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Gallic acid pyridine monosolvate

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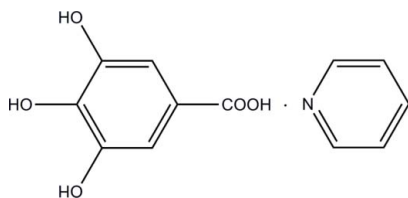Correspondence e-mail: trwjiang@jnu.edu.cn

In the title compound (systenatic name: 3,4,5-trihydroxy-benzoic acid pyridine monosolvate), $C_5H_5N \cdot C_7H_6O_5$, the gallic acid molecule is essentially planar (r.m.s deviation = 0.0766 Å for non-H atoms) and is linked to the pyridine molecule by an O—H···N hydrogen bond. An intramolecular O—H···O hydrogen bond occurs in the gallic acid molecule. The gallic acid and pyridine mean planes make a dihedral angle 12.6 (3)°. Intermolecular O—H···O and O—H···N hydrogen bonding involving the hydroxy and carboxyl groups and the pyridine molecule, and π–π interactions between inversion-related pyridines [centroid–centroid distance = 3.459 (6) Å] and between pyridine and benzene rings [centroid–centroid distance = 3.548 (6) Å], lead to a three-dimensional network in the crystal.

Related literature

For the biological activity of gallic acid, see: Souza *et al.* (2011); Ozcelik *et al.* (2011); Liu *et al.* (2011). For previous reports on the crystal structures of gallic acid monohydrate and gallic acid monopyridine solvate, see: Clarke *et al.* (2011); Jiang *et al.* (2000). For π–π interactions in natural flavonoids, see: Jiang *et al.* (2002, 2009).

Experimental

Crystal data

$C_5H_5N \cdot C_7H_6O_5$	b = 10.435 (2) Å
M_r = 249.22	c = 11.8581 (15) Å
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	β = 107.632 (8)°
a = 9.335 (1) Å	V = 1100.9 (3) Å^3
Z = 4	T = 293 K
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation	0.34 × 0.20 × 0.12 mm
μ = 0.12 mm^{-1}	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD 1000 diffractometer	2601 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2004)	1944 independent reflections
	1031 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
T_{min} = 0.821, T_{max} = 0.986	R_{int} = 0.057

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$ = 0.066	166 parameters
$wR(F^2)$ = 0.172	H-atom parameters constrained
S = 1.02	$\Delta\rho_{max}$ = 0.36 e Å^{-3}
1944 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{min}$ = −0.30 e Å^{-3}

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

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O1—H1A···O2^i	0.82	2.12	2.869 (3)	152
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Symmetry codes: (i) $-x, -y+1, -z+1$; (ii) $-x+\frac{1}{2}, y+\frac{1}{2}, -z+\frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $x-\frac{1}{2}, -y+\frac{1}{2}, z-\frac{1}{2}$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *XP* in *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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Comment

Gallic acid, a dietary polyphenol, is widely distributed in many edible and medicinal plants. It can exist as a single molecule or as a structural unit of hydrolysable tannins. It has been found to show strong pharmacological activities including antioxidant (Souza, *et al.* 2011), antiviral (Ozcelik, *et al.*, 2011) and antitumor properties (Liu, *et al.*, 2011). This compound contains two of the most common functional groups in natural products, e.g. carboxylic acid and phenolic groups. Crystal engineering studies have revealed interesting polymorphism. Four polymorphs of the monohydrate of gallic acid with three space groups (P 2$_1$/c, P 2/n, and P $\bar{1}$), and an anhydrous form with space group C 2/c have been reported (Clarke *et al.*, 2011). We report herein the pyridine monosolvate of gallic acid.

The gallic acid molecule is essentially planar. The mean deviation of the benzene ring is 0.0030 Å, which is similar to that in gallic acid monohydrate (0.0028 Å), and its dihedral angle with the plane of the carboxyl group is 9.8 (3) °, which is larger than that in gallic acid monohydrate (2.9°) (Jiang, *et al.*, 2000). The gallic acid and pyridine molecules make a dihedral angle of 12.8 (4) °. The bond distances are all normal.

Within the asymmetric unit, the gallic acid molecule and pyridine molecule are linked through hydrogen bond O4–H···N1. Intermolecular O—H···O and O—H···N hydrogen-bonding interactions involving the hydroxyl and carboxylic acid groups and the pyridine molecule (Table 1) form a supramolecular assembly. A short intramolecular C—H···O interaction between the C10 methine and a hydroxyl O acceptor is also present [C10–H···O5, 3.169 (18) Å; <C–H···O, 162.0 (5) °]. It is noteworthy that π-π interactions play an important role in the molecular packing. The gallic acid molecules show π-π interactions with the pyridine molecules [centroid-centroid distance 3.548 (6) Å and displacement angle 12.8 (3) °], and inversion-related pyridine molecules are also linked by π-π interactions [centroid-centroid distance = 3.459 (6) Å]. The centroid-centroid distances observed in gallic acid monopyridine solvate are significantly shorter than those in natural flavonoids (Jiang, *et al.*, 2009 and 2002).

Experimental

The title compound was extracted from the whole plant of Polygonum chinense L. The dried plant material (5 kg) was powdered and extracted with 95% ethanol at room temperature to afford the crude extract, which was suspended in distilled water and partitioned with petroleum ether, ethyl acetate and n-butanol. The n-butanol fraction (100g) was subjected to macroporous resin, reverse phase silica gel chromatography to give compound I (21 mg), which was recrystallized in pyridine to afford the monopyridine solvate of gallic acid.

Refinement

The C-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with C—H = 0.96 Å (CH$_3$) and U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C); 0.97 Å (CH$_2$) and U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C); 0.93 Å (aryl H) and U_{iso}(H)= 1.2U_{eq}(C); O—H = 0.82 Å and U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O).
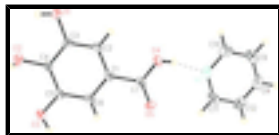
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Fig. 1. The molecular structure of the title compound showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.
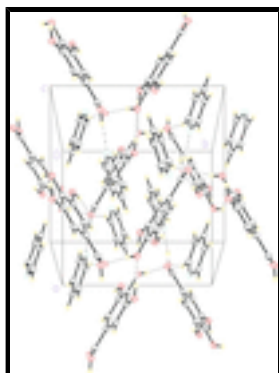
Fig. 2. The packing diagram viewed approximately down the *c*-axis.

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Hall symbol: -P 2yn	Cell parameters from 2601 reflections
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Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	1031 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
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Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2004)	$h = -1 \rightarrow 11$
$T_{min} = 0.821$, $T_{max} = 0.986$	$k = -1 \rightarrow 12$
2601 measured reflections	$l = -14 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Least-squares matrix: full	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.066$	H-atom parameters constrained
$wR(F^2) = 0.172$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0724P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$S = 1.02$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
1944 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.36$ e Å^{-3}
166 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.30$ e Å^{-3}
0 restraints	Extinction correction: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008), Fc*=kFc[1+0.001xFc$^2\lambda^3$/sin(2θ)]$^{-1/4}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	Extinction coefficient: 0.026 (5)

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 $F^2 > 2$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 (Å^2)

	x	*y*	*z*	U_{iso}*/U_{eq}
O1	0.2507 (3)	0.4817 (3)	0.5719 (2)	0.0455 (9)
H1A	0.1613	0.4918	0.5650	0.068*
O2	0.0218 (3)	0.5026 (3)	0.3644 (3)	0.0478 (9)
H2A	−0.0003	0.5559	0.3111	0.09 (2)*
O3	0.0523 (3)	0.3953 (3)	0.1596 (2)	0.0443 (9)
H3A	0.0722	0.3559	0.1064	0.026 (12)*
O4	0.6443 (3)	0.2100 (3)	0.4836 (2)	0.0447 (9)
H4A	0.7301	0.2041	0.4794	0.067*
O5	0.5775 (3)	0.1955 (3)	0.2878 (2)	0.0372 (8)
C1	0.4139 (4)	0.3050 (4)	0.3759 (3)	0.0272 (10)
C2	0.3957 (4)	0.3632 (4)	0.4761 (3)	0.0335 (10)
H2B	0.4718	0.3581	0.5478	0.040*
C3	0.2654 (4)	0.4285 (4)	0.4696 (3)	0.0319 (10)
C4	0.1511 (4)	0.4397 (4)	0.3634 (3)	0.0293 (10)
C5	0.1690 (4)	0.3824 (4)	0.2629 (3)	0.0299 (10)
C6	0.2988 (4)	0.3151 (4)	0.2682 (3)	0.0308 (10)

H6A	0.3096	0.2768	0.2004	0.037*
C7	0.5536 (4)	0.2314 (4)	0.3809 (3)	0.0298 (10)
N1	0.9126 (4)	0.1750 (4)	0.4402 (4)	0.0467 (10)
C8	1.1809 (5)	0.0925 (5)	0.4259 (5)	0.0508 (13)
H8A	1.2731	0.0630	0.4216	0.061*
C9	1.1691 (5)	0.1366 (5)	0.5296 (5)	0.0544 (14)
H9A	1.2532	0.1387	0.5962	0.065*
C10	1.0337 (6)	0.1779 (5)	0.5367 (4)	0.0516 (14)
H10A	1.0251	0.2082	0.6082	0.062*
C11	0.9235 (6)	0.1326 (5)	0.3370 (4)	0.0529 (14)
H11A	0.8389	0.1312	0.2708	0.063*
C12	1.0599 (6)	0.0908 (5)	0.3285 (4)	0.0542 (14)
H12A	1.0685	0.0619	0.2567	0.065*

Atomic displacement parameters ($Å^2$)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O1	0.0410 (17)	0.066 (2)	0.0299 (16)	0.0120 (17)	0.0106 (13)	−0.0052 (16)
O2	0.0428 (18)	0.065 (2)	0.0382 (17)	0.0205 (18)	0.0164 (14)	0.0152 (18)
O3	0.0319 (16)	0.067 (2)	0.0288 (16)	0.0128 (16)	0.0009 (13)	−0.0029 (17)
O4	0.0269 (15)	0.071 (2)	0.0322 (16)	0.0146 (17)	0.0036 (13)	0.0038 (16)
O5	0.0367 (16)	0.051 (2)	0.0277 (15)	0.0034 (15)	0.0150 (12)	−0.0043 (15)
C1	0.024 (2)	0.032 (2)	0.026 (2)	−0.0016 (19)	0.0081 (17)	0.0049 (18)
C2	0.027 (2)	0.044 (3)	0.024 (2)	−0.001 (2)	−0.0009 (17)	−0.002 (2)
C3	0.036 (2)	0.036 (3)	0.026 (2)	−0.001 (2)	0.0132 (19)	−0.0036 (19)
C4	0.027 (2)	0.035 (3)	0.026 (2)	0.009 (2)	0.0088 (17)	0.0079 (19)
C5	0.022 (2)	0.038 (3)	0.026 (2)	−0.003 (2)	0.0023 (17)	0.0054 (19)
C6	0.026 (2)	0.043 (3)	0.0227 (19)	−0.005 (2)	0.0056 (16)	0.0005 (19)
C7	0.0213 (19)	0.039 (3)	0.026 (2)	−0.005 (2)	0.0024 (17)	0.003 (2)
N1	0.036 (2)	0.043 (3)	0.065 (3)	0.0048 (19)	0.021 (2)	0.005 (2)
C8	0.042 (3)	0.039 (3)	0.078 (4)	0.006 (2)	0.028 (3)	0.013 (3)
C9	0.037 (3)	0.054 (3)	0.060 (3)	−0.008 (3)	−0.003 (2)	0.011 (3)
C10	0.067 (3)	0.048 (3)	0.047 (3)	−0.012 (3)	0.028 (3)	−0.009 (3)
C11	0.054 (3)	0.048 (3)	0.043 (3)	−0.003 (3)	−0.006 (2)	0.012 (3)
C12	0.077 (4)	0.049 (3)	0.049 (3)	0.004 (3)	0.038 (3)	0.002 (3)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—C3	1.379 (5)	C4—C5	1.388 (5)
O1—H1A	0.8200	C5—C6	1.385 (5)
O2—C4	1.377 (5)	C6—H6A	0.9300
O2—H2A	0.8200	N1—C11	1.333 (6)
O3—C5	1.378 (4)	N1—C10	1.343 (6)
O3—H3A	0.8200	C8—C9	1.348 (7)
O4—C7	1.275 (4)	C8—C12	1.349 (7)
O4—H4A	0.8200	C8—H8A	0.9300
O5—C7	1.248 (4)	C9—C10	1.362 (7)
C1—C2	1.391 (5)	C9—H9A	0.9300
C1—C6	1.402 (5)	C10—H10A	0.9300

C1—C7	1.499 (5)	C11—C12	1.379 (7)
C2—C3	1.375 (5)	C11—H11A	0.9300
C2—H2B	0.9300	C12—H12A	0.9300
C3—C4	1.387 (5)		
C3—O1—H1A	109.5	C1—C6—H6A	120.1
C4—O2—H2A	109.5	O5—C7—O4	123.2 (4)
C5—O3—H3A	109.5	O5—C7—C1	120.3 (3)
C7—O4—H4A	109.5	O4—C7—C1	116.5 (3)
C2—C1—C6	119.2 (4)	C11—N1—C10	120.8 (4)
C2—C1—C7	121.3 (3)	C9—C8—C12	120.4 (5)
C6—C1—C7	119.5 (3)	C9—C8—H8A	119.8
C3—C2—C1	120.2 (3)	C12—C8—H8A	119.8
C3—C2—H2B	119.9	C8—C9—C10	119.9 (5)
C1—C2—H2B	119.9	C8—C9—H9A	120.1
C2—C3—O1	118.2 (3)	C10—C9—H9A	120.1
C2—C3—C4	121.1 (4)	N1—C10—C9	119.8 (4)
O1—C3—C4	120.7 (4)	N1—C10—H10A	120.1
O2—C4—C3	117.9 (4)	C9—C10—H10A	120.1
O2—C4—C5	123.1 (3)	N1—C11—C12	120.0 (5)
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C5—C6—H6A	120.1		
C6—C1—C2—C3	0.9 (6)	C4—C5—C6—C1	−0.2 (6)
C7—C1—C2—C3	−179.0 (4)	C2—C1—C6—C5	−0.2 (6)
C1—C2—C3—O1	178.3 (4)	C7—C1—C6—C5	179.7 (4)
C1—C2—C3—C4	−1.2 (6)	C2—C1—C7—O5	−169.7 (4)
C2—C3—C4—O2	177.8 (4)	C6—C1—C7—O5	10.4 (6)
O1—C3—C4—O2	−1.6 (6)	C2—C1—C7—O4	9.5 (6)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.8 (6)	C6—C1—C7—O4	−170.3 (4)
O1—C3—C4—C5	−178.7 (4)	C12—C8—C9—C10	1.0 (8)
O2—C4—C5—O3	2.7 (6)	C11—N1—C10—C9	−0.4 (7)
C3—C4—C5—O3	179.6 (4)	C8—C9—C10—N1	−0.2 (8)
O2—C4—C5—C6	−177.0 (4)	C10—N1—C11—C12	0.2 (7)
C3—C4—C5—C6	−0.1 (7)	C9—C8—C12—C11	−1.2 (8)
O3—C5—C6—C1	−179.9 (4)	N1—C11—C12—C8	0.6 (7)

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Fig. 2