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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=173 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.004 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.043$
$w R$ factor $=0.130$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=20.6$
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## 4,11-Bis(acetamido)-7,14-dimethyl-4,11-diaza-1,8diazoniacyclotetradecane diperchlorate dihydrate

The title compound features a doubly protonated dimethyland bis(methylcarboxamide)-substituted tetraazacyclotetradecane with the pendant arms disposed over the cavity, an arrangement that is facilitated by intramolecular hydrogenbonding interactions. The dication occupies a special position about an inversion centre, whereas the $\mathrm{ClO}_{4}^{-}$anion and the water molecule are in general positions, thus forming a crystal with the overall composition $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{2+} \cdot 2 \mathrm{ClO}_{4}{ }^{-} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. The crystal structure is stabilized by a variety of hydrogenbonding contacts involving the dication, perchlorate anion and solvent water molecule.

## Comment

The crystal structure of the title compound, (I), comprises dications, perchlorate anions and solvent water molecules in the ratio 1:2:2. The cation (Fig. 1) occupies a special position about an inversion centre so that the four N atoms within the macrocycle are coplanar. Protonation occurs at the N1 atom and this is reflected in the systematic differences in the $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C}$ and N4-C bond distances (Table 1). The pendant acetamide groups lie to either side of the $\mathrm{N}_{4}$ plane and are orientated so as to place the carbonyl O atoms over the cavity of the macrocycle.


This configuration is stabilized by hydrogen-bonding interactions involving the N1-bound H1n atoms which are directed towards the inside of the cavity. Thus, $\mathrm{O} 4^{\prime \prime}$ is equally separated from H 1 n and the symmetry-related $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{n}^{\mathrm{i}}$ atoms, indicating that each H 1 n atom is bifurcated and that a hydrogen-bonded $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ square is formed perpendicular to the $\mathrm{N}_{4}$ plane [symmetry code: (i) $-x,-y,-z$ ]. Geometric details of the hydrogen-bonding system in the structure of the title compound are given in Table 2.

The $\mathrm{O} 4^{\prime \prime}$ atom also forms an acceptor interaction with the solvent water molecule and the other water-bound H atom

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Figure 1
The molecular structure and crystallographic numbering scheme for the dication in (I). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the $50 \%$ probability level (Johnson, 1976).
forms a donor interaction to a perchlorate O atom. The solvent water molecule is also involved in an acceptor interaction with the cationic $\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ group of the macrocycle. Each of the amide H atoms forms a donor interaction with one of the perchlorate O atoms.

The aforementioned hydrogen-bonding network results in a structure that may be described as being comprised of alternating stacks of cations, and anions and water molecules aligned along the $c$ direction.

## Experimental

The 1,8-bis(acetamido)-7,14-dimethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane compound was prepared in the following manner: 7,14-dimethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane (Fairbank et al., 1985) ( 2.28 g , $0.01 \mathrm{~mol})$ in ethanol $(20 \mathrm{ml})$ was added to a solution of 2-chloroacetamide $(4.68 \mathrm{~g}, 0.05 \mathrm{~mol})$ and triethylamine $(6.07 \mathrm{~g}, 0.06 \mathrm{~mol})$ also in ethanol $(30 \mathrm{ml})$. The mixture was then refluxed for one day. After the solution had been allowed to stand for three days, a quantity of colourless crystals precipitated. These were recrystallized from a water/acetonitrile ( $1: 1,20 \mathrm{ml}$ ) mixture. Crystals of the title compound were isolated as colourless blocks from the attempted reaction of 1,8 -bis(acetamido)-7,14-dimethyl-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane and zinc perchlorate in aqueous medium.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{~N}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{2}{ }^{2+} \cdot 2 \mathrm{ClO}_{4}{ }^{-} \cdot 2 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$
$M_{r}=579.43$
Monoclinic, $C 2 / c$
$a=16.576$ (3) Å
$b=10.877$ (6) $\AA$
$c=14.314$ (2) A
$\beta=90.25(1)^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$
$V=2581(1) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& D_{x}=1.491 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{~m}^{-3} \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \text { radiation } \\
& \text { Cell parameters from } 20 \\
& \quad \text { reflections } \\
& \theta=7.5-14.6^{\circ} \\
& \mu=0.32 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1} \\
& T=173 \mathrm{~K} \\
& \text { Block, colourless } \\
& 0.36 \times 0.23 \times 0.13 \mathrm{~mm}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer $\omega-2 \theta$ scans
4647 measured reflections
2965 independent reflections
1545 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.049$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.5^{\circ}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& h=-21 \rightarrow 8 \\
& k=0 \rightarrow 14 \\
& l=-18 \rightarrow 18 \\
& 3 \text { standard reflections } \\
& \quad \text { every } 400 \text { reflections } \\
& \quad \text { intensity decay: } 1.8 \%
\end{aligned}
$$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.043$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.130$
$S=0.98$
2965 reflections
144 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.061 P)^{2}\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.30 \mathrm{e}_{\AA^{-3}}{ }^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\max }=0.30 \mathrm{e} \AA^{\circ} \AA^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.38 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters ( $\left({ }^{\circ},{ }^{\circ}\right)$.

| $\mathrm{O} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime \prime}$ | $1.241(3)$ | $\mathrm{N} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime \prime}$ | $1.331(4)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.495(4)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.519(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 7^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $1.507(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime \prime}$ | $1.516(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.471(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.521(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}$ | $1.463(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.521(4)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.481(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 7^{\prime}$ | $1.520(4)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 7^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $114.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}$ | $120.9(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $111.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}$ | $115.9(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $110.2(2)$ | $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $113.3(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $108.6(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $114.8(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $111.7(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $112.2(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $114.0(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $111.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime \prime}$ | $113.3(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{N} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $108.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{C} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{N} 4^{\prime \prime}$ | $123.2(3)$ |  |  |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x,-y,-z$.

Table 2
Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\mathrm{A}^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{n} \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.93 | 2.53 | $3.083(3)$ | 118 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{n} \cdots 4^{\prime \prime \mathrm{i}}$ | 0.93 | 2.54 | $3.079(3)$ | 118 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{H} 20 \cdots 4^{\prime \prime}$ | 0.99 | 1.76 | $2.744(3)$ | 176 |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 w-\mathrm{H} 10 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.90 | 2.02 | $2.903(3)$ | 166 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{n} \cdots \mathrm{O} 1 w^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.88 | 1.92 | $2.768(3)$ | 163 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{n} \cdots \mathrm{O}_{1} 3^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.95 | 2.27 | $3.110(4)$ | 148 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 4^{\prime \prime}-\mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{n} \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{v}}$ | 0.95 | 2.26 | $3.122(4)$ | 151 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x,-y,-z$; (ii) $-\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}-y,-z$; (iii) $x,-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$; (iv)
$x, 1-y, z-\frac{1}{2}$; (v) $-x, 1-y,-z$.
The C-bound H atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions and included in the final refinement in the riding-model approximation with an overall displacement parameter. The O- and N -bound H atoms were located from a difference Fourier map but were not refined.

Data collection: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1996); cell refinement: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software; data reduction: TEXSAN for Windows (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: PATTY in DIRDIF92 (Beurskens et al., 1992); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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