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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 292 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.056 wR factor = 0.155 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.7

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# 4,4'-Bipyridine-2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid (1/1)

The title compound,  $C_{10}H_8N_2 \cdot C_7H_6O_4$ , consists of 4,4'bipyridine and 2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid molecules, which are linked *via* O–H···N hydrogen bonds, forming infinite onedimensional chains. Adjacent chains are further linked into a two-dimensional structure by C–H··· $\pi$  interactions. Received 31 May 2006 Accepted 9 June 2006

## Comment

The reliability of hydrogen bonds has been widely applied to organize one-, two- and three-dimensional networks. Moreover, hydrogen-bonded networks are organized according to their dimensionality and shape (Beatty, 2003). We report here the structure of the title compound, (I).



Compound (I) consists of 4,4'-bipyridine and 2,4dihydroxybenzoic acid molecules (Fig. 1). Atoms O2 and O4 of 2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid acts as hydrogen-bond donors to atoms N1 and N2 of 4,4'-bipyridine (Table 1), generating an infinite one-dimensional chain along the [401] direction (Fig. 2). There is also an intramolecular O-H···O hydrogen bond in 2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid, leading to an S(6) ring. In addition, adjacent chains are linked into a two-dimensional framework by C-H··· $\pi$  interactions with an H15···Cg1(x,  $\frac{3}{2} - y, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ) distance of 2.73 Å (Fig. 3; Cg1 is the centroid of the C1-C6 ring).



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#### Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

# Experimental

All reagents were commercially available and of analytical grade. An ethanol solution (3 ml) of 4,4'-bipyridine (0.156 g, 1 mmol) was added dropwise to a vigorously stirred solution of 2,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid (0.31 g, 2.0 mmol) in 10 ml distilled water. The solution was then stirred for 15 min at 343 K and filtered. On slow evaporation of the filtrate for 3 d, crystals of (I) appeared and were selected. The crystal shape and IR spectrum confirmed that they were not the starting materials. We expected to prepare a bipyridinium dihydroxybenzoate salt. However, the obtained compound was, in fact, a co-crystal of the neutral molecules.

#### Crystal data

 $C_{10}H_8N_2 \cdot C_7H_6O_4$   $M_r = 310.30$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  a = 6.6085 (8) Å b = 10.7724 (12) Å c = 20.809 (2) Å  $\beta = 95.942$  (2)° V = 1473.4 (3) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4  $D_x = 1.399 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation  $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 292 (2) KPlate, colorless  $0.32 \times 0.20 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: none 12686 measured reflections 3528 independent reflections 2537 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.109$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.3^{\circ}$ 

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0824P)^{2}]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.41 \text{ e} \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$   $wR(F^2) = 0.155$  S = 1.003528 reflections 211 parameters

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$O2-H2\cdots N1^i$	0.82	1.82	2.6298 (15)	172
O3−H3A…O1	0.82	1.88	2.6003 (16)	146
$O4-H4\cdot\cdot\cdot N2^{ii}$	0.82	1.98	2.7622 (19)	160
$C15-H15\cdots Cg1^{iii}$	0.93	2.73	3.3328 (19)	124

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii)  $x + 1, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions and refined as riding, with C-H = 0.93 Å and O-H = 0.82 Å, and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:



## Figure 2

Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a chain along the [401] direction. H atoms have been omitted unless involved in hydrogen bonds (dashed lines). [Symmetry codes: (a) x - 1, y, z; (b) 1 + x,  $\frac{3}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .]



#### Figure 3

A part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a sheet by the C-H··· $\pi$  interactions between adjacent chains. H atoms have been omitted unless involved in hydrogen bonds (dashed lines). [Symmetry code: (#)  $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .]

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