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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.032  
 $wR$  factor = 0.081  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.3

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## Guaninium sulfate monohydrate

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_5H_7N_5O^{2+} \cdot SO_4^{2-} \cdot H_2O$ , the guaninium cation, the sulfate anion and the water molecule form a network of hydrogen bonds. The structure consists of layers of guaninium ions and water molecules parallel to the diagonal of the *ac* plane, linked by strong hydrogen bonds.

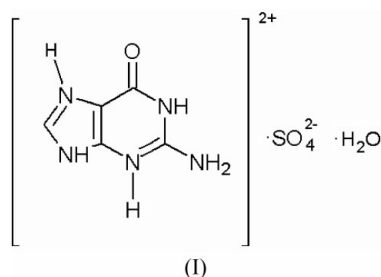
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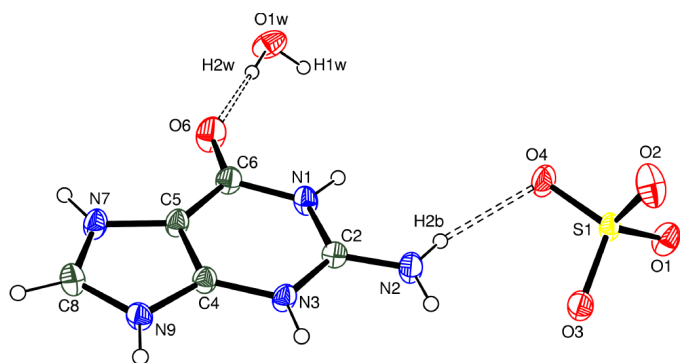
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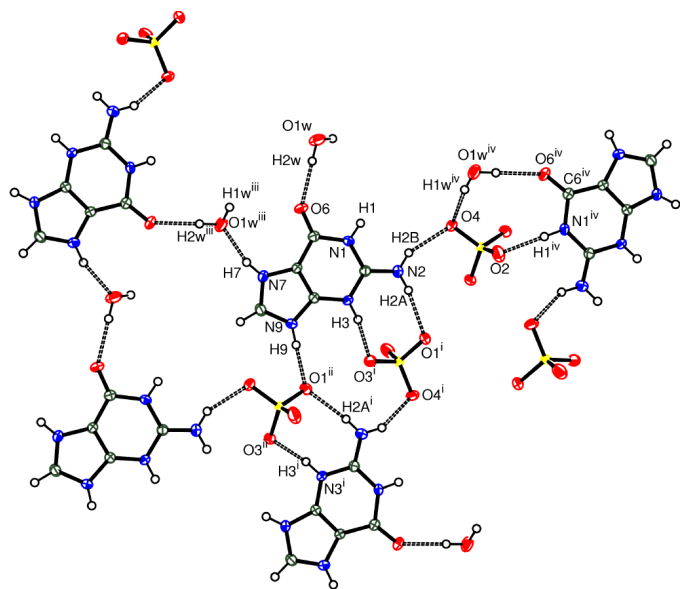
The structure elucidation of nucleic acids and their derivatives is of interest, because of their widespread biological occurrence (Richards *et al.*, 1972; Perutz & Eyck, 1972). A number of these compounds are effective metabolic inhibitors with useful chemotherapeutic activity (Roy-Burman, 1970; Balis, 1968; Hitchings & Elion, 1963). In several crystal structures of compounds with organic bases and inorganic acids, the structural cohesion is assured by strong hydrogen bonds, as was observed in guaninium dinitrate dihydrate (Bouchouit *et al.*, 2002), adeninium sulfate (Langer & Huml, 1978*a*), adeninium hemisulfate hydrate (Langer & Huml, 1978*b*) and adeninium hydrobromide hemihydrate (Langer & Huml, 1978*c*). Two structures of guanine with inorganic acids have been reported, namely guaninium dinitrate dihydrate and guaninium dichloride (Matković-Čalogović & Sanković, 1999).



The determination of the crystal and molecular structure of guaninium sulfate hydrate, (I), forms part of a study of the interactions between organic bases and inorganic acids. The dimensions of the sulfate anion (Fig. 1) are comparable with those found in other sulfates (*e.g.* Cherouana *et al.*, 2002; Srinivasan *et al.*, 2001). The S—O bond lengths are in the range 1.4653 (16)–1.4874 (13) Å, while the O—S—O angles range from 108.23 (8) to 110.88 (9)°. As was observed in guaninium dinitrate dihydrate, the imino groups of the pyrimidine and imidazolyl moieties (N3 and N7) in guanine are protonated. There is an intricate hydrogen-bond network (Fig. 2). The diprotonated guanine in (I) is hydrogen bonded



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997) view of the title compound, with the atomic labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

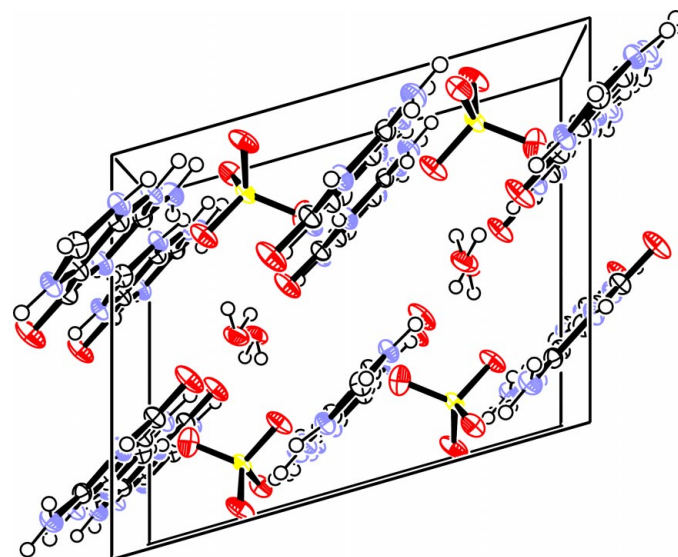


**Figure 2**  
ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997) view, showing the intricate hydrogen-bond interactions between anions and cations. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ ; (ii)  $x, y + 1, z$ ; (iii)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iv)  $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .]

to four sulfate groups [via N1–H1···O2 for the first group, N3–H3···O3 and N2–H21···O1 for the second group, N9–H9···O1 for the third and N2–H21···O3 and N2–H22···O4 for the last group]. We also observed that the water molecule forms three hydrogen bonds with the guaninium and sulfate ions, in two modes, *viz.* as donor with the sulfate anion [via O1W–H1W···O4 and O1W–H2W···O6] and as acceptor with the guaninium ion [via N7–H7···O1W]. This system of hydrogen bonds among the guaninium cations, the sulfate anions and the water molecule generates a succession of layers parallel to the diagonal of the *ac* plane (Fig. 3). Layers of guaninium cations and water molecules are linked by strong anion–cation and anion–water hydrogen bonds *via* the sandwiched sulfates.

## Experimental

Colorless single crystals of guaninium sulfate monohydrate were obtained after two weeks by slow evaporation, at room temperature, of an equimolar aqueous solution of guanine and sulfuric acid.



**Figure 3**  
ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997) diagram of the layered packing of the title compound, viewed down the *b* axis.

## Crystal data

$C_5H_7N_5O_2^+ \cdot SO_4^{2-} \cdot H_2O$   
 $M_r = 267.24$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 8.9940(3) \text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 10.2020(2) \text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 11.0440(3) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\beta = 106.04(2)^\circ$   
 $V = 973.9(1) \text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.823 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 6875 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.8\text{--}26.4^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.37 \text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 293(2) \text{ K}$   
 Plate, colorless  
 $0.40 \times 0.10 \times 0.01 \text{ mm}$

## Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 6875 measured reflections  
 1821 independent reflections  
 1631 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.4^\circ$   
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$   
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.081$   
 $S = 1.11$   
 1821 reflections  
 161 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0361P)^2 + 0.4753P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.41 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

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

| <i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>    | <i>D</i> –H | H··· <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i> | <i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| N3–H3···O3 <sup>i</sup>    | 0.86        | 1.75          | 2.6011 (19)           | 167                     |
| N9–H9···O1 <sup>ii</sup>   | 0.86        | 1.81          | 2.6526 (19)           | 167                     |
| N7–H7···O1W <sup>iii</sup> | 0.86        | 1.80          | 2.637 (2)             | 164                     |
| N1–H1···O2 <sup>iv</sup>   | 0.86        | 1.91          | 2.738 (2)             | 160                     |
| N2–H2A···O1 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.86        | 2.09          | 2.934 (2)             | 166                     |
| N2–H2B···O4                | 0.86        | 2.07          | 2.829 (2)             | 146                     |
| O1W–H1W···O4 <sup>iv</sup> | 0.86 (2)    | 2.00 (2)      | 2.838 (2)             | 164 (3)                 |
| O1W–H2W···O6               | 0.86 (2)    | 1.93 (2)      | 2.793 (2)             | 178 (1)                 |

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

H atoms attached to C and N atoms were fixed at localized positions and refined using a riding model. H atoms belonging to the water molecule were refined with an overall isotropic displacement parameter, using restraints.

Data collection: *KappaCCD Reference Manual* (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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