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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=120 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.004 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.054$
$w R$ factor $=0.137$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=11.9$
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## Nicotinium nitrate monohydrate

In the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}{ }^{-} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, the nicotinium cation is essentially planar. $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}-$ $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds link the molecules into layers parallel to the (10 $\overline{1})$ plane.

## Comment

Nicotinic acid (vitamin B3), known as niacin, is a lipid lowering agent widely used to treat hypertriglyceridemia by the inhibition of lipolysis in adipose tissue (Athimoolam \& Rajaram, 2005). The nicotinic acid complex 5-methylpyrazine-2-carboxylic acid-4-oxide is a commonly used drug for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia (Lorenzen et al., 2001). Coordination complexes of nicotinic acid with metals such as Sn possess antitumour activity greater than the well known cisplatin or doxorubicin (Gielen et al., 1992). The enzyme nicotinic acid mononucleotide adenyltransferase is essential for the synthesis of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide in all living cells and is a potential target for antibiotics (Kim et al., 2004). As a part of our investigation of inorganic salts of nicotinic acid, we report here the crystal structure of nicotinium nitrate monohydrate, (I).

(I)

The asymetric unit of (I) contains a nicotinium cation, a nitrate anion and a water molecule (Fig. 1). Protonation of atom N 1 of nicotine results in a widening of the $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 6$ angle to $122.9(3)^{\circ}$, compared with 118.9 (3) ${ }^{\circ}$ in unprotonated nicotinic acid (Kutoglu \& Scheringer, 1983). The nicotinium cation is essentially planar, with a maximum deviation from the mean plane of 0.048 (2) $\AA$ for atom O1.

The crystal packing is stabilized by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), which link the molecules into layers parallel to the (10 $\overline{1})$ plane (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

Nitric acid was added dropwise to an aqueous solution of nicotinic acid, in stoichiometric amounts. The solution was heated at 323 K for

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2 h . Colourless block-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation over a period of one week.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{NO}_{2}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{NO}_{3}-\cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$M_{r}=204.14$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / n$
$a=6.6539$ (7) $\AA$
$b=12.3682(15) \AA$
$c=10.1814$ (15) $\AA$
$\beta=100.967$ (7) ${ }^{\circ}$
$V=822.59(18) \AA^{3}$

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\begin{aligned}
& Z=4 \\
& D_{x}=1.641 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \mu=0.15 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=120(2) \mathrm{K} \\
& \text { Block, colourless } \\
& 0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.07 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
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## Data collection

Bruker Nonius KappaCCD areadetector diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2003)

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T_{\min }=0.970, T_{\max }=0.990
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## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.055$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.137$
$S=0.98$
1604 reflections
135 parameters


Figure 1
The asymmetric unit of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme, with $50 \%$ probability displacement ellipsoids. Hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines.


Figure 2
A packing diagram for (I), viewed down the $b$ axis. Hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines.

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