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# Zwitterionic 4-carboxy-2-(1-methylpyridin-1-ium-4-yl)-1H-imidazole-5-carboxylate

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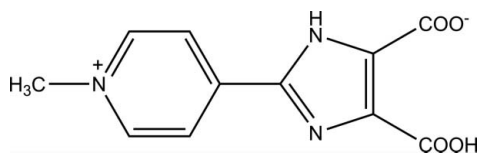
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 298$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.057;  $wR$  factor = 0.167; data-to-parameter ratio = 11.0.

In the title zwitterionic molecule,  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ , the imidazole and pyridine rings form a dihedral angle of  $2.60$  ( $2$ )°. An intramolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond occurs. In the crystal, pairs of  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds link the molecules into inversion dimers. Weak intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions further consolidate the crystal packing.

## Related literature

For the use and related structures of the multifunctional connector 2-(pyridin-4-yl)-1H-imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid in coordination chemistry, see: Sun *et al.* (2006); Li *et al.* (2009a,b); Jing *et al.* (2010a,b); Zhou *et al.* (2011). For the synthesis of the title compound, see: Lebedev *et al.* (2007).



## Experimental

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_9\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$   
 $M_r = 247.21$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 5.4407$  (17) Å  
 $b = 8.634$  (3) Å  
 $c = 22.317$  (7) Å  
 $\beta = 96.327$  (4)°

$V = 1042.0$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.12$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  K  
 $0.20 \times 0.15 \times 0.12$  mm

### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEXII CCD  
area-detector diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(*SADABS*; Bruker, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.976$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.985$

4932 measured reflections  
1816 independent reflections  
1315 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.039$

### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.167$   
 $S = 1.10$   
1816 reflections

165 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.23$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{N1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{i}}$	0.86	1.91	2.764 (3)	174
$\text{O3}-\text{H3}\cdots\text{O2}$	0.82	1.64	2.461 (3)	176
$\text{C7}-\text{H7}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{i}}$	0.93	2.24	3.145 (4)	165
$\text{C8}-\text{H8}\cdots\text{O3}^{\text{ii}}$	0.93	2.58	3.363 (4)	142
$\text{C10}-\text{H10}\cdots\text{O4}^{\text{iii}}$	0.93	2.32	3.172 (4)	152
$\text{C11}-\text{H11C}\cdots\text{O4}^{\text{iii}}$	0.96	2.35	3.223 (4)	150

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y + 1, -z + 2$ ; (ii)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $-x + 2, -y + 2, -z + 2$ .

Data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2005); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2005); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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### S1. Comment

The construction of metal complexes based on 2-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acid has attracted much attention due to their intriguing topologies and potential applications in many fields (Sun *et al.*, 2006; Li *et al.*, 2009*a,b*; Jing *et al.*, 2010*a,b*; Zhou *et al.*, 2011). In the search for new 2-(pyridin-4-yl)-1*H*-imidazole-4,5-dicarboxylic acids, the title compound, (I), has been synthesized. Herewith we report its crystal structure.

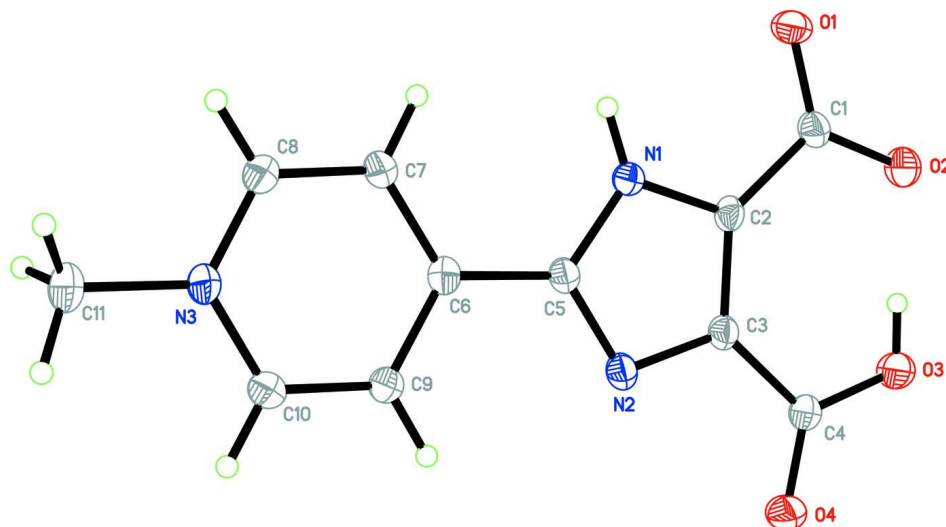
In (I) (Fig. 1), the C1-containing carboxyl group is deprotonated and forms an intramolecular hydrogen bond with the neighboring C4-containing carboxyl group. The dihedral angle formed by the imidazole and pyridyl rings is 2.60 (2) °. In the crystal structure, intermolecular N—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link the molecules into centrosymmetric dimers (Fig. 2). Weak intermolecular C—H···O interactions (Table 1) consolidate further the crystal packing.

### S2. Experimental

The title compound was synthesized according to the method reported in the literature (Lebedev *et al.*, 2007). Light yellow single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetonitrile solution of the compound.

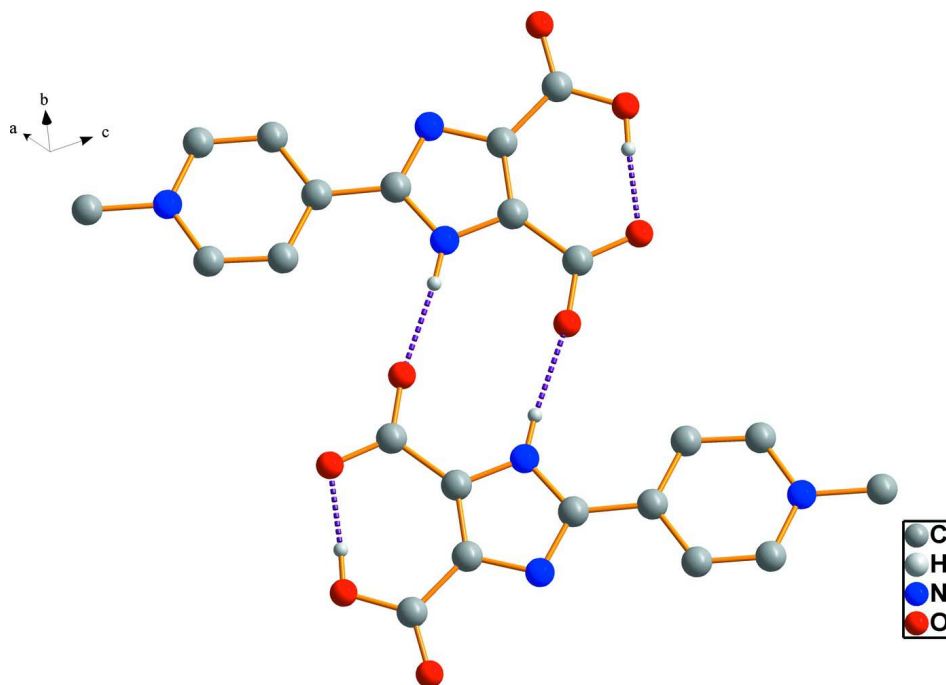
### S3. Refinement

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C—H = 0.93—0.96 Å, N—H = 0.86 Å and O—H = 0.82 Å) and refined as riding. For those bound to C<sub>aryl</sub> and N,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{N})$ , while for those bound to C<sub>methyl</sub> and O,  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5 U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}, \text{O})$ .



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I) with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.



**Figure 2**

The hydrogen-bonded (dashed lines) dimer in (I). H atoms not included in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity.

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 $k = -10 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -26 \rightarrow 24$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 Least-squares matrix: full  
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 $S = 1.10$   
 1816 reflections  
 165 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  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0889P)^2 + 0.001P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.23 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

*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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.0755 (6)	0.6050 (4)	1.10251 (13)	0.0317 (8)
C2	0.2747 (5)	0.6905 (3)	1.07599 (12)	0.0267 (7)
C3	0.4543 (5)	0.7976 (3)	1.09778 (12)	0.0274 (7)
C4	0.4977 (6)	0.8681 (3)	1.15866 (13)	0.0322 (8)
C5	0.5063 (5)	0.7576 (3)	1.00524 (12)	0.0273 (7)
C6	0.6061 (5)	0.7649 (3)	0.94726 (12)	0.0280 (7)
C7	0.5034 (6)	0.6830 (3)	0.89683 (13)	0.0317 (8)
H7	0.3659	0.6203	0.8992	0.038*
C8	0.6059 (6)	0.6954 (4)	0.84385 (13)	0.0342 (8)
H8	0.5370	0.6407	0.8102	0.041*
C9	0.8120 (6)	0.8566 (3)	0.94116 (13)	0.0318 (8)

H9	0.8844	0.9126	0.9741	0.038*
C10	0.9089 (6)	0.8656 (4)	0.88748 (13)	0.0341 (8)
H10	1.0469	0.9271	0.8840	0.041*
C11	0.9080 (7)	0.7973 (5)	0.78104 (14)	0.0559 (11)
H11A	0.8038	0.8626	0.7543	0.084*
H11B	0.9161	0.6960	0.7636	0.084*
H11C	1.0711	0.8409	0.7873	0.084*
N1	0.3130 (4)	0.6680 (3)	1.01751 (10)	0.0280 (6)
H1	0.2289	0.6073	0.9925	0.034*
N2	0.5960 (5)	0.8392 (3)	1.05351 (10)	0.0299 (6)
N3	0.8048 (5)	0.7854 (3)	0.83951 (10)	0.0322 (7)
O1	-0.0546 (4)	0.5157 (3)	1.06919 (9)	0.0433 (7)
O2	0.0558 (5)	0.6265 (3)	1.15773 (9)	0.0483 (7)
O3	0.3582 (5)	0.8213 (3)	1.19912 (9)	0.0486 (7)
H3	0.2630	0.7543	1.1845	0.073*
O4	0.6553 (4)	0.9671 (3)	1.17050 (9)	0.0454 (7)

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0347 (19)	0.0341 (18)	0.0278 (16)	-0.0051 (15)	0.0098 (13)	0.0006 (14)
C2	0.0324 (18)	0.0282 (17)	0.0203 (15)	0.0011 (13)	0.0072 (12)	-0.0009 (12)
C3	0.0334 (18)	0.0273 (16)	0.0222 (15)	-0.0023 (13)	0.0057 (13)	-0.0002 (12)
C4	0.0350 (19)	0.0365 (19)	0.0255 (16)	-0.0037 (15)	0.0053 (14)	-0.0007 (14)
C5	0.0307 (17)	0.0282 (16)	0.0238 (15)	-0.0023 (13)	0.0058 (12)	0.0019 (12)
C6	0.0310 (17)	0.0283 (16)	0.0253 (16)	0.0017 (14)	0.0046 (13)	0.0022 (13)
C7	0.0342 (18)	0.0344 (18)	0.0275 (16)	-0.0071 (14)	0.0082 (13)	0.0003 (13)
C8	0.0351 (19)	0.0407 (19)	0.0269 (16)	-0.0054 (15)	0.0042 (14)	-0.0034 (14)
C9	0.0350 (19)	0.0355 (18)	0.0260 (16)	-0.0074 (14)	0.0076 (13)	-0.0052 (13)
C10	0.0321 (19)	0.0382 (19)	0.0324 (17)	-0.0081 (14)	0.0058 (14)	-0.0021 (14)
C11	0.061 (3)	0.080 (3)	0.0312 (19)	-0.022 (2)	0.0210 (17)	-0.0111 (18)
N1	0.0318 (15)	0.0298 (14)	0.0232 (13)	-0.0060 (11)	0.0059 (11)	-0.0024 (10)
N2	0.0347 (15)	0.0308 (14)	0.0250 (13)	-0.0035 (11)	0.0075 (11)	0.0020 (11)
N3	0.0327 (16)	0.0404 (16)	0.0248 (13)	-0.0042 (12)	0.0088 (11)	-0.0014 (11)
O1	0.0483 (15)	0.0477 (14)	0.0358 (13)	-0.0221 (11)	0.0127 (11)	-0.0106 (11)
O2	0.0573 (16)	0.0652 (17)	0.0256 (12)	-0.0240 (13)	0.0190 (10)	-0.0065 (11)
O3	0.0550 (16)	0.0661 (17)	0.0265 (12)	-0.0264 (13)	0.0135 (11)	-0.0101 (11)
O4	0.0523 (16)	0.0483 (14)	0.0358 (13)	-0.0199 (12)	0.0062 (11)	-0.0091 (11)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C1—O1	1.238 (3)	C7—C8	1.366 (4)
C1—O2	1.262 (4)	C7—H7	0.9300
C1—C2	1.487 (4)	C8—N3	1.344 (4)
C2—N1	1.358 (3)	C8—H8	0.9300
C2—C3	1.393 (4)	C9—C10	1.363 (4)
C3—N2	1.367 (4)	C9—H9	0.9300
C3—C4	1.484 (4)	C10—N3	1.346 (4)

C4—O4	1.219 (3)	C10—H10	0.9300
C4—O3	1.306 (4)	C11—N3	1.480 (4)
C5—N2	1.334 (4)	C11—H11A	0.9600
C5—N1	1.358 (4)	C11—H11B	0.9600
C5—C6	1.459 (4)	C11—H11C	0.9600
C6—C9	1.391 (4)	N1—H1	0.8600
C6—C7	1.393 (4)	O3—H3	0.8200
O1—C1—O2	125.0 (3)	N3—C8—H8	119.5
O1—C1—C2	117.6 (3)	C7—C8—H8	119.5
O2—C1—C2	117.4 (3)	C10—C9—C6	120.8 (3)
N1—C2—C3	104.7 (3)	C10—C9—H9	119.6
N1—C2—C1	120.5 (2)	C6—C9—H9	119.6
C3—C2—C1	134.8 (3)	N3—C10—C9	120.0 (3)
N2—C3—C2	110.6 (2)	N3—C10—H10	120.0
N2—C3—C4	120.6 (3)	C9—C10—H10	120.0
C2—C3—C4	128.8 (3)	N3—C11—H11A	109.5
O4—C4—O3	121.0 (3)	N3—C11—H11B	109.5
O4—C4—C3	121.5 (3)	H11A—C11—H11B	109.5
O3—C4—C3	117.4 (3)	N3—C11—H11C	109.5
N2—C5—N1	111.1 (3)	H11A—C11—H11C	109.5
N2—C5—C6	123.7 (3)	H11B—C11—H11C	109.5
N1—C5—C6	125.2 (3)	C5—N1—C2	108.5 (2)
C9—C6—C7	117.7 (3)	C5—N1—H1	125.8
C9—C6—C5	119.6 (3)	C2—N1—H1	125.8
C7—C6—C5	122.7 (3)	C5—N2—C3	105.0 (2)
C8—C7—C6	119.6 (3)	C8—N3—C10	120.7 (3)
C8—C7—H7	120.2	C8—N3—C11	119.3 (3)
C6—C7—H7	120.2	C10—N3—C11	119.9 (3)
N3—C8—C7	121.1 (3)	C4—O3—H3	109.5
O1—C1—C2—N1	-1.2 (4)	C5—C6—C7—C8	179.8 (3)
O2—C1—C2—N1	177.3 (3)	C6—C7—C8—N3	0.0 (5)
O1—C1—C2—C3	-179.9 (3)	C7—C6—C9—C10	0.0 (4)
O2—C1—C2—C3	-1.5 (5)	C5—C6—C9—C10	-180.0 (3)
N1—C2—C3—N2	0.4 (3)	C6—C9—C10—N3	0.2 (5)
C1—C2—C3—N2	179.2 (3)	N2—C5—N1—C2	-0.4 (3)
N1—C2—C3—C4	178.5 (3)	C6—C5—N1—C2	179.4 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-2.6 (5)	C3—C2—N1—C5	0.0 (3)
N2—C3—C4—O4	1.9 (4)	C1—C2—N1—C5	-179.1 (2)
C2—C3—C4—O4	-176.1 (3)	N1—C5—N2—C3	0.6 (3)
N2—C3—C4—O3	-178.9 (3)	C6—C5—N2—C3	-179.2 (3)
C2—C3—C4—O3	3.1 (5)	C2—C3—N2—C5	-0.6 (3)
N2—C5—C6—C9	2.5 (4)	C4—C3—N2—C5	-178.9 (3)
N1—C5—C6—C9	-177.3 (3)	C7—C8—N3—C10	0.2 (5)
N2—C5—C6—C7	-177.5 (3)	C7—C8—N3—C11	-179.2 (3)
N1—C5—C6—C7	2.7 (5)	C9—C10—N3—C8	-0.3 (4)
C9—C6—C7—C8	-0.1 (4)	C9—C10—N3—C11	179.0 (3)

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