

## 2,2'-Iminobis(ethylammonium) phthalate

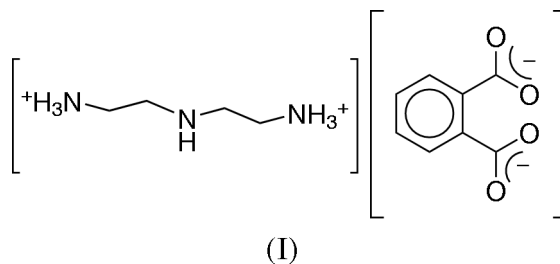
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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 294$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.040  
 $wR$  factor = 0.119  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.1For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.The phthalate salt of diprotonated diethylenetriamine,  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3^+ \cdot \text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4^-$ , was obtained during ongoing studies of the hydrolytic chemistry of phthalimides for the synthesis of efficient sensitizers for  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Tb}^{\text{III}}$  photoluminescence.

## Comment

The phthalate salt  $[\text{NH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NH}_3][1,2-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{COO})_2]$ , (I), was obtained in the course of studies of the hydrolytic processes of phthalimides to phthalates through phthalamate intermediates which are of interest as efficient sensitizers for  $\text{Eu}^{\text{III}}$  and  $\text{Tb}^{\text{III}}$  photoluminescence (Barrett *et al.*, 1995, 1998). The structure consists of sheets of cations sandwiched between two sheets of anions. There is extensive hydrogen bonding between the cations and anions.

## Experimental

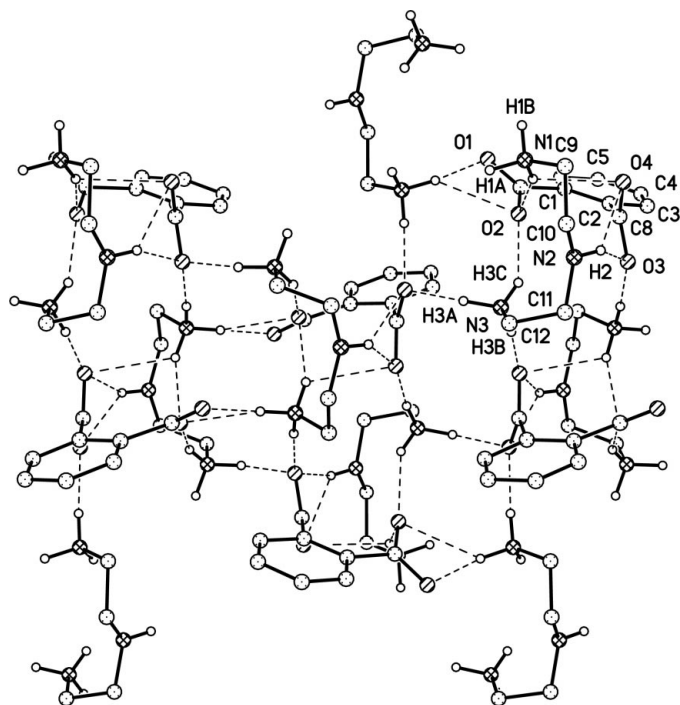
Compound (I) was obtained by heating a mixture of 3.5 mmol of phthalic anhydride with 1.9 mmol of diethylenetriamine in an oil bath until the mixture had formed a uniform brown melt. After the melt solidified, it was ground to a powder and dissolved in aqueous ethanol from which the product crystallized. Analysis calculated for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_3\text{O}_4$ : C 53.1, H 7.1, N 15.6%; found: C 53.6, H 7.1, N 15.6%.

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3^+ \cdot \text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4^-$   
 $M_r = 269.30$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 11.7634$  (8) Å  
 $b = 11.025$  (1) Å  
 $c = 12.0322$  (7) Å  
 $\beta = 115.378$  (1)°  
 $V = 1409.0$  (2) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$  $D_x = 1.269$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 15.1$ – $23.2$ °  
 $\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
Plate, colourless  
 $0.53 \times 0.40 \times 0.13$  mm

## Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
 $\theta/2\theta$  scans  
2335 measured reflections  
2218 independent reflections  
1371 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 24.0$ °  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 13$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 12$   
 $l = -13 \rightarrow 12$   
2 standard reflections  
frequency: 120 min  
intensity decay: 3.4%



**Figure 1**  
A portion of the hydrogen-bonded network in (I).

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.119$   
 $S = 1.02$   
 2218 reflections  
 200 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of  
 independent and constrained  
 refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0629P)^2 + 0.1498P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

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

| $D-H\cdots A$           | $D-H$    | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $N1-H1A\cdots O1^i$     | 1.01 (3) | 1.75 (3)    | 2.755 (3)   | 171 (2)       |
| $N1-H1A\cdots O2^i$     | 1.01 (3) | 2.53 (3)    | 3.271 (3)   | 129.9 (19)    |
| $N1-H1B\cdots O3^{ii}$  | 0.95 (3) | 1.88 (4)    | 2.826 (3)   | 176 (3)       |
| $N1-H1C\cdots O2$       | 0.95 (3) | 2.06 (3)    | 2.954 (3)   | 156 (2)       |
| $N1-H1C\cdots O4$       | 0.95 (3) | 2.56 (3)    | 3.151 (3)   | 121 (2)       |
| $N2-H2\cdots O3$        | 0.83 (3) | 2.38 (3)    | 3.042 (3)   | 137 (2)       |
| $N2-H2\cdots O4$        | 0.83 (3) | 2.51 (3)    | 3.143 (3)   | 134 (2)       |
| $N3-H3A\cdots O3^{iii}$ | 1.03 (3) | 1.73 (4)    | 2.752 (3)   | 170 (3)       |
| $N3-H3B\cdots O4^{iv}$  | 0.96 (3) | 1.81 (3)    | 2.759 (3)   | 169 (2)       |
| $N3-H3C\cdots O2$       | 0.82 (3) | 2.19 (3)    | 2.890 (3)   | 143 (3)       |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $2-x, -y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $2-x, y-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}-z$ ; (iii)  $x, \frac{1}{2}-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$ ; (iv)  $2-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$ .

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf-Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1987); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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