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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.012 Å R factor = 0.040 wR factor = 0.116 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.4

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2-Amino-6-bromopyridinium bromide

The title compound, $C_5H_6BrN_2^+ \cdot Br^-$, crystallizes in the centrosymmetric space group *Cmca* with all atoms lying on a crystallographic mirror plane at (0, y, z). The ion pairs pack as ribbons through $N-H \cdot \cdot \cdot Br$ hydrogen bonds and $Br \cdot \cdot \cdot Br$ halogen interactions. The ribbons are linked through weak $C-H \cdot \cdot \cdot Br$ interactions to form layers which stack perpendicular to the *a* axis.

Comment

The title compound, 2-amino-6-bromopyridinium bromide, (1), a precursor for 2-bromo-6-iodopyridine (Holmes et al., 2002), was also of interest to us for comparison of weak N-H···Br hydrogen bonding with Br[−]···Br−C halogen interactions. The conversion of commercially and synthetically abundant amino derivatives to halogens has traditionally been accomplished using Sandmeyer-type conditions and is very useful in organic synthesis (Lavastre et al., 1997; Smith & Ho, 1990). The salt crystallizes in space group Cmca with all non-H atoms lying on a crystallographic mirror plane at (0, y, z) (Fig. 1). The geometric parameters for (1) are generally comparable to those found in related derivatives, such as 2-bromopyridinium bromide (Freytag & Jones, 2001), 2-chloro-6-dimethylamino-3,5-pyridinedicarbaldehyde (Lai et al., 1995), 7amino-5-bromo-4-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,6-naphthyridine-8-carbonitrile monohydrate (Gómez de Anderez et al., 1992), and 6-bromo-3,5-difluoro-2-piperidyl-4-(1,2,2,2tetrafluoro-1-trifluoromethylethyl)pyridine (Chambers et al., 2001), with the expected changes upon protonation at the pyridine N atom. The short C-NH₂ bond length and distortions exhibited in the ring bond distances indicate a substantial delocalization of the lone pair on the amine nitrogen into the π -system of the pyridine ring.



Ion-pairs of (1) form N-H···Br hydrogen-bonded ribbons with adjacent pairs related by a *b*-glide operation. There is also a Br···Br interaction within the ribbon structure between the bromide anion and the bromine substituent [Br1···Br2ⁱ = 3.5484 (13) Å and C-Br1···Br2ⁱ = 179.43 (19)°, where Br2ⁱ is related to Br2 by $(x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z)$]. Weak C-H···Br interactions link the ribbons in the **c** direction (Fig. 2). These layers

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Figure 1

The molecular structure of (1). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level and H atoms are of arbitrary radii.



Figure 2

Hydrogen-bonded layer of (1). Dashed lines represent N-H···Br and C-H···Br hydrogen-bonds. Filled dashed lines represent Br···Br interactions.

stack to complete the structure, with neighboring layers related by *C*-centering. The packing of (1) is quite similar to that of 2-bromopyridinium bromide (Freytag & Jones, 2001), with the only significant difference being the alternation of direction of the ribbons in (1) as opposed to the polar nature of the ribbon packing in the simpler analog.

Experimental

2-Amino-6-bromopyridinium bromide was synthesized using a literature method (Johnson *et al.*, 1962), by slowly dissolving 3-hydroxypentanedinitrile in a 33 wt% solution of hydrogen bromide in glacial acetic acid with cooling and stirring. The resultant dark yellow precipitate was removed by filtration and allowed to air dry, affording a quantitative yield of the desired product. Diffraction quality crystals of 2-amino-6-bromopyridinium bromide were

obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution at room temperature.

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

reflections

 $\mu = 10.30 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K

 $\theta = 2.5 - 25.0^{\circ}$

Plate, brown

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^\circ$

 $h = 0 \rightarrow 8$

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 13$

 $l = 0 \rightarrow 23$

Cell parameters from 25

 $0.24 \times 0.21 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$

3 standard reflections

every 100 reflections

intensity decay: 1%

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0873P)^2]$

Extinction correction: SHELXTL

Extinction coefficient: 0.0020 (4)

+ 0.9155*P*] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.80 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.81 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

580 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Crystal data

 $C_5H_6BrN_2^+ \cdot Br^ M_r = 253.94$ Orthorhombic, *Cmca* a = 6.9230 (10) Å b = 11.616 (2) Å c = 19.413 (4) Å $V = 1561.1 (5) \text{ Å}^3$ Z = 8 $D_x = 2.161 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7 diffractometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (*TEXSAN*; Molecular Structure Corporation/Rigaku, 1997) $T_{\min} = 0.082, T_{\max} = 0.291$ 750 measured reflections 750 independent reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$ $wR(F^2) = 0.116$ S = 1.03750 reflections 56 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Br1-C1	1.876 (8)	C2-C3	1.402 (12)
N1-C5	1.336 (10)	C3-C4	1.346 (11)
N1-C1	1.341 (8)	C4-C5	1.406 (9)
N2-C5	1.320 (9)	Br1-Br2 ⁱ	3.5484 (13)
C1-C2	1.331 (10)		
C5-N1-C1	123.5 (6)	C3-C4-C5	119.7 (8)
C2-C1-N1	121.1 (7)	N2-C5-N1	119.9 (6)
C2-C1-Br1	122.7 (6)	N2-C5-C4	123.2 (7)
N1-C1-Br1	116.2 (5)	N1-C5-C4	116.9 (7)
C1-C2-C3	117.6 (7)	C1-Br1-Br2 ⁱ	179.43 (19)
C4-C3-C2	121.1 (7)		

Symmetry code: (i) $x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-\mathrm{H}\cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
N2-H3···Br1 ⁱⁱ	0.90	2.70	3.486 (7)	146
$N2-H2\cdots Br2^{ii}$	0.90	2.53	3.431 (7)	180
N1-H1···Br2	0.86	2.55	3.360 (5)	158
$C2-H2A\cdots Br1^{iii}$	0.93	3.00	3.923 (8)	174
$C3-H3A\cdots Br2^{iv}$	0.93	3.04	3.864 (7)	149

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

Data collection: AFC-7 Diffractometer Control Software (Molecular Structure Corporation/Rigaku, 1997); cell refinement: AFC-7 Diffractometer Control Software; data reduction: TEXSAN (Molecular Structure Corporation/Rigaku, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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