

trans-1,2-Bis(4-pyridyl)ethylene monohydrateWei Huang^{a*} and Hui-Fen Qian^b^aCoordination Chemistry Institute, State Key Laboratory of Coordination Chemistry, Nanjing University, Nanjing, 210093, People's Republic of China, and ^bCollege of Sciences, Nanjing University of Technology, Nanjing, 210009, People's Republic of China

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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 100$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.036
 wR factor = 0.090
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In the title compound, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, intermolecular $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$ hydrogen bonds are highly effective in forming a one-dimensional chain. In addition, the presence of $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ hydrogen bonds helps to build a three-dimensional supramolecular network, thereby stabilizing the crystal structure.

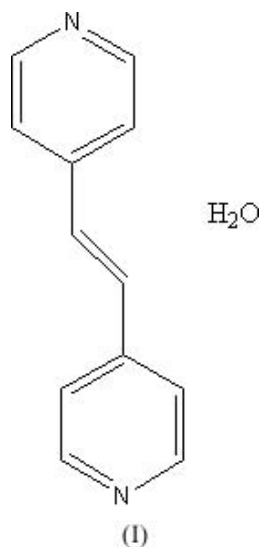
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Comment

1,2-Bis(4-pyridyl)ethylene is a bidentate ligand in terms of coordination chemistry and to date a large number of structures involving this molecule have been reported. Both *cis* and *trans* isomers have been structurally characterized (Wenger *et al.*, 2004; Vansant *et al.*, 1980). In this paper, we present the crystal structure of the *trans* isomer in its monohydrate form, (I).



The atom-numbering scheme of (I) is shown in Fig. 1, while selected bond distances and bond angles are given in Table 1. The molecule adopts a *trans* configuration, with a dihedral angle between the pyridine rings of $20.3(2)^\circ$.

Intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions are the most important feature in the title compound. $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$ hydrogen

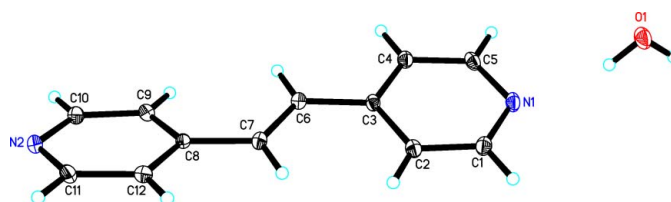


Figure 1

The title molecule with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

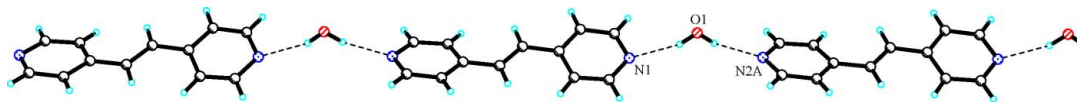


Figure 2

View of the one-dimensional chain structure sustained by hydrogen bonds (dashed lines). Suffix A denotes symmetry operator $(x, 1 + y, z)$.

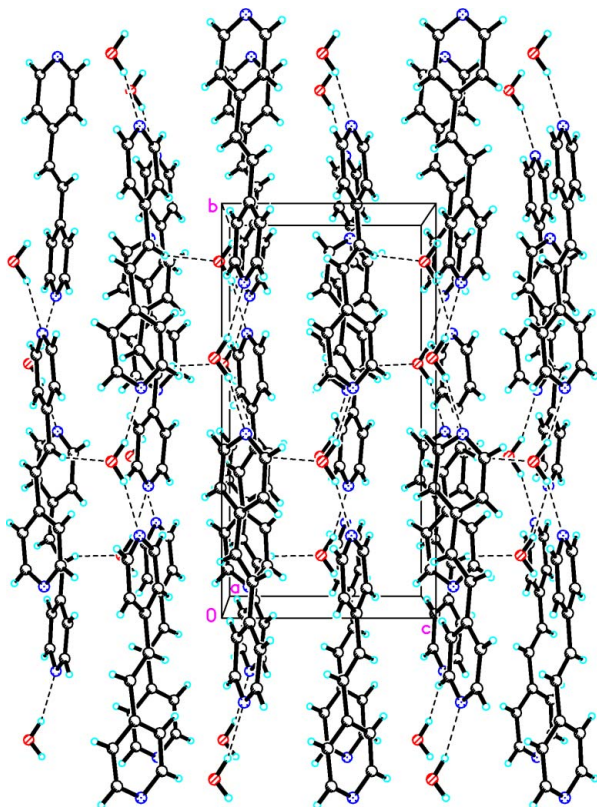


Figure 3

Packing diagram of (I), viewed along the a axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

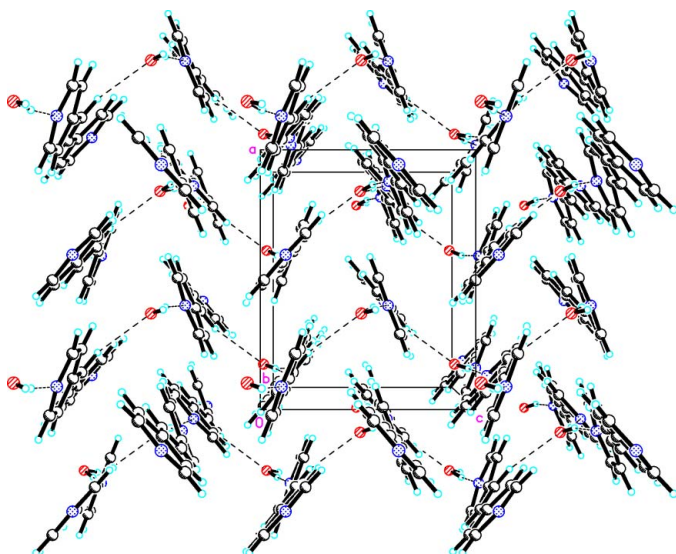


Figure 4

Perspective view of (I), viewed along the b axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

bonds between the N atoms of adjacent pyridine rings and the water molecules link the *trans*-1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethylene

molecules into one-dimensional chains extending along the b axis (Fig. 2 and Table 2). Neighboring chains are packed *via* van der Waals interactions; there are no π - π stacking interactions between the aromatic rings (Fig. 3). In addition, the structure is further stabilized by weak C—H...O hydrogen bonds between the H atom bonded to C7 and the water molecule, forming a three-dimensional supramolecular hydrogen-bond network (Fig. 4).

Experimental

trans-1,2-Bis(4-pyridyl)ethylene was purchased from Aldrich Co. Colorless crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown from a mixture of ethanol and water (3:1) by slow evaporation at room temperature. Analysis calculated for $C_{12}H_{12}N_2O$: C 71.98, N 13.99, H 6.04%; found: C 71.96, N 13.98, H, 6.07%.

Crystal data

$C_{12}H_{10}N_2 \cdot H_2O$
 $M_r = 200.24$
 Orthorhombic, $Pna2_1$
 $a = 9.1778$ (18) Å
 $b = 14.768$ (3) Å
 $c = 7.6109$ (15) Å
 $V = 1031.5$ (4) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.289$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 4671 reflections
 $\theta = 3.5$ – 27.5°
 $\mu = 0.08$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 100$ (2) K
 Block, colorless
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku Mercury CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (REQAB; Jacobson, 1998)
 $T_{min} = 0.978$, $T_{max} = 0.982$
 9337 measured reflections

1194 independent reflections
 1182 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.072$
 $\theta_{max} = 27.0^\circ$
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$
 $k = -18 \rightarrow 15$
 $l = -9 \rightarrow 9$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.090$
 $S = 1.17$
 1194 reflections
 144 parameters

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0372P)^2 + 0.2772P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.20$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.15$ e Å⁻³

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C1—N1	1.339 (3)	C7—C8	1.474 (2)
C3—C6	1.482 (2)	C10—N2	1.341 (3)
C5—N1	1.336 (3)	C11—N2	1.338 (3)
C6—C7	1.333 (3)		
C7—C6—C3	124.08 (17)	C6—C7—C8	125.35 (17)
C2—C3—C6—C7	2.5 (3)	C6—C7—C8—C9	17.1 (3)
C3—C6—C7—C8	−178.96 (19)		

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C7-H7\cdots O1^i$	0.95	2.39	3.284 (3)	157
$O1-H1B\cdots N2^{ii}$	0.87 (5)	2.05 (5)	2.875 (2)	159 (4)
$O1-H1A\cdots N1$	0.85 (4)	2.08 (4)	2.897 (2)	161 (4)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $x, y - 1, z$.

H atoms, except those of the water molecule, were placed in geometrically idealized positions ($C-H = 0.95$ Å) and refined as riding atoms, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2_{eq}(C)$. Water H atoms were located in a difference synthesis map and refined isotropically [$O-H = 0.85$ (4)– 0.87 (5) Å]. In the absence of significant anomalous scattering, Friedel equivalents were merged before the final refinement.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Molecular Structure Corporation & Rigaku Corporation, 2001); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation & Rigaku Corporation, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL*

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