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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.012 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.040$
$w R$ factor $=0.116$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=13.4$
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## 2-Amino-6-bromopyridinium bromide

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{BrN}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Br}^{-}$, 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 $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ hydrogen bonds and $\mathrm{Br} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ halogen interactions. The ribbons are linked through weak $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ 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 $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ hydrogen bonding with $\mathrm{Br}^{-} \cdots \mathrm{Br}-\mathrm{C}$ 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-di-methylamino-3,5-pyridinedicarbaldehyde (Lai et al., 1995), 7-amino-5-bromo-4-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-1,6-naph-thyridine-8-carbonitrile monohydrate (Gómez de Anderez et al., 1992), and 6-bromo-3,5-difluoro-2-piperidyl-4-(1,2,2,2-tetrafluoro-1-trifluoromethylethyl)pyridine (Chambers et al., 2001), with the expected changes upon protonation at the pyridine N atom. The short $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NH}_{2}$ bond length and distortions exhibited in the ring bond distances indicate a substantial delocalization of the lone pair on the amine nitrogen into the $\pi$-system of the pyridine ring.


Ion-pairs of (1) form $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ hydrogen-bonded ribbons with adjacent pairs related by a $b$-glide operation. There is also a $\mathrm{Br} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ interaction within the ribbon structure between the bromide anion and the bromine substituent $\left[\mathrm{Br} 1 \cdots \mathrm{Br} 2^{\mathrm{i}}=\right.$ $3.5484(13) \AA$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Br} 1 \cdots \mathrm{Br} 2^{\mathrm{i}}=179.43(19)^{\circ}$, where $\mathrm{Br} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ is related to Br 2 by $\left.\left(x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z\right)\right]$. Weak $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ interactions link the ribbons in the $\mathbf{c}$ 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 $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ hydrogen-bonds. Filled dashed lines represent $\mathrm{Br} \cdots \mathrm{Br}$ 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 $33 \mathrm{wt} \%$ 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.

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{BrN}_{2}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Br}^{-}$
$M_{r}=253.94$
Orthorhombic, Cmca
$a=6.9230$ (10) $\AA$
$b=11.616$ (2) A
$c=19.413$ (4) $\AA$
$V=1561.1(5) \AA^{3}$
$Z=8$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 25 reflections
$\theta=2.5-25.0^{\circ}$
$\mu=10.30 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293$ (2) K
Plate, brown
$0.24 \times 0.21 \times 0.12 \mathrm{~mm}$
$D_{x}=2.161 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$

580 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
Rigaku AFC-7 diffractometer
$\theta_{\text {max }}=25.0^{\circ}$
$h=0 \rightarrow 8$
$k=0 \rightarrow 13$
$l=0 \rightarrow 23$
3 standard reflections every 100 reflections intensity decay: $1 \%$
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0873 P)^{2}\right.$

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+0.9155 P]
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where $P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.80 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.81 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: SHELXTL
Extinction coefficient: 0.0020 (4)

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

| $\mathrm{Br} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.876(8)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.402(12)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.336(10)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.346(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.341(8)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.406(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $1.320(9)$ | $\mathrm{Br} 1-\mathrm{Br} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $3.5484(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.331(10)$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $123.5(6)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $119.7(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $121.1(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $119.9(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{Br} 1$ | $122.7(6)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $123.2(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{Br} 1$ | $116.2(5)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $116.9(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $117.6(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{Br} 1-\mathrm{Br} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $179.43(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $121.1(7)$ |  |  |

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

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

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{~N} 2-\mathrm{H} 3 \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{iii}}$ | 0.90 | 2.70 | $3.486(7)$ | 146 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{iii}}$ | 0.90 | 2.53 | $3.431(7)$ | 180 |
| $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{2}$ | 0.86 | 2.55 | $3.360(5)$ | 158 |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 A \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{iii}}$ | 0.93 | 3.00 | $3.923(8)$ | 174 |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 A \cdots \mathrm{Br}^{\mathrm{iv}^{\mathrm{iv}}}$ | 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) $-x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$.

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