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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.046  
 $wR$  factor = 0.131  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.0

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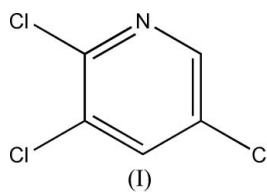
## 2,3,5-Trichloropyridine

The molecule of the title compound,  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_2\text{Cl}_3\text{N}$ , is essentially planar. In the crystal structure, molecules are stacked along the short  $a$  axis and form a layer structure parallel to the  $(\bar{1}02)$  plane. No  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions or hydrogen bonds are observed.

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#### Comment

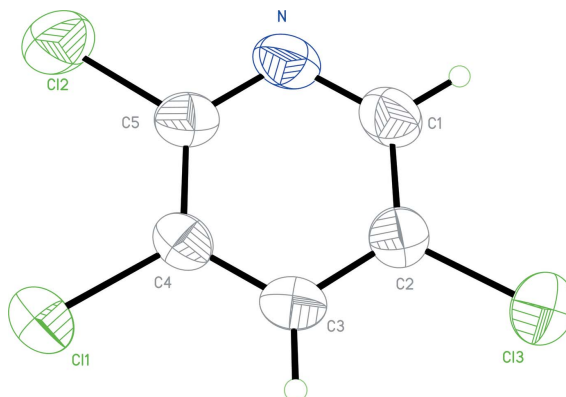
2,3,5-Trichloropyridine is a valuable intermediate for producing herbicidally active  $\alpha$ -[4-(3',5'-dichloropyrid-2-yloxy)-phenoxy]alkanecarboxylic acids and their derivatives (Fah & Grieder, 1981). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Bond lengths and angles (Table 1) are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The molecule is essentially planar. In the crystal structure, the molecules are stacked along the short  $a$  axis without any  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions (Fig. 2). The stacking results in the formation of layers parallel to the  $(\bar{1}02)$  plane. No hydrogen bonds are observed in the crystal structure.

#### Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared according to the literature method of Fah & Grieder (1981). Single crystals were obtained by dissolving



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

compound (I) (0.2 g) in methanol (30 ml) and evaporating the solvent slowly at room temperature for about 7 d.

Crystal data

$C_5H_2Cl_3N$   
 $M_r = 182.43$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 3.8860$  (8) Å  
 $b = 16.144$  (3) Å  
 $c = 10.959$  (2) Å  
 $\beta = 97.61$  (3)°  
 $V = 681.5$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.788$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 1.24$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (2) K  
 Block, colorless  
 $0.40 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4  
 diffractometer  
 $\omega/2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan  
 (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{min} = 0.637$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.790$   
 1525 measured reflections

1328 independent reflections  
 953 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.043$   
 $\theta_{max} = 25.9^\circ$   
 3 standard reflections  
 every 200 reflections  
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.131$   
 $S = 1.02$   
 1328 reflections  
 83 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.075P)^2 + 0.0336P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.34$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.37$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.050 (6)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C11–C4	1.722 (3)	N–C5	1.315 (4)
C12–C5	1.717 (3)	N–C1	1.332 (4)
C13–C2	1.729 (4)		
C5–N–C1	118.4 (3)	C5–C4–C11	120.9 (3)
N–C1–C2	122.1 (3)	N–C5–C4	122.8 (3)
C3–C2–C13	120.6 (3)	N–C5–C12	116.0 (2)
C1–C2–C13	119.6 (3)	C4–C5–C12	121.2 (3)
C3–C4–C11	120.2 (2)		

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C–H = 0.93 Å, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

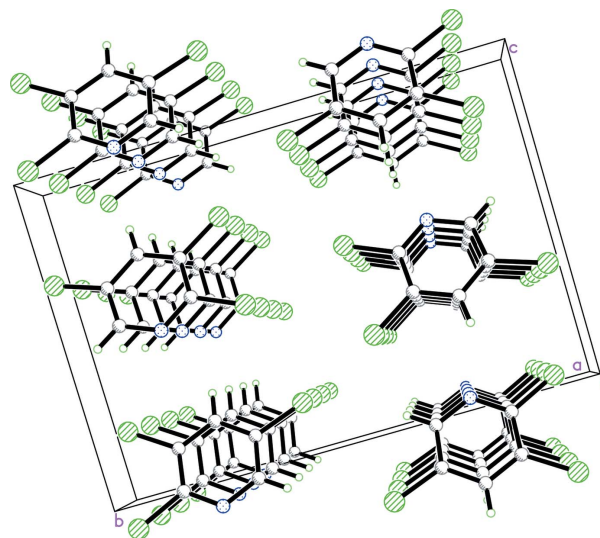


Figure 2  
 A packing diagram of (I).

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1985); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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