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## Isonicotinonitrile–benzoic acid (1/1)

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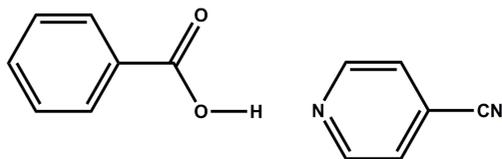
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 298$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.059;  $wR$  factor = 0.154; data-to-parameter ratio = 17.2.

In the title 1:1 adduct,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_2 \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$ , the carboxyl group and its attached phenyl ring are essentially coplanar, being twisted from each other by a dihedral angle of only  $2.05(3)^\circ$ . In the crystal, the molecules are connected *via*  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, building an  $R_2^2(7)$  ring. Molecules are further linked through  $\pi-\pi$  interactions [centroid–centroid distance of  $3.8431(8)$  and  $3.9094(8)$  Å], leading to a one-dimensional chain parallel to the  $b$  axis.

## Related literature

For related structures, see: Chen *et al.* (2009); Fu *et al.* (2008).  
For hydrogen-bonding motifs, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995); Etter *et al.* (1990).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{N}_2 \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$   
 $M_r = 226.23$

Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 7.4274(15)$  Å

$b = 7.7389(15)$  Å  
 $c = 11.668(2)$  Å  
 $\alpha = 85.26(3)^\circ$   
 $\beta = 76.44(3)^\circ$   
 $\gamma = 62.79(2)^\circ$   
 $V = 579.6(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  K  
 $0.4 \times 0.35 \times 0.2$  mm

## Data collection

Rigaku Mercury2 diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.881$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.940$

6025 measured reflections  
2646 independent reflections  
1346 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.154$   
 $S = 0.96$   
2646 reflections

154 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.14$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.18$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H1} \cdots \text{N1}$	0.90	1.83	2.726 (2)	176
$\text{C8}-\text{H8} \cdots \text{O2}$	0.93	2.53	3.222 (3)	131

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (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: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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**Isonicotinonitrile–benzoic acid (1/1)****Li-Jing Cui and Xin-Yuan Chen****S1. Comment**

Cocrystal attracted more and more attention in recent years for its wide range of application, for example phase transition dielectric materials and pharmaceutical (Chen, *et al.* 2009; Fu, *et al.* 2008). With the purpose of obtaining cocrystals of isonicotinonitrile, its interaction with various acids has been studied and we have elaborated a series of new materials with this organic molecule. In this paper, we describe the crystal structure of the title compound, isonicotinonitrile benzoate.

The asymmetric unit is composed of a discrete isonicotinonitrile and benzoic acid molecules (Fig.1). The carboxyl and its parent phenyl ring are essentially coplanar, and only twisted from each other by a dihedral angle of 2.05 (3)°. The two molecules are nearly planar and are only slightly twisted by a dihedral angle of 1.87 (7)°. The molecules were connected via O—H···N and C—H···O hydrogen bonds building a R<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>(7) ring (Etter *et al.*, 1990; Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) which play an important role in stabilizing the structural conformation. The molecules units are further linked by weak offset  $\pi$ ··· $\pi$  interactions leading to a one-dimensional chain parallel to the *b* axis (Table 2 and Fig. 2).

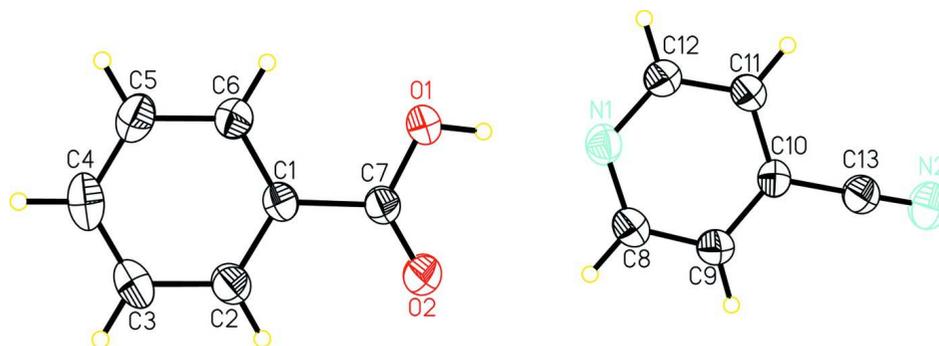
**S2. Experimental**

The commercial isonicotinonitrile and benzoic acid (1/1 mol rate) were dissolved in water/methanol (5:3 v/v) solution. The solvent was slowly evaporated in air affording colourless block-shaped crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray analysis.

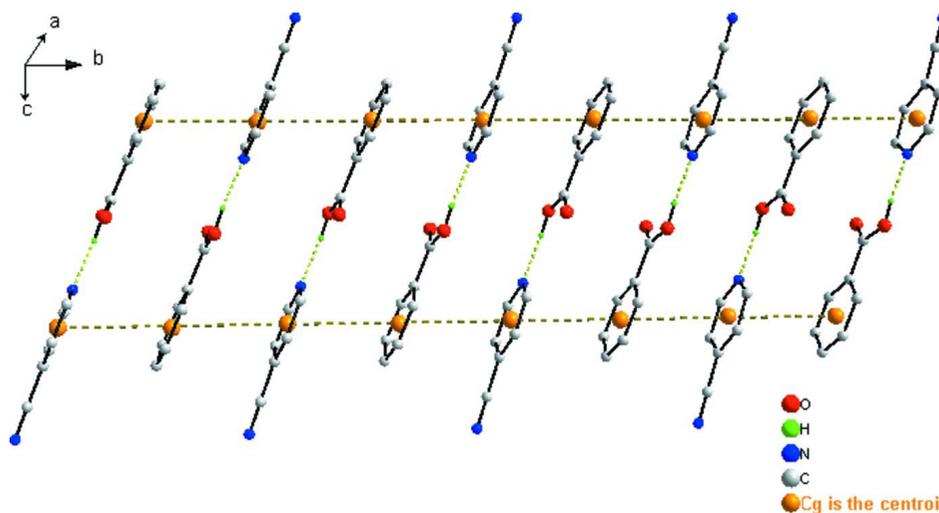
While the permittivity measurement shows that there is no phase transition within the temperature range (from 100 K to 400 K), and the permittivity is 5.9 at 1 MHz at room temperature.

**S3. Refinement**

All H atoms attached to C atoms were positioned geometrically and treated as riding, with C—H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  and the H atoms of carboxyl O located in difference Fourier maps and freely refined. In the last stage of refinement they were treated as riding on the O atom, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$ .

**Figure 1**

A view of the title compound with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids were drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of the title compound, showing the 1D chain. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding (dashed line) have been omitted for clarity.

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$V = 579.6$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 236$

$D_x = 1.296$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å

Cell parameters from 1346 reflections

$\theta = 3.2$ – $27.5$ °

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Block, colourless

$0.4 \times 0.35 \times 0.2$  mm

*Data collection*

Rigaku Mercury2  
diffractometer  
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube  
Graphite monochromator  
Detector resolution: 13.6612 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
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 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.2^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$   
 $l = -15 \rightarrow 15$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.059$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.154$   
 $S = 0.96$   
2646 reflections  
154 parameters  
0 restraints  
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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0699P)^2]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.3710 (2)	0.8106 (2)	0.47118 (13)	0.0701 (5)
H1	0.4865	0.8033	0.4202	0.105*
O2	0.5897 (2)	0.6595 (2)	0.58797 (14)	0.0824 (5)
N1	0.7138 (3)	0.8082 (2)	0.32068 (15)	0.0578 (5)
C1	0.2396 (3)	0.7201 (3)	0.65759 (17)	0.0491 (5)
C7	0.4176 (3)	0.7263 (3)	0.56976 (18)	0.0529 (5)
C9	1.0739 (3)	0.7156 (3)	0.29472 (19)	0.0615 (6)
H9	1.1922	0.6611	0.3257	0.074*
C6	0.0455 (3)	0.7920 (3)	0.63365 (19)	0.0595 (6)
H6	0.0224	0.8473	0.5614	0.071*
C11	0.9010 (3)	0.8656 (3)	0.13992 (18)	0.0584 (6)
H11	0.9012	0.9140	0.0643	0.070*
C8	0.8875 (3)	0.7304 (3)	0.35995 (18)	0.0610 (6)
H8	0.8827	0.6831	0.4359	0.073*
C10	1.0797 (3)	0.7841 (3)	0.18209 (18)	0.0503 (5)
C2	0.2716 (3)	0.6398 (3)	0.76576 (18)	0.0616 (6)

H2	0.4022	0.5920	0.7825	0.074*
C12	0.7228 (3)	0.8737 (3)	0.21192 (19)	0.0612 (6)
H12	0.6022	0.9278	0.1832	0.073*
C13	1.2710 (3)	0.7712 (3)	0.1076 (2)	0.0642 (6)
C5	-0.1155 (4)	0.7817 (3)	0.7179 (2)	0.0717 (7)
H5	-0.2463	0.8285	0.7015	0.086*
N2	1.4213 (3)	0.7615 (3)	0.04740 (19)	0.0934 (8)
C4	-0.0823 (4)	0.7023 (3)	0.8254 (2)	0.0762 (7)
H4	-0.1913	0.6979	0.8821	0.091*
C3	0.1099 (4)	0.6302 (3)	0.8492 (2)	0.0719 (7)
H3	0.1325	0.5747	0.9215	0.086*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0597 (9)	0.0992 (12)	0.0555 (10)	-0.0427 (9)	-0.0132 (7)	0.0230 (8)
O2	0.0527 (10)	0.1130 (13)	0.0769 (12)	-0.0362 (9)	-0.0181 (8)	0.0305 (10)
N1	0.0573 (11)	0.0652 (11)	0.0517 (11)	-0.0313 (9)	-0.0058 (9)	0.0008 (9)
C1	0.0536 (13)	0.0467 (12)	0.0467 (12)	-0.0242 (10)	-0.0075 (10)	0.0021 (9)
C7	0.0512 (13)	0.0548 (13)	0.0512 (13)	-0.0243 (11)	-0.0099 (10)	0.0070 (10)
C9	0.0539 (13)	0.0739 (15)	0.0575 (14)	-0.0289 (11)	-0.0175 (10)	0.0124 (11)
C6	0.0581 (14)	0.0697 (14)	0.0572 (14)	-0.0346 (12)	-0.0131 (11)	0.0046 (11)
C11	0.0569 (13)	0.0664 (14)	0.0519 (13)	-0.0292 (11)	-0.0132 (11)	0.0130 (11)
C8	0.0659 (15)	0.0683 (14)	0.0488 (13)	-0.0324 (12)	-0.0110 (11)	0.0088 (11)
C10	0.0488 (12)	0.0512 (12)	0.0515 (12)	-0.0253 (10)	-0.0071 (9)	0.0027 (9)
C2	0.0623 (14)	0.0644 (14)	0.0547 (14)	-0.0273 (11)	-0.0117 (11)	0.0074 (11)
C12	0.0519 (12)	0.0753 (15)	0.0570 (14)	-0.0292 (11)	-0.0147 (10)	0.0096 (11)
C13	0.0540 (14)	0.0720 (15)	0.0629 (15)	-0.0271 (12)	-0.0123 (12)	0.0101 (11)
C5	0.0562 (14)	0.0832 (17)	0.0800 (18)	-0.0386 (13)	-0.0056 (13)	-0.0037 (13)
N2	0.0625 (13)	0.126 (2)	0.0867 (17)	-0.0462 (14)	-0.0044 (12)	0.0156 (14)
C4	0.0825 (18)	0.0744 (16)	0.0691 (17)	-0.0466 (15)	0.0151 (14)	-0.0085 (13)
C3	0.0852 (18)	0.0718 (16)	0.0497 (14)	-0.0353 (14)	-0.0008 (13)	0.0068 (11)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—C7	1.313 (2)	C11—C10	1.376 (3)
O1—H1	0.9025	C11—H11	0.9300
O2—C7	1.205 (2)	C8—H8	0.9300
N1—C12	1.325 (3)	C10—C13	1.446 (3)
N1—C8	1.326 (3)	C2—C3	1.384 (3)
C1—C6	1.377 (3)	C2—H2	0.9300
C1—C2	1.383 (3)	C12—H12	0.9300
C1—C7	1.488 (3)	C13—N2	1.144 (3)
C9—C8	1.373 (3)	C5—C4	1.375 (3)
C9—C10	1.375 (3)	C5—H5	0.9300
C9—H9	0.9300	C4—C3	1.363 (3)
C6—C5	1.388 (3)	C4—H4	0.9300
C6—H6	0.9300	C3—H3	0.9300

C11—C12	1.368 (3)		
C7—O1—H1	110.0	C9—C10—C11	119.40 (19)
C12—N1—C8	117.62 (18)	C9—C10—C13	120.88 (19)
C6—C1—C2	119.62 (19)	C11—C10—C13	119.72 (19)
C6—C1—C7	121.69 (18)	C1—C2—C3	120.2 (2)
C2—C1—C7	118.69 (18)	C1—C2—H2	119.9
O2—C7—O1	123.03 (18)	C3—C2—H2	119.9
O2—C7—C1	122.61 (18)	N1—C12—C11	123.1 (2)
O1—C7—C1	114.36 (18)	N1—C12—H12	118.4
C8—C9—C10	117.7 (2)	C11—C12—H12	118.4
C8—C9—H9	121.2	N2—C13—C10	179.1 (3)
C10—C9—H9	121.2	C4—C5—C6	120.2 (2)
C1—C6—C5	119.7 (2)	C4—C5—H5	119.9
C1—C6—H6	120.2	C6—C5—H5	119.9
C5—C6—H6	120.2	C3—C4—C5	120.2 (2)
C12—C11—C10	118.44 (19)	C3—C4—H4	119.9
C12—C11—H11	120.8	C5—C4—H4	119.9
C10—C11—H11	120.8	C4—C3—C2	120.0 (2)
N1—C8—C9	123.7 (2)	C4—C3—H3	120.0
N1—C8—H8	118.2	C2—C3—H3	120.0
C9—C8—H8	118.2		

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

<i>D—H...A</i>	<i>D—H</i>	<i>H...A</i>	<i>D...A</i>	<i>D—H...A</i>
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