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## 2,2',2'',2'''-(1,4-Phenylenedinitrilo)tetracetic acid dihydrate

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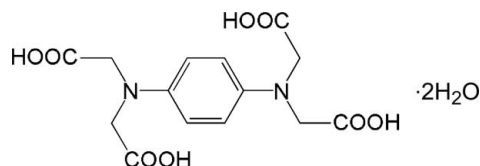
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 298$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.046;  $wR$  factor = 0.119; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.1.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the complete organic molecule is generated by crystallographic inversion symmetry. The dihedral angles between the aniline ring and the acetic acid groups are almost identical, *viz.* 82.61 (7) and 80.33 (7)°. In the crystal,  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds link the organic molecules and water molecules, forming zigzag chains the  $c$  axis. An intramolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bond is also observed.

### Related literature

For the crystal structures of metal complexes of the title compound, see: González *et al.* (1997); Hao, Li, Chen & Zhang (2006); Hao, Li, Chen, Zhang *et al.* (2006); Zhang *et al.* (2007). For synthetic details, see: Zhang *et al.* (2007).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_8 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 $M_r = 376.32$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 5.1446$  (12) Å

$b = 8.4165$  (19) Å  
 $c = 9.953$  (2) Å  
 $\alpha = 76.656$  (4)°  
 $\beta = 88.177$  (4)°

$\gamma = 85.715$  (4)°  
 $V = 418.12$  (16) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 1$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 0.13$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  K  
 $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1K CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2000)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.975$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.975$

2170 measured reflections  
 1458 independent reflections  
 1136 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.119$   
 $S = 1.04$   
 1458 reflections

120 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.15$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$\text{O5}-\text{H5B} \cdots \text{O2}^{\text{i}}$	0.86	2.13	2.819 (3)	137
$\text{O5}-\text{H5A} \cdots \text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$	0.92	2.25	3.035 (3)	143
$\text{O4}-\text{H4} \cdots \text{O5}$	0.82	1.78	2.597 (3)	171
$\text{O1}-\text{H1} \cdots \text{O3}$	0.82	1.86	2.653 (2)	164

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

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997) and SHELXL97; software used to prepare material for publication: publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

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**2,2',2'',2'''-(1,4-Phenylenedinitrilo)tetraacetic acid dihydrate**

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**S1. Comment**

In recent research, the 2,2',2'',2'''-(1,4-phenylenebis(azanetriyl))tetraacetic acid ligand (H<sub>4</sub>dbta) formed metal complexes. (González *et al.*, 1997; Hao, Li, Chen, Zhang *et al.*, 2006; Hao, Li, Chen, & Zhang, 2006; Zhang, *et al.*, 2007). We expected to synthesize zinc complexes by the reaction of H<sub>4</sub>dbta with zinc chloride in water. However, colorless crystals of the title compound were obtained by evaporation of the solvent.

The crystal structure of the title compound, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, is centrosymmetric. The structure of the complete organic molecule and on independent water molecule are shown in Fig. 1. The dihedral angle between the plane C1/C2/C3/N1 and the plane C4/C5/O1/O2 is 82.61 (7)°, that between the plane C1/C2/C3/N1 and the plane C6/C7/O3/O4 is 80.33 (7)°.

O—H···O hydrogen bonds link the organic molecules and water molecules, forming zigzag chains (Fig. 2) An intramolecular O—H···O hydrogen bond is also observed (Fig. 1 and Table 1).

**S2. Experimental**

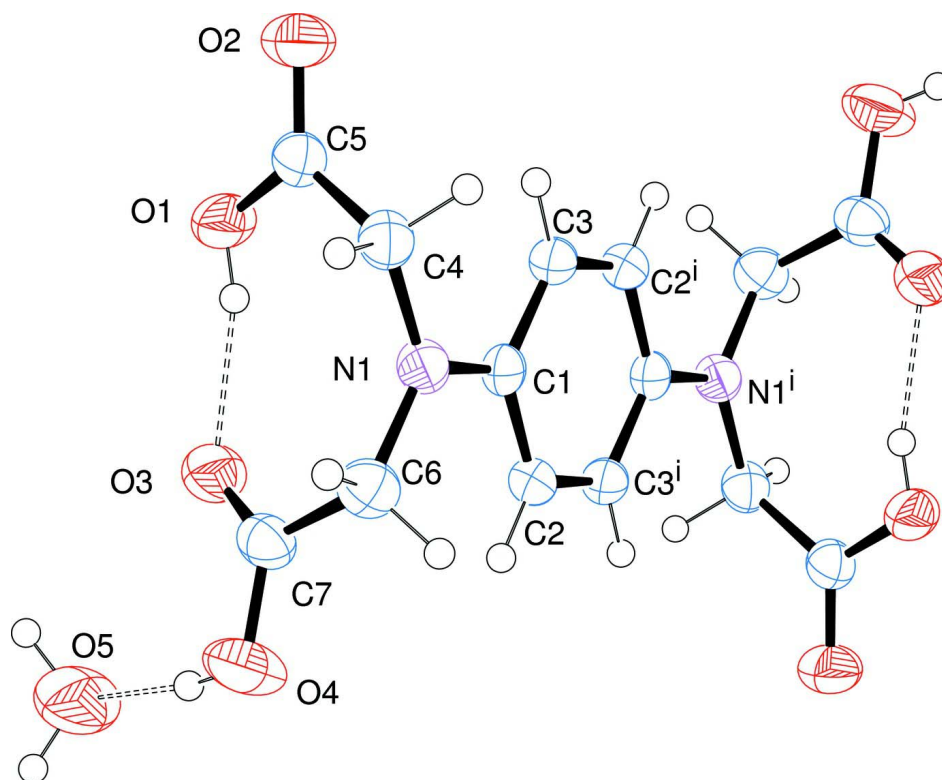
All reagents were of analytical grade and used without further purification. 2,2',2'',2'''-(1,4-Phenylenebis(azanetriyl))tetraacetic acid (H<sub>4</sub>dbta) was synthesized by a previously reported method (Zhang *et al.*, 2007). H<sub>4</sub>dbta (0.17 g, 0.5 mmol) and ZnCl<sub>2</sub> (0.136 g, 1.0 mmol) were mixed in 15 mL of water. The pH value of the solution was adjusted to 1.0 by HCl. The clear solution was allowed to stand at 323 K for 8 h. It was then filtered and the filtrate was kept at 277 K, allowing slow evaporation. After several weeks, purple single crystals of the title compound were obtained. Yield: 28%.

Selected IR(KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3455(*s*), 1723(*s*), 1656(*s*), 1527(*s*), 1446(*m*), 1367(*s*), 1320(*m*), 1252(*m*), 1230(*m*), 1190(*m*), 972(*m*), 888(*m*), 806(*m*), 736(*m*). The infrared spectra of the title compound near 3455 cm<sup>-1</sup> for O—H stretching frequency showed that water of solvation existed in the crystal structure. The strong band at 1723 cm<sup>-1</sup> corresponds to the C=O stretching frequency of the carboxyl group.

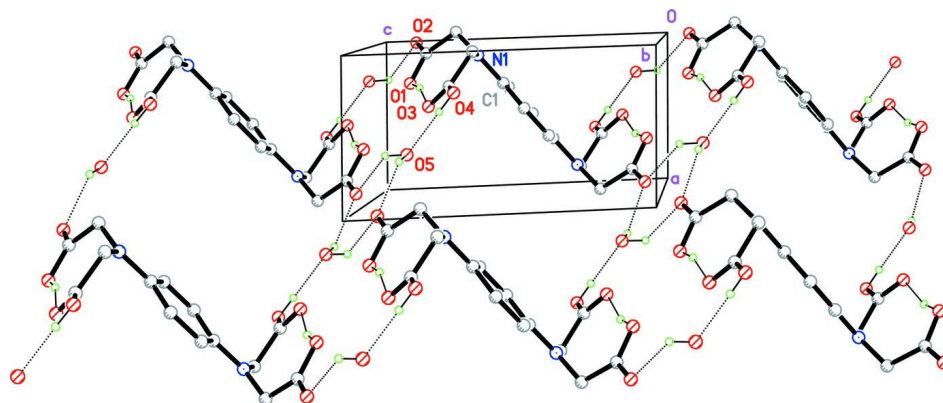
**S3. Refinement**

H atoms attached to C and O (carboxyl) were placed in geometrically idealized positions with  $Csp^2-H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $Csp^3-H = 0.97 \text{ \AA}$  and refined in the riding model approximation;  $U_{iso}(H) = xU_{eq}(C, O)$ , where  $x = 1.5$  for O—H and 1.2 for C—H.

The water H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps (O—H = 0.92 and 0.86 Å) and refined, as riding, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$ .

**Figure 1**

The structure of the organic molecule and one independent water molecule, showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radius. The dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds. Symmetry code: i)  $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$ .

**Figure 2**

The packing of the crystal structure, showing the zigzag chains and a wave-like layer formed by O—H...O hydrogen bonds (dotted lines). H atoms not involved in the hydrogen bond interactions have been omitted for clarity.

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Hall symbol: -P 1

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Cell parameters from 694 reflections

 $\theta = 2.5$ – $25.4$ ° $\mu = 0.13$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 298$  K

Block, purple

0.20 × 0.20 × 0.20 mm

*Data collection*Bruker SMART 1K CCD area-detector  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

 $\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(SADABS; Sheldrick, 2000)

 $T_{\min} = 0.975$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.975$ 

2170 measured reflections

1458 independent reflections

1136 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.014$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0$ °,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.1$ ° $h = -5$ → $6$  $k = -9$ → $9$  $l = -7$ → $11$ *Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$  $wR(F^2) = 0.119$  $S = 1.04$ 

1458 reflections

120 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0562P)^2 + 0.147P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.15$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>*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 (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.2990 (4)	0.0540 (2)	0.58341 (19)	0.0294 (5)
C2	0.4610 (4)	0.1632 (2)	0.5005 (2)	0.0326 (5)
H2	0.4370	0.2740	0.4998	0.039*

C3	0.3429 (4)	-0.1104 (3)	0.5810 (2)	0.0322 (5)
H3	0.2384	-0.1866	0.6353	0.039*
C4	-0.0514 (4)	-0.0116 (3)	0.7566 (2)	0.0357 (5)
H4A	-0.1229	-0.0793	0.7021	0.043*
H4B	-0.1969	0.0462	0.7934	0.043*
C5	0.0940 (4)	-0.1225 (3)	0.8765 (2)	0.0361 (5)
C6	0.0618 (4)	0.2780 (3)	0.6670 (2)	0.0389 (5)
H6A	-0.1036	0.2976	0.7121	0.047*
H6B	0.0541	0.3419	0.5725	0.047*
C7	0.2789 (5)	0.3343 (3)	0.7411 (2)	0.0383 (5)
N1	0.1002 (3)	0.1069 (2)	0.66661 (17)	0.0324 (4)
O1	0.2911 (3)	-0.0650 (2)	0.92636 (16)	0.0483 (5)
H1	0.3127	0.0279	0.8814	0.072*
O2	0.0295 (4)	-0.2586 (2)	0.92856 (18)	0.0547 (5)
O3	0.4170 (3)	0.2397 (2)	0.82357 (17)	0.0483 (5)
O4	0.3047 (4)	0.4915 (2)	0.7071 (2)	0.0627 (6)
H4	0.4199	0.5141	0.7532	0.094*
O5	0.6861 (4)	0.5278 (3)	0.8597 (2)	0.0822 (7)
H5A	0.6992	0.4518	0.9430	0.123*
H5B	0.7121	0.6234	0.8727	0.123*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0321 (11)	0.0326 (11)	0.0241 (10)	-0.0036 (9)	-0.0052 (8)	-0.0065 (8)
C2	0.0418 (13)	0.0264 (11)	0.0300 (11)	-0.0033 (9)	-0.0028 (9)	-0.0069 (8)
C3	0.0368 (12)	0.0321 (11)	0.0280 (11)	-0.0099 (9)	-0.0011 (9)	-0.0052 (8)
C4	0.0328 (12)	0.0411 (13)	0.0347 (12)	-0.0073 (10)	0.0016 (9)	-0.0110 (10)
C5	0.0380 (13)	0.0375 (13)	0.0341 (12)	-0.0078 (10)	0.0018 (9)	-0.0097 (9)
C6	0.0370 (13)	0.0352 (12)	0.0437 (13)	0.0019 (10)	-0.0030 (10)	-0.0088 (10)
C7	0.0406 (13)	0.0338 (12)	0.0429 (13)	-0.0051 (10)	0.0081 (10)	-0.0139 (10)
N1	0.0328 (10)	0.0331 (10)	0.0321 (9)	-0.0034 (7)	0.0001 (7)	-0.0092 (7)
O1	0.0570 (11)	0.0431 (10)	0.0418 (9)	-0.0155 (8)	-0.0174 (8)	0.0026 (7)
O2	0.0653 (12)	0.0403 (10)	0.0558 (11)	-0.0186 (9)	-0.0060 (9)	-0.0004 (8)
O3	0.0539 (11)	0.0426 (10)	0.0487 (10)	-0.0109 (8)	-0.0130 (8)	-0.0069 (8)
O4	0.0733 (15)	0.0322 (10)	0.0833 (15)	-0.0093 (9)	-0.0134 (11)	-0.0115 (9)
O5	0.0968 (17)	0.0633 (14)	0.0892 (16)	-0.0345 (12)	-0.0230 (13)	-0.0107 (11)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C1—C3	1.391 (3)	C5—O1	1.313 (3)
C1—C2	1.393 (3)	C6—N1	1.440 (3)
C1—N1	1.406 (3)	C6—C7	1.519 (3)
C2—C3 <sup>i</sup>	1.385 (3)	C6—H6A	0.9700
C2—H2	0.9300	C6—H6B	0.9700
C3—C2 <sup>i</sup>	1.385 (3)	C7—O3	1.210 (3)
C3—H3	0.9300	C7—O4	1.304 (3)
C4—N1	1.437 (3)	O1—H1	0.8200

C4—C5	1.514 (3)	O4—H4	0.8200
C4—H4A	0.9700	O5—H5A	0.9236
C4—H4B	0.9700	O5—H5B	0.8646
C5—O2	1.209 (3)		
C3—C1—C2	117.08 (19)	O1—C5—C4	117.95 (19)
C3—C1—N1	121.21 (19)	N1—C6—C7	111.98 (18)
C2—C1—N1	121.71 (18)	N1—C6—H6A	109.2
C3 <sup>i</sup> —C2—C1	121.50 (19)	C7—C6—H6A	109.2
C3 <sup>i</sup> —C2—H2	119.3	N1—C6—H6B	109.2
C1—C2—H2	119.3	C7—C6—H6B	109.2
C2 <sup>i</sup> —C3—C1	121.4 (2)	H6A—C6—H6B	107.9
C2 <sup>i</sup> —C3—H3	119.3	O3—C7—O4	123.3 (2)
C1—C3—H3	119.3	O3—C7—C6	122.2 (2)
N1—C4—C5	115.57 (18)	O4—C7—C6	114.4 (2)
N1—C4—H4A	108.4	C1—N1—C4	119.59 (17)
C5—C4—H4A	108.4	C1—N1—C6	119.60 (17)
N1—C4—H4B	108.4	C4—N1—C6	120.69 (17)
C5—C4—H4B	108.4	C5—O1—H1	109.5
H4A—C4—H4B	107.5	C7—O4—H4	109.5
O2—C5—O1	120.0 (2)	H5A—O5—H5B	109.1
O2—C5—C4	122.0 (2)		
C3—C1—C2—C3 <sup>i</sup>	0.1 (3)	C3—C1—N1—C4	3.5 (3)
N1—C1—C2—C3 <sup>i</sup>	179.81 (18)	C2—C1—N1—C4	-176.25 (18)
C2—C1—C3—C2 <sup>i</sup>	-0.1 (3)	C3—C1—N1—C6	179.58 (18)
N1—C1—C3—C2 <sup>i</sup>	-179.81 (18)	C2—C1—N1—C6	-0.1 (3)
N1—C4—C5—O2	-152.7 (2)	C5—C4—N1—C1	68.0 (2)
N1—C4—C5—O1	29.3 (3)	C5—C4—N1—C6	-108.1 (2)
N1—C6—C7—O3	-20.9 (3)	C7—C6—N1—C1	-71.6 (2)
N1—C6—C7—O4	158.3 (2)	C7—C6—N1—C4	104.5 (2)

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