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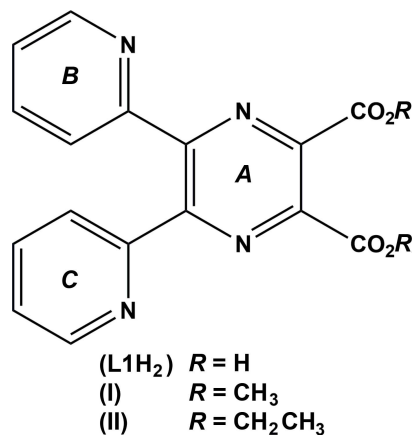
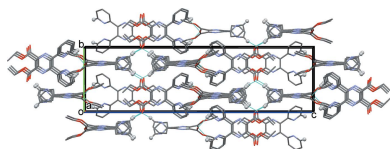
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In dimethyl 5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate, C₁₈H₁₄N₄O₄, (I), and diethyl 5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate, C₂₀H₁₈N₄O₄, (II), the dimethyl and diethyl esters of 5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid, the orientation of the two pyridine rings differ. In (I), pyridine ring *B* is inclined to pyrazine ring *A* by 44.8 (2)° and the pyridine and pyrazine N atoms are *trans* to one another, while pyridine ring *C* is inclined to the pyrazine ring by 50.3 (2)°, with the pyridine and pyrazine N atoms *cis* to one another. In compound (II), the diethyl ester, which possesses twofold rotation symmetry, the pyridine ring is inclined to the pyrazine ring by 40.7 (1)°, with the pyridine and pyrazine N atoms *trans* to one another. In the crystal of (I), molecules are linked by C—H...N hydrogen bonds, forming chains along [001]. The chains are linked by C—H...π interactions, forming a three-dimensional structure. In the crystal of (II), molecules are linked *via* C—H...O hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional framework. There are C—H...π interactions present within the framework.

1. Chemical context

5,6-Bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid (**L1H₂**) was synthesized to study its coordination behaviour with first row transition metals (Alfonso, 1999). It exists as a zwitterion, with the adjacent pyridine and pyridinium rings almost coplanar due to the presence of an intramolecular N—H...N hydrogen bond. The crystal structures of the zwitterion and different charged forms of **L1H₂**, *viz.* the HCl, HClO₄ and HPF₆ salts, and details of the hydrogen bonding have been reported (Alfonso *et al.*, 2001).



Metal-catalysed hydrolysis of amino acid esters is a well documented phenomenon (Dugas, 1989). It has been shown previously that the reaction of copper(II) salts with the dimethyl esters of pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid (Neels *et al.*,

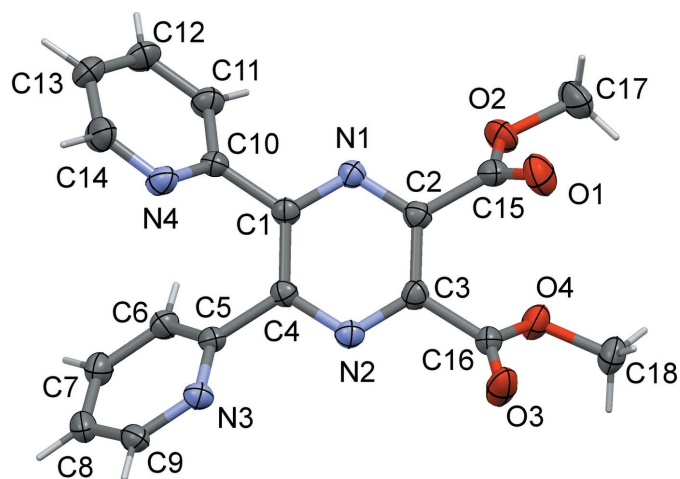


Figure 1
A view of the molecular structure of compound (I), showing the atom labelling. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

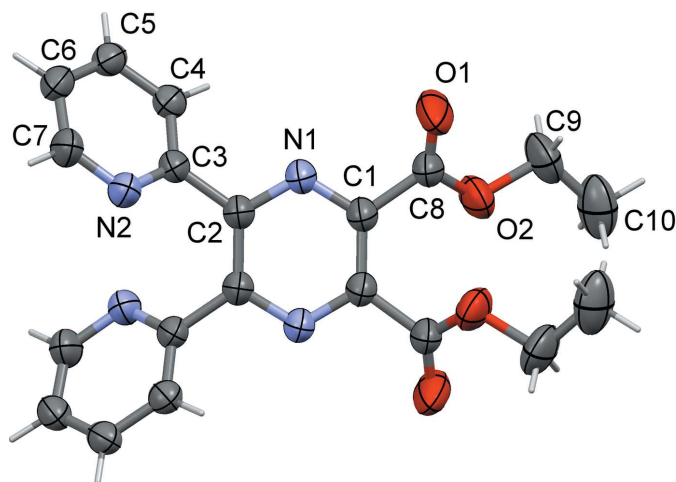


Figure 2
A view of the molecular structure of compound (II), showing the atom labelling. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Unlabelled atoms are related to labelled atoms by the symmetry code $(-x + 2, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z)$.

1997) and 2,5-dimethylpyrazine-3,6-dicarboxylic acid (Wang & Stoeckli-Evans, 1998) resulted in the partial hydrolysis of the ligand and the formation of a two-dimensional network in the first case and a mononuclear complex in the second. Hence, metal-ion-promoted ester hydrolysis leads to the formation of new ligands and may serve as a general route to prepare new coordination compounds. The title compounds, (I) and (II), were synthesized to study the hydrolysis of these esters with first row transition metals (Alfonso, 1999), and we report herein on their syntheses and crystal structures.

2. Structural commentary

As seen in compound (I), Fig. 1, the dimethyl ester of **L1H₂**, pyridine ring *B* (N4/C10–C14) is inclined to the pyrazine ring

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for (I).

*Cg*2 is the centroid of the N3/C5–C9 pyridine ring.

<i>D</i> –H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H... <i>A</i>
C11–H11...N3 ⁱ	0.93	2.57	3.334 (5)	140
C7–H7... <i>Cg</i> 2 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.95	3.742 (5)	144
C17–H17C... <i>Cg</i> 2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.96	2.92	3.722 (6)	141

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

(*A*; N1/N2/C1–C4) by 44.8 (2)° and the pyridine and pyrazine N atoms, N1 and N4, are *trans* to one another. Pyridine ring *C* (N3/C5–C9) is inclined to pyrazine ring *A* by 50.3 (2)°. However, here the pyridine and pyrazine N atoms, N2 and N3, are *cis* to one another. The two pyridine rings, *B* and *C*, are inclined to one another by 60.2 (2)°. The acetate groups, O1/O2/C15/C17 and O3/O4/C16/C18, are almost planar with r.m.s. deviations of 0.027 and 0.007 Å, respectively. They are inclined to the pyrazine ring by 60.3 (3) and 49.8 (3)°, respectively, and to one another by 42.4 (3)°.

Compound (II), the diethyl ester of **L1H₂**, possesses twofold rotation symmetry, with the twofold rotation axis bisecting the *C_{ar}*–*C_{ar}*^{*i*} bonds [*ar* = aromatic; symmetry code (i): $-x + 2, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z$], as shown in Fig. 2. The pyridine N atoms, N2 and N2^{*i*}, face one another with an N2...N2^{*i*} separation of 3.043 (3) Å. The two pyridine rings are inclined to one another by 55.1 (1)° and to the pyrazine ring mean plane by 40.7 (1)°, with the pyrazine and pyridine N atoms, N1 and N2, *trans* to one another. The acetate group, O1/O2/C8/C9 [maximum deviation of 0.012 (3) Å for atom C8] is inclined to the pyrazine ring mean plane by 38.9 (1)°, and by 47.6 (2)° to the acetate group related by the twofold rotation axis. The oxygen atoms, O2 and O2^{*i*}, are separated by only 2.840 (3) Å. The pyrazine ring in (II) has a slight twist-boat conformation (r.m.s. deviation = 0.046 Å) with the N1/C1/C2 and N1^{*i*}/C1^{*i*}/C2^{*i*} planes inclined to one another by 3.9 (3)°.

As noted above the differences in the structures of the two compounds lies essentially in the orientation of the pyridine rings with respect to the pyrazine ring (*cf* Figs. 1 and 2). It is possible that the slight distortion of the planarity of the pyrazine ring in (II), mentioned above, is related to the short N2...N2^{*i*} contact of 3.043 (3) Å of the adjacent pyridine rings and to the even shorter O2...O2^{*i*} contact of 2.840 (3) Å of the adjacent acetate groups.

3. Supramolecular features

In the crystal of (I), molecules are linked by C–H...N hydrogen bonds, forming chains along [001]; see Table 1 and Fig. 3. The chains are linked *via* C–H... π interactions (Table 1), forming a three-dimensional structure.

In the crystal of (II), molecules are linked *via* C–H...O hydrogen bonds, forming a three-dimensional framework; see Table 2 and Fig. 4. Within the framework there are a number of C–H... π interactions present (Table 2).

Table 2

 Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$) for (II).

 $Cg1$ and $Cg2$ are the centroids of the pyrazine and pyridine rings N1/C1/C2/N1'/C1'/C2' and N2/C3–C7, respectively [symmetry code ('): $-x + 2, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z$].

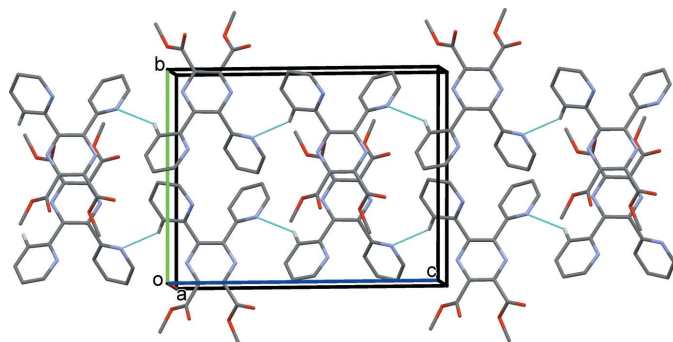
$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C7-H7\cdots O1^i$	0.94	2.48	3.308 (3)	147
$C4-H4\cdots Cg2^{ii}$	0.94	2.92	3.739 (2)	147
$C10-H10B\cdots Cg1^{iii}$	0.97	2.56	3.409 (3)	146
$C10-H10B\cdots Cg1^{iv}$	0.97	2.56	3.409 (3)	146

 Symmetry codes: (i) $-y + \frac{7}{4}, x + \frac{1}{4}, z + \frac{1}{4}$; (ii) $y - \frac{1}{4}, -x + \frac{5}{4}, -z + \frac{1}{4}$; (iii) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z$; (iv) $x, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z$.

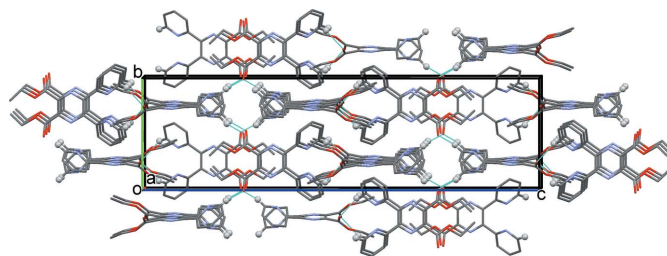
4. Database survey

Besides the structures of the zwitterion and different charged forms of $L1H_2$, viz. the HCl, HClO₄ and HPF₆ salts (Alfonso *et al.*, 2001), the crystal structures of two copper(II) complexes of $L1H_2$ have been reported, viz: *catena*-[[[μ_3 -5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate]triaquadibromodicopper(II)] methanol solvate trihydrate] and *catena*-[[[μ_4 -5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate]diaquadibromodicopper(II) monohydrate] (Neels *et al.*, 2003).

The structure of the isoelectronic compound 3,6-bis-(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,5-dicarboxylic acid ($L2H_2$), Fig. 5, has also been reported (Wang & Stoeckli-Evans, 2012a). It too exists as a zwitterion and the structures of its dihydrochloride salt and the dimethyl sulfonate disolvate have also been reported (Wang & Stoeckli-Evans, 2012a). The crystal structures of the dimethyl (III) and diethyl (IV) esters of $L2H_2$ have been deposited as private communications (Wang & Stoeckli-Evans, 2012b,c) with the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD; Groom & Allen, 2014). Both compounds crystallize in the triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ and possess inversion symmetry. The pyridine rings lie almost in the plane of the pyrazine ring and the N atoms are *trans* with respect to each other and to the nearest pyrazine N atom (as illustrated in Fig. 5). The ester groups are planar and in both compounds lie almost normal to the pyrazine ring. In the crystals of both compounds, inversion-related molecules are linked *via* pairs of C–H \cdots O hydrogen bonds, enclosing $R_2^2(10)$ ring motifs, forming chains propagating along $[10\bar{1}]$.


Figure 3

A view along the a axis of the crystal packing of compound (I). The hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines (see Table 1; only H atom H11 has been included).


Figure 4

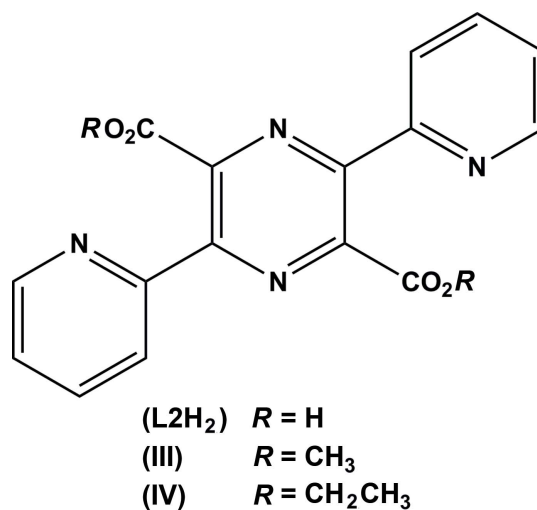
A view along the a axis of the crystal packing of compound (II). The hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines (see Table 2; only H atom H7 has been included).

5. Synthesis and crystallization

The synthesis of 5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylic acid ($L1H_2$) has been reported (Alfonso *et al.*, 2001). The dimethyl and diethyl esters, compounds (I) and (II), respectively, were obtained by the usual esterification procedure in acidic medium from the diacid and an excess of the corresponding alcohol.

Synthesis of compound (I): dimethyl-5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)-pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate $L1H_2$

(1.00 g, 3.11 mmol) was heated under reflux in freshly distilled MeOH (40ml) containing H₂SO₄ conc. (98%, 1 ml) during 16 h. After stopping the reaction, the temperature of the solution was allowed to cool to room temperature and then poured into an aqueous solution of NaOAc (6 g in 150 ml deionized water). The resulting solution was stirred in an ice bath containing NaCl to afford a white solid which was removed by filtration, washed with cold water and dried under vacuum. Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by the slow diffusion technique from CH₂Cl₂ and MeOH (yield: 0.77g, 65%; m.p. 410.2–411.7 K). Selected IR bands (KBr pellet, cm⁻¹): $\nu = 1743(s), 1729(vs), 1339(s), 1302(s), 1283(vs), 1164(s), 1089(vs)$. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, p.p.m.): $\delta = 8.34(dt, 2H, J = 4.1Hz, J = 1.0 Hz, pyH)$,


Figure 5

The chemical scheme for compound $L2H_2$.

Table 3
Experimental details.

	(I)	(II)
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	C ₁₈ H ₁₄ N ₄ O ₄	C ₂₀ H ₁₈ N ₄ O ₄
<i>M_r</i>	350.33	378.38
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>Ia</i>	Tetragonal, <i>I4₁/a</i>
Temperature (K)	293	223
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	8.4249 (12), 12.2465 (10), 16.2561 (13)	10.2295 (6), 10.2295 (6), 36.281 (3)
α , β , γ (°)	90, 103.730 (8), 90	90, 90, 90
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1629.3 (3)	3796.5 (5)
<i>Z</i>	4	8
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.10	0.10
Crystal size (mm)	0.70 × 0.50 × 0.38	0.65 × 0.50 × 0.50
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Stoe–Siemens AED2	Stoe IPDS 1
No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] reflections	3035, 3028, 2737	14760, 1851, 1153
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.012	0.043
(<i>sin</i> θ / λ) _{max} (Å ⁻¹)	0.606	0.616
Refinement		
<i>R</i> [<i>F</i> ² > 2 σ (<i>F</i> ²)], <i>wR</i> [<i>F</i> ²], <i>S</i>	0.050, 0.135, 1.11	0.049, 0.149, 1.01
No. of reflections	3028	1851
No. of parameters	238	129
No. of restraints	2	0
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\max}$, $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.19, -0.21	0.34, -0.19

Computer programs: *STADIA* (Stoe & Cie, 1997), *EXPOSE*, *CELL* and *INTEGRATE* in *IPDS-I* (Stoe & Cie, 2004), *X-RED* (Stoe & Cie, 1997), *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008), *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015), *PLATON* (Spek, 2009), *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008), and *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

7.99(*dt*, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, pyH), 7.82(*td*, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, pyH), 7.26(*td*, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, *J* = 1.0 Hz, pyH), 4.04(*s*, 6H, CH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 50 MHz, p.p.m.): δ = 165.53, 155.98, 153.35, 149.26, 142.92, 137.64, 125.41, 124.49, 54.11. DCI-MS *m/z*: 351(MH⁺), 318, 279, 255, 208. Analysis for C₁₈H₁₄N₄O₄ (350.33), calculated C 61.70, H 4.04, N 15.99%, found C 61.4, H 3.91, N 15.65%.

Synthesis of compound (II): diethyl-5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate

This compound was prepared by the same method as for (I). **LIH₂** in freshly distilled EtOH containing catalytic amounts of H₂SO₄ conc. gave compound (II) as a white solid. Slow evaporation of an ethanolic solution afforded colourless crystals suitable for X-ray analysis (yield: 0.70g, 62%; m.p. 390.5–391.3 K). Selected IR bands (KBr pellet, cm⁻¹): ν = 3055(*w*), 1737(*s*), 1723(*vs*), 1368(*s*), 1301(*s*), 1276(*vs*), 1276(*vs*), 1161(*s*), 1086(*vs*). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 400 MHz, p.p.m.): δ = 8.33(*d*, 2H, *J* = 4 Hz, pyH), 8.01(*d*, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, pyH), 7.81(*t*, 2H, *J* = 7.7 Hz, pyH), 7.24(*t*, 2H, *J* = 4.4 Hz, pyH), 4.52(*m*, 4H, *J* = 7 Hz, CH₂), 1.45(*t*, 6H, *J* = 7.4 Hz, CH₃). EI-MS *m/z*: 378 (34), 349 (9), 232 (95), 206 (66), 179 (25), 152 (11), 129 (9), 78(*base*), 46 (38). Analysis for C₂₀H₁₈N₄O₄ (378.38), calculated C 63.49, H 4.79, N 14.81%, found C 63.49, H 4.61, N 14.77%.

6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 3. For both compounds, the C-bound

H-atoms were included in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms: C–H = 0.93–0.98 Å with *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.5*U*_{eq}(C-methyl) and 1.2*U*_{eq}(C) for other H atoms. For compound (I), the Flack parameter (Parsons *et al.*, 2013) is = -0.2 (10), but it has no physical meaning here.

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Computing details

Data collection: *STADIA* (Stoe & Cie, 1997) for (I); *EXPOSE* in *IPDS-I* (Stoe & Cie, 2004) for (II). Cell refinement: *STADIA* (Stoe & Cie, 1997) for (I); *CELL* in *IPDS-I* (Stoe & Cie, 2004) for (II). Data reduction: *X-RED* (Stoe & Cie, 1997) for (I); *INTEGRATE* in *IPDS-I* (Stoe & Cie, 2004) for (II). For both compounds, program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2009) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015), *PLATON* (Spek, 2009) and *pubCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

(I) Dimethyl 5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate

Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{14}N_4O_4$

$M_r = 350.33$

Monoclinic, *Ia*

$a = 8.4249$ (12) Å

$b = 12.2465$ (10) Å

$c = 16.2561$ (13) Å

$\beta = 103.730$ (8)°

$V = 1629.3$ (3) Å³

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 728$

$D_x = 1.428$ Mg m⁻³

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

Cell parameters from 33 reflections

$\theta = 14.1$ – 19.6 °

$\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹

$T = 293$ K

Rod, colourless

$0.70 \times 0.50 \times 0.38$ mm

Data collection

Stoe–Siemens AED2
diffractometer

$\omega/2\theta$ scans

3035 measured reflections

3028 independent reflections

2737 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{int} = 0.012$

$\theta_{max} = 25.5$ °, $\theta_{min} = 2.1$ °

$h = -10$ → 10

$k = 0$ → 14

$l = -19$ → 19

2 standard reflections every 60 min

intensity decay: 1%

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$

$wR(F^2) = 0.135$

$S = 1.11$

3028 reflections

238 parameters

2 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

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0759P)^2 + 1.0624P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

Extinction correction: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001x\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.0065 (18)

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.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.8419 (5)	1.1583 (3)	0.0691 (2)	0.0470 (9)
O2	1.0295 (4)	1.1079 (3)	-0.0014 (2)	0.0395 (8)
O3	1.0067 (5)	1.1074 (3)	0.3016 (2)	0.0463 (10)
O4	1.1454 (4)	1.1588 (3)	0.2054 (2)	0.0355 (8)
N1	0.9519 (4)	0.8948 (3)	0.0567 (2)	0.0266 (8)
N2	1.0688 (4)	0.8934 (3)	0.2330 (2)	0.0272 (8)
N3	1.0738 (4)	0.6793 (3)	0.3087 (2)	0.0279 (8)
N4	0.8579 (5)	0.6232 (3)	0.0803 (2)	0.0348 (9)
C1	0.9822 (5)	0.8015 (3)	0.0992 (2)	0.0248 (9)
C2	0.9784 (5)	0.9878 (3)	0.1014 (2)	0.0259 (9)
C3	1.0319 (5)	0.9857 (3)	0.1896 (3)	0.0268 (9)
C4	1.0489 (5)	0.8006 (3)	0.1880 (2)	0.0227 (8)
C5	1.1158 (5)	0.6996 (3)	0.2355 (2)	0.0248 (9)
C6	1.2218 (5)	0.6347 (4)	0.2045 (3)	0.0311 (9)
H6	1.2486	0.6520	0.1537	0.037*
C7	1.2879 (6)	0.5430 (4)	0.2500 (3)	0.0349 (10)
H7	1.3595	0.4979	0.2303	0.042*
C8	1.2459 (6)	0.5200 (3)	0.3248 (3)	0.0345 (10)
H8	1.2879	0.4589	0.3565	0.041*
C9	1.1394 (5)	0.5903 (4)	0.3517 (3)	0.0312 (9)
H9	1.1118	0.5748	0.4025	0.037*
C10	0.9393 (5)	0.6998 (3)	0.0486 (2)	0.0255 (9)
C11	0.9763 (6)	0.6908 (4)	-0.0299 (3)	0.0334 (10)
H11	1.0322	0.7464	-0.0499	0.040*
C12	0.9291 (6)	0.5984 (4)	-0.0777 (3)	0.0389 (11)
H12	0.9543	0.5900	-0.1301	0.047*
C13	0.8443 (7)	0.5192 (4)	-0.0469 (3)	0.0413 (12)
H13	0.8098	0.4561	-0.0779	0.050*
C14	0.8113 (7)	0.5353 (4)	0.0320 (3)	0.0439 (13)
H14	0.7529	0.4814	0.0524	0.053*
C15	0.9399 (6)	1.0942 (4)	0.0546 (3)	0.0316 (10)
C16	1.0580 (5)	1.0903 (4)	0.2399 (3)	0.0287 (9)
C17	1.0131 (8)	1.2133 (4)	-0.0439 (3)	0.0525 (14)
H17A	1.0924	1.2190	-0.0774	0.079*
H17B	1.0307	1.2706	-0.0024	0.079*

H17C	0.9053	1.2199	-0.0798	0.079*
C18	1.1672 (6)	1.2674 (4)	0.2412 (3)	0.0386 (11)
H18A	1.2114	1.3143	0.2049	0.058*
H18B	1.2410	1.2645	0.2961	0.058*
H18C	1.0636	1.2955	0.2464	0.058*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.054 (2)	0.0354 (19)	0.054 (2)	0.0149 (17)	0.0183 (17)	0.0094 (17)
O2	0.055 (2)	0.0344 (19)	0.0313 (17)	-0.0011 (15)	0.0150 (15)	0.0089 (14)
O3	0.079 (3)	0.0309 (19)	0.037 (2)	-0.0093 (17)	0.0314 (19)	-0.0065 (14)
O4	0.0460 (18)	0.0266 (17)	0.0375 (16)	-0.0064 (13)	0.0171 (14)	-0.0077 (13)
N1	0.0339 (19)	0.0234 (19)	0.0235 (18)	-0.0009 (14)	0.0084 (14)	0.0004 (13)
N2	0.0320 (19)	0.027 (2)	0.0231 (18)	-0.0006 (14)	0.0081 (15)	-0.0003 (13)
N3	0.0337 (19)	0.0282 (19)	0.0223 (18)	-0.0009 (15)	0.0077 (14)	0.0010 (14)
N4	0.049 (2)	0.0326 (19)	0.0237 (17)	-0.0122 (17)	0.0103 (16)	-0.0023 (16)
C1	0.029 (2)	0.025 (2)	0.023 (2)	0.0003 (16)	0.0110 (17)	0.0009 (16)
C2	0.027 (2)	0.027 (2)	0.024 (2)	0.0006 (17)	0.0066 (16)	0.0011 (16)
C3	0.032 (2)	0.023 (2)	0.027 (2)	0.0005 (17)	0.0108 (18)	-0.0016 (16)
C4	0.0233 (19)	0.024 (2)	0.022 (2)	-0.0001 (15)	0.0082 (15)	0.0013 (15)
C5	0.029 (2)	0.024 (2)	0.0201 (19)	-0.0017 (16)	0.0032 (16)	-0.0009 (16)
C6	0.038 (2)	0.029 (2)	0.026 (2)	0.0039 (19)	0.0090 (18)	-0.0011 (18)
C7	0.040 (2)	0.027 (2)	0.036 (2)	0.0047 (19)	0.006 (2)	-0.0035 (19)
C8	0.043 (3)	0.022 (2)	0.034 (2)	0.0019 (19)	0.0007 (19)	0.0013 (18)
C9	0.038 (2)	0.029 (2)	0.024 (2)	-0.0046 (18)	0.0027 (18)	0.0040 (18)
C10	0.031 (2)	0.025 (2)	0.020 (2)	0.0015 (17)	0.0040 (16)	0.0015 (16)
C11	0.042 (3)	0.034 (2)	0.026 (2)	-0.0032 (18)	0.0130 (18)	-0.0015 (18)
C12	0.053 (3)	0.039 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.001 (2)	0.013 (2)	-0.007 (2)
C13	0.059 (3)	0.032 (3)	0.030 (2)	-0.003 (2)	0.003 (2)	-0.0083 (19)
C14	0.066 (3)	0.031 (2)	0.035 (3)	-0.018 (2)	0.012 (2)	0.002 (2)
C15	0.038 (2)	0.030 (2)	0.023 (2)	-0.002 (2)	0.0008 (17)	0.0001 (17)
C16	0.037 (2)	0.022 (2)	0.025 (2)	0.0026 (17)	0.0038 (17)	-0.0003 (17)
C17	0.069 (4)	0.039 (3)	0.045 (3)	-0.012 (3)	0.005 (3)	0.017 (2)
C18	0.047 (3)	0.024 (2)	0.046 (3)	-0.0043 (19)	0.013 (2)	-0.006 (2)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C15	1.202 (6)	C6—C7	1.387 (6)
O2—C15	1.324 (6)	C6—H6	0.9300
O2—C17	1.455 (5)	C7—C8	1.373 (7)
O3—C16	1.200 (6)	C7—H7	0.9300
O4—C16	1.325 (6)	C8—C9	1.387 (7)
O4—C18	1.446 (5)	C8—H8	0.9300
N1—C1	1.329 (5)	C9—H9	0.9300
N1—C2	1.340 (5)	C10—C11	1.388 (6)
N2—C3	1.331 (6)	C11—C12	1.377 (7)
N2—C4	1.341 (5)	C11—H11	0.9300

N3—C9	1.340 (5)	C12—C13	1.368 (7)
N3—C5	1.343 (5)	C12—H12	0.9300
N4—C10	1.335 (6)	C13—C14	1.389 (7)
N4—C14	1.336 (6)	C13—H13	0.9300
C1—C4	1.419 (5)	C14—H14	0.9300
C1—C10	1.489 (6)	C17—H17A	0.9600
C2—C3	1.397 (5)	C17—H17B	0.9600
C2—C15	1.505 (6)	C17—H17C	0.9600
C3—C16	1.508 (6)	C18—H18A	0.9600
C4—C5	1.495 (6)	C18—H18B	0.9600
C5—C6	1.377 (6)	C18—H18C	0.9600
C15—O2—C17	115.7 (4)	N4—C10—C11	123.2 (4)
C16—O4—C18	116.2 (3)	N4—C10—C1	117.0 (3)
C1—N1—C2	117.5 (3)	C11—C10—C1	119.7 (4)
C3—N2—C4	116.6 (3)	C12—C11—C10	119.1 (4)
C9—N3—C5	116.7 (4)	C12—C11—H11	120.5
C10—N4—C14	116.5 (4)	C10—C11—H11	120.5
N1—C1—C4	121.1 (4)	C13—C12—C11	118.8 (4)
N1—C1—C10	116.2 (3)	C13—C12—H12	120.6
C4—C1—C10	122.7 (4)	C11—C12—H12	120.6
N1—C2—C3	120.9 (4)	C12—C13—C14	118.3 (4)
N1—C2—C15	118.3 (3)	C12—C13—H13	120.9
C3—C2—C15	120.8 (4)	C14—C13—H13	120.9
N2—C3—C2	122.5 (4)	N4—C14—C13	124.2 (4)
N2—C3—C16	116.7 (3)	N4—C14—H14	117.9
C2—C3—C16	120.8 (4)	C13—C14—H14	117.9
N2—C4—C1	121.1 (4)	O1—C15—O2	125.6 (4)
N2—C4—C5	115.8 (3)	O1—C15—C2	122.9 (4)
C1—C4—C5	122.8 (4)	O2—C15—C2	111.6 (4)
N3—C5—C6	123.2 (4)	O3—C16—O4	126.2 (4)
N3—C5—C4	117.7 (3)	O3—C16—C3	124.5 (4)
C6—C5—C4	119.1 (4)	O4—C16—C3	109.4 (3)
C5—C6—C7	119.0 (4)	O2—C17—H17A	109.5
C5—C6—H6	120.5	O2—C17—H17B	109.5
C7—C6—H6	120.5	H17A—C17—H17B	109.5
C8—C7—C6	118.9 (4)	O2—C17—H17C	109.5
C8—C7—H7	120.5	H17A—C17—H17C	109.5
C6—C7—H7	120.5	H17B—C17—H17C	109.5
C7—C8—C9	118.3 (4)	O4—C18—H18A	109.5
C7—C8—H8	120.9	O4—C18—H18B	109.5
C9—C8—H8	120.9	H18A—C18—H18B	109.5
N3—C9—C8	123.9 (4)	O4—C18—H18C	109.5
N3—C9—H9	118.1	H18A—C18—H18C	109.5
C8—C9—H9	118.1	H18B—C18—H18C	109.5
C2—N1—C1—C4	-3.6 (5)	C5—N3—C9—C8	0.1 (6)
C2—N1—C1—C10	175.4 (3)	C7—C8—C9—N3	0.4 (7)

C1—N1—C2—C3	-1.6 (5)	C14—N4—C10—C11	-0.4 (7)
C1—N1—C2—C15	-178.2 (4)	C14—N4—C10—C1	176.0 (4)
C4—N2—C3—C2	-1.4 (5)	N1—C1—C10—N4	-133.7 (4)
C4—N2—C3—C16	-178.6 (4)	C4—C1—C10—N4	45.3 (5)
N1—C2—C3—N2	4.3 (6)	N1—C1—C10—C11	42.8 (5)
C15—C2—C3—N2	-179.2 (4)	C4—C1—C10—C11	-138.2 (4)
N1—C2—C3—C16	-178.6 (4)	N4—C10—C11—C12	-0.7 (7)
C15—C2—C3—C16	-2.1 (6)	C1—C10—C11—C12	-177.0 (4)
C3—N2—C4—C1	-3.8 (5)	C10—C11—C12—C13	1.2 (7)
C3—N2—C4—C5	170.5 (3)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-0.6 (8)
N1—C1—C4—N2	6.5 (5)	C10—N4—C14—C13	1.0 (8)
C10—C1—C4—N2	-172.4 (4)	C12—C13—C14—N4	-0.5 (8)
N1—C1—C4—C5	-167.4 (4)	C17—O2—C15—O1	4.4 (7)
C10—C1—C4—C5	13.7 (5)	C17—O2—C15—C2	-174.1 (4)
C9—N3—C5—C6	-0.6 (6)	N1—C2—C15—O1	120.0 (5)
C9—N3—C5—C4	-177.9 (4)	C3—C2—C15—O1	-56.6 (6)
N2—C4—C5—N3	50.7 (5)	N1—C2—C15—O2	-61.5 (5)
C1—C4—C5—N3	-135.1 (4)	C3—C2—C15—O2	121.9 (4)
N2—C4—C5—C6	-126.6 (4)	C18—O4—C16—O3	-6.2 (7)
C1—C4—C5—C6	47.6 (6)	C18—O4—C16—C3	173.9 (4)
N3—C5—C6—C7	0.7 (7)	N2—C3—C16—O3	-50.9 (6)
C4—C5—C6—C7	177.9 (4)	C2—C3—C16—O3	131.8 (5)
C5—C6—C7—C8	-0.2 (7)	N2—C3—C16—O4	128.9 (4)
C6—C7—C8—C9	-0.4 (7)	C2—C3—C16—O4	-48.3 (5)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

Cg2 is the centroid of the N3/C5—C9 pyridine ring.

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
C11—H11...N3 ⁱ	0.93	2.57	3.334 (5)	140
C7—H7...Cg2 ⁱⁱ	0.93	2.95	3.742 (5)	144
C17—H17C...Cg2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.96	2.92	3.722 (6)	141

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, -y+3/2, z-1/2$; (ii) $x+1/2, -y+1, z$; (iii) $x-1/2, y+3/2, z-1/2$.**(II) Diethyl 5,6-bis(pyridin-2-yl)pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate***Crystal data*C₂₀H₁₈N₄O₄ $M_r = 378.38$ Tetragonal, $I4_1/a$ $a = 10.2295$ (6) Å $c = 36.281$ (3) Å $V = 3796.5$ (5) Å³ $Z = 8$ $F(000) = 1584$ $D_x = 1.324$ Mg m⁻³Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 5000 reflections

 $\theta = 3.3$ – 52.1° $\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹ $T = 223$ K

Block, colourless

0.65 × 0.50 × 0.50 mm

Data collection

Stoe IPDS 1 diffractometer	1153 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$, $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.1^\circ$
Plane graphite monochromator	$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$
φ rotation scans	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
14760 measured reflections	$l = -44 \rightarrow 44$
1851 independent reflections	

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
Least-squares matrix: full	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0925P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.149$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$S = 1.01$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
1851 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.34 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
129 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
0 restraints	Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL2014</i> (Sheldrick, 2015), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001x Fc^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	Extinction coefficient: 0.0049 (10)
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map	

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.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	0.7424 (2)	0.7559 (3)	0.00480 (5)	0.1009 (9)
O2	0.91015 (17)	0.64422 (18)	-0.01674 (4)	0.0693 (5)
N1	0.86590 (16)	0.73125 (18)	0.07318 (4)	0.0478 (5)
N2	0.88149 (17)	0.8399 (2)	0.16340 (5)	0.0583 (6)
C1	0.9332 (2)	0.7371 (2)	0.04156 (5)	0.0473 (5)
C2	0.93113 (19)	0.7446 (2)	0.10488 (5)	0.0450 (5)
C3	0.84753 (19)	0.7504 (2)	0.13824 (5)	0.0452 (5)
C4	0.7388 (2)	0.6719 (2)	0.14134 (5)	0.0466 (5)
H4	0.7174	0.6124	0.1225	0.056*
C5	0.6613 (2)	0.6817 (2)	0.17249 (5)	0.0503 (5)
H5	0.5874	0.6282	0.1755	0.060*
C6	0.6952 (2)	0.7712 (2)	0.19868 (6)	0.0569 (6)
H6	0.6448	0.7803	0.2202	0.068*
C7	0.8042 (2)	0.8481 (3)	0.19322 (6)	0.0637 (7)
H7	0.8256	0.9098	0.2114	0.076*
C8	0.8508 (2)	0.7155 (3)	0.00796 (5)	0.0558 (6)
C9	0.8402 (3)	0.6183 (4)	-0.05106 (7)	0.0978 (11)
H9A	0.7744	0.5501	-0.0471	0.117*
H9B	0.7956	0.6977	-0.0594	0.117*

C10	0.9335 (4)	0.5760 (3)	-0.07867 (8)	0.0965 (11)
H10A	0.8877	0.5552	-0.1013	0.145*
H10B	0.9793	0.4990	-0.0699	0.145*
H10C	0.9960	0.6455	-0.0833	0.145*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0662 (13)	0.187 (2)	0.0499 (11)	0.0406 (14)	-0.0132 (9)	-0.0026 (12)
O2	0.0689 (11)	0.0889 (12)	0.0500 (9)	0.0023 (9)	-0.0168 (8)	-0.0172 (8)
N1	0.0424 (9)	0.0665 (12)	0.0347 (9)	0.0012 (8)	-0.0018 (7)	0.0026 (8)
N2	0.0464 (10)	0.0866 (14)	0.0418 (9)	-0.0104 (10)	0.0042 (8)	-0.0093 (9)
C1	0.0440 (10)	0.0630 (13)	0.0348 (10)	0.0039 (10)	-0.0018 (8)	0.0012 (9)
C2	0.0418 (10)	0.0581 (13)	0.0350 (10)	-0.0016 (9)	-0.0010 (8)	0.0011 (9)
C3	0.0379 (10)	0.0629 (13)	0.0348 (10)	0.0007 (9)	-0.0026 (8)	0.0026 (9)
C4	0.0421 (11)	0.0541 (12)	0.0437 (11)	0.0028 (9)	-0.0017 (8)	0.0041 (9)
C5	0.0407 (11)	0.0630 (13)	0.0471 (12)	0.0017 (10)	0.0035 (9)	0.0086 (10)
C6	0.0450 (12)	0.0826 (17)	0.0431 (11)	0.0052 (12)	0.0067 (9)	0.0062 (11)
C7	0.0553 (14)	0.0941 (18)	0.0416 (11)	-0.0080 (13)	0.0046 (10)	-0.0127 (12)
C8	0.0467 (13)	0.0851 (17)	0.0357 (11)	0.0035 (12)	-0.0008 (9)	0.0047 (11)
C9	0.095 (2)	0.141 (3)	0.0578 (16)	-0.007 (2)	-0.0290 (15)	-0.0268 (18)
C10	0.157 (3)	0.0720 (18)	0.0605 (17)	-0.020 (2)	-0.0135 (19)	-0.0139 (14)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C8	1.189 (3)	C4—H4	0.9400
O2—C8	1.305 (3)	C5—C6	1.364 (3)
O2—C9	1.460 (3)	C5—H5	0.9400
N1—C2	1.337 (2)	C6—C7	1.379 (3)
N1—C1	1.339 (2)	C6—H6	0.9400
N2—C3	1.339 (3)	C7—H7	0.9400
N2—C7	1.343 (3)	C9—C10	1.450 (5)
C1—C1 ⁱ	1.392 (4)	C9—H9A	0.9800
C1—C8	1.499 (3)	C9—H9B	0.9800
C2—C2 ⁱ	1.413 (4)	C10—H10A	0.9700
C2—C3	1.483 (3)	C10—H10B	0.9700
C3—C4	1.377 (3)	C10—H10C	0.9700
C4—C5	1.384 (3)		
C8—O2—C9	117.3 (2)	C7—C6—H6	120.4
C2—N1—C1	118.40 (17)	N2—C7—C6	123.8 (2)
C3—N2—C7	116.06 (19)	N2—C7—H7	118.1
N1—C1—C1 ⁱ	120.88 (11)	C6—C7—H7	118.1
N1—C1—C8	113.63 (18)	O1—C8—O2	124.2 (2)
C1 ⁱ —C1—C8	125.48 (12)	O1—C8—C1	123.5 (2)
N1—C2—C2 ⁱ	120.38 (11)	O2—C8—C1	112.27 (19)
N1—C2—C3	114.72 (17)	C10—C9—O2	108.7 (3)
C2 ⁱ —C2—C3	124.88 (11)	C10—C9—H9A	109.9

N2—C3—C4	123.56 (18)	O2—C9—H9A	109.9
N2—C3—C2	115.71 (18)	C10—C9—H9B	109.9
C4—C3—C2	120.65 (18)	O2—C9—H9B	109.9
C3—C4—C5	119.1 (2)	H9A—C9—H9B	108.3
C3—C4—H4	120.4	C9—C10—H10A	109.5
C5—C4—H4	120.4	C9—C10—H10B	109.5
C6—C5—C4	118.2 (2)	H10A—C10—H10B	109.5
C6—C5—H5	120.9	C9—C10—H10C	109.5
C4—C5—H5	120.9	H10A—C10—H10C	109.5
C5—C6—C7	119.20 (19)	H10B—C10—H10C	109.5
C5—C6—H6	120.4		
C2—N1—C1—C1 ⁱ	-3.1 (4)	C3—C4—C5—C6	1.1 (3)
C2—N1—C1—C8	177.7 (2)	C4—C5—C6—C7	0.1 (3)
C1—N1—C2—C2 ⁱ	-4.4 (4)	C3—N2—C7—C6	-0.2 (4)
C1—N1—C2—C3	174.09 (19)	C5—C6—C7—N2	-0.6 (4)
C7—N2—C3—C4	1.6 (3)	C9—O2—C8—O1	3.0 (4)
C7—N2—C3—C2	178.3 (2)	C9—O2—C8—C1	-179.0 (2)
N1—C2—C3—N2	-137.7 (2)	N1—C1—C8—O1	37.9 (4)
C2 ⁱ —C2—C3—N2	40.8 (4)	C1 ⁱ —C1—C8—O1	-141.2 (3)
N1—C2—C3—C4	39.1 (3)	N1—C1—C8—O2	-140.1 (2)
C2 ⁱ —C2—C3—C4	-142.4 (3)	C1 ⁱ —C1—C8—O2	40.8 (4)
N2—C3—C4—C5	-2.1 (3)	C8—O2—C9—C10	162.0 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-178.62 (19)		

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+2, -y+3/2, z$.

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Cg1 and Cg2 are the centroids of the pyrazine and pyridine rings N1/C1/C2/N1'/C1'/C2' and N2/C3-C7, respectively [symmetry code ('): $-x+2, -y+3/2, z$].

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
C7—H7...O1 ⁱⁱ	0.94	2.48	3.308 (3)	147
C4—H4...Cg2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.94	2.92	3.739 (2)	147
C10—H10B...Cg1 ^{iv}	0.97	2.56	3.409 (3)	146
C10—H10B...Cg1 ^v	0.97	2.56	3.409 (3)	146

Symmetry codes: (ii) $-y+7/4, x+1/4, z+1/4$; (iii) $y-1/4, -x+5/4, -z+1/4$; (iv) $-x+2, -y+1, -z$; (v) $x, y-1/2, -z$.