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# An Imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine Derivative, C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>

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# Abstract

Interaction of benzil in methanol with 3-aza-1,5diaminopentane in the presence of  $HgCl_2$  yields the title compound, 1,2,3,5,6,8a-hexahydro-8,8*a*-diphenylimidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine. The molecule consists of a bicyclic system containing five- and six-membered heterocycles which are joined at C(6) and N(2). C(6) is a chiral centre and N(2) has distorted tetrahedral geometry around it. The molecule is puckered at the C(6)—N(2) bond.

## Comment

The first derivative of imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine, a bicyclic system, was reported in 1957 as a perchlorate salt in low yields (Martin & Tarasiejska, 1957). More recently, several derivatives of imidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine have been reported (Bradac *et al.*, 1977; Abignente *et al.*, 1981; Bonnet, Sablayrallis & Chapat, 1984; Katsunori, Minoru, Tetsuya & Toshio, 1992). These derivatives have been attracting increasing attention (Lumma, 1980; Lumma *et al.*, 1983; Sablayrallis, Bonnet, Cros, Chapat & Bouchard, 1988; Zaitsev, Glushkov, Mashkovskii & Andreova, 1989) because of their interesting structural features, as well as a wide range of applications, *e.g.* as antispadomics, uterine relaxants, bronchodilators and

© 1995 International Union of Crystallography Printed in Great Britain – all rights reserved sedatives. However, crystal structure analyses of only a few derivatives have been carried out (Lumma & Springer, 1981).

The title compound, (I), was synthesized for the first time in good yield by the reaction of 3-aza-1,5-diaminopentane with benzil in the presence of HgCl<sub>2</sub> under refluxing conditions in methanol (Parihar, 1993).



An ORTEP (Johnson, 1965) diagram of the molecule is shown in Fig. 1. The molecule consists of a ninemembered fused bicyclic ring system containing fiveand six-membered heterocycles which are joined at C(6) and N(2). C(6) is a chiral centre with typical tetrahedral bond angles. The geometry about N(2) is distorted tetrahedral. The values of the N(2)—C(4)—C(5), C(4)— C(5)—N(3), C(5)—N(3)—C(6), N(3)—C(6)—N(2) and C(6)—N(2)—C(4) bond angles are typical of a strained saturated five-membered ring system.



Fig. 1. View of the molecule with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms as small spheres of arbitrary size.

The C(1)—N(1) bond distance of 1.274 (4) Å is comparable to the reported value of C=N (1.307 Å) in 3-(1-hydroxyethyl)imidazo[1,2-*a*]pyrazine (Lumma & Springer, 1981). The average bond distance of C(2)— N(1), C(3)—N(2), C(4)—N(2), C(6)—N(2), C(6)— N(3) and C(5)—N(3) is 1.474 (4) Å, which is very close to that reported for C-N single bonds in 2.2',2"-tris(salicyclideneimine)triethylamine (Gündüz et al., 1985).

The dihedral angle between the C(1)—N(1)—C(2)— C(3)—N(2)—C(6) and N(2)—C(4)—C(5)—N(3)—C(6)planes is 56.23 (17)°, indicating that the molecule is puckered at the line joining C(6) and N(2). The puckering may be due to the attachment of the bulky groups at C(6) and C(1).

#### Experimental

Benzil (0.02 mol) in 10 ml of methanol was added to a methanolic solution of HgCl<sub>2</sub> (0.01 mol) in 15 ml of methanol. A solution of 3-aza-1,5-diaminopentane (0.02 mol in 10 ml of methanol) was added with stirring. The mixture was refluxed for 4 h. Excess solvent was removed by distillation and when the volume of the yellow solution was reduced to one third, 20 ml of CH<sub>3</sub>CN was added to this solution. On keeping this solution for a few days, a crystalline product separated out, which was further purified by recrystallization from DMSO to yield colourless fine crystals of 1,2,3,5,6,8a-hexahydro-8,8adiphenylimidazo[1,2-a]pyrazine, which were characterized by elemental and spectroscopic analyses. Yield 60%; m.p. 434 K.

#### Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{19}N_3$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 277.37$	$\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ Å}$
Monoclinic	Cell parameters from 25
$P2_1/n$	reflections
a = 9.452 (6) Å	$\theta = 2 - 25^{\circ}$
b = 14.330 (16) Å	$\mu = 0.070 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 11.826 (4) Å	T = 295  K
$\beta = 112.98 (4)^{\circ}$	Plate
$V = 1474.7 \text{ Å}^{3}$	$0.2 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$ mm
Z = 4	Colourless
$D_x = 1.249 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	

#### Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  $\omega/2\theta$  scans Absorption correction: none 2853 measured reflections 2696 independent reflections 1269 observed reflections  $[I > 3\sigma(I)]$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on F R = 0.048wR = 0.050S = 0.511269 reflections 266 parameters All H-atom parameters refined

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 $R_{\rm int} = 0.093$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 25^{\circ}$  $h = 0 \rightarrow 11$  $k = 0 \rightarrow 17$  $l = -14 \rightarrow 14$ 2 standard reflections frequency: 30 min intensity decay: none

 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F)$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.33$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.13 \, {\rm e} \, {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: none Atomic scattering factors from SDP-Plus (Enraf-Nonius, 1983)

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

$B_{eq} =$	= (4/3)	$\sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$
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	x	у	Ζ	Bea
N(1)	0.1077 (3)	0.0422 (2)	0.6721 (2)	3.68 (7)
N(2)	-0.0594 (3)	-0.0984(2)	0.7374 (2)	3.26 (6)
N(3)	-0.2540 (3)	-0.0507(2)	0.5473 (2)	3.20 (6)
C(1)	-0.0342(3)	0.0557 (2)	0.6484 (2)	2.92 (7)
C(2)	0.1760 (3)	-0.0483(3)	0.7229 (3)	4.38 (9)
C(3)	0.0617 (4)	-0.1266 (3)	0.6964 (3)	3.97 (8)
C(4)	-0.1827 (4)	-0.1682 (3)	0.7038 (3)	4.18 (8)
C(5)	-0.2883 (4)	-0.1482 (3)	0.5697 (3)	4.35 (9)
C(6)	-0.1431 (3)	-0.0160(2)	0.6673 (2)	2.72 (7)
C(11)	-0.0951 (3)	0.1509 (2)	0.6042 (2)	2.97 (7)
C(12)	0.0020 (3)	0.2276 (3)	0.6421 (3)	3.82 (8)
C(13)	-0.0509(4)	0.3157 (3)	0.6022 (3)	4.59 (9)
C(14)	-0.2004(4)	0.3304 (3)	0.5227 (3)	4.60 (9)
C(15)	-0.2981 (4)	0.2558 (2)	0.4840 (3)	4.14 (8)
C(16)	-0.2477(3)	0.1669 (2)	0.5250(3)	3.31 (8)
C(61)	-0.2262(3)	0.0268 (2)	0.7429 (2)	2.64 (7)
C(62)	-0.1377 (3)	0.0560 (2)	0.8619 (3)	3.19 (7)
C(63)	-0.2066(4)	0.0932 (2)	0.9362 (3)	3.96 (8)
C(64)	-0.3648 (4)	0.1006 (3)	0.8920 (3)	4.29 (8)
C(65)	-0.4536 (3)	0.0733 (2)	0.7738 (3)	4.03 (8)
C(66)	-0.3845(3)	0.0358 (2)	0.6993 (3)	3.43 (8)

#### Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

N(1) - C(1)	1.274 (4)	N(3)-C(6)	1.482 (3)
N(1)—C(2)	1.468 (5)	C(1)—C(6)	1.531 (5)
N(2)—C(3)	1.463 (5)	C(1)—C(11)	1.493 (4)
N(2)—C(4)	1.468 (4)	C(2)—C(3)	1.504 (5)
N(2)—C(6)	1.481 (4)	C(4)—C(5)	1.535 (4)
N(3)—C(5)	1.481 (4)	C(6)—C(61)	1.531 (5)
C(1) - N(1) - C(2)	118.8 (3)	N(3)—C(5)—C(4)	105.1 (2)
C(3) - N(2) - C(4)	111.3 (3)	N(2)—C(6)—N(3)	107.0 (2)
C(3) - N(2) - C(6)	110.5 (3)	N(2) - C(6) - C(1)	112.0 (2)
C(4) - N(2) - C(6)	101.4 (3)	N(2)—C(6)—C(61)	106.1 (2)
C(5) - N(3) - C(6)	105.6 (2)	N(3) - C(6) - C(1)	110.5 (2)
N(1) - C(1) - C(6)	125.1 (3)	N(3)—C(6)—C(61)	111.1 (2)
N(1) - C(1) - C(11)	116.4 (3)	C(1)—C(6)—C(61)	110.1 (3)
C(6) - C(1) - C(11)	118.4 (2)	C(1) - C(11) - C(12)	119.6 (2)
N(1) - C(2) - C(3)	114.2 (2)	C(1) - C(11) - C(16)	122.7 (3)
N(2) - C(3) - C(2)	108.4 (3)	C(6)—C(61)—C(62)	118.0 (2)
N(2)-C(4)-C(5)	106.2 (3)	C(6)—C(61)—C(66)	123.2 (2)

The structure was solved by routine direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares with non-H atoms anisotropic. H atoms were located on a difference map and refined with isotropic temperature factors. Programs from the Enraf-Nonius SDP-Plus package (Enraf-Nonius, 1983) were run on a PDP 11/73 computer.

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# Struktur der Molekularverbindung von 3,5-Dinitroindazol und Piperidin. 39. Azole†

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## Abstract

The title molecular complex, piperidinium indazolide,  $2C_5H_{12}N^+.2C_7H_3N_4O_4^-$ , was obtained by treatment of 3,5-dinitroindazole with piperidine. It consists of two ionized molecules of each component, connected by hydrogen bonds. The piperidine molecules form  $H_2N^+<$ ammonium cations as a result of the incorporation of the pyrrolic H atoms of (1). The complex occupies a general position in the crystal lattice. The structure of the complex is determined on the basis of IR and <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra as well as X-ray analysis.

# Kommentar

Die Einwirkung von cyclischen Aminen auf 3,5-Dinitroindazol (1) führt zu Molekularverbindungen, von denen diese von (1) und Morpholin (Gzella, Wrzeciono & Borowiak, 1989), Pyrrolidin (Gzella & Wrzeciono, 1990), Piperazin (Gzella & Wrzeciono, 1991*a*), Thiomorpholin (Gzella & Wrzeciono, 1991*b*) bzw. *N*-Methylpiperazin (Gzella, Wrzeciono & Łukaszewski, 1994) von uns bereits röntgenographisch untersucht worden sind. In dieser Mitteilung soll über die Struktur der Molekularverbindung von (1) und Piperidin berichtet werden [Verbindung (2)]. Diese Verbindung ist neben anderen, vorangehend beschriebenen Molekularverbindungen von (1) in Bezug auf potentielle radiosensibilisierende Eigenschaften interessant (Gzella, Wrzeciono & Łukaszewski, 1994).

Mehrere breite Baden im IR Spektrum von (2) im Bereich von 3000–2180 cm<sup>-1</sup> weisen auf die Ammoniumstruktur hin. Bei einem Vergleich der <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spektren von Piperidin und (2) läßt sich eine bemerkenswerte Tieffeldverschiebung des N-Protonensignals im Piperidin beobachten [Piperidin:  $\delta$ = 1,62; (2):  $\delta$  = 6,41 p.p.m.], was die Lokalisierung der positiven Ladung auf dem Piperidin-Stickstoff-Atom in (2) ermöglicht. Näheres über die Struktur von (2) läßt sich aufgrund röntgenographischer Untersuchungen aussagen.

Im asymmetrischen Teil der Elementarzelle befinden sich je zwei Moleküle von (1) und Piperidin. Ähnlich wie es bei den oben zitierten und bereits von uns beschriebenen Molekularverbindungen von (1) der Fall war, liegt auch in (2) (1) als Anion und Piperidin als Kation vor. Die Komponenten der Molekularverbindung sind durch Wasserstoffbrücken in ein Dimer gebunden (Fig. 1, Tabelle 3), das auf keinem Symmetrie-Element im Kristallgitter liegt.



An den Wasserstoffbrücken  $N(16A) \cdots N(1B)$  und  $N(16B) \cdots N(1A)$  sind die axialen H-Atome der Piperidin-Kationen und die Pyrrol-artigen N-Atome der 3,5-Dinitroindazol-Anionen beteiligt. An den zwei übrigen Wasserstoffbrücken  $N(16A) \cdots N(2A)$  und  $N(16B) \cdots$ N(2B) nehmen die äquatorialen H-Atome und Piperidinartigen N-Atome der entsprechenden Moleküle teil. Die durch die erwähnten Wasserstoffbrücken miteinander

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