

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
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 $b = 26.059 (19)$  Å  
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 $\beta = 116.245 (13)^\circ$   
 $V = 1143.3 (16)$  Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 98$  K  
 $0.40 \times 0.26 \times 0.08$  mm

## Benzoic acid-4-[(1*E*)-[(*E*)-2-(pyridin-4-yl-methylidene)hydrazin-1-ylidene]methyl]-pyridine (2/1)

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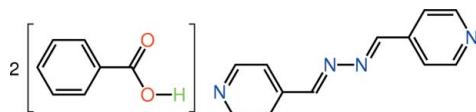
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 98$  K; mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.004$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.072;  $wR$  factor = 0.191; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.5.

In the title co-crystal,  $C_{12}H_{10}N_4 \cdot 2C_7H_6O_2$ , the complete 4-pyridinealdehyde molecule is generated by a crystallographic centre of inversion. In the crystal, molecules are connected into a three component aggregate *via* O—H···N hydrogen bonds. As both the benzoic acid [O—C—C—C torsion angle = 174.8 (2)°] and 4-pyridinealdehyde (r.m.s. deviation of the 16 non-H atoms = 0.041 Å) molecules are almost planar, the resulting three-component aggregate is essentially planar. The crystal packing comprises layers of the three-component aggregates of alternating orientation stacked along the  $b$  axis; the connections between the molecules are of the types C—H···π and π—π [pyridine–benzene centroid–centroid distance = 3.787 (4) Å].

### Related literature

For related studies on co-crystal formation involving the isomeric *n*-pyridinealdehydes, see: Broker *et al.* (2008); Arman *et al.* (2010a,b).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$C_{12}H_{10}N_4 \cdot 2C_7H_6O_2$

$M_r = 454.48$

#### Data collection

Rigaku AFC12/SATURN724 diffractometer  
6111 measured reflections

1956 independent reflections  
1620 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.063$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.072$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.191$   
 $S = 1.12$   
1956 reflections  
157 parameters  
1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.28$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$Cg1$  is the centroid of the C2–C7 ring.

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O1—H1 $\text{o}$ ···N1 <sup>i</sup>	0.85 (3)	1.80 (3)	2.642 (4)	175 (4)
C6—H6···Cg1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.64	3.540 (5)	159

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

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Molecular Structure Corporation & Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: HB5684).

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### Comment

In connection with co-crystallization studies of the isomeric n-pyridinealdazines (Broker *et al.*, 2008; Arman *et al.*, 2010*a,b*), the co-crystallization of benzoic acid and 4-pyridinealdazine was investigated. This lead to the isolation of the title 2/1 co-crystal, (I).

The asymmetric unit in (I) comprises a molecule of benzoic acid, Fig. 1, and half a molecule of 4-pyridinealdazine, with the latter disposed about a centre of inversion, Fig. 2. The constituents of (I) are connected by O—H···N hydrogen bonds, Table 1, to generate a centrosymmetric three component aggregate. The carboxylic acid group is co-planar with the benzene ring to which it is connected [the O1—C1—C2—C3 torsion angle is 174.8 (2) °] and, similarly, the 4-pyridinealdazine molecule is planar with the r.m.s. deviation of the 16 non-hydrogen atoms being 0.041 Å [maximum deviation = 0.075 (3) Å for the methylene-C13 atom]. Accordingly, the three component aggregate is essentially planar.

In the crystal packing, layers of three component aggregates of alternating orientation stack along the *b* axis, Fig. 3. Connections between the molecules are of the type C—H···π, Table 1, and π—π [ring centroid(N1,C8—C12)···ring centroid(C2—C7) = 3.787 (4) Å].

### Experimental

Yellow blocks of (I) were isolated from the 2/1 co-crystallization of 2-phenylacetic acid (Sigma Aldrich) and 4-{(1*E*)-[*(E*)-2-(pyridin-4-ylmethylidene)hydrazin-1-ylidene]methyl}pyridine (Sigma Aldrich), in ethanol; m. pt. 395–397 K.

IR assignment (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2923 v(C—H); 1693 v(C=O); 1602 v(C=N); 1492, 1453, 1409 v(C—C(aromatic)); 1306 v(C—N); 817, 716 δ(C—H).

### Refinement

C-bound H-atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H 0.95 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding model approximation with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  set to  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The O-bound H-atom was located in a difference Fourier map and was refined with a distance restraint of O—H 0.84±0.01 Å, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

### Figures

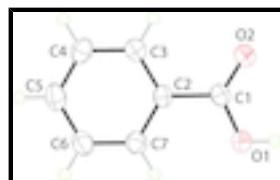


Fig. 1. Molecular structure of benzoic acid found in the structure of (I) showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level

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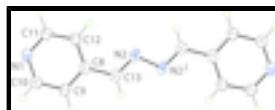


Fig. 2. Molecular structure of 4-pyridinealdazine found in the structure of (I) showing displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level. The molecule is disposed about a centre of inversion with  $i = 1 - x, -y, 1 - z$ .

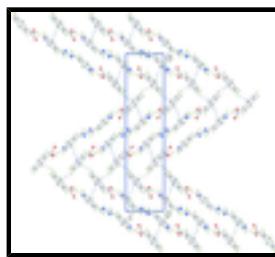


Fig. 3. A view in projection down the  $a$  axis showing the stacking of layers comprising three component aggregates along  $b$ . The O—H···N, C—H··· $\pi$  and  $\pi$ — $\pi$  interactions are shown as orange, purple and blue dashed lines, respectively.

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6111 measured reflections	$k = -30 \rightarrow 30$
1956 independent reflections	$l = -8 \rightarrow 6$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Least-squares matrix: full	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.072$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$wR(F^2) = 0.191$	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$S = 1.12$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.083P)^2 + 0.7947P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

1956 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
157 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.30 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1 restraint	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

### Special details

**Geometry.** All s.u.'s (except the s.u. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell s.u.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of s.u.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between s.u.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell s.u.'s is used for estimating s.u.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) etc. and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

### Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.2366 (3)	0.14824 (8)	0.4031 (3)	0.0367 (5)
H1o	0.254 (6)	0.1339 (13)	0.305 (4)	0.055*
O2	-0.0291 (3)	0.09135 (7)	0.3447 (3)	0.0348 (5)
C1	0.0732 (4)	0.12953 (10)	0.4330 (4)	0.0279 (6)
C2	0.0247 (4)	0.15989 (10)	0.5862 (4)	0.0272 (6)
C3	-0.1544 (5)	0.14691 (10)	0.6194 (4)	0.0294 (6)
H3	-0.2428	0.1185	0.5480	0.035*
C4	-0.2032 (5)	0.17572 (11)	0.7573 (4)	0.0363 (7)
H4	-0.3265	0.1673	0.7784	0.044*
C5	-0.0723 (6)	0.21684 (12)	0.8644 (5)	0.0422 (8)
H5	-0.1061	0.2363	0.9591	0.051*
C6	0.1078 (6)	0.22960 (12)	0.8335 (5)	0.0415 (8)
H6	0.1974	0.2576	0.9074	0.050*
C7	0.1563 (5)	0.20132 (11)	0.6942 (4)	0.0334 (7)
H7	0.2788	0.2101	0.6723	0.040*
N1	0.2915 (4)	0.09852 (9)	1.1065 (3)	0.0308 (6)
N2	0.5060 (4)	0.01762 (9)	0.5783 (3)	0.0316 (6)
C8	0.3397 (4)	0.03986 (10)	0.8005 (4)	0.0268 (6)
C9	0.1647 (4)	0.03201 (10)	0.8464 (4)	0.0285 (6)
H9	0.0594	0.0065	0.7743	0.034*
C10	0.1466 (5)	0.06209 (10)	0.9991 (4)	0.0312 (7)
H10	0.0264	0.0567	1.0288	0.037*
C11	0.4597 (4)	0.10580 (11)	1.0616 (4)	0.0293 (6)
H11	0.5632	0.1315	1.1365	0.035*
C12	0.4898 (5)	0.07771 (10)	0.9114 (4)	0.0297 (6)
H12	0.6110	0.0842	0.8843	0.036*
C13	0.3593 (4)	0.00791 (10)	0.6385 (4)	0.0278 (6)
H13	0.2627	-0.0200	0.5783	0.033*

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### Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0403 (12)	0.0415 (12)	0.0340 (12)	-0.0088 (9)	0.0215 (9)	-0.0103 (9)
O2	0.0347 (11)	0.0351 (11)	0.0342 (11)	-0.0036 (9)	0.0150 (9)	-0.0074 (8)
C1	0.0293 (14)	0.0281 (14)	0.0218 (14)	0.0032 (11)	0.0073 (11)	0.0008 (10)
C2	0.0322 (14)	0.0282 (14)	0.0206 (13)	0.0035 (11)	0.0112 (11)	0.0028 (10)
C3	0.0353 (15)	0.0253 (14)	0.0256 (14)	0.0018 (11)	0.0116 (11)	0.0043 (11)
C4	0.0401 (17)	0.0392 (16)	0.0346 (16)	0.0054 (13)	0.0210 (13)	0.0058 (12)
C5	0.059 (2)	0.0381 (17)	0.0346 (17)	0.0030 (15)	0.0255 (15)	-0.0042 (13)
C6	0.0503 (19)	0.0390 (17)	0.0370 (17)	-0.0072 (14)	0.0210 (14)	-0.0098 (13)
C7	0.0371 (16)	0.0337 (16)	0.0293 (15)	-0.0027 (12)	0.0145 (12)	-0.0005 (11)
N1	0.0353 (13)	0.0328 (13)	0.0241 (12)	0.0048 (10)	0.0130 (10)	0.0024 (9)
N2	0.0405 (14)	0.0303 (13)	0.0235 (12)	0.0005 (10)	0.0138 (11)	-0.0029 (9)
C8	0.0301 (14)	0.0278 (14)	0.0211 (13)	0.0076 (11)	0.0100 (11)	0.0044 (10)
C9	0.0313 (14)	0.0321 (14)	0.0198 (13)	0.0020 (11)	0.0091 (11)	0.0013 (10)
C10	0.0295 (15)	0.0341 (15)	0.0286 (15)	0.0027 (11)	0.0115 (12)	0.0031 (11)
C11	0.0300 (14)	0.0302 (14)	0.0250 (14)	0.0018 (11)	0.0098 (11)	0.0002 (10)
C12	0.0298 (14)	0.0323 (15)	0.0263 (14)	0.0024 (11)	0.0118 (12)	0.0011 (11)
C13	0.0328 (14)	0.0246 (13)	0.0234 (14)	0.0025 (11)	0.0100 (11)	0.0022 (10)

### Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

O1—C1	1.325 (3)	N1—C11	1.342 (4)
O1—H1O	0.85 (3)	N1—C10	1.343 (4)
O2—C1	1.220 (3)	N2—C13	1.283 (4)
C1—C2	1.499 (4)	N2—N2 <sup>i</sup>	1.418 (4)
C2—C3	1.395 (4)	C8—C12	1.393 (4)
C2—C7	1.400 (4)	C8—C9	1.394 (4)
C3—C4	1.389 (4)	C8—C13	1.476 (4)
C3—H3	0.9500	C9—C10	1.390 (4)
C4—C5	1.390 (4)	C9—H9	0.9500
C4—H4	0.9500	C10—H10	0.9500
C5—C6	1.390 (5)	C11—C12	1.384 (4)
C5—H5	0.9500	C11—H11	0.9500
C6—C7	1.389 (4)	C12—H12	0.9500
C6—H6	0.9500	C13—H13	0.9500
C7—H7	0.9500		
C1—O1—H1O	114 (3)	C2—C7—H7	120.0
O2—C1—O1	123.6 (3)	C11—N1—C10	117.7 (2)
O2—C1—C2	122.8 (3)	C13—N2—N2 <sup>i</sup>	110.7 (3)
O1—C1—C2	113.6 (2)	C12—C8—C9	118.1 (2)
C3—C2—C7	119.9 (3)	C12—C8—C13	122.8 (3)
C3—C2—C1	119.5 (2)	C9—C8—C13	119.1 (2)
C7—C2—C1	120.6 (3)	C10—C9—C8	119.0 (3)
C4—C3—C2	119.7 (3)	C10—C9—H9	120.5
C4—C3—H3	120.1	C8—C9—H9	120.5

C2—C3—H3	120.1	N1—C10—C9	122.9 (3)
C3—C4—C5	120.3 (3)	N1—C10—H10	118.5
C3—C4—H4	119.8	C9—C10—H10	118.5
C5—C4—H4	119.8	N1—C11—C12	123.2 (3)
C6—C5—C4	120.2 (3)	N1—C11—H11	118.4
C6—C5—H5	119.9	C12—C11—H11	118.4
C4—C5—H5	119.9	C11—C12—C8	119.1 (3)
C5—C6—C7	119.8 (3)	C11—C12—H12	120.5
C5—C6—H6	120.1	C8—C12—H12	120.5
C7—C6—H6	120.1	N2—C13—C8	120.4 (2)
C6—C7—C2	120.1 (3)	N2—C13—H13	119.8
C6—C7—H7	120.0	C8—C13—H13	119.8
O2—C1—C2—C3	-5.1 (4)	C12—C8—C9—C10	0.2 (4)
O1—C1—C2—C3	174.8 (2)	C13—C8—C9—C10	180.0 (2)
O2—C1—C2—C7	175.5 (2)	C11—N1—C10—C9	0.3 (4)
O1—C1—C2—C7	-4.6 (4)	C8—C9—C10—N1	-0.4 (4)
C7—C2—C3—C4	1.0 (4)	C10—N1—C11—C12	0.0 (4)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-178.4 (2)	N1—C11—C12—C8	-0.1 (4)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-1.0 (4)	C9—C8—C12—C11	0.1 (4)
C3—C4—C5—C6	0.3 (4)	C13—C8—C12—C11	-179.7 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C7	0.3 (5)	N2 <sup>i</sup> —N2—C13—C8	-179.7 (2)
C5—C6—C7—C2	-0.3 (5)	C12—C8—C13—N2	-7.2 (4)
C3—C2—C7—C6	-0.3 (4)	C9—C8—C13—N2	173.0 (2)
C1—C2—C7—C6	179.1 (2)		

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

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Fig. 1

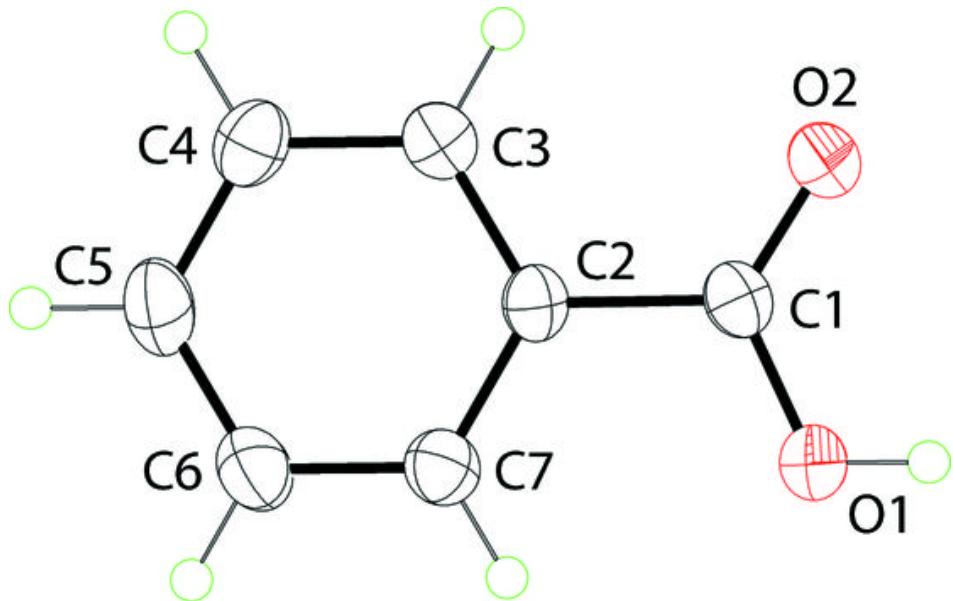
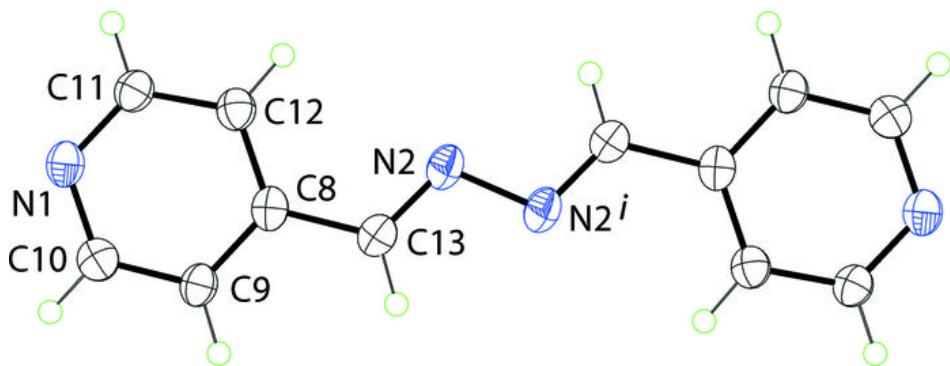


Fig. 2



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Fig. 3

