# Synthesis and structural characterization of homophthalic acid and 4,4-bipyridine 

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#### Abstract

A new network structure compound constructed by hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ stacking has been synthesized by the reaction of homophthalic acid with 4,4-bipyridine in the $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{v}: \mathrm{v}=1: 1)$. It was characterized by elemental analysis and X-ray single crystal diffraction analysis. The crystal of the title complex belongs to monoclinic, space group $P_{21}$ with $a=0.50711(10) \mathrm{nm}, b=2.0581(4) \mathrm{nm}, \mathrm{c}=0.81465(16) \mathrm{nm}, \beta=105.24(3)^{\circ}, V=0.8203(3) \mathrm{nm}^{3}, \mathrm{Z}=$ $2, D c=1.362 \mu \mathrm{~g} \cdot \mathrm{~m}^{-3}, \mu=0.097 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, F(000)=352$, and final $R_{1}=0.0525, w R_{2}=0.1379$. The molecules are connected by hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ stacking to form one dimensional chain structure. The interaction of $1 D$ chains form 2D layered and 3D network structure.


Key words: Homophthalic acid; 4,4-bipyridine; structural characterization; network

## INTRODUCTION

The design and synthesis of transition metal complexes with ligands containing nitrogen heterocyclic ring have been studied widely during the past decades [1-3], because they have potential applications as luminescent probe, catalyst, gas adsorption, and antitumor agents [4-6]. bipyridine and its derivates also could be form stable complexes with many metal ions, which have potential applications in biological probes, antitumor drugs and luminescent materials [7-11]. As an extension of our studies on complexes of transition metal with ligands containing nitrogen heterocyclic ring, we report here the synthesis and structural characterization of a new network structure compound constructed by hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ stacking.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Homophthalic acid, 4, 4'-bipyridine and all the other reagents were of analytical grade and used without further purification. The experiments were carried out in open air. Elemental analyses (C, H and N) were carried out on a Elementar Vario EL III elemental analyzer. The crystal data was collected on a Bruker smart CCD Area Detector.

## Synthesis of the title compound

The compound was prepared by the following procedure: 1.0 mmol homophthalic acid $(0.1801 \mathrm{~g})$ and 1.0 mmol 4 , 4'-bipyridine ( 0.1562 g ) in 10 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ( $\mathrm{v}: \mathrm{v}=1: 1$ ). The mixture was continuously stirred for 3 h at refluxing temperature. The single crystal suitable for X-ray determination was obtained by evaporation from the above filtrate after two weeks. Yield: $58 \%$. Elemental analysis calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ : C, 67.79, H, 4.76, N, 8.32 (\%); Found: C, 67.92, H, 4.51, N, 7.98 (\%).

## X-ray Crystallography

A colourless block single crystal with dimensions of $0.26 \mathrm{~mm} \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm} \times 0.18 \mathrm{~mm}$ was selected for measurement. Diffraction data of the single crystal were collected by $\varphi \sim \omega$ scan mode using a graphite-monochromatic Mo $K \alpha$
radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ) at 293 (2) K on a Bruker Smart Apex CCD diffractometer. A total of 7526 reflections were collected in the range 3.26-27.48 , of which 3686 were unique ( $R_{\text {int }}=0.0466$ ) and 2930 were observed with $I>2 \sigma(I)$. The data were corrected for $L p$ factors. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques on $F^{2}$. The structure was solved by direct methods [12] using SHELXL-97 and expanded using Fourier techniques. All of the non-hydrogen atoms and hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and isotropically, respectively. The final refinement by full-matrix least squares method was converged at $R=0.0525$, and $w R=0.1379\left(w=1 /\left[\delta^{2}\left(F o^{2}\right)+(0.1000 P)^{2}+0.0000 P\right], P=\left(F o^{2}+2 F c^{2}\right) / 3, S=0.920,(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.000\right)$. The largest peak in the final difference fourier map is $0.244 \mathrm{e} / \AA^{3}$ and the minimum peak is $-0.165 \mathrm{e} / \AA^{3}$. Molecular graphics were drawn with the program package SHELXTL-97 crystallographic software package [13]. The most relevant crystal data for the title compound are quoted in Table 1, and the selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 2.

Table 1: Crystallographic data for the title compound

| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Formula weight | 336.34 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic |
| Space group | $P_{21}$ |
| a ( $\AA)$ | $5.0711(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{b}(\AA)$ | $20.581(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{c}(\AA)$ | $8.1465(16)$ |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $105.24(3)$ |
| $Z$ | 2 |
| $F(000)$ | 352 |
| Temperature $(\mathrm{K})$ | $293(2)$ |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | $820.3(3)$ |
| Calculated density $\left(\mu \mathrm{g} \cdot \mathrm{m}^{-3}\right)$ | 1.362 |
| Crystal size $\left(\mathrm{mm}{ }^{3}\right)$ | $0.26 \times 0.20 \times 0.18$ |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{~mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.097 |
| $S$ | 0.920 |
|  | $-6 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 5$, |
| Limiting indices | $-26 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 26$, |
|  | $-10 \leq 1 \leq 10$ |
| Reflections collected $/$ unique | $7526 / 3686$ |
| Parameters | 234 |
| Restraints | 1 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0466 |
| $R_{1}, w R_{2}$ [all data] | $0.0599,0.1462$ |
| $R_{1}, w R_{2}[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | $0.0525,0.1379$ |
| Largest diff.peak and hole $\left(\mathrm{e} \cdot \AA^{-3}\right)$ | $0.244,-0.165$ |

Table 2: Selected bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for the title compound

|  |  |  | Dond |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C13stance | Bond | Distance |  |
| C13-O4 | $1.216(3)$ | C13-O3 | $1.316(3)$ |
| C6-N2 | $1.312(4)$ | C12-O1 | $1.315(3)$ |
| C10-N2 | $1.337(4)$ | C5-N1 | $1.325(4)$ |
| C1-N1 | $1.323(4)$ | C12-O2 | $1.201(3)$ |
| C1-C2 | $1.389(4)$ | C6-C7 | $1.377(4)$ |
| C9-C10 | $1.367(4)$ | C4-C5 | $1.386(4)$ |
| C2-C3 | $1.364(3)$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Angle | $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | Angle | $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| C6-N2-C10 | $117.1(2)$ | C1-N1-C5 | $116.7(2)$ |
| O1-C12-O2 | $122.8(2)$ | O3-C13-O4 | $122.6(2)$ |
| O4-C13-C14 | $124.3(2)$ | O3-C13-C14 | $113.1(2)$ |
| O2-C12-C11 | $125.5(2)$ | O1-C12-C11 | $111.71(18)$ |
| C1-C2-C3 | $120.1(2)$ | N2-C6-C7 | $122.9(3)$ |
| N2-C10-C9 | $123.5(2)$ | N1-C1-C2 | $123.5(2)$ |
| N1-C5-C4 | $123.2(3)$ | C6-C7-C8 | $120.7(2)$ |

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The result of elemental analysis indicated that the title compound contains a homophthalic acid molecule and a 4,4-bipyridine molecule, and is accorded with the result of single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.

## Structure Description

A single-crystal X-ray diffraction study reveals that the title compound crystallizes in monoclinic system with $P_{21}$ space group. The crystal structure of the title compound is revealed in Fig. 1. As shown in Fig. 1, we can see that the title compound consists a homophthalic acid molecule and a 4,4-bipyridine molecule. In the molecule, two double bonds C12-O2 (1.201(3) $\AA$ ) and C13-O4 (1.216(3) $\AA)$ are as expected for this class of compound [14, 15]. And the
geometrical parameters are normal. The two planes of 4,4-bipyridine molecule are planar with a dihedral angle of $7.2^{\circ}$ between the planes formed by $\mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{C} 2, \mathrm{C} 3, \mathrm{C} 4, \mathrm{C} 5, \mathrm{~N} 1$ (plane 1) and $\mathrm{C} 6, \mathrm{C} 7, \mathrm{C} 8, \mathrm{C} 9, \mathrm{C} 10, \mathrm{~N} 2$ (plane 2). The dihedral angle between the plane 1 and the benzene ring of homophthalic acid molecule (C14 to C19) is $19.1^{\circ}$, and is significantly rotated out of the above two planes. From Fig. 2, it can be seen that the title molecules form zigzag structure by the intermolecular hydrogen bonds of O-H...N.

The molecules stack with each other by hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ interaction in arrays to form a 1 D chained structure (Fig. 2). The dimensionality is increased by $\pi-\pi$ interaction to form 2D layered structure and 3D network structure (Fig. 3 and Fig. 4). It is doubt that these weak interactions of hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ interactions are significantly to increase the stability of the crystal structure. The aromatic rings in the molecules do not show any unusual features, and the bond lengths and bond angles are within the range of normal values.



Fig 1: Molecular structure of the title compound, where the thermal ellipsoids were drawn at $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ possibility


Fig 2: One-dimensional Structure of the title compound


Fig 3: Two-dimensional layered structure of the title compound


Fig 4: Three-dimensional network structure of the title compound
Table 3: Hydrogen-bond geometry $(\AA)$ for the title compound

| D-H...A | D-H | H...A | D-A | $\angle$ DHA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O1-H1C...N1 | 1.03 | 1.69 | 2.67 | 157 |
| O3-H3B ..N2 | 0.79 | 1.93 | 2.67 | 156 |
| C2-H2B...O2 | 0.93 | 2.47 | 3.29 | 147 |
| C11-H11A...O4 | 0.97 | 2.37 | 2.81 | 107 |
| O15-H15A...O3 | 0.93 | 2.39 | 2.72 | 100 |
| O18-H18A...O2 | 0.93 | 2.56 | 3.44 | 160 |

## CONCLUSION

In summary, a new compound made up by a homophthalic acid molecule and a 4,4-bipyridine molecule has been synthesized and structurally characterized. The results show that the molecules stack with each other by hydrogen bonds and $\pi-\pi$ interaction in arrays to form a 1D chained structure. The chains are expanded to form 2D layered structure and 3D network structure by $\pi-\pi$ interaction.

## Supplementary Material

Crystallographic data for the structure reported in this paper has been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication No.CCDC 993487. Copy of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (Fax: +44-1223-336-033; E-Mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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