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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

T = 293 K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007 \text{ \AA}$ 

R factor = 0.043

wR factor = 0.133

Data-to-parameter ratio = 7.1

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## Bis(D-phenylglycinium) sulfate monohydrate

In the title compound,  $2\text{C}_8\text{H}_{10}\text{NO}_2^+ \cdot \text{SO}_4^{2-} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ , the cations exist as two crystallographically independent molecules in the asymmetric unit. In the crystal, these molecules are linked by the sulfate ion through strong  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds; the phenylglycinium cations, sulfate anion and water molecule are held together by  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

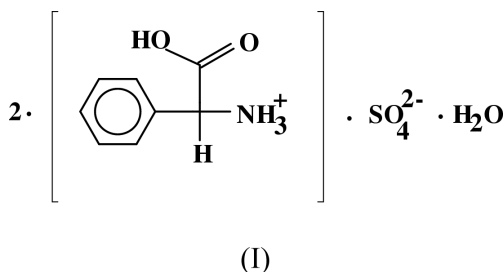
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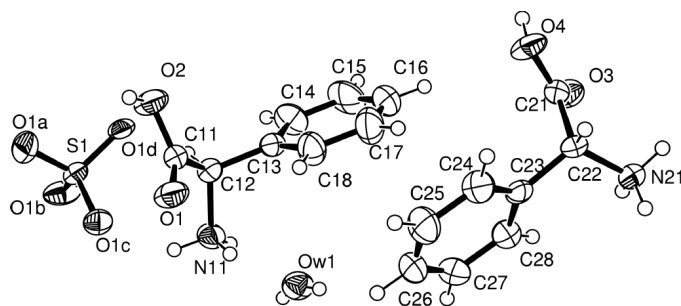
## Comment

D-Phenylglycine is an important starting material in the production of semisynthetic penicillins and cephalosporins and its derivatives are used in the synthesis of antitumor drugs and other pharmacological applications (Satyam *et al.*, 1996; Jayasinghe *et al.*, 1994). The crystal structure of D-phenylglycine hydrochloride (Ravichandran *et al.*, 1998) has been reported. In the present study, the phenylglycine reacted with sulfuric acid was studied.



The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I), consists of two crystallographically independent protonated phenylglycinium cations, a sulfate anion and a water molecule. In the phenylglycinium molecules, the  $\text{O1}-\text{C11}-\text{C12}-\text{N11}$  and  $\text{O3}-\text{C21}-\text{C22}-\text{N21}$  torsion angles of  $25.0(5)$  and  $30.7(5)^\circ$ , respectively, show that the orientation of the carboxyl group is influenced by the phenyl substitution at the  $\text{C}^\alpha$  atoms. In  $\alpha$ -glycine (Marsh, 1958) and diglycine hydrochloride (Natarajan *et al.*, 1992), the  $\text{O1}-\text{C11}-\text{C12}-\text{N11}$  values are  $19.1$  and  $0.3^\circ$ , and  $16.5^\circ$ , respectively. Molecular aggregation gives a hydrophilic zone along  $[101]$  and a hydrophobic zone along  $[202]$ .

All the O atoms of the sulfate ion are involved in hydrogen bonding. One of the O atoms ( $\text{O1D}$ ), as acceptor, links two crystallographically independent phenylglycinium molecules through strong hydrogen bonds [ $2.610(5)$  and  $2.578(4) \text{ \AA}$ ], resulting in an increased  $\text{S1}-\text{O1D}$  bond distance [ $1.505(3) \text{ \AA}$ ]. A bifurcated hydrogen bond is observed between an amino N atom and sulfate O atoms (Jeffrey & Saenger, 1991). A zigzag ( $\text{Z1}$ ) head-to-tail sequence is observed, since  $\text{N11}-\text{H11B} \cdots \text{O1}(-x+2, y+\frac{1}{2}, -z)$  and  $\text{N21}-\text{H21A} \cdots \text{O3}(-x+1, y-\frac{1}{2}, -z+1)$  connect two 2<sub>1</sub>-related amino acids (Vijayan, 1988).



**Figure 1**  
The structure of (I) with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level (Johnson, 1976).

## Experimental

The title compound was crystallized by slow evaporation of an aqueous solution of D-phenylglycine and sulfuric acid in a stoichiometric ratio of 2:1. Colourless needle-shaped transparent crystals were obtained.

### Crystal data

$2C_8H_{10}NO_2^+ \cdot SO_4^{2-} \cdot H_2O$   
 $M_r = 418.42$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1$   
 $a = 12.3201$  (12) Å  
 $b = 5.9377$  (15) Å  
 $c = 14.2908$  (16) Å  
 $\beta = 111.369$  (10)°  
 $V = 973.5$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.427$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

$D_m = 1.429$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 $D_m$  measured by flotation  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 8.3$ – $13.6$ °  
 $\mu = 0.22$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Needle, colourless  
 $0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.15$  mm

### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
 $\omega$ – $2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.949$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.968$   
 1968 measured reflections  
 1877 independent reflections  
 1778 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.044$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0$ °  
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 13$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 7$   
 $l = 0 \rightarrow 16$   
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 60 min  
 intensity decay: none

### Refinement

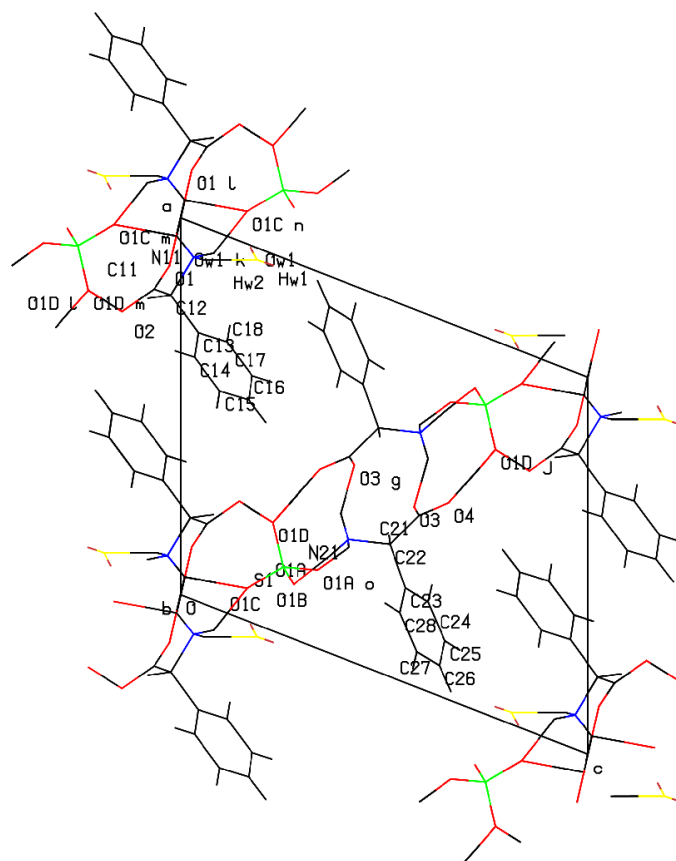
Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.133$   
 $S = 1.07$   
 1877 reflections  
 263 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1005P)^2 + 0.3547P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.40$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.38$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 91 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter =  $-0.05$  (14)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1–O1A	1.451 (4)	O1–C11	1.218 (5)
S1–O1B	1.460 (4)	O2–C11	1.305 (5)
S1–O1C	1.470 (3)	O3–C21	1.196 (6)
S1–O1D	1.505 (3)	O4–C21	1.312 (5)
O1–C11–C12–N11	25.0 (5)	O3–C21–C22–N21	30.7 (5)
N11–C12–C13–C18	–77.3 (5)	N21–C22–C23–C28	–41.6 (5)
C11–C12–C13–C18	43.6 (5)	C21–C22–C23–C28	79.6 (4)



**Figure 2**  
Packing diagram of the molecules viewed down the  $b$  axis.

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O2–H2 $\cdots$ O1D <sup>i</sup>	0.82	1.79	2.610 (5)	174
O4–H4 $\cdots$ O1D <sup>ii</sup>	0.82	1.76	2.578 (4)	175
N11–H11A $\cdots$ OW1 <sup>iii</sup>	0.89	1.95	2.680 (6)	139
N11–H11B $\cdots$ O1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.89	2.25	2.877 (6)	128
N11–H11B $\cdots$ O1C <sup>v</sup>	0.89	2.30	2.969 (5)	132
N11–H11C $\cdots$ O1C <sup>vi</sup>	0.89	2.25	3.049 (5)	149
N21–H21A $\cdots$ O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.89	2.30	2.951 (5)	130
N21–H21B $\cdots$ O1A	0.89	1.97	2.761 (5)	147
N21–H21C $\cdots$ O1B <sup>vii</sup>	0.89	1.78	2.674 (5)	178
OW1–HW2 $\cdots$ O1C <sup>viii</sup>	0.84 (9)	1.95 (9)	2.771 (5)	164 (7)
OW1–HW1 $\cdots$ O1B <sup>ix</sup>	0.94 (7)	1.88 (8)	2.798 (6)	167 (7)

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

The H atoms of the water molecule were located from difference Fourier maps and refined, while all the other H atoms were fixed by geometric constraints using *HFIX*. 91 Friedel pairs were used to determine the Flack parameter.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *CAD-4 Software*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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