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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 120 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.026 wR factor = 0.049 Data-to-parameter ratio = 24.8

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# 3-(Isobutyryloxy)propanaminium bromide

The crystal packing in the title compound,  $C_{10}H_{22}NO_2^+Br^-$ , shows  $C-H\cdots O$  and  $C-H\cdots Br$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds, which give rise to stacking of the cations, as well as  $Br^-$  anions in rows along [010].

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## Comment

The title compound, (I), has been synthesized during a series of experiments to investigate the properties of surfactant esters of isobutyric acid and  $\omega$ -trimethylammonium alcohols (Röder & Kramer, 2004). Accordingly, the alkyl chain length of the alcohol has been varied systematically. The propyl ester is that with the shortest chain. The longest one (decyl ester) shows a lyotropic mesophase (Hiltrop, 1994).



The molecular structure of (I) (Fig. 1) exhibits a folded conformation, with an O2-C5-C6-C7 torsion angle of  $-53.3 (2)^{\circ}$ . This structure is related to that of the acetoxy compound 3-acetoxypropyltrimethylammonium bromide (Craven & Hite, 1973). The C5/O2/C4/O1/C3 ester group is planar, with a maximum deviation from the mean plane of 0.012 (1) Å for atom O2. An intramolecular C5-H5B····O1 hydrogen bond stabilizes this conformation, with H···O 2.39 Å. In general, bond lengths and angles (Table 1) lie in expected ranges and need no further discussion.

The crystal packing of (I) (Fig. 2) shows various intermolecular hydrogen bonds, with molecules stacked in rows along [010], and NMe<sub>3</sub> groups head-to-head and oriented in



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## Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), viewed along [010], with the intermolecular hydrogen-bonding pattern indicated by dashed lines.

the [100] direction. Prominent interactions are C7– H7A···O1 $(x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z + \frac{1}{2})$ , with H···O 2.32 Å and C–H···O 145°, and four H···Br contacts, C8–H8C···Br(x, y - 1, z)(2.73 Å), C8–H8A···Br $(1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - z)$  (2.83 Å), C7– H7B···Br(x, y - 1, z) (2.84 Å) and C9–H9C···Br $(x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z + \frac{1}{2})$  (2.89 Å). All H-atom positions were normalized to C– H = 1.08 Å.

## **Experimental**

The synthesis of (I) was performed according to the method of Röder & Kramer (2004). After dissolving the compound in acetonitrile and allowing the solvent to evaporate slowly, fine prismatic crystals were obtained.

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{10}H_{22}NO_{2}^{+}\cdot Br^{-}\\ M_{r}=268.20\\ Monoclinic, P2_{1}/c\\ a=16.7315\ (14)\ \text{\AA}\\ b=7.0370\ (6)\ \text{\AA}\\ c=11.708\ (1)\ \text{\AA}\\ \beta=107.979\ (2)^{\circ}\\ V=1311.18\ (19)\ \text{\AA}^{3}\\ Z=4 \end{array}$ 

$$\begin{split} D_x &= 1.359 \text{ Mg m}^{-3} \\ \text{Mo } K\alpha \text{ radiation} \\ \text{Cell parameters from 3012} \\ \text{reflections} \\ \theta &= 2.6 - 27.8^{\circ} \\ \mu &= 3.12 \text{ mm}^{-1} \\ T &= 120 \text{ (2) K} \\ \text{Prism, colourless} \\ 0.30 \times 0.15 \times 0.08 \text{ mm} \end{split}$$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	3276 independent reflections
diffractometer	2321 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{int} = 0.046$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.3^{\circ}$
( $SADABS$ ; Bruker, 2002)	$h = -22 \rightarrow 22$
$T_{mir} = 0.581$ , $T_{max} = 0.782$	$k = -9 \rightarrow 9$
12 047 measured reflections	$l = -15 \rightarrow 13$
Refinement on $F^2$	H atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0155P)^2]$
wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.049	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 0.84	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
3276 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.46 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

## Table 1

132 parameters

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C4	1.198 (2)	C3-C4	1.514 (3)
O2-C4	1.346 (2)	C5-C6	1.506 (2)
O2-C5	1.448 (2)	C6-C7	1.518 (3)
N1-C7	1.508 (2)		
C4-O2-C5	116.38 (16)	C5-C6-C7	109.65 (16)
02-C4-C3	110.52 (19)	N1-C7-C6	115.20 (14)
O2-C5-C6	111.91 (15)		

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min}$  = -0.25 e Å<sup>-3</sup>

H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and then placed in calculated positions, with C–H distances in the range 0.98–0.99 Å, and treated as riding on their attached C atoms, with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) =$  $1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  and  $1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm C-methyl})$ . All CH<sub>3</sub> groups were allowed to rotate but not to tip.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2002); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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