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## 6,6'-(Pyridine-2,6-diyl)bis(pyrrolo[3,4-b]-pyridine-5,7-dione)

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T=100 \mathrm{~K}$; mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.002 \AA$; $R$ factor $=0.034 ; w R$ factor $=0.091$; data-to-parameter ratio $=15.0$.

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4}$, has crystallographically imposed twofold rotational symmetry. The asymmetric unit contains one half-molecule. The crystal structure is stabilized by $\pi-\pi$ stacking of inversion-related pyrrolo $[3,4-b]$ pyridine rings, with a centroid-centroid distance between stacked pyridines of 3.6960 (8) $\AA$. The dihedral angle between the central pyridine ring and the pyrrolo-pyridine side rings is $77.86(2)^{\circ}$ while the angle between the two side chains is 60.87 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$.

## Related literature

For related structures, see: Jain et al. (2004). For related metal complexes, see: Schutte et al. (2009, 2010); Brink et al. (2011).


## Experimental

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4}$
$V=1596.1$ (3) $\AA^{3}$
$M_{r}=371.31$
Monoclinic, $C 2 / c$
$Z=4$
$a=14.539$ (1) A
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$b=7.391$ (1) $\AA$
$\mu=0.11 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$c=15.686$ (1) $\AA$
$\beta=108.752$ (2) ${ }^{\circ}$
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
$0.34 \times 0.29 \times 0.27 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker X8 APEXII 4K KappaCCD diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2004)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.681, T_{\text {max }}=0.746$

## Refinement

$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.034 \quad 128$ parameters
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.091 \quad \mathrm{H}$-atom parameters constrained
$S=1.06$
1920 reflections

12803 measured reflections 1920 independent reflections 1717 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ $R_{\text {int }}=0.024$

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2010); cell refinement: SAINTPlus (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT-Plus; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg \& Putz, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: $\operatorname{WinGX}$ (Farrugia, 1999).

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## supplementary materials

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## Comment

The title compound was synthesized as a ligand for potential use in medical and radiopharmaceutical applications (Schutte et al., 2009; Schutte et al., 2010; Brink et al., 2011).

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{4}$, has crystallographically imposed two-fold rotational symmetry. The asymmetric unit contains one half-molecule with $\mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{H} 1$ and N 1 lying on a two-fold rotational axis. The dihedral angle between the central pyridine ring and the pyrrolo-pyridine side rings is $77.86(2)^{\circ}$ while the angle between the two side chains is 60.87 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$.

In the crystal, all bond distances and angles are normal (Jain et al. (2004). The molecules pack in layers, diagonally across the $a c$ plane in a head-to-tail fashion and the structure is stabilized by $\pi-\pi$ stacking between the outlying pyridine rings of inversion-related structures. The centroid to centroid distances between these stacked rings $=3.6960$ (8) $\AA$ (see Fig. 2).

## Experimental

Under oxygen atmosphere: 2,3-pyridinedicarboxylic acid ( $1.000 \mathrm{~g}, 5.982 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added as a solid in one portion to a suspension of 2,6 -diaminopyridine $(0.3092 \mathrm{~g}, 2.833 \mathrm{mmol})$ in pyridine $(10 \mathrm{ml})$ and the mixture was stirred at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 40 min. Triphenylphosphite ( 10 ml ) was added dropwise over 10 minutes after which the temperature was increased to 90-100 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and stirred for a further 24 h . On cooling the precipitate was filtered, washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(50 \mathrm{ml})$ and then $\mathrm{MeOH}(50 \mathrm{ml})$. The precipitate was recrystallized in chloroform to obtain colourless crystals after five days.

## Refinement

The aromatic H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions at $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93 \AA$, respectively and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$. The highest peak is located $0.67 \AA$ from C 5 and the deepest hole is situated $1.26 \AA$ from C1

## Figures



Fig. 1. Molecular structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. Unlabelled atoms are related to their labelled counterparts by a crystallographic 2-fold rotation about $b$.

Fig. 2. Packing and illustration of $\pi-\pi$ stacking in the crystal.

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$Z=4$
$F(000)=760$
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.545 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 6738 reflections
$\theta=2.7-28.3^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.11 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
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Cuboid, colourless
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## Data collection

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$R_{\text {int }}=0.024$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=28^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=3.1^{\circ}$
$h=-19 \rightarrow 15$
$k=-9 \rightarrow 9$
$l=-20 \rightarrow 20$

## Refinement

## Refinement on $F^{2}$

Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.034$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.091$
$S=1.06$

1920 reflections
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
H -atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0432 P)^{2}+1.2599 P\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}<0.001$
128 parameters
0 restraints
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.31 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.21 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}$

## Special details

Experimental. The intensity data were collected on a Bruker X8 ApexII 4 K Kappa CCD diffractometer using an exposure time of 30 $\mathrm{s} /$ frame. A total of 1758 frames were collected with a frame width of $0.5^{\circ}$ covering up to $\theta=28.00^{\circ}$ with $99.3 \%$ completeness accomplished.

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 1.s. planes.

Refinement. Refinement of $F^{2}$ against ALL reflections. The weighted $R$-factor $w R$ 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 $F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)$ 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 ( $A^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }} / U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | $-0.05122(6)$ | $0.18475(11)$ | $0.00789(5)$ | $0.0226(2)$ |
| O2 | $0.22325(6)$ | $0.31769(14)$ | $0.24267(6)$ | $0.0327(2)$ |
| N1 | 0 | $0.22247(19)$ | 0.25 | $0.0206(3)$ |
| N2 | $0.07684(7)$ | $0.22769(13)$ | $0.13958(6)$ | $0.0209(2)$ |
| N3 | $0.07688(7)$ | $0.39842(13)$ | $-0.07379(6)$ | $0.0212(2)$ |
| C7 | $0.17897(8)$ | $0.39008(15)$ | $0.08242(7)$ | $0.0210(2)$ |
| C4 | $0.02795(8)$ | $0.24566(15)$ | $0.04720(7)$ | $0.0186(2)$ |
| C10 | $0.15034(8)$ | $0.48687(16)$ | $-0.09009(8)$ | $0.0231(2)$ |
| H10 | 0.1419 | 0.5224 | -0.149 | $0.028^{*}$ |
| C6 | $0.16835(8)$ | $0.31349(16)$ | $0.16665(8)$ | $0.0232(2)$ |
| C5 | $0.09539(8)$ | $0.35189(15)$ | $0.01192(7)$ | $0.0184(2)$ |
| C8 | $0.25407(8)$ | $0.48175(16)$ | $0.06507(8)$ | $0.0249(3)$ |
| H8 | 0.3115 | 0.5102 | 0.1104 | $0.03^{*}$ |
| C9 | $0.23809(8)$ | $0.52873(16)$ | $-0.02460(8)$ | $0.0246(3)$ |
| H9 | 0.2863 | 0.5884 | -0.0407 | $0.029^{*}$ |
| C3 | $0.03783(8)$ | $0.12612(16)$ | $0.19763(7)$ | $0.0205(2)$ |
| C2 | $0.04021(8)$ | $-0.06106(16)$ | $0.19451(7)$ | $0.0228(2)$ |
| H2 | 0.0678 | -0.1208 | 0.1565 | $0.027^{*}$ |
| C1 | 0 | $-0.1562(2)$ | 0.25 | $0.0237(3)$ |
| H1 | 0 | -0.282 | 0.25 | $0.028^{*}$ |

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

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | $0.0175(4)$ | $0.0269(4)$ | $0.0224(4)$ | $-0.0041(3)$ | $0.0052(3)$ | $-0.0019(3)$ |
| O2 | $0.0241(5)$ | $0.0474(6)$ | $0.0219(4)$ | $-0.0071(4)$ | $0.0010(4)$ | $-0.0015(4)$ |
| N1 | $0.0173(6)$ | $0.0254(7)$ | $0.0177(6)$ | 0 | $0.0037(5)$ | 0 |
| N2 | $0.0179(5)$ | $0.0265(5)$ | $0.0180(4)$ | $-0.0026(4)$ | $0.0053(4)$ | $-0.0012(4)$ |
| N3 | $0.0210(5)$ | $0.0210(5)$ | $0.0226(5)$ | $0.0000(4)$ | $0.0084(4)$ | $-0.0002(4)$ |
| C7 | $0.0184(5)$ | $0.0217(5)$ | $0.0223(5)$ | $0.0000(4)$ | $0.0059(4)$ | $-0.0032(4)$ |
| C4 | $0.0182(5)$ | $0.0193(5)$ | $0.0187(5)$ | $0.0010(4)$ | $0.0064(4)$ | $-0.0017(4)$ |
| C10 | $0.0250(6)$ | $0.0208(5)$ | $0.0262(5)$ | $0.0007(4)$ | $0.0120(5)$ | $0.0008(4)$ |
| C6 | $0.0189(5)$ | $0.0268(6)$ | $0.0230(5)$ | $-0.0019(4)$ | $0.0053(4)$ | $-0.0033(4)$ |
| C5 | $0.0162(5)$ | $0.0176(5)$ | $0.0221(5)$ | $0.0005(4)$ | $0.0070(4)$ | $-0.0027(4)$ |
| C8 | $0.0177(5)$ | $0.0251(6)$ | $0.0306(6)$ | $-0.0027(4)$ | $0.0062(5)$ | $-0.0037(5)$ |


| C9 | $0.0214(5)$ | $0.0206(5)$ | $0.0352(6)$ | $-0.0021(4)$ | $0.0141(5)$ | $-0.0011(5)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C3 | $0.0168(5)$ | $0.0271(6)$ | $0.0162(5)$ | $-0.0012(4)$ | $0.0033(4)$ | $-0.0001(4)$ |
| C2 | $0.0227(5)$ | $0.0272(6)$ | $0.0168(5)$ | $0.0012(4)$ | $0.0043(4)$ | $-0.0023(4)$ |
| C1 | $0.0273(8)$ | $0.0232(8)$ | $0.0179(7)$ | 0 | $0.0036(6)$ | 0 |

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

O1-C4
O2-C6
N1-C3
$\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3^{\mathrm{i}}$
N2-C4
N2-C6
N2-C3
N3-C5
N3-C10
C7-C5
C7-C8
C7-C6
$\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 3^{\mathrm{i}}$
C4-N2-C6
$\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$
C6-N2-C3
C5-N3-C10
C5-C7-C8
C5-C7-C6
C8-C7-C6
$\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2$
$\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$
N2-C4-C5
N3-C10-C9
N3-C10-H10
C9-C10-H10
O2-C6-N2
O2-C6-C7
N2-C6-C7
N3-C5-C7
Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, y,-z+1 / 2$.
1.2047 (13)
1.2033 (14)
1.3322 (13)
1.3322 (13)
1.4001 (14)
1.4105 (14)
1.4306 (14)
1.3286 (14)
1.3450 (15)
1.3840 (15)
1.3843 (16)
1.4904 (16)
115.37 (14)
112.63 (9)
122.37 (9)
124.95 (9)
113.78 (10)
119.22 (10)
108.44 (10)
132.32 (10)
125.30 (10)
129.75 (10)
104.95 (9)
124.28 (11)
117.9
117.9
124.82 (11)
130.09 (11)
105.09 (9)
126.59 (10)

Fig. 1


Fig. 2


