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# Ammonium N-(6-amino-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-5-nitroso-4-oxopyrimidin-2-yl)glycinate monohydrate forms hydrogen-bonded bilayers

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In the title compound,  $NH_4^+ \cdot C_7H_8N_5O_4^- \cdot H_2O$ , the independent components are linked into bilayers by an extensive series of two-centre N $-H$ . O hydrogen bonds  $[H \cdots]$  = 1.85–1.96 Å, N $\cdots$ O = 2.776 (2)–2.840 (2) Å and N–H $\cdots$ O = 149–172°], and by asymmetric three-centre  $N-H\cdots(O)_{2}$ , O  $H \cdots (N,O)$  and  $O-H \cdots (O)_2$  hydrogen bonds.

### Comment

The structure of N-(6-amino-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-5-nitroso-4-oxopyrimidin-2-yl)glycine was determined, as the dihydrate, several years ago (Low et al., 1997), and more recently we have reported the structures of a number of hydrated complexes formed by the N-(6-amino-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-5-nitroso-4 oxopyrimidin-2-yl)glycinate anion with monopositive cations, including  $Li^+$ , Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> (Low *et al.*, 2000). In addition, the structures of the simple salts of the  $[Mg(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  and  $[Zn(H_2O)_6]^{2+}$  cations have recently been reported (Arranz Mascarós et al., 1999, 2000). Continuing with this study, we now report the molecular and supramolecular structure of the hydrated ammonium salt  $NH_4^+ \cdot C_7H_8N_5O_4^- \cdot H_2O$ , (I).

The bond distances within the substituted pyrimidine ring and its immediate substituents (Table 1) show the usual evidence for a highly polarized molecular-electronic structure. In particular, the four  $C-N$  bonds in the sequence from N2 to N6 are all rather similar in length, the bond distances  $C4 - C5$ and  $C5-C6$  being almost identical, and the  $C5-N5$  and  $N5$ O5 distances differing by only ca 0.055 Å; these observations all indicate the importance of the polarized form (II).

There are two  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2) within the anion, forming  $S(6)$  motifs (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995), and these may have some influence in controlling the overall molecular conformation of the anion, where the non-H atoms are almost coplanar (Table 1 and Fig. 1). Two further hydrogen bonds link the three independent components within the selected asymmetric unit, where N11 acts as a hydrogen-bond donor, via H11D, to O22, and O1 acts as donor, via H1A, primarily to nitroso atom N5 (Fig. 1). However, this H atom makes a second short contact, to O4, which may be adventitious; however, since the sum of the angles at H1A is  $360^{\circ}$ , these two interactions may alternatively be considered as forming an asymmetric three-centre  $O-H-(N,O)$  system (Table 1).



There are two other asymmetric three-centre hydrogen bonds in the crystal structure of  $(I)$  formed by H1B in an O $H(\cdot \cdot \cdot(0))$  system and by H6B in an N-H $(\cdot \cdot \cdot(0))$  system. In all, there are five hydrogen bonds, three of the two-centre type and two of the three-centre type, linking together the threecomponent aggregates (Fig. 1) into a bilayer structure, whose formation is readily analysed using the substructure approach (Gregson et al., 2000).



#### Figure 1

The independent components of compound (I), showing the atomlabelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

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#### Figure 2

Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a molecular ladder by the ionic components only. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted. Atoms marked with an asterisk (\*) or hash (#) are at the symmetry positions  $(x, 1 + y, z)$  and  $(x, -1 + y, z)$ z), respectively.

The anions alone form hydrogen-bonded chains running parallel to the [010] direction; atom N6 in the anion at  $(x, y, z)$ acts as a donor, *via* H6A, to O4 in the anion at  $(x, 1 + y, z)$ , so forming a  $C(6)$  chain by translation (Fig. 2). This chain is reinforced by the ammonium ions; atom N11 at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as a hydrogen-bond donor, via H11A, to carboxylate atom O21 in the anion at  $(x, -1 + y, z)$ ; in combination with the N11– H11D $\cdots$ O22 hydrogen bond, a  $C_2^2(6)$  chain is generated by translation. The  $C(6)$  and  $C_2^2(6)$  chains thus act as the uprights of a [010] molecular ladder in which the body of the anion provides the rungs, while between the rungs there are  $R_3^3(20)$ rings (Fig. 2).

Adjacent ladders, related by translation along  $[10\overline{1}]$ , are linked into sheets by the water molecules and by the ammo-



#### Figure 3

Stereoview of part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a (101) sheet. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted.

nium ions. Water atom O1 at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as a hydrogen-bond donor, *via* H1*B*, to both O21 and O22 in the anion at  $(1 + x)$ ,  $-1 + y, -1 + z$ , while ammonium atom N11 at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as a donor, *via* H11C, to nitroso atom O5 in the anion at  $(-1 + x,$ y,  $1 + z$ ). The combination of the resulting [111] and [101] motifs with the [010] ladders generates a (101) sheet (Fig. 3). The (101) sheet is generated solely by translation and two such sheets, related to one another by inversion, pass through each unit cell; pairs of inversion-related sheets linked by one further hydrogen bond form bilayers. Ammonium atom N11 at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as a donor, *via* H11*B*, to water atom O1 at  $(-x,$  $-y$ ,  $-z$ ), so generating a centrosymmetric  $R_6^6(26)$  ring (Fig. 4) which links the sheets in pairs.





Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of the  $R_6^6(26)$ ring motif which links pairs of (101) sheets. For the sake of clarity, the unit-cell box and H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted. Atoms marked with an asterisk (\*) are at the symmetry position  $(-x, -y, -z)$ .

The only direction-specific interaction between adjacent bilayers is provided by an antiparallel carbonyl motif (Allen et al., 1998). The carboxyl bonds C22 $-$ O22 in the anions at  $(x, y, z)$ z) and  $(-x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$ , which lie in different bilayers, form an almost exactly rectangular motif, with an  $O(22 \cdot \cdot \cdot C22^{\text{i}})$ distance of 2.898 (2) A and a  $C22-O22\cdots C22^i$  angle of 89.9 (2)<sup>o</sup> [symmetry code: (i)  $-x$ ,  $1 - y$ ,  $1 - z$ ].

#### Experimental

Compound (I) was an adventitious by-product from an attempt to prepare the corresponding rubidium salt. Rubidium chloride (0.5 mmol in 20 ml water) was added to a mixture of equimolar quantities (0.5 mmol) of N-(6-amino-3,4-dihydro-3-methyl-5-nitroso-4-oxopyrimidin-2-yl)glycine and ammonium hydroxide in water (10 ml). After 3 d at ambient temperature, pink crystals of (I) had formed. These were collected by filtration and washed with ethanol. Analysis found: C 32.1, H 5.5, N 32.1%;  $C_7H_{14}N_6O_4$  requires: C 32.1, H 5.4, N 32.1%.





### Data collection



#### Refinement



#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters  $(\mathring{A}, \degree)$ .



#### Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry  $(\AA, \degree)$ .



Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, 1 + y, z$ ; (ii)  $1 + x, y - 1, z - 1$ ; (iii)  $x, y - 1, z$ ; (iv)  $-x, -y, -z$ ; (v)  $x - 1$ ,  $y$ ,  $1 + z$ .

Crystals of (I) are triclinic; space group  $\overline{P1}$  was selected and confirmed by the successful structure analysis. H atoms bonded to C atoms were treated as riding atoms, with  $C-H$  distances of 0.98  $(CH_3)$  or 0.99 Å (CH<sub>2</sub>). All H atoms bonded to N or O atoms were located from difference maps and allowed to ride on their parent atoms at the distances deduced from the maps; the resulting distances were  $N-H = 0.88$  (in the anion) and 0.96–0.98 Å (in the ammonium ion), and  $O-H = 0.80{\text -}0.88$  Å.

Data collection: KappaCCD Server Software (Nonius, 1997); cell refinement: DENZO-SMN (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: DENZO-SMN; program(s) used to solve structure:  $SHELX$ S97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PRPKAPPA (Ferguson, 1999).

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