

A second monoclinic modification of  
benzimidazolium 3-carboxyphenoxyacetate  
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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.051  
 $wR$  factor = 0.123  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.5For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

In the primitive monoclinic modification of the title compound,  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^+ \cdot \text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_5^- \cdot \text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$ , the two monoanions are connected by an 'acid'  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bond whose H atom does not lie on a special position. This acid hydrogen atom and the two monoanions comprise a carboxylate monoanion/neutral molecule in which the acid H atom is disordered between the two monoanionic units. The chains are connected into a layer structure through the  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^+$  cations via  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

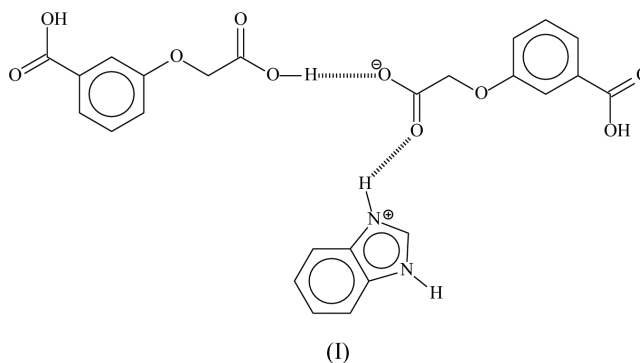
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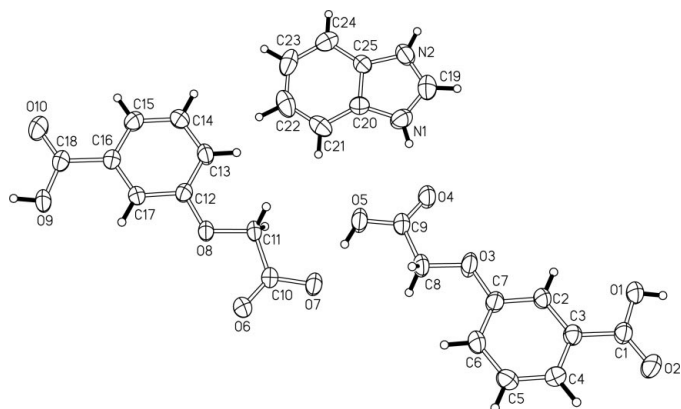
## Comment

In  $C$ -centered monoclinic  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^+ \cdot \text{CHO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OCH}_2\text{CO}_2^- \cdots \text{CHO}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{OCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ , the  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{O}_5^-$  anion and the  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$  molecule are linked through the carboxyl  $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  substituent of the aromatic ring into a hydrogen-bonded monoanion. The 'acid H' atom, which lies on an inversion center, connects adjacent monoanions into a linear chain [ $\text{O}-\text{H} = 1.241$  (2) Å and  $\text{O} \cdots \text{O} = 2.482$  (2) Å] (Gao *et al.*, 2004). Whether this H atom is, in fact, equally bonded to both O atoms cannot be decided from the diffraction measurements, as the measurements represent a time-average position of this H atom. Interestingly, a special position is not imposed for the H atom in the title primitive modification (Fig. 1), and it is not exactly midway between the two O atoms [ $\text{O} \cdots \text{O} = 2.511$  (2) Å]. The H atom is actually disordered over two positions. The primitive and  $C$ -centered modifications have similar architectures; the primitive modification is, however, marginally less dense ( $1.490$  versus  $1.506$   $\text{Mg m}^{-3}$ ), as noted from the calculated densities.

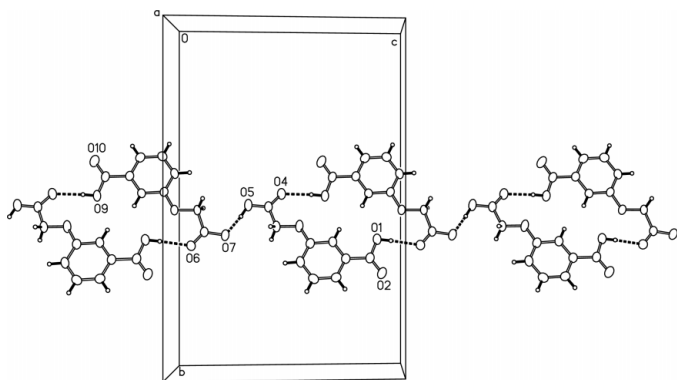


## Experimental

Manganese chloride hexahydrate (4.68 g, 20 mmol) and benzimidazole (2.34 g, 20 mmol) were added to an aqueous solution of 3-carboxyphenoxyacetic acid (4.52 g, 20 mmol). The mixture was heated in a 15 ml Teflon-lined stainless steel bomb at 413 K for 3 d. The bomb was left to cool to room temperature. Colorless crystals



**Figure 1**  
ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. The disordered acid H atom is shown attached to the O5 atom.



**Figure 2**  
ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976) plot of the chains formed from the carboxylate anion and carboxylic acid. The acid H atom is disordered over two positions between atoms O5 and O7, and is represented as being attached to atom O5 in the figure.

were obtained from the filtered solution after a few days. Analysis calculated for  $C_{25}H_{22}N_2O_{10}$ : C 58.82, H 4.34, N 5.49%; found: C 59.99, H 4.38, N 5.44%. Manganese was not incorporated into the product. The C-centered monoclinic modification of the organic compound was obtained when a cadmium salt was used in the hydrothermal synthesis (Gao *et al.*, 2004).

#### Crystal data

$C_7H_7N_2^+ \cdot C_9H_7O_5^- \cdot C_9H_8O_5$   
 $M_r = 510.45$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 7.647$  (2) Å  
 $b = 21.158$  (4) Å  
 $c = 14.122$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 95.08$  (3)°  
 $V = 2276.1$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.490$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 17 563 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.1$ – $27.2$ °  
 $\mu = 0.12$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 295$  (2) K  
 Prism, colorless  
 $0.42 \times 0.26 \times 0.18$  mm

#### Data collection

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)  
 $T_{min} = 0.782$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.979$   
 21 472 measured reflections

5193 independent reflections  
 3394 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.051$   
 $\theta_{max} = 27.5$ °  
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 8$   
 $k = -27 \rightarrow 27$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.123$   
 $S = 1.01$   
 5193 reflections  
 359 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0626P)^2 + 0.2455P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.25 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$$

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|            |           |             |           |
|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| O1—C1      | 1.322 (2) | O9—C18      | 1.309 (2) |
| O2—C1      | 1.210 (2) | O10—C18     | 1.201 (2) |
| O3—C7      | 1.373 (2) | N1—C19      | 1.315 (3) |
| O3—C8      | 1.414 (2) | N1—C20      | 1.387 (3) |
| O4—C9      | 1.243 (2) | N2—C19      | 1.313 (3) |
| O5—C9      | 1.261 (2) | N2—C25      | 1.377 (2) |
| O6—C10     | 1.219 (2) | C1—C3       | 1.489 (2) |
| O7—C10     | 1.296 (2) | C8—C9       | 1.513 (3) |
| O8—C12     | 1.373 (2) | C10—C11     | 1.512 (3) |
| O8—C11     | 1.408 (2) | C16—C18     | 1.491 (3) |
| C7—O3—C8   | 118.6 (1) | O6—C10—C11  | 122.3 (2) |
| C11—O8—C12 | 118.6 (1) | O7—C10—C11  | 115.2 (2) |
| C19—N1—C20 | 108.2 (2) | O8—C11—C10  | 107.2 (1) |
| C19—N2—C25 | 108.8 (2) | O8—C12—C13  | 124.8 (2) |
| O1—C1—O2   | 123.2 (2) | O8—C12—C17  | 114.7 (2) |
| O1—C1—C3   | 113.6 (2) | C15—C16—C18 | 118.9 (2) |
| O2—C1—C3   | 123.2 (2) | C12—C17—C16 | 119.6 (2) |
| C1—C3—C2   | 121.0 (2) | O10—C18—O9  | 123.6 (2) |
| C1—C3—C4   | 118.8 (2) | O9—C18—C16  | 113.9 (2) |
| O3—C7—C2   | 114.8 (2) | O10—C18—C16 | 122.5 (2) |
| O3—C7—C6   | 125.2 (2) | N1—C19—N2   | 110.7 (2) |
| O3—C8—C9   | 109.1 (2) | N1—C20—C21  | 131.6 (2) |
| O4—C9—O5   | 124.1 (2) | N1—C20—C25  | 106.2 (2) |
| O4—C9—C8   | 120.2 (2) | N2—C25—C20  | 106.1 (2) |
| O5—C9—C8   | 115.7 (2) | N2—C25—C24  | 132.2 (2) |
| O6—C10—O7  | 122.5 (2) |             |           |

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

| $D-H \cdots A$                           | $D-H$    | $H \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-H \cdots A$ |
|--|----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| O1—H1O <sup>i</sup> ···O6 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.87 (2) | 1.93 (2)     | 2.800 (2)    | 176 (2)        |
| O5—H5O <sup>o</sup> ···O7                | 0.85 (2) | 1.69 (3)     | 2.511 (2)    | 161 (7)        |
| O7—H7O <sup>o</sup> ···O5                | 0.86 (2) | 1.65 (2)     | 2.511 (2)    | 174 (4)        |
| O9—H9O <sup>o</sup> ···O4 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.86 (2) | 1.87 (2)     | 2.728 (2)    | 175 (2)        |
| N1—H1N <sup>o</sup> ···O4                | 0.86 (2) | 1.94 (2)     | 2.802 (2)    | 173 (3)        |
| N2—H2N <sup>o</sup> ···O2 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.87 (2) | 2.11 (2)     | 2.771 (2)    | 133 (2)        |

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

The occupancy of the acid H atom was refined to approximately 0.42 (7)/0.58 (7). Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions [ $C-H_{aromatic} = 0.93$  Å,  $C-H_{aliphatic} = 0.97$  Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ ]. The amine and carboxyl H atoms were located and refined with a distance restraint of 0.85 (1) Å.

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku Corporation, 1998); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MSO and Rigaku Corporation, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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