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# $N, N$-Dimethyl-2-[7-(methylaminosulfonyl-methyl)-1-naphthyl]ethylamine, the Naphthalenic Bioisostere of Sumatriptan 

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#### Abstract

The title molecule, $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{22} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{~S}$, is the naphthalenic bioisostere of sumatriptan, a well known agonist of the 5 -hydroxytryptamine $5-\mathrm{HT}_{1 \mathrm{D}}$ receptor. The ethylamine side chain adopts an extended conformation (ac,ap,ap) and its plane is perpendicular to the naphthalene ring plane. This is very similar to that already observed in some analogous indole derivatives.


## Comment

The involvement of serotonin, (1) (5-hydroxytryptamine, $5-\mathrm{HT}$ ), in the etiology and treatment of migraine has been the subject of intensive investigations. This was prompted by the discovery that sumatriptan, (2) [5-(methylaminosulfonylmethyl)- $N, N$-dimethyltryptamine], and other agonists of the $5-\mathrm{HT}_{1 \mathrm{D}}$ receptor subtype possess clinical efficacy as novel antimigraine agents.


A simple comparison of the $5-\mathrm{HT}_{1 \mathrm{D}}$ agonists (1) and (2) would suggest that the key groups required for binding and efficacy are a basic amine group, an indole ring (the NH group of which may participate in hydrogen bonding) and a substituent at the 5 position which is capable of participating in hydrogen bonding as a receptor and/or donor.

With the purpose of identifying a novel series of $5-\mathrm{HT}_{1 \mathrm{D}}$ agonists for use in migraine therapy, our initial strategy was to study bioisosteric replacement of the indole nucleus of the $5-\mathrm{HT}_{1 \mathrm{D}}$ agonist sumatriptan and to search for $5-\mathrm{HT}_{1 \mathrm{D}}$ selectivity in the title compound, (3). In the present study, we discuss the conformation of (3), the naphthalenic bioisostere of (2).
The naphthalenic nucleus is planar within experimental error; the maximum deviation from the mean


Fig. 1. PLATON (Spek, 1990) drawing of the title molecule. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.
plane through the ten atoms is 0.024 (2) $\AA$, with a mean deviation of 0.013 (2) $\AA$. The ethylamine side chain adopts an extended conformation with atoms $\mathrm{C} 11, \mathrm{C} 12, \mathrm{~N} 13$ and C 14 in a plane which is approximately perpendicular to the plane of the naphthalene ring system. The torsion angles along the chain, $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 16=101(1), \mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{N} 17$ $=178(1)$ and $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 16-\mathrm{N} 17-\mathrm{C} 19=-171(1)^{\circ}$, indicate an $a c, a p, a p$ conformation (Klyne \& Prelog, 1960). This arrangement has been observed for serotonin in the serotonin creatinine sulfate monohydrate complex (Karle, Dragonette \& Brenner, 1965) and in bufetonine (Falkenberg, 1972). The $N$-methylsulfamoyl side chain is folded ( $+a c,-s c,-s c$ conformation) so that the amino H atom ( H 13 ) is above the naphthalenic plane. The dimethylamino N atom is involved in a hydrogen bond with the NH group of a symmetry related molecule: N13 $\cdots \mathrm{N} 17^{\mathrm{i}}=3.029$ (3), $\mathrm{H} 13 \cdots \mathrm{~N} 17^{\mathrm{i}}=2.29$ (4) $\AA$ and N13-H13 $\cdots$ N17 ${ }^{\mathrm{i}}=158(1)^{\circ}$ [symmetry code: (i) $x, y-1, z]$.

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C1 | $0.8657(2)$ | $0.6603(5)$ | $1.0409(2)$ | $0.048(1)$ |
| C2 | $0.9515(2)$ | $0.6527(6)$ | $1.0776(2)$ | $0.064(1)$ |
| C3 | $0.9928(2)$ | $0.4831(7)$ | $1.1341(2)$ | $0.071(1)$ |
| C4 | $0.9497(2)$ | $0.3165(7)$ | $1.1563(2)$ | $0.063(1)$ |
| C4a | $0.8601(2)$ | $0.3133(5)$ | $1.1205(2)$ | $0.047(1)$ |
| C5 | $0.8120(2)$ | $0.1422(5)$ | $1.1413(2)$ | $0.053(1)$ |
| C6 | $0.7264(2)$ | $0.1355(5)$ | $1.1046(2)$ | $0.049(1)$ |
| C7 | $0.6841(2)$ | $0.3050(4)$ | $1.0458(1)$ | $0.041(1)$ |
| C8 | $0.7293(2)$ | $0.4767(4)$ | $1.0263(2)$ | $0.041(1)$ |
| C8a | $0.8182(2)$ | $0.4857(5)$ | $1.0620(1)$ | $0.043(1)$ |
| C9 | $0.5906(2)$ | $0.2991(5)$ | $1.0034(2)$ | $0.045(1)$ |
| S10 | $0.5558(1)$ | $0.1057(1)$ | $0.9183(1)$ | $0.043(0)$ |
| O11 | $0.5888(1)$ | $-0.1199(3)$ | $0.9464(1)$ | $0.056(1)$ |
| O12 | $0.4668(1)$ | $0.1354(4)$ | $0.8816(1)$ | $0.061(1)$ |
| N13 | $0.5970(2)$ | $0.1841(4)$ | $0.8554(1)$ | $0.052(1)$ |
| C14 | $0.5684(3)$ | $0.3878(7)$ | $0.8045(2)$ | $0.068(1)$ |
| C15 | $0.8232(2)$ | $0.8525(5)$ | $0.9815(2)$ | $0.048(1)$ |
| C16 | $0.7942(2)$ | $0.7834(5)$ | $0.8923(2)$ | $0.049(1)$ |
| N17 | $0.7505(1)$ | $0.9714(4)$ | $0.8369(1)$ | $0.049(1)$ |
| C18 | $0.8076(3)$ | $1.1616(6)$ | $0.8405(3)$ | $0.074(2)$ |
| C19 | $0.7128(3)$ | $0.8859(7)$ | $0.7535(2)$ | $0.073(2)$ |

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA^{\circ},^{\circ}\right)$

| C2-Cl | 1.370 (4) | C8a-Cl | 1.427 (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Cl} 5-\mathrm{Cl}$ | 1.510 (4) | C3-C2 | 1.385 (5) |
| C4--C3 | 1.356 (5) | C4a-C4 | 1.426 (4) |
| C5-C4a | 1.417 (4) | C8a-C4a | 1.418 (4) |
| C6-C5 | 1.366 (4) | C7-C6 | 1.411 (4) |
| C8-C7 | 1.375 (4) | C9-C7 | 1.496 (3) |
| C8a-C8 | 1.417 (3) | S10-C9 | 1.782 (3) |
| O11-S10 | 1.427 (2) | O12-S10 | 1.427 (2) |
| N13-S10 | 1.590 (2) | C14-N13 | 1.445 (4) |
| C16-C15 | 1.517 (4) | N17-C16 | 1.462 (3) |
| C18-N17 | 1.454 (4) | C19-N17 | 1.454 (4) |
| $\mathrm{C} 8 \mathrm{a}-\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 118.1 (3) | C3-C2-C1 | 122.2 (3) |
| C15-C1-C8a | 121.4 (2) | C4a-C4-C3 | 119.6 (3) |
| C4-C3-C2 | 121.3 (3) | C8a-C4a-C4 | 118.9 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C4a}-\mathrm{C} 4$ | 122.0 (3) | C6-C5-C4a | 121.6 (3) |
| C8a-C4a-C5 | 119.2 (2) | C8-C7-C6 | 119.8 (2) |
| C7-C6-C5 | 119.6 (3) | C9-C7-C8 | 119.3 (2) |
| C9-C7-C6 | 120.8 (2) | C4a-C8a-C1 | 119.9 (2) |
| C8a-C8-C7 | 121.9 (2) | C8-C8a-C4a | 117.8 (2) |
| C8-C8a-C1 | 122.3 (2) | O11-S10-C9 | 108.0 (1) |
| S10-C9-C7 | 113.3 (2) | O12-S10-O11 | 119.0 (1) |
| $\mathrm{O} 12-\mathrm{S} 10-\mathrm{C} 9$ | 105.8 (1) | N13-S10-O11 | 106.1 (1) |
| N13-S10-C9 | 108.4 (1) | C14-N13-S10 | 121.8 (2) |
| N13--S10-012 | 109.1 (1) | N17-C16-C15 | 112.8 (2) |
| C16-C15-C1 | 114.5 (2) | C19-N17-C16 | 110.5 (2) |
| C18-N17-C16 | 111.0 (3) | C19-N17-C18 | 109.6 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 120.4 (3) |  |  |

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# Bis(2-imidazolyl)aminomethane Tris(hydrochloride) 

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#### Abstract

Crystals of bis(2-imidazolyl)methylammonium trichloride, $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{5}^{3+} .3 \mathrm{Cl}^{-}$, are composed of units comprised of the $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{5}^{3+}$ cation and three chloride anions linked by a two-dimensional network of hydrogen bonds. The two imidazole rings form an angle of 67.1 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$ with one another. One of the chloride ions forms an intramolecular hydrogen bond between the ammonium residue and one of the imidazole rings.


## Comment

Imidazole derivates are of special importance in biological systems. The imidazole group has many functions such as protein carrier or nucleophilic agent; it is also a structural ligand at the active-site center of many enzymes. It forms part of some hormones and other biomolecules like histamine. This wide biological distribution has attracted the attention of researchers from many different fields, their aim being to understand and mimic the biological activity of these imidazole derivatives. Of special interest are the attempts to mimic the properties of metallo-enzymes and to relate these properties to the structural shape of simple coordination compounds (Bouwman, Driessen \& Reedijk, 1990). To gain a better understanding of the relationship between the
structure of the active site and its activity, more data is needed about imidazole compounds coordinated to metal ions, as well as free ligands. The aim of the present study was to determine the molecular structure of bis(2imidazolyl)aminomethane tris(hydrochloride) (I) [hereafter referred to as $\left(\mathrm{H}_{3}\right.$ bima $) \mathrm{Cl}_{3}$ ], which is necessary for comparative studies of coordination compounds containing this and analogous ligands (Koolhaas, Driessen, van Koningsbruggen, Reedijk \& Spek, 1993; Tran et al., 1994; Armstrong, Youinou, Palermo \& Holm, 1984).

(I)

The molecular structure of the title compound is shown in Fig. 1. The imidazole rings are planar, the largest deviation from the least-squares plane being 0.006 (2) $\AA$ for atom N11. The dimensions of both imidazole rings are essentially the same. The angle between the least-squares planes of the imidazole rings is $67.1(2)^{\circ}$, whereas in the copper complex $\left[\mathrm{Cu}_{6}(\right.$ tidah $) \mathrm{Cl}_{10}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$ ] [tidah is the anionic form of 1,1,6,6-tetrakis(2-imidazolyl)-2,5-diazahexane], reported previously by Koolhaas, Driessen, van Koningsbruggen, Reedijk \& Spek (1993), this angle is 40 (2) ${ }^{\circ}$. Crystals of $\left(\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{bima}\right) \mathrm{Cl}_{3}$ are comprised of units of the $\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{5}{ }^{3+}$ cation interconnected by seven hydrogen bonds with the three neighboring chloride anions. This hydrogen-bond system forms a polymeric twodimensional network along the crystallographic planes (100) and (010) (Fig. 2). Only the C11 and Cl2 chloride anions are involved in this polymeric structure, whereas Cl 3 forms an intramolecular bond between the ammo-


Fig. 1. TME plot (PLATON93; Spek, 1993) of bis(2-imidazolyl)aminomethane tris(hydrochloride). The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level and H atoms are represented as small circles of arbitrary size.

