9529 measured reflections 8968 independent reflections	3 standard reflections frequency: 120 min intensity decay: 0.2%
Refinement	
Refinement on F	$\Delta a = 0.44 e Å^{-3}$
R = 0.057	$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.44 \text{ CA}$
m = 0.057	$\Delta p_{\min} = -0.29 \text{ e A}$
WR = 0.039	Extinction correction:
S = 1.243	isotropic (Zachariasen,
6584 reflections	1963)
674 parameters	Extinction coefficient:
H atoms refined isotropically	$1.9(3) \times 10^{-8}$
$w = 4F_o^2/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)]$	Scattering factors from Inter-
$+ 0.0004F_{o}^{4}$ ]	national Tables for X-ray
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.028$	Crystallography (Vol. IV)

#### Table 1. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1A—C3A	1.419 (5)	O1B—C3B	1.397 (5)
01 <i>A</i> —C4A	1.416 (5)	O1 <i>B</i> —C4 <i>B</i>	1.417 (5)
O2A—C7A	1.423 (5)	O2B—C7B	1.413 (5)
O2A—C8A	1.424 (5)	O2 <i>B</i> —C8 <i>B</i>	1.417 (5)
C1A—C2A	1.577 (6)	C1 <i>B</i> —C2 <i>B</i>	1.576 (6)
C5A—C6A	1.585 (6)	C5B—C6B	1.576 (6)
C10A—C11A	1.314 (6)	C10B—C11B	1.309 (6)
C15A—C16A	1.305 (6)	C15B—C16B	1.318 (6)
C3AO1AC4A	115.1 (3)	C3B—O1B—C4B	116.4 (3)
C7A—O2A—C8A	114.2 (3)	C7B—O2B—C8B	115.6 (3)
Cl9A—C13A—C110A	107.2 (2)	C19B—C13B—C110B	107.3 (2)
C111A—C18A—C112A	108.3 (2)	C111 <i>B</i> —C18 <i>B</i> —C112 <i>B</i>	107.6 (2)
C8A—C1A—C2A—C3A	8.1 (5)	C8B—C1B—C2B—C3B	1.5 (6)
C9A-C1A-C2A-C12A	1.0 (4)	C9B-C1B-C2B-C12B	1.3 (4)
C4A—C5A—C6A—C7A	2.5 (5)	C4B—C5B—C6B—C7B	2.9 (5)
C14A-C5A-C6A-C17A	4 0.2 (4)	C14B-C5B-C6B-C17	B 1.0 (4)

C---H distances are in the range 0.89 (3)-1.03 (3) Å, while  $B_{iso}$ values for H atoms are in range the 1.0 (7)-6 (1)  $Å^2$ .

Data collection: CAD-4 Operations Manual (Enraf-Nonius, 1977). Cell refinement: CAD-4 Operations Manual. Data reduction: PROCESS in MolEN (Fair, 1990). Program(s) used to solve structure: MULTAN80 (Main et al., 1980). Program(s) used to refine structure: LSFM in MolEN. Molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976). Software used to prepare material for publication: CIF IN in MolEN.

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# Adenosine-5'-carboxylic Acid

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# Abstract

The two molecules in the asymmetric unit of adenosine-5'-carboxylic acid,  $C_{10}H_{11}N_5O_5$ , exist as zwitterions with N1 protonated and the carboxyl groups ionized. Both molecules are in an anti conformation with glycosyl torsion angles of -161.4(3) and  $-155.5(3)^{\circ}$ . The ribose moieties adopt a C3-endo-C2-exo twist conformation. The pseudo-rotation parameters are P =

0.01 (1) and 6.58 (1)°, and  $\tau_m = 36.2$  (2) and 34.6 (2)°, for molecules A and B, respectively. The carboxyl groups of A and B are not in the standard  $g^+$ ,  $g^-$  or t conformations. Both Watson–Crick sites, N1 and N6, of the adenine bases are involved in a pair of hydrogen bonds with the dissociated carboxyl groups, forming a cyclic tetramer. The adenine base of molecule A stacks on the ribose O4' atom of a symmetry-related B molecule at a distance of 2.88 Å; the adenine base of B stacks in an analogous way at a distance of 2.91 Å.

# Comment

As part of our systematic X-ray studies on ribose/deoxyribose nucleosides and nucleotides (Padiyar & Seshadri, 1996; Mande *et al.*, 1994; Krishnan & Seshadri, 1992), we report here the crystal structure of adenosine-5'carboxylic acid, A5CA.



The atomic numbering and conformation of the two A5CA molecules in the asymmetric unit is shown in Fig. 1. A5CA exists as a zwitterion with N1 protonated and the carboxyl group ionized. Both molecules A and B have an anti conformation as indicated by the glycosyl torsion angles (C4—N9—C1'—O4') for A and B of -161.2(3) and  $-155.1(4)^{\circ}$ , respectively. The ribose moieties of molecules A and B adopt a C3'-endo-C2'-exo twist conformation. Atoms C3' and C2' are displaced by 0.30(4) and 0.30(4) Å (molecule A), and 0.39(4) and 0.19(4) Å (molecule B), respectively, on either side of the plane formed by atoms C1', C4' and O4'. The pseudo-rotation parameters (Altona & Sundaralingam, 1972) are P = 0.01(1) and  $6.58(1)^{\circ}$ , and  $\tau_m = 36.2(2)$  and  $34.6(2)^\circ$ , for molecules A and B, respectively. The two carboxyl O atoms, O5'1 and O5'2, of both molecules are not in the usual  $g^+$ ,  $g^-$  or t conformations displayed by the O5' atom in unmodified nucleosides and nucleotides, but are about 35° away from these configurations, close to the values reported for thymidine-5'-carboxylic acid (Suck et al., 1974). The adenine bases are planar: the largest deviations are for atoms C5A and C6B, which are displaced by 0.018(4)and 0.010 (4) Å from their respective mean planes.

The adenine base of molecule A stacks on the ribose O4' atom of a symmetry-related B molecule at a distance of 2.88 Å (O4'A···C2B); the analogous distance for the adenine base of molecule B is 2.91 Å (O4'B···N1A).

A noteworthy feature of the hydrogen bonding in A5CA, which is summarized in Table 1, is that both the



Fig. 1. The atomic numbering and molecular conformation of A5CA shown with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

Watson–Crick sites (N1 and N6) of the adenine bases of molecules A and B are involved in a pair of hydrogen bonds with the dissociated carboxyl groups, thus forming a cyclic tetramer. Other structures displaying a pair of hydrogen bonds between N1 and N6 of the adenine base and the carboxyl group include 5'-deoxy-5'-adenosineacetic acid (Ishida *et al.*, 1983) and N-(9- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosylpurine-6-yl)glycylalanine (Narayanan *et al.*, 1976).

# Experimental

Crystals of A5CA were grown by direct evaporation from an aqueous solution of the compound containing a trace of ammonium hydroxide.

Crystal data

$C_{10}H_{11}N_5O_5$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 281.23$	$\lambda = 0.71067 \text{ Å}$
Orthorhombic	Cell parameters from 25
$P2_12_12_1$	reflections
a = 14.435(2) Å	$\theta = 6 - 12^{\circ}$
b = 18.025 (2) Å	$\mu = 0.138 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 8.5494(9) Å	T = 293 (2)  K
V = 2224.4 (4) Å <sup>3</sup>	Parallelepiped
Z = 8	$0.35 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$ mm
$D_x = 1.68 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	Colourless
$D_m$ not measured	
Data collection	
Rigaku AFC-7 diffractom-	$\theta_{\rm max} = 24.99^{\circ}$
eter	$h = 0 \rightarrow 17$

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 21$ 

 $\omega - 2\theta$  scans

Absorption correction: none  $l = 0 \rightarrow 10$ 

2236 measured reflections 2236 independent reflections 1590 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	3 standard reflections frequency: 60 min intensity decay: none
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.208 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
R(F) = 0.038	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.246 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
$wR(F^2) = 0.098$	Extinction correction:
S = 1.081	SHELXL93 (Sheldrick,
2236 reflections	1993
274 parameters	Extinction coefficient:
H atoms constrained	0.0017 (6)
$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0482P)^2]$	Scattering factors from
+ 0.1143 <i>P</i> ]	International Tables for
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	Crystallography (Vol. C)
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$	

#### Table 1. Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °)

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	<i>D</i> H	H···A	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
N6A-H1N6A···O5'2A <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.13	2.942 (4)	157.6
$N6A - H2N6A \cdot \cdot \cdot O5'2B^{ii}$	0.86	2.01	2.766 (4)	146.3
$N6B - H1N6B \cdot \cdot \cdot O5'2B^{iii}$	0.86	2.04	2.892 (4)	171.1
$N6B$ — $H2N6B \cdot \cdot \cdot O5'2A^{iv}$	0.86	2.12	2.844 (4)	141.2
$N1A$ H $N1A$ ···O5' $1A^{1}$	0.86	1.78	2.596 (4)	157.4
$N1B$ — $HN1B$ ···O5'1 $B^{iii}$	0.86	1.73	2.567 (4)	164.8
$O2'A - HO2'A \cdots N3B$	0.90	1.94	2.831 (4)	169.3
$O2'B - HO2'B \cdot \cdot \cdot N3A$	0.90	2.12	2.957 (4)	153.6
$O3'A - HO3'A \cdot \cdot \cdot N7B^{iii}$	0.86	2.07	2.855 (4)	151.2
$O3'B - HO3'B \cdot \cdot \cdot N7A^{i}$	0.77	2.23	2.950 (4)	155.1

Symmetry codes: (i)  $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{5}{2} - z$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} - z$ ; (iii)  $2 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} - z$ ; (iv)  $2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{5}{2} - z$ .

Data collection: AFC/MSC (Rigaku, 1991). Cell refinement: AFC/MSC. Data reduction: AFC/MSC. Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1985). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL93 (Sheldrick, 1993). Molecular graphics: INSIGHTII (Biosym Technologies, 1995) and Xtal\_GX (Hall & du Boulay, 1995). Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL93.

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# **Ammonium Saccharin**

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#### Abstract

The crystal structure of ammonium saccharin,  $NH_4^+$ .-C<sub>7</sub>H<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>S<sup>-</sup>, consists of ammonium and *o*-sulfobenzoimidate ion pairs linked by hydrogen bonds into a twodimensional layer structure.

# Comment

The artificial sweetener saccharin (3*H*-benzisothiazol-3-one 1,1-dioxide) in its deprotonated form can form complexes with a large number of metal ions (Schulze & Illegen, 1997). The ammonium saccharin salt, (I), has been prepared with the intention of using it for reaction with organometallic halides, the alternative reagent sodium saccharin being insoluble in alcoholic solvents.



The 3-oxo-3*H*-benzisothiazolyl group is flat and bond dimensions involving the anion are similar to those found in both the parent acid (Bart, 1968; Okaya, 1969) and the *N*,*N*-dimethyltolylammonium salt, which is air sensitive (Courseille *et al.*, 1991). The *N*,*N*-dimethyltolylammonium salt has only one hydrogen bond, *i.e.* between the N and carbonyl O atoms [2.767(3) Å],