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Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.002 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.116 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.6

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2,9,18-Trioxo-3,5,8,19-tetraaza-[5^{5,13}][11]metacyclophane monohydrate

In the title compound, $C_{18}H_{26}N_4O_4$, the bridgehead N atom is located toward the inside of the cage and the displacement from the aromatic ring is 4.2110 (13) Å. The three C atoms adjacent to the bridgehead N atom are disordered with roughly equal occupancy between two sets of positions. Received 15 October 2001 Accepted 12 November 2001 Online 17 November 2001

Comment

The study of cyclophanes has been a subject of functional group interactions resulting from enforced mutual proximity (Pascal *et al.*, 1987, 1989; L'Esperance *et al.*, 1991). The unusual features of the cyclophanes are exotic IR and NMR signals, which are the direct result of steric compression and ring current effects, respectively. The synthesis and the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), is reported here; this has a slightly bigger cage size than the cyclophanes reported in previous papers (Pascal *et al.*, 1987, 1989; L'Esperance *et al.*, 1991). The title compound, (I), was synthesized by the ring-closure reaction of tris(2-aminoethanyl)amine (A) with triacid chloride (B), *i.e.* (3,5-bischloroformylmethylphenyl)acetyl chloride, according to the flow method (Dye *et al.*, 1973).



The basal aromatic ring is essentially planar with a mean deviation of 0.0105 Å (Fig. 1). Most of the distortion from ideal geometry is found in the three linking $C\alpha$ atoms. The $C\alpha$ atoms are located above the mean aromatic ring plane, as indicated by the angles C10-C13···C16, C11-C15···C18 and C12-C17···C14 (Table 1). The C_{ring}-C α -C(=O) angles range from 107.57 (12) to 114.72 (12)°. The bridgehead N atom is located toward the inside of the cage, its displacement from the aromatic ring being 4.2110 (13) Å. The three C atoms adjacent to the bridgehead N atom are disordered (Fig. 1).

All bond lengths and angles for three amide bonds are within normal ranges. All amide O atoms and only atom N3 participate in intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2). Two

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Figure 1

The structure of (I) with the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. All H atoms and a water molecule have been omitted for clarity. The molecule is partially disordered with C1, C2, C3 [solid lines, occupancy = 0.527 (3)] and C1*P*, C2*P*, C3*P* [open lines, occupancy = 0.473 (3)] atoms occupying two positions.

amide O atoms (O2 and O3) and two H atoms (H2N and H3N) from three amide bonds point towards the outside and the inside of the cage, respectively; the latter interact with the bridgehead N atoms, as shown in Table 2. This may play an important role in forming the inward conformation of the bridgehead N atom. The remaining amide bond is bent in order that N3 and O3 atoms may participate in the hydrogen bond with atom O2 and the water molecule, respectively. This eliminates the threefold axis of the molecule in the crystal; while this might exist in a conformation with C_3 symmetry in solution, as indicated by one ¹³C NMR peak for three carbonyl C atoms. A water molecule (O1W) fills empty space and forms weak hydrogen bonds with the carbonyl O atoms of neighboring molecules. In addition, there are one intramolecular and three weak intermolecular $C-H\cdots O$ interactions. Molecules form a two-dimensional network structure as a result of these intermolecular hydrogen bonds.

Experimental

Tris(2-aminoethyl)amine (A) and 1,3,5-triacetylbenzene were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and Lancaster Synthesis Ltd, respectively. The triacid chloride (B), *i.e.* (3,5-bischloroformylmethylphenyl)acetyl chloride, was prepared by a known method (Cochrane *et al.*, 1968) *via* 1,3,5-tricarboxymethylbenzene from 1,3,5-triacetylbenzene (Newman & Lowrie, 1954). The cyclophane, $C_{18}H_{22}N_4O_3$, was synthesized from equimolar amounts of (A) and (B) in anhydrous THF in the presence of triethylamine by the flow method (Dye *et al.*, 1973). The resulting mixture was filtered and removal of the solvent followed by chromatography (silica gel; methanol–ethyl



Figure 2

View along the *b* axis showing the intermolecular hydrogen bonds and $N-H\cdots O$ and $O-H\cdots O$ interactions, indicated by dashed lines. The disorder has been omitted for clarity. A set of molecules in a layer have also been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (i) x+1/2, 3/2-y, z-1/2; (ii) x-1/2, 3/2-y, z-1/2.]

acetate, 1:1) yielded the product (~20%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (p.p.m.) 2.36 (*m*, 6H, -CH₂NH–), 3.27 (*m*, 6H, NCH₂–), 3.66 (*s*, 6H, -CH₂CO–), 4.96 (*s*, 3H, NH–), 7.16 (*s*, 3H, ArH); ¹³C NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃): δ (p.p.m.) 34.62, 43.58, 49.37, 130.55, 138.95, 170.33; MS, *m*/*z*: 342, 343, 344, 345, 346; calculated for C₁₈H₂₂N₄O₃ 344.41; UV (methanol) λ_{max} 270, 276 nm; IR (KBr disc) 3542, 3431, 3406, 3321, 2937, 2884, 2922, 1656, 1602, 1537, 1461, 1346, 1309, 1284, 1247, 1164, 1059, 955, 902, 886, 786, 734, 688 cm⁻¹. Crystals of (I) were obtained from a methanol solution upon slow evaporation.

Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{24}N_4O_3\cdot H_2O$	$D_x = 1.345 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 362.43$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 11 459
a = 9.3436 (8) Å	reflections
b = 13.4554 (12) Å	$\theta = 2.1 - 28.3^{\circ}$
c = 14.2888 (12) Å	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 94.748 \ (2)^{\circ}$	T = 298 (2) K
$V = 1790.3 (3) \text{ Å}^3$	Plate, colorless
Z = 4	$0.50 \times 0.35 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD areadetector diffractometer φ and ω scans 11 459 measured reflections 4316 independent reflections 2794 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.064$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$ $wR(F^2) = 0.116$ S = 1.014316 reflections 295 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of

independent and constrained refinement

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\begin{array}{l} \theta_{\max} = 28.3^{\circ} \\ h = -12 \rightarrow 8 \\ k = -17 \rightarrow 17 \\ l = -18 \rightarrow 19 \\ 156 \text{ standard reflections} \\ \text{frequency: 360 min} \\ \text{intensity decay: none} \end{array}
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\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0559P)^2 \\ &+ 0.0871P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.002 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.21 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}
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Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C7	1.227 (2)	N-C1P	1.423 (4)
O2-C8	1.2276 (17)	N1-C4	1.443 (2)
O3-C9	1.2252 (19)	N1-C7	1.324 (2)
N-C3	1.505 (3)	N2-C8	1.3340 (19)
N-C1	1.483 (3)	N2-C5	1.443 (2)
N-C2	1.417 (3)	N3-C6	1.446 (2)
N-C3P	1.481 (4)	N3-C9	1.332 (2)
N-C2P	1.515 (3)		
C1-N-C2	113.1 (2)	N2-C5-C2	109.97 (15)
C1-N-C3	107.24 (17)	N3-C6-C3	112.96 (16)
C1P-N-C2P	110.9 (2)	N3-C6-C3P	115.30 (15)
C1P-N-C3P	112.8 (2)	O1-C7-C10	120.77 (13)
C2-N-C3	112.20 (18)	N1-C7-C10	117.22 (14)
C2P-N-C3P	106.09 (18)	O1-C7-N1	121.98 (15)
C4-N1-C7	125.12 (14)	O2-C8-C11	120.56 (13)
C5-N2-C8	125.17 (13)	O2-C8-N2	122.18 (14)
C6-N3-C9	123.84 (13)	N2-C8-C11	117.27 (12)
N-C1-C4	116.4 (2)	N3-C9-C12	115.90 (13)
N-C1P-C4	114.5 (3)	O3-C9-C12	121.69 (14)
N-C2-C5	115.8 (2)	O3-C9-N3	122.34 (14)
N-C2P-C5	115.5 (3)	C7-C10-C13	114.72 (12)
N-C3-C6	115.32 (19)	C8-C11-C15	113.89 (12)
N-C3P-C6	115.5 (2)	C9-C12-C17	107.57 (12)
N1-C4-C1	110.84 (17)	C10-C13···C16	171.00 (10)
N1-C4-C1P	110.71 (19)	C11-C15···C18	168.92 (10)
N2-C5-C2P	112.47 (16)	$C12-C17\cdots C14$	167.97 (10)
N1-C7-C10-C13	10.2 (2)	O2-C8-C11-C15	179.11 (14)
O1-C7-C10-C13	-171.80(14)	N3-C9-C12-C17	70.72 (16)
N2-C8-C11-C15	-1.4(2)	O3-C9-C12-C17	-106.26(16)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
N1-H1N···N	0.85 (2)	2.443 (18)	2.8240 (18)	108.2 (14)
$O1W - H1W \cdot \cdot \cdot O1$	0.85 (3)	1.99 (3)	2.834 (2)	173 (3)
$N2-H2N\cdots N$	0.870 (18)	2.451 (18)	2.8593 (17)	109.4 (14)
$O1W - H2W \cdot \cdot \cdot O3^{i}$	0.93 (5)	2.09 (5)	2.940 (2)	151 (4)
N3-H3N···O2 ⁱⁱ	0.84 (2)	2.168 (19)	2.9540 (18)	156.3 (17)
$C5-H5A\cdots O3^{iii}$	0.97	2.52	3.465 (2)	165
C6-H6A···O3	0.97	2.40	2.799 (2)	104
$C12-H12B\cdots O1W^{iv}$	0.97	2.55	3.504 (2)	167
$C14-H14\cdots O1^{v}$	0.975 (16)	2.525 (16)	3.438 (2)	155.9 (13)

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

The first 50 frames were retaken after complete data collection, showing no significant decay of the crystal. The H atoms of ethyleneand methylene-C atoms were added at their calculated positions (U = 1.2 times that of the corresponding C atom) and refined using a riding model. The other eight H atoms were located from difference Fourier maps and were included at the final cycle of the refinement. The C– H, N–H and O–H bond lengths are 0.95 (2)–0.98 (2), 0.84 (2)– 0.87 (2) and 0.85 (3)–0.93 (5) Å, respectively.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *PLATON* (Spek, 2001).

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