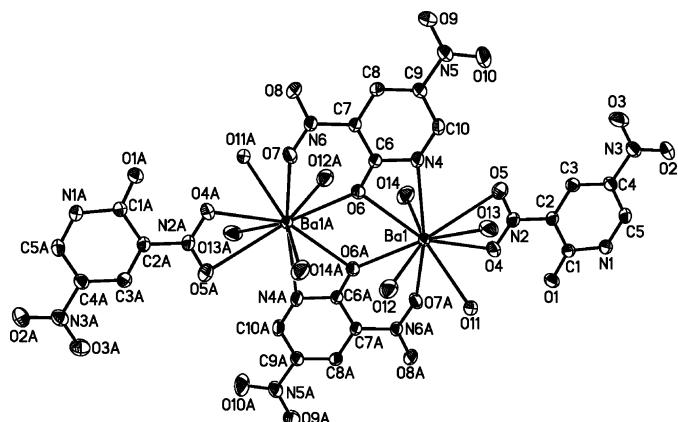


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The barium cation in the centrosymmetric title compound, $[\text{Ba}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_5)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8]$, is in a ten-coordinate environment with two anionic ligands and four water molecules. The Ba—O bond distances lie in the range 2.723 (2)–3.260 (2) Å. The deprotonated O atom of the ligand bridges the Ba atoms to form a dimeric unit, forming an approximately regular parallelogram Ba_2O_2 motif. The dimeric units are linked in a three-dimensional network by hydrogen bonds.

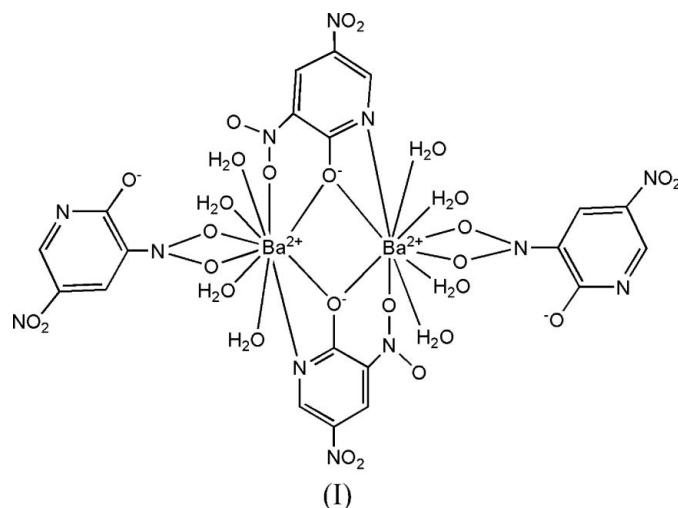
Comment

3,5-Dinitropyridine exists as a monomeric molecule whose aromatic ring is delocalized (Destro *et al.*, 1974). Pyridone and hydroxypyridine are tautomeric organic molecules. A calculation of the two tautomeric forms of unsubstituted hydroxypyridine, benzenoid and quinonoid structures, judged that the benzenoid form is slightly more preferable than the quinonoid form (Kuz'mina *et al.*, 1999). 3,5-Dinitropyridine and its derivatives have received much attention owing to their practical applications. Indeed, the number of patent claims and publications related to 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitropyridine show it to be extremely important as an intermediate for oxidative dyestuffs, medicines or agrochemicals (Tanogaki *et al.*, 1994). In addition, some derivatives of 3,5-dinitropyridine have nonlinear optical properties (Twieg *et al.*, 1982), and a variety of substituted 3,5-dinitropyridine compounds are used as herbicidal chemicals (Driscoll, 1970). 2-Hydroxyl-3,5-dinitropyridine and its metal complexes are explosive and are used as energetic catalysts for solid propellants in order to adjust and improve their trajectory properties (Zhao *et al.*, 2003). The crystal structure of the ligand 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitropyridine was reported last year (Zhang *et al.*, 2006).

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure, showing the atom-numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry code: (A) $-x, 1 - y, 2 - z$.]

In the centrosymmetric title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), the barium cation is in a ten-coordinate environment with two anionic ligands and four water molecules. The Ba–O bond distances lie in the range 2.723 (2)–3.260 (2) Å (Table 1), which is well within the ranges reported for comparable barium complexes (Otway & Rees, 2000; Pan *et al.*, 2001; Hancock *et al.*, 2004). The deprotonated O atom of the ligand bridges the Ba atoms to form a dimeric unit. The bridging Ba–O bonds in the Ba_2O_2 motif make an approximately regular parallelogram of the Ba and bridging O atoms, with a Ba···Ba distance of 4.677 (2) Å. The mean C–O distance is slightly longer than that in the free ligand 1.223 (3) Å (Zhang *et al.*, 2006), and indicative of the weakening of the carbonyl bond strength after coordination. The dimeric units are linked into a three-dimensional network by hydrogen bonds.



Experimental

Barium hydroxide (0.77 g, 0.5 mmol) was added to 2-hydroxy-3,5-dinitropyridine (1.85 g, 10 mmol) suspended in water (20 ml). The suspension was heated to 343 K until it had dissolved completely. The solution was concentrated and then set aside for the growth of crystals. Yellow crystals were isolated after several weeks.

Crystal data

$[\text{Ba}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_2\text{N}_3\text{O}_5)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8]$	$\gamma = 96.027$ (1)°
$M_r = 1155.17$	$V = 941.98$ (16) Å ³
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$Z = 1$
$a = 8.2036$ (8) Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 10.6875$ (11) Å	$\mu = 2.20$ mm ⁻¹
$c = 10.8308$ (11) Å	$T = 291$ (2) K
$\alpha = 93.150$ (1)°	$0.42 \times 0.31 \times 0.29$ mm
$\beta = 92.219$ (1)°	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	8122 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	4239 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.457$, $T_{\max} = 0.567$	4071 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
(expected range = 0.426–0.529)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.013$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.016$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$wR(F^2) = 0.039$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.37$ e Å ⁻³
$S = 1.06$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.55$ e Å ⁻³
4239 reflections	
313 parameters	
12 restraints	

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Ba–O14	2.7232 (18)	Ba1–O6	2.8651 (13)
Ba1–O6 ⁱ	2.7644 (13)	Ba1–O7 ⁱ	2.9204 (13)
Ba1–O13	2.7819 (16)	Ba1–N4	2.9426 (16)
Ba1–O11	2.8029 (14)	Ba1–O4	3.0060 (14)
Ba1–O12	2.8604 (17)	Ba1–O5	3.2602 (15)
O14–Ba1–O6 ⁱ	76.86 (5)	O13–Ba1–N4	69.78 (5)
O14–Ba1–O13	127.73 (5)	O11–Ba1–N4	132.55 (5)
O6 ⁱ –Ba1–O13	153.82 (5)	O12–Ba1–N4	98.33 (5)
O14–Ba1–O11	139.34 (5)	O6–Ba1–N4	45.52 (4)
O6 ⁱ –Ba1–O11	104.69 (4)	O7 ⁱ –Ba1–N4	160.93 (5)
O13–Ba1–O11	63.92 (5)	O14–Ba1–O4	78.47 (5)
O14–Ba1–O12	142.48 (5)	O6 ⁱ –Ba1–O4	120.41 (4)
O6 ⁱ –Ba1–O12	69.67 (5)	O13–Ba1–O4	77.99 (5)
O13–Ba1–O12	84.16 (5)	O11–Ba1–O4	65.65 (4)
O11–Ba1–O12	67.86 (4)	O12–Ba1–O4	133.44 (4)
O14–Ba1–O6	75.81 (5)	O6–Ba1–O4	150.19 (4)
O6 ⁱ –Ba1–O6	67.64 (4)	O7 ⁱ –Ba1–O4	67.02 (4)
O13–Ba1–O6	106.48 (5)	N4–Ba1–O4	114.60 (4)
O11–Ba1–O6	143.33 (4)	O14–Ba1–O5	69.37 (5)
O12–Ba1–O6	76.17 (4)	O6 ⁱ –Ba1–O5	143.47 (5)
O14–Ba1–O7 ⁱ	82.94 (5)	O13–Ba1–O5	62.66 (5)
O6 ⁱ –Ba1–O7 ⁱ	56.74 (4)	O11–Ba1–O5	92.48 (4)
O13–Ba1–O7 ⁱ	127.38 (5)	O12–Ba1–O5	146.60 (5)
O11–Ba1–O7 ⁱ	66.26 (4)	O6–Ba1–O5	115.14 (4)
O12–Ba1–O7 ⁱ	92.30 (5)	O7 ⁱ –Ba1–O5	104.47 (4)
O6–Ba1–O7 ⁱ	123.57 (4)	N4–Ba1–O5	74.74 (4)
O14–Ba1–N4	78.98 (6)	O4–Ba1–O5	39.86 (4)
O6 ⁱ –Ba1–N4	112.52 (4)		

Symmetry code: (i) $-x, -y + 1, -z + 2$.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D\cdots H\cdots A$	$D\cdots H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\cdots H\cdots A$
O11–H1W···O7 ⁱⁱ	0.811 (16)	2.273 (17)	3.0752 (19)	170 (3)
O11–H1W···O8 ⁱⁱ	0.811 (16)	2.53 (2)	3.125 (2)	131 (2)
O11–H2W···O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.826 (16)	1.946 (17)	2.7234 (19)	156 (3)
O11–H2W···O4 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.826 (16)	2.46 (2)	3.046 (2)	129 (2)
O14–H8W···N1 ^{iv}	0.814 (16)	2.062 (18)	2.833 (2)	158 (3)
O12–H3W···O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.842 (17)	2.03 (2)	2.828 (2)	159 (4)
O13–H5W···O2 ^v	0.811 (17)	2.091 (17)	2.897 (2)	172 (3)
O14–H7W···O12 ⁱ	0.794 (17)	2.132 (18)	2.908 (2)	166 (3)
O13–H6W···O11	0.805 (17)	2.52 (3)	2.956 (2)	115 (3)
O13–H6W···O8 ⁱⁱ	0.805 (17)	2.71 (3)	3.230 (2)	124 (3)
O13–H6W···O3 ^{vi}	0.805 (17)	2.57 (3)	3.203 (3)	137 (3)
O12–H4W···O9 ^{vii}	0.811 (17)	2.35 (2)	3.114 (3)	158 (3)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, -y + 1, -z + 2$; (ii) $x, y, z - 1$; (iii) $-x, -y + 1, -z + 1$; (iv) $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$; (v) $x - 1, -y, -z + 1$; (vi) $x - 1, y, z$; (vii) $-x, -y, -z + 2$.

Aryl H atoms were treated as riding, with C–H distances of 0.93 Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. Water H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine

structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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