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## Dipyridiniomethane 1-Iodo-closodecaborate, $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right]\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]$

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## Abstract

The structure of the title compound [ $N, N^{\prime}$-methylenedipyridinium 1 -iodononahydro-closo-decaborate(2-), $\left.\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2}^{2+} . \mathrm{B}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{I}^{2-}\right]$ has been determined by singlecrystal X-ray diffraction at room temperature. This is the first halogeno derivative of closo- $\left[\mathrm{B}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10}\right]^{2-}$ with the substituent in the apical position. The square pyramid with the capping ipso-B atom is slightly compressed. The B-I distance of 2.209 (6) $\AA$ in $\left[1-\left[\mathrm{B}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}\right.$ is significantly shorter than the distance of $2.230(2) \AA$ in the $\left[2-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}$ isomer.

## Comment

As part of our work on closo-borates we are interested in derivatives of $\left[\mathrm{B}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10}\right]^{2-}$ and the sequence of substituting reactions. By treatment with chlorine, bromine and iodine, compounds of the type closo- $\left[2-\mathrm{XB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}$ ( $X=\mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Br}, \mathrm{I}$ ) are formed, which have been characterized by ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}$ and ${ }^{11} \mathrm{~B}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right)$ NMR, and vibrational spectroscopy (Preetz, Srebny \& Marsmann, 1984) as well as by X-ray studies (Preetz \& Nachtigal, 1995). After iodination, the isomeric species $\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}$, substituted in an apical position of the $\mathrm{B}_{10}$ cage, could be isolated from the reaction mixture in minor yield. Using the dipyridiniomethane dication (Brüdgam \& Hartl, 1986), the $A B$-type salt $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right]\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]$, (I), was precipitated from aqueous solution as single crystals.

(I)

A view of (I) with the atom labelling is shown in Fig. 1. The cluster anion has $C_{4 v}$ point symmetry and features three types of B-B distances. Bonds from the capping atoms B1 and B10 to the upper base (B2B5) and the lower base (B6-B9), respectively, are the same to within the standard deviations with a mean value of $1.685 \AA$. The average $B-B$ bond length within the bases is $1.830 \AA$ and the average length of the connecting bonds between the bases is $1.793 \AA$. The upper square pyramid is slightly compressed compared with the lower square pyramid: the ipso-B1 distance to the B2-B5 plane is $1.065 \AA$ whereas the antipodal B10 to B6-B9 base distance is $1.091 \AA$ (Roberts \& Sheldrick, 1975). The I-B1 distance in $\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}$ of 2.209 (6) $\AA$ is in the same range as that found for similar closo-borates with the ipso-B atoms bonded to four other $B$ atoms, for example $\left[\mathrm{B}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{I}\right]^{-}[2.174$ (3) $\AA$; Preetz \& Sonnak, 1994] and [ $\left.\mathrm{B}_{6} \mathrm{I}_{6}\right]^{2-}$ ( $2.18 \AA$; Heinrich, Keller \& Preetz, 1990). The B-I distance is significantly lengthened if the ipso- B atom is connected to five other B atoms as in $\left[2-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}[2.230$ (2) $\AA$; Preetz \& Nachtigal, 1995] and $\left[\mathrm{IB}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{11}\right]^{2-}$ [2.226 (4) $\AA$; Haeckel \& Preetz, 1995].

The $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ dication is bent by the $\mathrm{N} 1-$ CM — N 2 angle of $112.3(5)^{\circ}$ and the normals of the pyridine rings form an angle of $74.4(4)^{\circ}$ (Roberts \&



Fig. 1. View of the $\left[\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right]^{2+}$ cation and $\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}$ anion. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level for non-H atoms; H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.


Fig. 2. Stereoview of the packing along $\mathbf{b}$.
Sheldrick, 1975). In the monoclinic unit cell the cations are orientated with respect to the $\mathrm{B}_{10}$ cages like opened mussels, as shown by the stereoview in Fig. 2.

## Experimental

$\left[\mathrm{B}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{10}\right]^{2-}$ reacts with iodine yielding the monoiododecaborates $\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}(30 \%)$ and $\left[2-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]^{2-}(70 \%)$, which are separated by ion-exchange chromatography on diethylaminoethyl (DEAE) cellulose from the starting compound and higher iodated products (Preetz, Srebny \& Marsmann, 1984). [( $\left.\left.\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~N}\right)_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right]\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right]$ was precipitated from a solution of $\mathrm{Cs}_{2}\left[1-\mathrm{IB}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9}\right.$ ] in water with dipyridiniomethane dibromide and recrystallized from water/ether to give yellow single crystals.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{2}^{2+} . \mathrm{B}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{I}^{2-}$
$M_{r}=416.30$
Monoclinic
$P 2_{1} / c$
$a=11.3140$ (6) Å
$b=10.8720(10) \AA$
$c=14.740(2) \AA$
$\beta=90.369(7)^{\circ}$
$V=1813.1(3) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.525 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

## Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4-Turbo diffractometer
$\omega / 2 \theta$ scans
Absorption correction: empirical via $\psi$ scans (North, Phillips \& Mathews, 1968) $T_{\text {min }}=0.8046, T_{\text {max }}=$ 0.9991

3358 measured reflections
3187 independent reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.0350$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.0992$

Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
$\lambda=0.71069 \AA$
Cell parameters from 25
reflections
$\theta=5.53-10.39^{\circ}$
$\mu=1.759 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293$ (2) K
Prismatic
$0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 \mathrm{~mm}$
Yellow

2208 observed reflections

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[I>2 \sigma(I)]
$$

$R_{\text {int }}=0.0372$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=24.99^{\circ}$
$h=0 \rightarrow 13$
$k=0 \rightarrow 12$
$l=-17 \rightarrow 17$
3 standard reflections frequency: 240 min intensity decay: $1.1 \%$

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\begin{aligned}
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.933 \mathrm{e}^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.521 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}
\end{aligned}
$$

$S=1.189$
3186 reflections
301 parameters
All H-atom parameters refined
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.0300 P)^{2}\right.$
+3.5356 ]
where $P=\left(F_{o}^{2}+2 F_{c}^{2}\right) / 3$
Extinction correction: none Atomic scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (1992, Vol. C, Tables 4.2.6.8 and 6.1.1.4)

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

| $U_{\mathrm{eq}}=(1 / 3) \sum_{i} \Sigma_{j} U_{i j} a_{i}^{*} a_{j}^{*} \mathbf{a}_{i} \cdot \mathrm{a}_{j}$. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| CM | 0.3268 (7) | 0.1943 (7) | 0.2064 (5) | 0.053 (2) |
| N1 | 0.2497 (4) | 0.1638 (4) | 0.1291 (3) | 0.0389 (11) |
| N2 | 0.3186 (4) | 0.1049 (4) | 0.2789 (3) | 0.0361 (11) |
| C11 | 0.1573 (6) | 0.2367 (7) | 0.1096 (4) | 0.050 (2) |
| C12 | 0.0881 (6) | 0.2094 (9) | 0.0355 (5) | 0.061 (2) |
| C13 | 0.1124 (8) | 0.1101 (8) | -0.0170 (5) | 0.067 (2) |
| C14 | 0.2054 (10) | 0.0367 (8) | 0.0057 (5) | 0.076 (3) |
| C15 | 0.2742 (7) | 0.0656 (7) | 0.0785 (5) | 0.058 (2) |
| C21 | 0.4086 (5) | 0.0280 (6) | 0.2955 (4) | 0.0392 (14) |
| C22 | 0.4044 (5) | -0.0533 (6) | 0.3648 (4) | 0.0448 (15) |
| C23 | 0.3068 (6) | -0.0569 (7) | 0.4184 (4) | 0.053 (2) |
| C24 | 0.2159 (7) | 0.0200 (9) | 0.4007 (5) | 0.063 (2) |
| C25 | 0.2216 (6) | 0.1015 (7) | 0.3315 (5) | 0.050 (2) |
| I | 0.47998 (3) | -0.20614 (4) | 0.08838 (3) | 0.04697 (15) |
| B1 | 0.3251 (5) | -0.2894 (7) | 0.1550 (4) | 0.0338 (13) |
| B2 | 0.1868 (5) | -0.3067 (6) | 0.1139 (4) | 0.0326 (13) |
| B3 | 0.2774 (6) | -0.4344 (7) | 0.1556 (4) | 0.0355 (15) |
| B4 | 0.3107 (5) | -0.3473 (6) | 0.2594 (4) | 0.0345 (14) |
| B5 | 0.2192 (5) | -0.2194 (6) | 0.2167 (4) | 0.0352 (14) |
| B6 | 0.1179 (6) | -0.4432 (6) | 0.1573 (5) | 0.0369 (15) |
| B7 | 0.2052 (6) | -0.4735 (6) | 0.2597 (4) | 0.0346 (14) |
| B8 | 0.1642 (6) | -0.3218 (6) | 0.3042 (4) | 0.037 (2) |
| B9 | 0.0774 (5) | -0.2929 (7) | 0.2013 (4) | 0.0350 (13) |
| B10 | 0.0641 (6) | -0.4231 (6) | 0.2634 (5) | 0.039 (2) |

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

| I-B1 | 2.209 (6) | B4-B7 | 1.819 (9) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B1-B3 | 1.666 (10) | B4-B5 | 1.842 (9) |
| B1-B4 | 1.671 (9) | B5-B9 | 1.806 (9) |
| B1-B2 | 1.685 (8) | B5-B8 | 1.816 (9) |
| B1-B5 | 1.690 (8) | B6-B10 | 1.696 (9) |
| B2-B6 | 1.796 (10) | B6-B9 | 1.817 (9) |
| B2-B9 | 1.798 (8) | B6-B7 | 1.828 (9) |
| B2-B5 | 1.823 (9) | B7-B10 | 1.689 (9) |
| B2-B3 | 1.830 (9) | B7-B8 | 1.835 (9) |
| B3-B7 | 1.794 (9) | B8-B10 | 1.687 (9) |
| B3-B6 | 1.808 (9) | B8-B9 | 1.829 (9) |
| B3-B4 | 1.836 (9) | B9-B10 | 1.693 (9) |
| B4-B8 | 1.809 (9) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{CM}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 112.3 (5) | B2-B1-I | 128.6 (4) |
| B3-B1-I | 130.4 (4) | B5-Bl-I | 128.4 (4) |
| B4-B1-I | 130.2 (4) |  |  |

Data collection: $C A D-4-P C$ (Enraf-Nonius, 1994). Cell refinement: CAD-4-PC. Data reduction: MolEN (Fair, 1990). Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1985). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976). Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL93.

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## 1-(4-Iodobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-3-indoleacetic Acid, an Iodinated Indomethacin Analog

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## Abstract

The crystal structure of 1 -(4-iodobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methyl-3-indoleacetic acid, $\mathrm{C}_{19} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{INO}_{4}$, an analog of indomethacin, is reported. Bond distances and angles in the title compound closely resemble those reported for indomethacin and reflect the presence of steric strain at the site of the linkage between the 4 -iodobenzoyl group
and the indole moiety. The orientation of the 4 -iodobenzoyl group with respect to the indole ring is not the same in the title compound as it is in indomethacin; the two structures are related by a rotation of $186^{\circ}$ about the $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ torsion angle.

## Comment

Indomethacin is a well studied member of the class of compounds known as the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). In the course of our studies of the interactions of NSAIDs with their target, prostaglandin $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ synthase, we synthesized the title compound, (I), an indomethacin analog. The $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ value of (I) for inhibition of the cyclooxygenase activity of prostaglandin $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ synthase is roughly threefold lower than that of indomethacin. We have recently determined a lowresolution structure of (I) complexed with its target, allowing us to elucidate its mode of binding (Loll, Picot, Ekabo \& Garavito, 1995).


Fig. 1 shows a perspective view of the title compound. Evidence for steric strain is seen at the point where the 4 -iodobenzoyl group joins the indole ring. The carbonyl group, comprising atoms O 1 and C 10 , is prevented from lying in the plane of the indole ring by the close approach of O 1 and the H atom bound to C 8 . The torsion angle $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ is $-35.0(8)^{\circ}$;


Fig. 1. View of the title compound showing the atomic labeling scheme (ORTEPII; Johnson, 1976). Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are plotted at the $50 \%$ probability level and H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii.

