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dihydrochloride, which are clearly apparent from this study, should help in interpreting the observed discrepancies between their chemical properties.

Comment

Under the action of aminoguanidine hydrochloride (a.g. HCl) in acidic boiling methanol, 5-acetyl-4methyl-2-methylthiopyrimidine, (1), is regiospecifically transformed into 4-acetyl-1-amidino-3-methylpyrazole amidinohydrazone dihydrochloride (2) through formation of the intermediary 5-acetyl-4methyl-2-methylthiopyrimidine amidinohydrazone dihydrochloride (3) [the structure of the free base of (3) has been determined and compared with that of the dihydrochloride (3) by Cousson, Nectoux, Bachet, Kokel & Hubert-Habart (1993)].



Although 2-methylthio-7,8-dihydroquinazolin-5(6*H*)-one (4) could be considered as a 5-acylpyrimidine, when submitted to the action of aminoguanidine hydrochloride it did not lead to the expected pyrazole-like derivative 2-amidino-2,5,6,7tetrahydroindazol-4-one amidinohydrazone dihydrochloride, but only to 2-methylthio-7,8-dihydroquinazolin-5(6*H*)-one amidinohydrazone hydrochloride (5) (Bajnati, Kokel & Hubert-Habart, 1987).



In order to understand better this difference in reactivity between compounds (3) and (5), the crystal structure of the latter has been determined by X-ray

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Structure of 2-Methylthio-7,8-dihydroquinazolin-5(6*H*)-one Amidinohydrazone Hydrochloride, $C_{10}H_{15}N_6S^+Cl^-$

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Abstract

The structural differences between the title compound [3-(2-methylthio-7,8-dihydro-6*H*-quinazolin-5-ylideneamino)guanidinium chloride] and 5-acetyl-4-methyl-2-methylthiopyrimidine amidinohydrazone diffraction and compared to that of the former which we have described previously (Cousson, Nectoux, Bachet, Kokel & Hubert-Habart, 1994) (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) plot of (3).

The intermolecular relationship in the crystal of compound (5) appears as stacks of parallel planes of the molecules, linked to each other by the \overline{Cl}^- anion located in the mean plane of these molecules (Fig. 1) and van der Waals contacts along the b axis. In two neighbouring planes, the molecules are piled up head to tail (Fig. 2). Two different molecules are bound to the Cl^- anion, on one hand $Cl(1)\cdots H(11)$ [2.293 (1) Å] and Cl(1)…H(3) [2.329 (1) Å], and on the other hand $Cl(1) \cdot H(21)$ [2.174 (1) Å] and Cl(1)…H(12) [2.426 Å]. Other bonds involving Cl are larger $[Cl(1) \cdots H(32)]$ 2.874 (1). Cl(1) - H(31)2.882 (1) Å].



Fig. 2. ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) plot of the title molecule.



Fig. 3. *PLUTO* (Motherwell & Clegg, 1976) stereoview of the title compound.

The structure of quinazolinone derivative (5) differs from that of pyrimidine (3) in many aspects: it is a monochloride and not a dichloride; its N atom N(5) does not bear an H atom as in pyrimidine (3); its S(1)—C(10) bond is oriented in the opposite direction to the corresponding S(1)—C(8) in molecule (3), as is the case with C(2)—N(4) when compared with C(2)—N(4) in molecule (3); the C(2)—C(7) bond which is part of a ring structure in compound (5) cannot rotate, unlike the corresponding C(4)—C(2) bond in pyrimidine (3). However, as in pyrimidine (3), the N(4)—C(2) bond [1.281 (5) Å] is almost a pure double bond with a *trans* conformational (*E*) environment.

The obvious differences between the structures of pyrimidine (3) and quinazoline (5), as revealed by X-ray diffraction, should help in understanding why the former can undertake an intramolecular ring contraction while the latter cannot.

Experimental

Crystal data

 $C_{10}H_{15}N_{6}S^{+}.Cl^{-}$ $M_{r} = 286.79$ Monoclinic $P2_{1}/n$ a = 7.302 (4) Å b = 32.43 (1) Å c = 5.666 (4) Å $\beta = 103.43 (2)^{\circ}$ $V = 1305 (4) \text{ Å}^{3}$ Z = 4

Data collection Philips PW1100 diffractometer ω -2 θ step scans

$$D_x = 1.459 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$$
Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ Å}$
Cell parameters from 25
reflections
 $\theta = 18-26^{\circ}$
 $\mu = 0.44 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
 $T = 293 \text{ K}$
Prism
 $0.25 \times 0.15 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$
Colourless

1960 observed reflections $[I \ge 3\sigma(I)]$ $\theta_{max} = 66^{\circ}$

Absorption correction: empirical $T_{\min} = 0.830, T_{\max} =$ 1.465 2563 measured reflections 2563 independent reflections

Refinement

 $\begin{array}{l} \Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.2 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.3 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{array}$ Refinement on F R = 0.0514wR = 0.0525Extinction correction: S = 3.1Larson (1970) 1960 reflections Extinction coefficient: 6(1) 165 parameters Atomic scattering factors Only H-atom U's refined from International Tables (one U_{eq} for all H atoms) for X-ray Crystallography Unit weights applied (1974, Vol. IV, pp. 99- $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.01$ 101)

The structure was solved using direct methods and successive Fourier maps (SHELXS86; Sheldrick, 1986), and refined using CRYSTALS (Watkin, Carruthers & Betteridge, 1985). H atoms were located from difference Fourier syntheses.

 $h = -8 \rightarrow 8$

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 38$

3 standard reflections

frequency: 60 min intensity variation: <1.5%

 $l = 0 \rightarrow 6$

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters $(Å^2)$

$U_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \sum_{i} U_{ii} a_i^* a_i^* \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_i.$

	x	у	z	U_{eq}
S(1)	0.4028 (2)	0.21970 (4)	0.1531 (2)	0.0537
Cl (1)	-0.2507 (2)	0.03670 (4)	-0.3126(2)	0.0587
C(1)	0.2760 (6)	0.0488 (1)	-1.0692 (8)	0.0484
C(2)	0.0993 (5)	0.1104(1)	-0.6721 (7)	0.0393
C(3)	-0.1115 (5)	0.1075(1)	-0.7666 (8)	0.0476
C(4)	-0.2128 (6)	0.1438(1)	0.6933 (9)	0.0545
C(5)	-0.1580 (5)	0.1526(1)	-0.4277 (9)	0.0499
C(6)	0.0519 (5)	0.1572(1)	-0.3426 (7)	0.0377
C(7)	0.1707 (5)	0.1368(1)	-0.4607 (7)	0.0365
C(8)	0.3635 (5)	0.1428 (1)	-0.3656 (8)	0.0474
C(9)	0.3019 (5)	0.1863 (1)	-0.0823 (7)	0.0405
C(10)	0.2044 (6)	0.2379(1)	0.2547 (9)	0.0536
N(1)	0.2083 (6)	0.0276(1)	-1.2702 (7)	0.0592
N(2)	0.4583 (5)	0.0534(1)	-0.9780 (8)	0.0616
N(3)	0.1512 (5)	0.0666(1)	-0.9619 (6)	0.0475
N(4)	0.2208 (4)	0.09129 (9)	-0.7617 (6)	0.0431
N(5)	0.4306 (5)	0.1677(1)	0.1799 (7)	0.0513
N(6)	0.1161 (4)	0.18181 (9)	-0.1501 (6)	0.0405

Table 2. Geometric parameters (Å, °)

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S(1)-C(9)	1.742 (4)	C(4)—C(5)	1.492 (6)
S(1) - C(10)	1.779 (5)	C(5)-C(6)	1.503 (5)
C(1) - N(1)	1.325 (5)	C(6)—C(7)	1.382 (5)
C(1) - N(2)	1.320 (5)	C(6)—N(6)	1.345 (5)
C(1)—N(3)	1.338 (5)	C(7)—C(8)	1.399 (5)
C(2) - C(3)	1.510 (5)	C(8)—N(5)	1.327 (5)
C(2) - C(7)	1.464 (5)	C(9)—N(5)	1.340 (5)
C(2)—N(4)	1.281 (5)	C(9)—N(6)	1.329 (4)
C(3)—C(4)	1.500 (6)	N(3)—N(4)	1.385 (4)
C(10) - S(1) - C(9)	102.9 (2)	N(6)—C(6)—C(7)	122.5 (3)
N(2) - C(1) - N(1)	122.4 (4)	C(6)—C(7)—C(2)	122.1 (3)
N(3) - C(1) - N(1)	117.2 (4)	C(8)—C(7)—C(2)	122.1 (3)
N(3) - C(1) - N(2)	120.4 (4)	C(8)—C(7)—C(6)	115.8 (3)
C(7) - C(2) - C(3)	117.8 (3)	N(5)-C(8)-C(7)	122.9 (4)
N(4) - C(2) - C(3)	124.8 (3)	N(5)-C(9)-S(1)	112.6 (3)
N(4) - C(2) - C(7)	117.3 (3)	N(6) - C(9) - S(1)	120.8 (3)
C(4) - C(3) - C(2)	112.3 (3)	N(6)—C(9)—N(5)	126.7 (3)
C(5) - C(4) - C(3)	113.2 (4)	N(4) - N(3) - C(1)	117.5 (3)
C(6) - C(5) - C(4)	110.9 (3)	N(3) - N(4) - C(2)	116.7 (3)
C(7) - C(6) - C(5)	120.3 (3)	C(9) - N(5) - C(8)	115.9 (3)
N(6) - C(6) - C(5)	117.2 (3)	C(9) - N(6) - C(6)	116.1 (3)

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Molecule (5) was prepared according to a published procedure (Bajnati, Kokel & Hubert-Habart, 1987). 0.5 g of (5) was dissolved in 50 ml of boiling methanol and left to stand at room temperature for 6 d, during which time large crystals formed.

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Structure of a Modified Nucleoside, $3'\alpha$ -Diethylphosphono-3'*B*-hydroxy-5'-*O*tritvlthvmidine

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The modified nucleoside of the title was synthesized by nucleophilic addition of lithium diethyl phosphite to the corresponding 3'-keto nucleoside under basic conditions. C—P bond formation resulted from attack on the α face, trans to C(5') and the thymine ring. One molecule of

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