

### Electronic Supplementary Information‡

All starting materials were obtained from commercial suppliers in good purity and used as such for reactions and crystallizations. *N*-3-Pyridyl-*N'*-4-pyridyl urea was synthesized as given below.

#### **H<sub>3</sub>CTA·(3H-pyr)<sub>2</sub>**

1,3*cis*,5*cis*-Cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid and 4(3H)-pyrimidinone were co-crystallized in a 1:3 ratio from MeOH at room temperature. Diffraction quality crystals of 1:2 composition were obtained in two days.

M.p. 169-172°C.

#### ***N*-3-Pyridyl-*N'*-4-pyridyl urea**

Isonicotinic acid hydrazide (0.68 g, 5 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL 25% HCl aq. solution in an RB flask and cooled below 5 °C. An ice cold solution of NaNO<sub>2</sub> (0.52 g, 7.5 mmol) in 5 mL water was added to it with stirring. Stirring was continued for 1 h keeping the temperature below 5 °C. The mixture was neutralized with solid NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and the compound was extracted in benzene. The organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and filtered. 3-Aminopyridine (0.47 g, 5 mmol) was added to the benzene solution and the mixture was refluxed for 8 h. The precipitate was filtered and dried to obtain the title pyridyl urea.

Yield: 0.94 g (88%).

M.p. The compound decomposes on heating. Melting point could not be determined.

IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3028, 1730, 1587, 1554, 1473, 1332, 1271, 904.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (MeOH-d<sub>4</sub>, δ, ppm): 8.63 (1 H, s), 8.33 (2 H, br s), 8.21 (1 H, d, J = 4 Hz), 8.04 (1 H, d, J = 8 Hz), 7.54 (2 H, d, J = 4 Hz), 7.39 (1 H, dd, J = 8, 4 Hz).

#### **Single crystal X-ray diffraction**

X-ray reflections were collected on Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer equipped with a graphite monochromator and Mo-Kα fine focus sealed tube (λ = 0.71073 Å). Data integration was done using SAINT.<sup>1</sup> Intensities for absorption were corrected using SADABS.<sup>2</sup> Structure solution and refinement were carried out using Bruker SHELX-TL.<sup>3</sup> Hydrogen atoms were refined isotropically and heavy atoms were refined anisotropically. N-H and O-H hydrogens were located from difference electron density maps and C-H hydrogens were fixed using HFIX command in SHELX-TL. Reflection intensities of 3,4-PyrU hydrate crystal were found to be twinned and twinned reflections were removed using RLATT.<sup>4</sup> The Friedel reflections in this all-light-atoms crystal structure were merged. ORTEP diagrams are shown in Fig. S1.

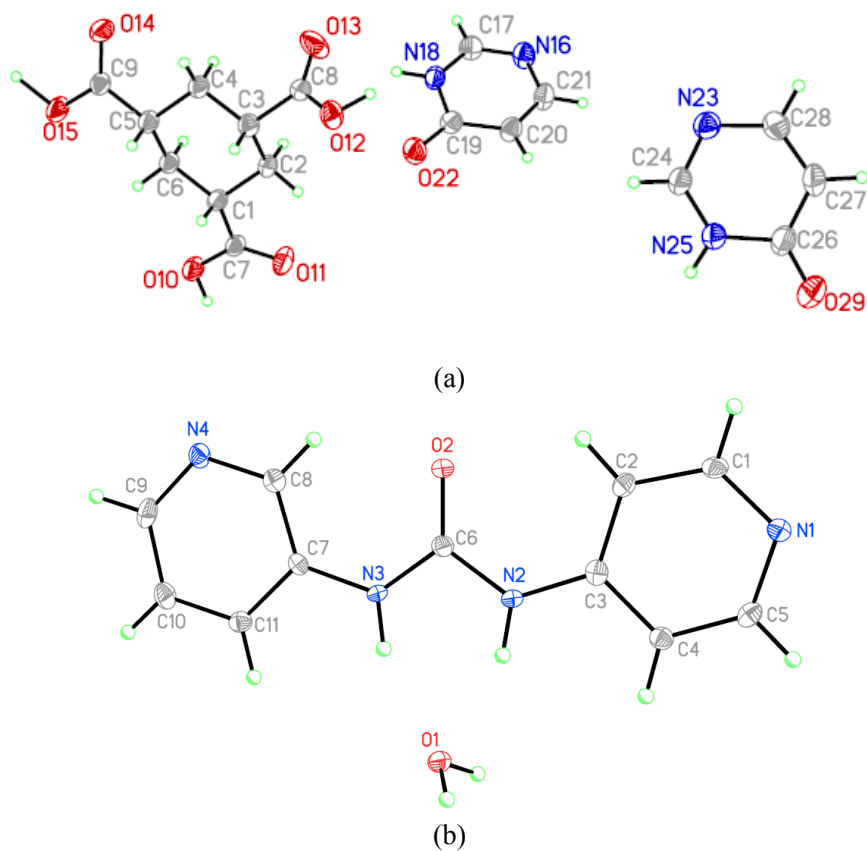
1 SAINT, version 6.45 /8/6/03, Bruker AXS, 2003.

2 G. M. Sheldrick, *SADABS*, Program for Empirical Absorption Correction of Area Detector Data, University of Göttingen, Germany, 1997.

3 G. M. Sheldrick, *SHELXS-97* and *SHELXL-97*, Programs for the Solution and Refinement of Crystal Structures, University of Göttingen, Germany, 1997.

4 RLATT, Reciprocal Lattice Viewer, version 3.0, Bruker AXS, 2000.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Compound                              | H <sub>3</sub> CTA·(3H-pyr) <sub>2</sub>                                                                        | PyrU hydrate                                                  |
| Chemical formula                      | (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ·(C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ) | C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |
| Formula weight                        | 408.37                                                                                                          | 232.25                                                        |
| Crystal system                        | monoclinic                                                                                                      | orthorhombic                                                  |
| Space group                           | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>                                                                              | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>         |
| T/K                                   | 298                                                                                                             | 100(2)                                                        |
| a / Å                                 | 13.3218(14)                                                                                                     | 7.0712(14)                                                    |
| b / Å                                 | 5.7554(6)                                                                                                       | 10.343(2)                                                     |
| c / Å                                 | 24.093(3)                                                                                                       | 15.516(3)                                                     |
| α / °                                 | 90                                                                                                              | 90                                                            |
| β / °                                 | 90.508(2)                                                                                                       | 90                                                            |
| γ / °                                 | 90                                                                                                              | 90                                                            |
| Z                                     | 4                                                                                                               | 4                                                             |
| V / Å <sup>3</sup>                    | 1847.2(4)                                                                                                       | 1126.1(4)                                                     |
| ρ <sub>cal</sub> / g cm <sup>-3</sup> | 1.468                                                                                                           | 1.370                                                         |
| μ / mm <sup>-1</sup>                  | 0.118                                                                                                           | 0.099                                                         |
| F <sub>000</sub>                      | 856                                                                                                             | 488                                                           |
| 2θ range                              | 3.0 – 52.0                                                                                                      | 4.7 – 50.0                                                    |
| Reflns. collected                     | 9509                                                                                                            | 6456                                                          |
| Unique reflns.                        | 3603                                                                                                            | 1317                                                          |
| Observed reflns                       | 2305                                                                                                            | 1198                                                          |
| R <sub>1</sub> [I > 2σ(I)]            | 0.0533                                                                                                          | 0.0639                                                        |
| wR <sub>2</sub> [all]                 | 0.1394                                                                                                          | 0.1207                                                        |
| Diffractometer                        | SMART-APEX CCD                                                                                                  | SMART-APEX CCD                                                |



**Fig. S1** ORTEP at 35% probability of thermal ellipsoids for heavy atoms. (a)  $H_3CTA \cdot (3H-pyr)_2$ . (b) 3,4-PyrU hydrate.