Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

Cell parameters from 2974

 $0.40 \times 0.38 \times 0.32$ mm

 $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$

reflections

 $\theta=2.09{-}\,28.54^\circ$

 $\mu = 0.102 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 180 (2) K

Pale yellow

Block

Compound (II)

Crystal data

 $C_{17}H_{16}N_2O_5$ $M_r = 328.32$ Monoclinic Cc a = 17.9115 (13) Å b = 11.6279 (13) Åc = 7.7010 (7) Å $\beta = 95.842 (3)^{\circ}$ V = 1595.6 (3) Å³ Z = 4 $D_x = 1.367 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ D_m not measured

Data collection

Siemens SMART area-	1714 reflections with
detector diffractometer	$l > 2\sigma(l)$
ω scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.055$
Absorption correction:	$\theta_{\rm max} = 28.54^{\circ}$
multi-scan (SADABS;	$h = -12 \rightarrow 23$
Sheldrick, 1996)	$k = -15 \rightarrow 15$
$T_{\rm min} = 0.96, T_{\rm max} = 0.968$	$l = -9 \rightarrow 10$
4693 measured reflections	Intensity decay: none
2388 independent reflections	

Refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0442P)^2]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \ {\rm e \ A^{-3}}$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm min}$ = -0.19 e A ⁻³
Extinction correction: none
Scattering factors from
International Tables for
Crystallography (Vol. C)

Table 2. Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (II)

O1C5 O1N2 O4N3 O5N3	1.397 (3) 1.453 (3) 1.225 (4) 1.233 (4)	N2—C3 C3—C4 C4—C5	1.491 (3) 1.541 (4) 1.506 (4)
C5-O1-N2 O1-N2-C3 O4-N3-O5	104.9 (2) 105.68 (19) 124.2 (3)	N2C3C4 C5C4C3 O1C5C4	103.3 (2) 104.5 (2) 106.1 (2)
C5-01-N2-C3 01-N2-C3-C4 N2-C3-C4-C5	-39.5 (2) 24.2 (3) -1.9 (3)	N2-01-C5-C4 C3-C4-C5-01	38.0 (2) -22.0 (3)

The crystal structure of (II) is non-centrosymmetric, but the Flack parameter [1.9 (13); Flack, 1983] was indeterminate and hence the absolute structure could not be determined.

For both compounds, data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1995); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structures: SHELXTL/PC (Sheldrick, 1994); program(s) used to refine structures: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL/PC; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL/PC.

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A new polymorph of sulfathiazole

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Abstract

Crystals of sulfathiazole, 4-amino-N-thiazol-2-ylidenebenzenesulfonamide, C9H9N3O2S2, formed from boiling water are shown to be a fifth polymorph. The crystal structure contains two independent molecules, which associate through hydrogen bonds and van der Waals

interactions to produce a two-dimensional sheet structure.

Comment

Sulfathiazole (4 - amino - N - thiazol - 2 - ylidenebenzenesulfonamide), (I), first prepared in 1938, was one of the earliest examples of the potent antimicrobial drugs derived from sulfanilamide, commonly called the sulfonamides. The polymorphism of sulfathiazole has been extensively investigated and Burger & Dialer (1983) have described it as the 'classic' polymorphic compound. Four polymorphs have previously been structurally identified (Kruger & Gafner, 1971, 1972; Babilev et al., 1987), and their hydrogen-bonding patterns discussed (Blagden et al., 1998). As part of our own extensive study of the polymorphism of this compound, of its solvates and adducts, and of its potential use as a supramolecular linker, we have shown that the form from boiling water which has long been termed polymorph II in the pharmaceutical literature and which has been assumed to have one of the previously known structures, does in fact have a new structure which therefore identifies a fifth polymorph. A preliminary report of this finding has been published (Hughes et al., 1997), and a structure determination based on powder XRD analysis has appeared (Chan et al., 1999). We present here the single-crystal structure of this new polymorph.



The crystal structure contains two independent molecules which we term A and B. These associate into two infinite (AB) sheets, parallel to the *ab* face of the unit cell and centred approximately at $z = \frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. A view of the two independent molecules showing the atom numbering is given in Fig. 1, and the packing diagram, viewed along **a**, shows the layer structure (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1. A general view of the molecular structures of the two independent molecules of sulfathiazole, polymorph V. The ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii.



Fig. 2. The unit-cell contents for sulfathiazole, polymorph V, viewed along **a**.

The detailed discussion of the structures of the four previously crystallographically recognized polymorphs concentrated on the networks of molecules connected *via* 'classical' hydrogen bonds, *i.e.* N—H···N and N—H···O. Not unnaturally, the final descriptions depend critically on the cut-off values for the N···N and N···O contacts. Using the fairly large D···A value of 3.3 Å (Table 1), we find that, of the hydrogen-bonding interactions in the present structure, all but two are weak and occur only within the layers.

The sheets mentioned above are formed by juxtapositioning of alternating rows of A and B molecules created by 2_1 screw-axis relationships. The two strongest hydrogen bonds, with $D \cdots A$ distances of 2.794 (4) and 2.865 (4) Å, occur between thiazole N—H groups and sulfonyl O atoms, between A and Brows. The next set, with $D \cdots A$ distances in the range 3.010(4)–3.061(4)Å, involve the NH₂ H atoms and sulfonyl O atoms, one within an A row, one within a B row and one between AB rows. The remaining contacts identified involve two further amine-sulfonyl-O interactions of 3.116 (4) and 3.211 (4) Å, and one amine-amine interaction of 3.267 (4) Å. Two of the hydrogen bonds, however, involve small $D \rightarrow H \cdots A$ angles of 132(3) and 141 $(3)^{\circ}$, and are likely to be very weak. All other intermolecular contacts are greater than the van der Waals radii sums.

Experimental

Crystals of the new polymorph of sulfathiazole were obtained by evaporation to dryness of a boiling aqueous solution, followed by drying above 373 K (Anwar *et al.*, 1989). Crystal data

C₉H₉N₃O₂S₂ $M_r = 255.31$ Monoclinic $P2_{1}/n$ a = 10.399(2) Å b = 15.132(3) Å c = 14.280(3) Å $\beta = 91.21(3)^{\circ}$ V = 2246.6 (8) Å³ Z = 8 $D_x = 1.51 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ D_m not measured

Data collection

ections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = -0.038$ R(F) = 0.046 $wR(F^2) = 0.079$ S = 0.8583936 reflections 319 parameters H atoms: see below $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.256 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.373 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: none Scattering factors from International Tables for Crystallography (Vol. C)

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

Cell parameters from 2749

 $0.15 \times 0.10 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$

 $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

reflections $\theta = 3.05 - 25.00^{\circ}$

 $\mu = 0.462 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

T = 150(2) K

Colourless

Block

Table 1. Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, $^{\circ}$)

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	<i>D</i> —H	$\mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{A}$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D = \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N11 - H10 \cdot \cdot \cdot N12^{i}$	0.90(2)	2.14 (2)	3.016 (4)	165 (3)
$N11 - H10 \cdot \cdot \cdot O11^{1}$	0.90(2)	2.54 (3)	3.211 (4)	132 (3)
N11-H11···O22 ¹¹	0.93 (2)	2.10(2)	3.010(4)	167 (5)
N13—H17· · · O21 ¹¹¹	0.86	2.04	2.865 (4)	161
N21—H20· · · O12 [™]	0.90(2)	2.24 (2)	3.061 (4)	152(3)
N21—H21···O21`	0.90(2)	2.37 (3)	3.116 (4)	141 (3)
N21—H21···N22`	0.90(2)	2.44 (2)	3.267 (4)	154 (3)
N23—H27···O11	0.86	1.94	2.794 (4)	173

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

The H atoms on N11 and N21 were refined isotropically using DFIX restraints (Sheldrick, 1997); all other H atoms were treated as riding atoms.

Data collection: DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and COLLECT (Hooft, 1998). Cell refinement: DENZO and COL-LECT. Data reduction: DENZO and COLLECT. Program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990). Program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997). Molecular graphics: CAMERON (Chemical Crystallography Laboratory, 1993). Software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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N-(4-Chlorophenyl)-N-methylcyanamide

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Abstract

An X-ray structural analysis of the title compound, $C_8H_7CIN_2$, shows an essentially planar molecule, but with an unusually long aryl-C to planar-N bond.

Comment

In the course of on-going investigations of N-arylcyanoguanidines, the title compound, (1), was prepared and isolated. In simple N-arylcyanoguanidines such as N-cyano-N'-(4-methoxyphenyl)guanidine, (2), the arylbearing amino lone pair conjugates predominantly with