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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.064 wR factor = 0.133 Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.8

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1:1 Cocrystal of 2,5-di-4-pyridyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole and hydroquinone

The title complex, 2,5-di-4-pyridyl-1,3,4-oxadiazole–hydroquinone (1/1), $C_{12}H_8N_4O\cdot C_6H_6O_2$, crystallized from a solvent mixture of methanol and water. $O-H\cdot\cdot\cdot N$ hydrogen bonds link the molecules to give a chain structure. Received 10 October 2005 Accepted 1 December 2005 Online 7 December 2005

Comment

Hydrogen bonding is important in the areas of crystal engineering, supramolecular chemistry, materials science and biological recognition (Desiraju, 1989; Jeffrey & Saenger, 1991; Holman *et al.*, 2001). Recently, angular dipyridyl-donor basic compounds, such as 2,5-bis(4-pyridyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (bpo), have been used to produce a series of infinite/discrete coordination polymers/supramolecules with interesting structures and properties (Dong *et al.*, 2003; Du *et al.*, 2005). In our search to identify the properties of cocrystal materials of diols with linear/angular base components and to further understand the role of synthons in crystal engineering, we have prepared and determined the crystal structure of the acid– base cocrystal consisting of bpo and hydroquinone (Fig. 1).



A view of the title structure is shown in Fig. 1. The asymmetric unit consists of one bpo and one hydroquinone molecules. In the crystal structure, a one-dimensional chain is formed via $O-H \cdots N$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

Experimental

A mixture of 2,5-bis(4-pyridyl)-1,3,4-oxadiazole (112 mg, 0.5 mmol) (Ren *et al.*, 1995) and hydroquinone (55 mg, 0.5 mmol) was recrys-tallized from methanol and water in 70% yield (110 mg), from which a light-yellow block-shaped crystal suitable for X-ray diffraction was



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Figure 1 View of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the 30% probability level.

selected. Analysis found: C 64.47, H 4.20, N 16.64%; requires: C 64.67, H 4.22, N 16.76%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): v 2450, 1705, 1612, 1569, 1537, 1413, 1276, 1206, 1011, 836, 741, 723.

Crystal data

 $M_r = 334.33$

 $C_{12}H_8N_4O \cdot C_6H_6O_2$

Orthorhombic, Pbca

a = 13.811 (7) Å

b = 5.855 (2) Å c = 38.550 (15) Å

V = 3117 (2) Å²

 $D_x = 1.425 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Z = 8

Mo K α radiation Cell parameters from 250 reflections $\theta = 7.5-15^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 (2) KBlock, light yellow $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

3067 independent reflections

Data collection Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer

diffractometer2489 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ φ and ω scans $R_{int} = 0.040$ Absorption correction: multi-scan $\theta_{max} = 26.0^{\circ}$ (SADABS; Bruker, 2001) $h = -17 \rightarrow 14$ $T_{min} = 0.971, T_{max} = 0.980$ $k = -7 \rightarrow 7$ 15649 measured reflections $l = -47 \rightarrow 45$

Refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0414P)^2]$
+ 1.24P]
where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: SHELXL97
Extinction coefficient: 0.0006 (2)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
$02-H2A\cdots N4 O3-H3A\cdots N1^{i}$	0.85 (3)	1.94 (3)	2.784 (3)	170 (3)
	0.89 (4)	1.93 (4)	2.811 (3)	171 (4)

Symmetry code: (i) $x, -y - \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$.

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined independently with isotropic displacement parameters.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); program(s) used to solve



Figure 2 Packing diagram (Spek, 2003), showing hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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