

# 1-Carboxymethyl-1'-carboxylatomethyl-3,3'-[*p*-phenylenebis(oxymethylene)]-dipyridinium bromide dihydrate

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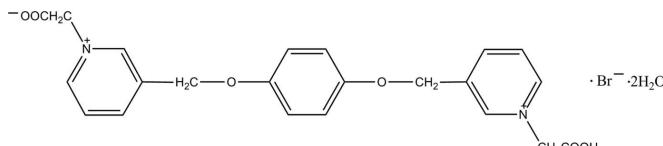
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293 \text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.045;  $wR$  factor = 0.090; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4.

In the crystal structure of the title salt,  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6^+ \cdot \text{Br}^- \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , pairs of betaine molecules are bridged by protons (the bridging proton is disordered), forming strong and symmetrical O—H···O hydrogen bonds, leading to an infinite chain along the  $b$  axis. The water molecules are linked to the betaine molecule and the bromide ion through O—H···O and O—H···Br interactions. The central ring, located on an inversion centre, makes dihedral angles of  $1.2 (2)^\circ$  with the outer rings. One of the carboxylic acid groups is deprotonated.

## Related literature

For a related structure, see: Zhang *et al.* (2004).



## Experimental

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6^+ \cdot \text{Br}^- \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$M_r = 525.35$

### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2004)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.464$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.556$

2537 measured reflections  
2009 independent reflections  
1520 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.047$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.090$   
 $S = 1.09$   
2009 reflections

150 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.52 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.33 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

| $D-\text{H} \cdots A$     | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\text{H} \cdots A$ |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| O1—H1···O1 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.82         | 1.65                | 2.459 (5)    | 168                   |
| O4—H4B···Br1              | 0.85         | 2.72                | 3.496 (3)    | 152                   |
| O4—H4C···O2 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.85         | 2.25                | 3.040 (4)    | 155                   |

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

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT*; 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* and local programs.

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### **S1. Comment**

The design and synthesis of substrates for the ultimate preparation of supramolecular species has received much attention in recent years. Double betaines are a class of zwitterionic compounds possessing pairs of carboxylate groups and quaternary ammonium or pyridinium moieties. The carboxylate group is basic, so betaines are good proton acceptors that easily form complexes with Bronsted acids.

The synthesis and crystal structure of 1:2 salt of 1,4-bis(3-picolyloxy)benzene-*N,N*-diacetic acid with HBr has been reported, here we will describe the preparation and structure of the 1:1 salt.

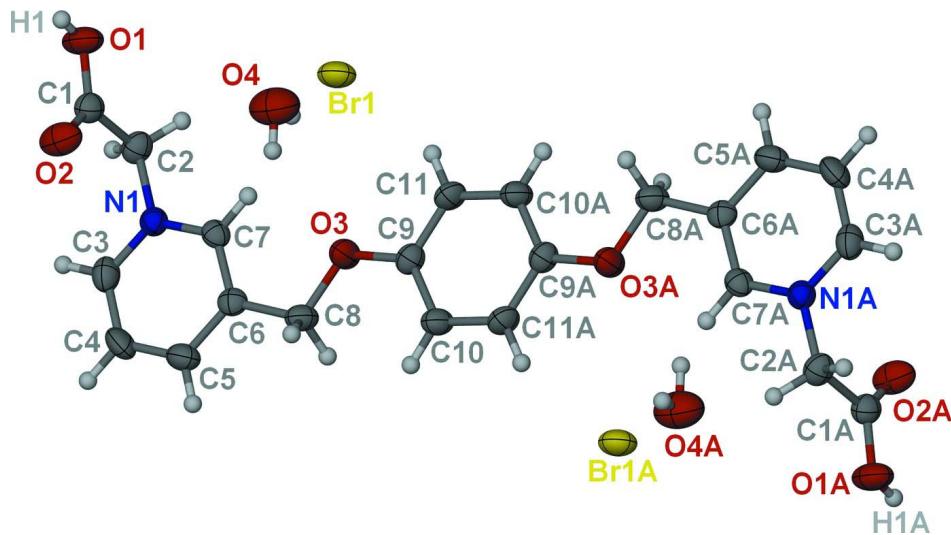
In the crystal structure of the title compound, the phenylene ring of the title double betaine is located at an inversion center, making a dihedra angle of 1.2 degree. Pairs of the betaine molecules are bridged by protons to form strong and symmetrical O···O hydrogen bonds, leading to an infinite chain. The bromide ion is connected to the betaine molecule through hydrogen bonding at O1W—H1WB···Br1 152.2 °, O1W···Br1 3.491 (4) Å, O1W—H1WA···O2 3.037 (4) Å, O1W···O2 154.5 °(Fig. 1).

### **S2. Experimental**

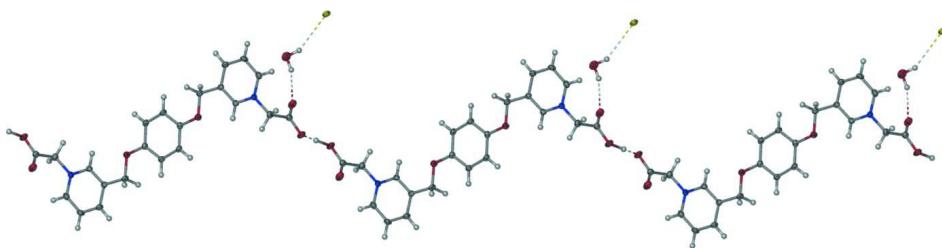
1,4-bis(3-Picolyloxy)benzene (2.92 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in methanol (30 ml) to give a light yellow solution, to which ethyl bromoacetate (3 ml, 27 mmol, Aldrich) was added. The resulting solution was refluxed for 3 days. After the methanol was removed by rotary evaporation under reduced pressure, hydrobromic acid (12.5 ml, 4.8% (*w/v*)) was added to the yellow residue. The mixture was refluxed for 24 h to give a yellow solution. Removal of solvent afforded a light yellow powdery product. Yield: 46%. It was re-crystallized in water to obtain suitable single crystals for X-ray analysis.

### **S3. Refinement**

H atoms in water molecule were located in a difference map. Other H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model with C—H = 0.95–0.99 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

**Figure 1**

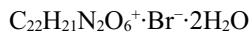
Ellipsoid plot.

**Figure 2**

A portion of the infinite chain of the title compound viewed along the *a* direction, with atom labels of 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. Hydrogen bonds are displayed with dashed lines.

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Monoclinic,  $C2/c$

$a = 20.605 (4)$  Å

$b = 7.9612 (12)$  Å

$c = 15.233 (4)$  Å

$\beta = 113.845 (16)^\circ$

$V = 2285.6 (8)$  Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 1080$

$D_x = 1.527 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

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

Cell parameters from 186 reflections

$\theta = 2.0\text{--}27.6^\circ$

$\mu = 1.85 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 293$  K

Block, light yellow

$0.49 \times 0.43 \times 0.36$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector  
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Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube  
Graphite monochromator  
phi and  $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2004)

$T_{\min} = 0.464$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.556$

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$R_{\text{int}} = 0.047$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ, \theta_{\text{min}} = 2.2^\circ$   
 $h = -1 \rightarrow 24$

$k = -1 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 16$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.090$   
 $S = 1.09$   
2009 reflections  
150 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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0331P)^2 + 1.7877P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.52 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.33 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

### Special details

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

|     | $x$          | $y$         | $z$          | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ | Occ. (<1) |
|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Br1 | 0.0000       | 0.04115 (8) | 0.2500       | 0.0454 (2)                       |           |
| O1  | 0.20052 (13) | -0.2950 (4) | 0.42592 (16) | 0.0527 (7)                       |           |
| H1  | 0.2364       | -0.2608     | 0.4703       | 0.079*                           | 0.50      |
| O2  | 0.26011 (13) | -0.2308 (4) | 0.33644 (16) | 0.0519 (7)                       |           |
| O3  | 0.05771 (12) | 0.1842 (3)  | 0.05634 (16) | 0.0410 (6)                       |           |
| N1  | 0.14157 (13) | -0.2645 (3) | 0.16985 (17) | 0.0307 (6)                       |           |
| C1  | 0.20678 (19) | -0.2737 (4) | 0.3465 (2)   | 0.0351 (8)                       |           |
| C2  | 0.13832 (18) | -0.3130 (5) | 0.2610 (2)   | 0.0366 (8)                       |           |
| H2A | 0.1288       | -0.4324     | 0.2600       | 0.044*                           |           |
| H2B | 0.0995       | -0.2538     | 0.2679       | 0.044*                           |           |
| C3  | 0.17237 (18) | -0.3677 (5) | 0.1291 (2)   | 0.0398 (9)                       |           |
| H3A | 0.1902       | -0.4708     | 0.1572       | 0.048*                           |           |
| C4  | 0.17744 (18) | -0.3203 (5) | 0.0454 (3)   | 0.0454 (10)                      |           |
| H4A | 0.1982       | -0.3922     | 0.0161       | 0.054*                           |           |
| C5  | 0.15208 (18) | -0.1677 (5) | 0.0053 (2)   | 0.0410 (9)                       |           |
| H5A | 0.1561       | -0.1351     | -0.0509      | 0.049*                           |           |
| C6  | 0.12032 (16) | -0.0615 (4) | 0.0482 (2)   | 0.0304 (8)                       |           |
| C7  | 0.11602 (16) | -0.1142 (4) | 0.1314 (2)   | 0.0303 (8)                       |           |
| H7A | 0.0951       | -0.0448     | 0.1617       | 0.036*                           |           |
| C8  | 0.09107 (19) | 0.1032 (4)  | 0.0026 (2)   | 0.0367 (8)                       |           |
| H8A | 0.1291       | 0.1732      | 0.0008       | 0.044*                           |           |
| H8B | 0.0569       | 0.0855      | -0.0628      | 0.044*                           |           |

|      |               |            |              |            |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| C9   | 0.02970 (17)  | 0.3417 (4) | 0.0252 (2)   | 0.0327 (8) |
| C10  | 0.02951 (18)  | 0.4206 (4) | -0.0558 (2)  | 0.0368 (9) |
| H10A | 0.0492        | 0.3675     | -0.0937      | 0.044*     |
| C11  | -0.00005 (18) | 0.4215 (4) | 0.0802 (2)   | 0.0367 (9) |
| H11A | -0.0003       | 0.3684     | 0.1344       | 0.044*     |
| O4   | 0.15569 (16)  | 0.2619 (4) | 0.28766 (19) | 0.0738 (9) |
| H4B  | 0.1174        | 0.2082     | 0.2578       | 0.111*     |
| H4C  | 0.1662        | 0.2720     | 0.2395       | 0.111*     |

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

|     | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$     |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Br1 | 0.0537 (4)  | 0.0565 (4)  | 0.0345 (3)  | 0.000        | 0.0266 (2)  | 0.000        |
| O1  | 0.0496 (16) | 0.081 (2)   | 0.0317 (13) | -0.0026 (15) | 0.0210 (12) | -0.0007 (13) |
| O2  | 0.0408 (15) | 0.075 (2)   | 0.0394 (14) | -0.0151 (14) | 0.0154 (12) | 0.0005 (13)  |
| O3  | 0.0565 (16) | 0.0336 (15) | 0.0416 (13) | 0.0120 (12)  | 0.0289 (12) | 0.0107 (11)  |
| N1  | 0.0294 (15) | 0.0312 (17) | 0.0302 (14) | 0.0004 (13)  | 0.0108 (12) | -0.0002 (13) |
| C1  | 0.039 (2)   | 0.032 (2)   | 0.0343 (18) | 0.0022 (17)  | 0.0150 (16) | 0.0015 (16)  |
| C2  | 0.037 (2)   | 0.035 (2)   | 0.0370 (19) | -0.0008 (17) | 0.0145 (16) | 0.0067 (16)  |
| C3  | 0.038 (2)   | 0.033 (2)   | 0.043 (2)   | 0.0067 (17)  | 0.0109 (17) | 0.0006 (18)  |
| C4  | 0.045 (2)   | 0.049 (3)   | 0.045 (2)   | 0.014 (2)    | 0.0218 (19) | -0.009 (2)   |
| C5  | 0.044 (2)   | 0.051 (3)   | 0.0335 (18) | 0.0026 (19)  | 0.0206 (17) | -0.0030 (18) |
| C6  | 0.0294 (17) | 0.032 (2)   | 0.0280 (16) | -0.0034 (16) | 0.0100 (14) | -0.0026 (16) |
| C7  | 0.0305 (18) | 0.0292 (19) | 0.0310 (16) | -0.0007 (16) | 0.0122 (15) | -0.0046 (15) |
| C8  | 0.048 (2)   | 0.037 (2)   | 0.0305 (17) | 0.0007 (18)  | 0.0209 (16) | 0.0008 (16)  |
| C9  | 0.0351 (19) | 0.029 (2)   | 0.0335 (17) | -0.0007 (17) | 0.0129 (15) | 0.0052 (16)  |
| C10 | 0.048 (2)   | 0.036 (2)   | 0.0313 (17) | 0.0031 (17)  | 0.0207 (16) | 0.0016 (16)  |
| C11 | 0.046 (2)   | 0.036 (2)   | 0.0317 (17) | 0.0028 (17)  | 0.0192 (16) | 0.0097 (15)  |
| O4  | 0.076 (2)   | 0.094 (2)   | 0.0528 (17) | -0.0131 (19) | 0.0270 (16) | -0.0071 (17) |

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

|         |             |                      |           |
|---------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Br1—Br1 | 0.0000 (12) | C5—C6                | 1.385 (4) |
| O1—C1   | 1.279 (4)   | C5—H5A               | 0.9300    |
| O1—H1   | 0.8200      | C6—C7                | 1.372 (4) |
| O2—C1   | 1.218 (4)   | C6—C8                | 1.492 (5) |
| O3—C9   | 1.382 (4)   | C7—H7A               | 0.9300    |
| O3—C8   | 1.419 (4)   | C8—H8A               | 0.9700    |
| N1—C3   | 1.335 (4)   | C8—H8B               | 0.9700    |
| N1—C7   | 1.342 (4)   | C9—C11               | 1.376 (4) |
| N1—C2   | 1.469 (4)   | C9—C10               | 1.383 (4) |
| C1—C2   | 1.516 (5)   | C10—C11 <sup>i</sup> | 1.380 (5) |
| C2—H2A  | 0.9700      | C10—H10A             | 0.9300    |
| C2—H2B  | 0.9700      | C11—C10 <sup>i</sup> | 1.380 (5) |
| C3—C4   | 1.373 (5)   | C11—H11A             | 0.9300    |
| C3—H3A  | 0.9300      | O4—H4B               | 0.8498    |
| C4—C5   | 1.366 (5)   | O4—H4C               | 0.8494    |
| C4—H4A  | 0.9300      |                      |           |

|             |            |                             |            |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| C1—O1—H1    | 109.5      | C7—C6—C5                    | 118.0 (3)  |
| C9—O3—C8    | 116.5 (2)  | C7—C6—C8                    | 122.3 (3)  |
| C3—N1—C7    | 121.5 (3)  | C5—C6—C8                    | 119.7 (3)  |
| C3—N1—C2    | 119.3 (3)  | N1—C7—C6                    | 121.0 (3)  |
| C7—N1—C2    | 119.1 (3)  | N1—C7—H7A                   | 119.5      |
| O2—C1—O1    | 126.7 (3)  | C6—C7—H7A                   | 119.5      |
| O2—C1—C2    | 121.6 (3)  | O3—C8—C6                    | 109.2 (2)  |
| O1—C1—C2    | 111.7 (3)  | O3—C8—H8A                   | 109.8      |
| N1—C2—C1    | 112.0 (3)  | C6—C8—H8A                   | 109.8      |
| N1—C2—H2A   | 109.2      | O3—C8—H8B                   | 109.8      |
| C1—C2—H2A   | 109.2      | C6—C8—H8B                   | 109.8      |
| N1—C2—H2B   | 109.2      | H8A—C8—H8B                  | 108.3      |
| C1—C2—H2B   | 109.2      | C11—C9—O3                   | 115.9 (3)  |
| H2A—C2—H2B  | 107.9      | C11—C9—C10                  | 119.4 (3)  |
| N1—C3—C4    | 119.4 (3)  | O3—C9—C10                   | 124.6 (3)  |
| N1—C3—H3A   | 120.3      | C11 <sup>i</sup> —C10—C9    | 119.7 (3)  |
| C4—C3—H3A   | 120.3      | C11 <sup>i</sup> —C10—H10A  | 120.1      |
| C5—C4—C3    | 120.1 (3)  | C9—C10—H10A                 | 120.1      |
| C5—C4—H4A   | 119.9      | C9—C11—C10 <sup>i</sup>     | 120.8 (3)  |
| C3—C4—H4A   | 119.9      | C9—C11—H11A                 | 119.6      |
| C4—C5—C6    | 120.0 (3)  | C10 <sup>i</sup> —C11—H11A  | 119.6      |
| C4—C5—H5A   | 120.0      | H4B—O4—H4C                  | 95.3       |
| C6—C5—H5A   | 120.0      |                             |            |
| <br>        |            |                             |            |
| C3—N1—C2—C1 | 82.2 (4)   | C5—C6—C7—N1                 | -0.3 (5)   |
| C7—N1—C2—C1 | -95.1 (3)  | C8—C6—C7—N1                 | 178.7 (3)  |
| O2—C1—C2—N1 | -10.1 (5)  | C9—O3—C8—C6                 | 177.9 (3)  |
| O1—C1—C2—N1 | 171.3 (3)  | C7—C6—C8—O3                 | -2.4 (4)   |
| C7—N1—C3—C4 | -0.7 (5)   | C5—C6—C8—O3                 | 176.5 (3)  |
| C2—N1—C3—C4 | -178.0 (3) | C8—O3—C9—C11                | -177.6 (3) |
| N1—C3—C4—C5 | 1.0 (5)    | C8—O3—C9—C10                | 2.8 (5)    |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | -0.9 (5)   | C11—C9—C10—C11 <sup>i</sup> | 0.5 (6)    |
| C4—C5—C6—C7 | 0.5 (5)    | O3—C9—C10—C11 <sup>i</sup>  | -180.0 (3) |
| C4—C5—C6—C8 | -178.5 (3) | O3—C9—C11—C10 <sup>i</sup>  | 179.9 (3)  |
| C3—N1—C7—C6 | 0.4 (5)    | C10—C9—C11—C10 <sup>i</sup> | -0.5 (6)   |
| C2—N1—C7—C6 | 177.6 (3)  |                             |            |

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

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| $D\cdots H\cdots A$               | $D—H$ | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D—H\cdots A$ |
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| O1—H1 $\cdots$ O1 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.82  | 1.65        | 2.459 (5)   | 168           |
| O4—H4B $\cdots$ Br1               | 0.85  | 2.72        | 3.496 (3)   | 152           |
| O4—H4C $\cdots$ O2 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.85  | 2.25        | 3.040 (4)   | 155           |

Symmetry codes: (ii)  $-x+1/2, -y-1/2, -z+1$ ; (iii)  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ .