identity of (I) was established by X-ray diffraction analysis and the structure is presented here.



Compound (I) crystallizes in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$. The unit cell ($Z = 2$) contains two neutral *trans*-[VOCl₂(H₂O)₂] complexes, four Cl⁻ ions and four *N*-(pyridinium-2-yl)-*N*-(2-pyridyl)amine cations. The nitrogen base is

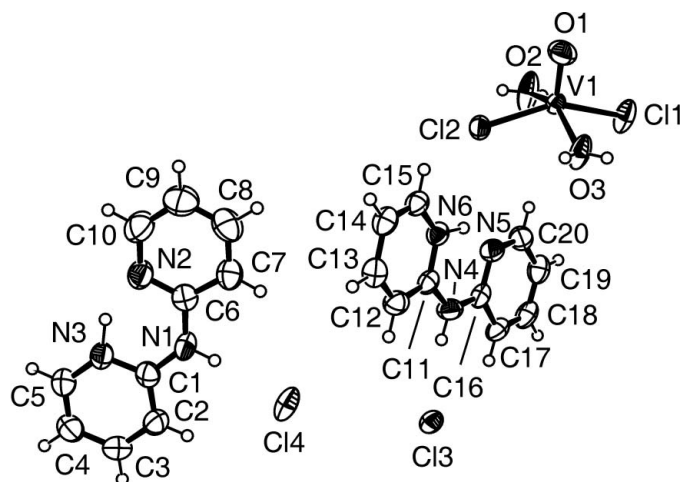


Figure 1
The asymmetric unit of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

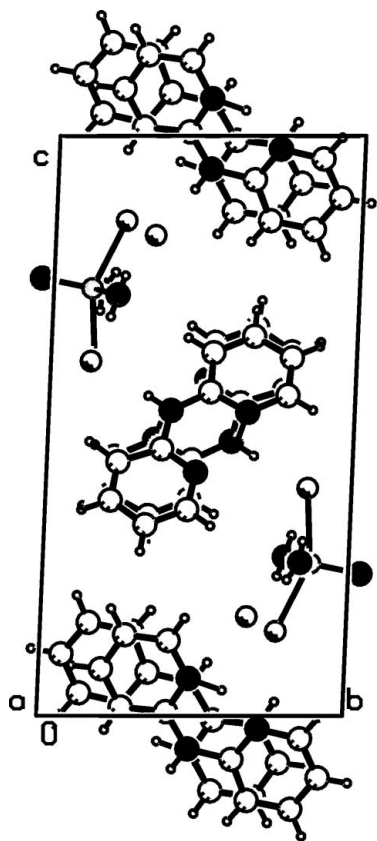


Figure 2
The packing of (I) in the solid state, viewed along [100].

protonated in both crystallographically independent cations at one of the two pyridine N atoms, *viz.* N3 and N6 (Fig. 1). The positive charge that is imposed upon protonation gives rise to Coulomb attractions between N3—H3···N2 and N6—H6···N5, thus leading to a *syn*-planar arrangement of the two heterocyclic N atoms [N3—C1—N1—C6 = 0.2 (4), N2—C6—N1—C1 = 0.6 (4), N6—C11—N4—C16 = 0.7 (4) and N5—C16—N4—C11 = -1.4 (4)^o]. The cations are stacked to form columns along the *a* axis (Fig. 2).

The V atom in *trans*-[VOCl₂(H₂O)₂] is located 0.568 (1) Å above the basal plane of a square-pyramidal coordination polyhedron [atom O3 deviates by 0.032 (4) Å from the plane of atoms Cl1, Cl2 and O2]. The oxido ligand is located at the apex of this pyramid, which gives rise to a symmetry that is close to C_{2v} (Fig. 2). The V1—O1 distance suggests a V=O double bond (Table 1) (Pribsch & Rehder, 1990*a*; Brand *et al.*, 1990). The V1—Cl1 and V1—Cl2 bond lengths, as well as the distances between V1 and atoms O2 and O3 of the aqua ligands, correspond to reference values that have been reported for structurally related neutral vanadium(IV) complexes (Pribsch & Rehder, 1990*a,b*; Azuma *et al.*, 1994). The magnitudes of the Cl1—V1—Cl2 and O2—V1—O3 angles are similar to data that have been reported in the literature for hydrogen-bonded adducts between *trans*-[VOCl₂(H₂O)₂] and selected crown ethers (Azuma *et al.*, 1994).

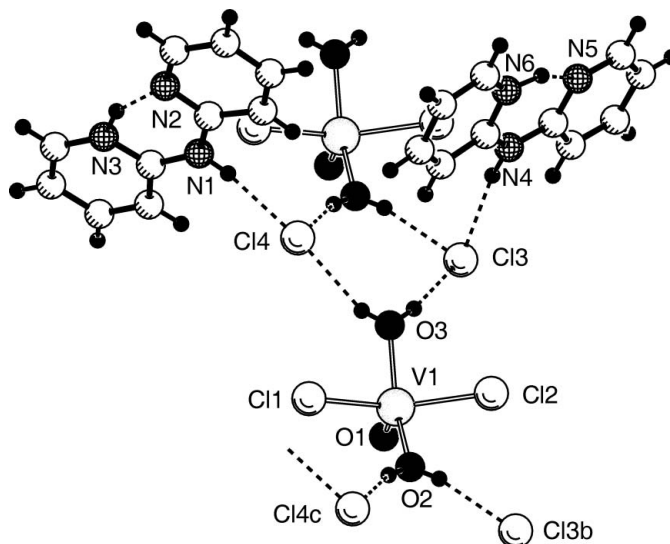


Figure 3
A view of the hydrogen bonding (dashed lines) in (I). Atoms Cl3b and Cl4c are related by the symmetry operator $(-x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$.

The V-bound aqua ligands form two hydrogen bonds each. The amine functionality of the *N*-(pyridinium-2-yl)-*N*-(2-pyridyl)amine cation participates as a monovalent donor in the hydrogen bonding. In both instances, interstitial Cl⁻ ions serve as hydrogen-bond acceptors. The three hydrogen bonds that are formed per anion give rise to one-dimensional chains along [100] (Table 2 and Fig. 3).

Experimental

A solution of triethyl vanadate(V) (202 mg, 1.00 mmol) in anhydrous EtOH (2 ml) was treated at 298 K with (2,2-dipyridyl)amine (342 mg, 2.00 mmol) and hydrochloric acid (0.5 ml of a 10 *M* aqueous solution). The reaction mixture was heated for 5 min at 351 K. The colour changed during that time from yellow to brown, and upon standing for 24 h at 298 K it changed to blue. The blue solution was filtered to afford 167 mg (28%) of turquoise prisms of compound (I), which were suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis.

Crystal data

(C₁₀H₁₀N₃)₂[VCl₂O(H₂O)₂]Cl₂
M_r = 589.19
 Triclinic, P1̄
a = 7.838 (2) Å
b = 9.609 (1) Å
c = 17.739 (3) Å
 α = 86.68 (1)^o
 β = 86.10 (2)^o
 γ = 75.32 (1)^o
V = 1288.3 (4) Å³

Z = 2
D_x = 1.519 Mg m⁻³
 Mo Kα radiation
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections
 θ = 3.2–10.1^o
 μ = 0.83 mm⁻¹
T = 303 (2) K
 Prism, turquoise
 0.25 × 0.15 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 ω/2θ scans
 Absorption correction: ψ scan (North *et al.*, 1968)
T_{min} = 0.735, *T_{max}* = 0.918
 6971 measured reflections
 5048 independent reflections
 3771 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)

R_{int} = 0.024
 θ_{max} = 26.0^o
h = -9 → 3
k = -11 → 11
l = -21 → 21
 3 standard reflections
 frequency: 120 min
 intensity decay: 0.1%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.034$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.097$
 $S = 1.01$
 5048 reflections
 331 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of
 independent and constrained
 refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.054P)^2 + 0.4055P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.50 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.39 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

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

O1—V1	1.572 (2)	V1—Cl2	2.3030 (8)
O2—V1	1.975 (2)	V1—Cl1	2.3169 (8)
O3—V1	1.979 (2)		
O1—V1—O2	106.9 (1)	O3—V1—Cl2	86.13 (6)
O1—V1—O3	106.2 (1)	O1—V1—Cl1	105.55 (8)
O2—V1—O3	147.0 (1)	O2—V1—Cl1	85.55 (6)
O1—V1—Cl2	103.59 (8)	O3—V1—Cl1	85.80 (6)
O2—V1—Cl2	86.12 (7)	Cl2—V1—Cl1	150.85 (3)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1—H1N \cdots Cl4	0.87 (3)	2.29 (3)	3.149 (2)	170 (3)
N3—H3N \cdots N2	1.07 (3)	1.62 (3)	2.608 (3)	150 (2)
N4—H4N \cdots Cl3	0.86 (3)	2.32 (3)	3.168 (2)	169 (3)
N6—H6N \cdots N5	1.07 (3)	1.66 (3)	2.624 (3)	148 (2)
O2—H2A \cdots Cl3 ⁱ	0.84 (1)	2.19 (1)	3.016 (2)	170 (3)
O2—H2B \cdots Cl4 ⁱ	0.84 (1)	2.20 (1)	3.026 (2)	167 (3)
O3—H3B \cdots Cl4 ⁱⁱ	0.84 (1)	2.22 (1)	3.026 (2)	162 (3)
O3—H3B \cdots Cl4 ⁱⁱ	0.84 (1)	2.22 (1)	3.026 (2)	162 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, -y + 1, -z + 1$; (ii) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$.

H atoms bound to C atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding atoms ($C-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$). Water H atoms were refined with restrained geometry (Nardelli, 1999), viz. O—H distances were restrained to 0.85 \AA and $H\cdots H$ distances to 1.34 \AA , determining an H—O—H angle of 107° . H atoms on N atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and their positions were refined. All displacement parameters of H were constrained to 1.2 times U_{eq} of the parent atom.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software* (Enraf-Nonius, 1993); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software*; data reduction: *CAD-4 Diffractometer Control Software*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON2003* (Spek, 2003) and *ORTEP3* (Farrugia, 1997, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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