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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 133 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.035 wR factor = 0.102 Data-to-parameter ratio = 23.3

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. The crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_{11}H_{18}N_5OP$ , is stabilized by an intermolecular  $N-H\cdots N$ -type hydrogen bond and another  $C-H\cdots O$  interaction that is intramolecular. The  $N-H\cdots N$  hydrogen bonding leads to inversion-related dimers.

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2-Amino-1-[bis(N,N-dimethylamino)phosphor-

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## Comment

Phosphorylation of benzimidazole has been extensively studied by Matevosyan and co-workers (Matevosyan *et al.* 1981, 1990; Matevosyan & Zalvin, 1998). These substrates are known for their activities as growth regulators, stability inductors for plants and antifungal agents (Zalvin *et al.*, 1999; Matevosyan & Zalvin, 1998; Anderson *et al.*, 2001). They are also used as intermediates in the Wittig–Horner reaction for the preparation of substituted olefins (Maier & Rist, 1987). Direct phosphorylation of benzimidazole can be accomplished by the reaction the sodium salt of 2-aminobenzimidazole derivative with chlorophosphoramide (Raouafi *et al.*, 2003). The structure determination of the title compound, (I), was undertaken as a part of our studies on phosphorylated benzimidazole derivatives.



The X-ray structure of (I) (Fig. 1), shows that the fivemembered ring has an r.m.s. deviation of 0.004 Å, with the P atom lying 0.311 (2) Å outside this plane. The six-membered ring has an r.m.s deviation of 0.005 Å and makes an angle of 2.7 (9)  $^{\circ}$  with the five-membered ring.

The P-N4 [1.6317 (11) Å] and P-N5 [1.6352 (10) Å]bonds are shorter than the P-N1 bond [1.7124 (9) Å](Table 1) which is close to standard non conjugated P-N bond length (1.73 Å; Allen *et al.*, 1987; Schulz *et al.*, 1999; Cruickshank, 1964; Yamamoto & Akiba, 2000). The three C-N bond lengths of the cyclic guanidine function are not equal; the C1-N3 and C1-N2 bond lengths are 1.3199 (14) Å and 1.3396 (14) Å, respectively, while the C1-N1 bond length is

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#### Figure 1

*ORTEX* (McArdle, 1995) plot of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level. H atoms are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radius.



#### Figure 2

*PLUTON* view (Spek, 2001) of the unit-cell packing, with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines. H atoms not participating in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity.

1.4140 (14) Å. These three bonds are shorter than a standard single C–N bond (1.47 Å; Hamada *et al.*, 1986) and longer than a pure non-conjugated C=N bond (1.27 Å; Häfelinger, 1970). This could be explained by conjugation of only two bonds (C1–N2 and C1–N3). Unlike the non-cyclic guanidine (Bishop *et al.*, 2003), the C1–N1 bond is not involved in this conjugation.

The packing reveals the presence of three intermolecular interactions (Table 2). The N3-H1···N2<sup>iii</sup> hydrogen bond [symmetry code: (iii) -x, -y, -z] leads to inversion-related dimers (Fig. 2).

## **Experimental**

The aminolysis of the product from the reaction of *N*-benzimidazol-2yl imidate sodium salt and tetramethylchlorophosphoramide gives the corresponding compound, (I), in 90% yield. Compound (I) was recrystallized twice from tetrahydrofuran (m.p. = 472-473 K). The spectroscopic characterization was obtained from the analysis of IR, 3346 reflections with  $>2\sigma(I)$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.057P)^2]$ 

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

+ 0.3169P]

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.24 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.43 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $R_{\rm int}=0.036$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 30.0^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -13 \rightarrow 13$ 

 $k=-14\rightarrow 14$ 

 $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$ 

### Crystal data

C11H18N5OP  $D_x = 1.273 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $M_r = 267.27$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$ Cell parameters from 5780 a = 9.8997 (6) Å reflections b = 10.5514 (6) Å  $\theta = 2 - 30^{\circ}$  $\mu=0.20~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ c = 13.739(1) Å  $\beta = 103.613 \ (3)^{\circ}$ T = 133 (2) K V = 1394.80 (15) Å<sup>3</sup> Prism, colourless  $0.29 \times 0.28 \times 0.27 \text{ mm}$ Z = 4

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD diffractometer  $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans Absorption correction: none 28550 measured reflections 4081 independent reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$   $wR(F^2) = 0.102$  S = 1.054081 reflections 175 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

| P-N4        | 1.6317 (11)  | N1-C1      | 1.4140 (14) |
|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| P-N5        | 1.6352 (10)  | N1-C2      | 1.4242 (14) |
| P-N1        | 1.7124 (9)   | N3-C1      | 1.3396 (14) |
| N4-P-N1     | 111.39 (5)   | N2-C1-N3   | 123.99 (10) |
| N5-P-N1     | 101.86 (5)   | N2-C1-N1   | 113.42 (10) |
| C1-N1-C2    | 104.65 (9)   | N3-C1-N1   | 122.59 (10) |
| C2-N1-C1-N2 | 1.08 (13)    | P-N1-C2-C7 | -16.60 (19) |
| C2-N1-C1-N3 | -179.07 (11) | P-N1-C2-C3 | 166.78 (8)  |

# Table 2 Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$         | D-H        | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$ |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| C6-H6···O <sup>i</sup>              | 0.95       | 2.56                    | 3.4982 (15)  | 169                       |
| $C9 - H9C \cdot \cdot \cdot O^{ii}$ | 0.98       | 2.62                    | 3.5932 (18)  | 175                       |
| $N3 - H1 \cdots N2^{iii}$           | 0.925 (18) | 2.024 (18)              | 2.9402 (14)  | 170.1 (15)                |
| Commentary and and (i)              | 1          | (::) 3 1                | 1 (:::) 1 1  |                           |

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

Methyl H atoms were identified in difference syntheses, idealized and then refined using rigid methyl groups  $[C-H 0.98 \text{ Å}, H-C-H 109.5^{\circ}; U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)]$  and allowed to rotate, but not to tip. H7 was included using a riding model, with C-H = 0.95 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . N-H H atoms were freely refined.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine

structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *XP* (Siemens, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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