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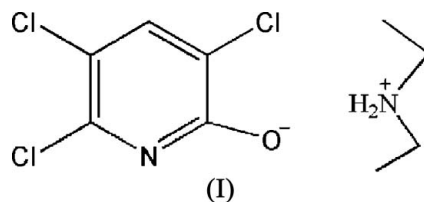
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.039  
 $wR$  factor = 0.116  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 21.6For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.*N*-Ethylethanaminium 3,5,6-trichloropyridin-2-olateReceived 17 February 2006  
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In the title salt,  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{12}\text{N}^+\cdot\text{C}_5\text{HCl}_3\text{NO}^-$ , the non-H atoms of the cation are essentially coplanar. Intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds link two cations and two anions into a centrosymmetric cluster. The crystal packing is further stabilized by van der Waals forces.

## Comment

The title compound, (I), was prepared as an intermediate for the synthesis of 3,5,6-trichloropyridin-2-ol-containing compounds, which exhibit potential bioactivity, such as chloropyrifos (Fakhraian *et al.*, 2004), chloropyrifos methyl (Baughman, 1989) and triclopyr (Fox *et al.*, 2002). The title compound was obtained by mixing sodium 3,5,6-trichloropyridin-2-olate with *N*-ethylethanaminium chloride and crystallized from diethyl ether.



In the *N*-ethylethanaminium cation of (I), the non-H atoms form a serrated structure with  $\text{C6}-\text{C7}-\text{N2}$  and  $\text{C7}-\text{N2}-\text{C8}$  angles of  $111.5(2)$  and  $112.56(19)^\circ$  (Table 1), respectively. The 3,5,6-trichloropyridin-2-olate anion, with an  $\text{O1}-\text{C1}$  distance of  $1.2699(17)\text{ \AA}$ , is essentially planar, with an  $\text{O1}-\text{C1}-\text{C2}-\text{Cl1}$  torsion angle of  $0.7(2)^\circ$ . In the crystal structure, intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2) link two cations and two anions into a centrosymmetric cluster (Fig. 1). The crystal packing is further stabilized by van der Waals forces.

## Experimental

Sodium 3,5,6-trichloropyridin-2-olate (1.10 g, 5 mmol) was dissolved in distilled water (20 ml) at 373 K, the solution was cooled to room temperature, and then *N*-ethylethanaminium, which was generated from diethylamine (1.0 ml, 10 mmol) with HCl (36%, 1.0 ml), was added dropwise with stirring for 0.5 h. The solution was extracted with diethyl ether ( $2 \times 15\text{ ml}$ ) and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Suitable crystals were obtained from a diethyl ether solution (m.p. 399–400 K).

## Crystal data

$C_4H_{12}N^+ \cdot C_5HCl_3NO^-$   
 $M_r = 271.57$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 7.527$  (6) Å  
 $b = 9.196$  (6) Å  
 $c = 10.978$  (7) Å  
 $\alpha = 106.36$  (2)°  
 $\beta = 105.32$  (3)°  
 $\gamma = 105.28$  (3)°  
 $V = 654.6$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.378$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 5373 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.0$ – $27.5$ °  
 $\mu = 0.68$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (1) K  
 Chunk, colourless  
 $0.38 \times 0.36 \times 0.28$  mm

## Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.761$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.827$   
 6442 measured reflections

2964 independent reflections  
 2106 reflections with  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.023$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5$ °  
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -11 \rightarrow 10$   
 $l = -14 \rightarrow 14$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.116$   
 $S = 1.01$   
 2964 reflections  
 137 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[0.0011F_o^2 + \sigma(F_o^2)]/(4F_o^2)$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.50$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.42$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: Larson (1970)  
 Extinction coefficient: 42 (12)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C11–C2	1.728 (2)	N1–C5	1.3181 (19)
C13–C5	1.735 (2)	N2–C7	1.480 (3)
O1–C1	1.2699 (17)	N2–C8	1.467 (3)
N1–C1	1.347 (2)	C1–C2	1.421 (2)
C1–N1–C5	120.24 (15)	N1–C1–C2	118.02 (13)
C7–N2–C8	112.56 (19)	C11–C2–C1	118.02 (12)
O1–C1–N1	118.98 (15)	C11–C2–C3	121.17 (15)
O1–C1–C2	123.00 (18)	N2–C7–C6	111.5 (2)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
N2–H201 $\cdots$ O1	0.90	1.88	2.7022 (19)	152
N2–H202 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.90	1.87	2.748 (2)	166

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x, -y, -z + 1$ .

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å and N–H = 0.90 Å, and refined as riding with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.17$ – $1.34 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier atom})$ .

