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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.007 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.060$
$w R$ factor $=0.141$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=12.3$
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## 1,10-Phenanthrolinium-6-carboxypyridine-2-carboxylate-1,10-phenanthroline-pyridine-2,6dicarboxylic acid-ethanol-water (1/1/1/1/1/1)

In the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \cdot-$ $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, the cations are stacked along the $b$ axis to form a column-like structure. The anions, ethanol molecules and water molecules are linked via $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds to form a zigzag sheet-like structure. The cationic columns and anionic sheets are alternately arranged along the $c$ axis.

## Comment

The asymmetric unit of (I), contains a $\left(\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{2}\right)^{+}$ cation, a $\left(\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right)^{-}$anion, a solvent ethanol molecule and a water molecule (Fig. 1). The N3-H3AN.N5 ${ }^{\mathrm{i}}$ hydrogen-bonded (see Table 2 for symmetry code) 1,10phenanthrolinium and 1,10-phenanthroline molecules form a cation, and the $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \cdots \mathrm{O} 5^{\mathrm{iii}}$ hydrogen-bonded pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid and 6-carboxypyridine-2-carboxylate molecules form an anion. The $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond lengths of the carboxylate group $[\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{O} 5=1.289(4) \AA$ and $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{O} 6=$ $1.222(5) \AA$ A $]$ are not equal as the $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \cdots \mathrm{O} 5^{\mathrm{iii}}[\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}=$ $2.440(4) \AA]$ hydrogen bond is stronger than the $\mathrm{O} 9-$ $\mathrm{H} 9 \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{v}}[\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}=2.768$ (5) $\AA$ ] hydrogen bond. The other bond lengths and angles in the cation are comparable to corresponding values found in its complexes (Fu, Sun et al., 2004; Fu, Wang \& Shen, 2004; Fu, Wang, Shen \& Zhang, 2004; $\mathrm{Fu}, \mathrm{Fu} \& \mathrm{Yu}, 2005$ ), and those in the anion of (I) are consistent with the values found in its complexes (Fu, Wang \& Liu, 2004; Fu, Wang \& Sun, 2005).

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In the crystal structure of (I), the cations are stacked along the $b$ axis to form a column-like structure. The anions and ethanol and water molecules are linked via $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2) to form a zigzag sheetlike structure. The cationic columns and anionic sheets are alternately arranged along the $c$ axis (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

Phenanthroline ( 1 mmol ) and dipicolinic acid ( 1 mmol ) were dissolved in a 1:1 alcohol and distilled water solution $(20 \mathrm{ml})$, which was allowed to stand in air. After 14 d , colourless prism-shaped crystals separated. These were collected, washed with water and dried in a vacuum over $\mathrm{CaCl}_{2}$ (yield $41 \%$ ). Elemental analysis found: C
63.17, H 4.44, N $10.98 \%$; calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{34} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{10}$ : C 63.32, H 4.51, N 11.08\%.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{NO}_{4}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \cdot-$
$\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{O} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$M_{r}=758.73$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{b} / c$
$a=20.802$ (7) А
$b=7.861$ (3) $\AA$
$c=24.488(6) \AA$
$\beta=116.72(2)^{\circ}$
$V=3577(2) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 1997)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.961, T_{\text {max }}=0.989$
18072 measured reflections
$D_{x}=1.409 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 1469 reflections
$\theta=2.6-20.2^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.10 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293$ (2) K
Prism, colourless
$0.39 \times 0.13 \times 0.11 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.060$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.141$
$S=1.00$
6314 reflections
512 parameters

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left(\AA,{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| O1-C1 | $1.196(5)$ | O4-C7 | $1.281(4)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O2-C1 | $1.309(5)$ | O7-C8 | $1.321(5)$ |
| O3-C7 | $1.213(5)$ | O8-C8 | $1.206(5)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| O1-C1-O2 | $124.2(4)$ | O8-C8-O7 | $120.9(5)$ |
| O1-C1-C2 | $122.7(4)$ | O8-C8-C | $123.1(5)$ |
| O2-C1-C2 | $113.1(4)$ | O7-C8-C9 | $116.0(5)$ |
| O3-C7-O4 | $126.5(5)$ | O6-C14-O5 | $125.0(4)$ |
| O3-C7-C6 | $121.0(4)$ | O6-C14-C13 | $120.7(4)$ |
| O4-C7-C6 | $112.5(4)$ | O5-C14-C13 | $114.3(4)$ |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\mathrm{A},{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 A \cdots \mathrm{~N} 5^{\text {i }}$ | 0.86 | 2.08 | 2.863 (5) | 152 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{O} 10^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.82 | 1.74 | 2.549 (4) | 170 |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \cdots \mathrm{O} 5^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.82 | 1.64 | 2.440 (4) | 164 |
| $\mathrm{O} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 \cdots \mathrm{O} 9^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.82 | 1.93 | 2.686 (5) | 154 |
| O7-H7 . . N2 | 0.82 | 2.17 | 2.662 (4) | 118 |
| O9-H9 . $\mathrm{O}^{\text {b }}$ | 0.82 | 1.96 | 2.768 (5) | 169 |
| O9-H9 . .N $2^{\text {v }}$ | 0.82 | 2.41 | 2.850 (5) | 114 |
| $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{H} 1 \cdots \mathrm{O} 1$ | 0.87 (2) | 2.02 (2) | 2.869 (5) | 167 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{H} 6 \cdots 3^{\text {vi }}$ | 0.84 (2) | 2.23 (4) | 2.876 (4) | 134 (4) |
| $\mathrm{O} 10-\mathrm{H} 6 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 1^{\text {vi }}$ | 0.84 (2) | 2.35 (3) | 3.041 (5) | 140 (4) |

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

The water H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps, and were refined with $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ distance restraints of 0.85 (2) and 1.35 (2) $\AA$, respectively, and with fixed $U_{\text {iso }}$ value of $0.08 \AA^{2}$. All other


Figure 1
The asymmetric unit of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.


Crystal packing of (I), showing the hydrogen-bonded interactions as dashed lines.

H atoms were placed in idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}=0.82 \AA, \mathrm{~N}-\mathrm{H}=0.86 \AA, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=$ $0.93-0.97 \AA$, and $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.5 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{O})$ for methyl and hydroxy H atoms, and $1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N})$ for other H atoms.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPIII (Burnett \& Johnson, 1996) and PLATON (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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