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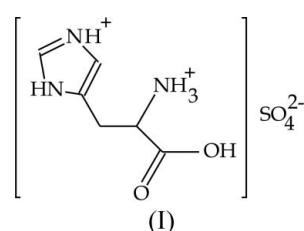
## L-Histidinium sulfate

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The title compound,  $C_6H_{11}N_3O_2^{2+}\cdot SO_4^{2-}$ , crystallizes with two cations and two anions in the asymmetric unit. In both diprotonated histidinium cations, the  $C^{\gamma}$  atom has a *gauche-II* conformation with respect to the amine N atom and it is in a *trans* position to the C atom. An extensive three-dimensional network of intermolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  and  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds links the histidinium cations and sulfate anions, forming a crystal structure in which zigzag ( $Z1$ ) head-to-tail sequences are observed for both the cations.

### Comment

The crystal structures of L-histidine (Madden *et al.*, 1972), L-histidine hydrochloride monohydrate (Fuess *et al.*, 1977), DL-histidine hydrochloride dihydrate (Bennett *et al.*, 1970), L-histidinium dinitrate (Asath Bahadur, 1992), DL-histidinium dinitrate (Bahadur *et al.*, 1991), DL-histidine sulfamate (Asath Bahadur, 1992) and bis(L-histidinium sulfate) trihydrate (Srinivasan *et al.*, 2001) have been reported previously. We present here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), the anhydrous form of L-histidinium sulfate.



The asymmetric unit of (I) contains two crystallographically independent diprotonated histidinium cations, *A* and *B*, containing the atoms N11, N12 and N13, and N21, N22 and N23, respectively (Fig. 1), and two sulfate anions. In *A* and *B*, the deviations of the amine N atom from the carboxyl plane are 0.6913 (8) and 0.9273 (8) Å, respectively, while the dihedral angles between the imidazolinium ring and carboxyl planes are 66.4 (2) and 19.5 (5)°, respectively. This difference in the twisting of the imidazolinium rings leads to the difference in side-chain conformations in the two histidinium cations. The conformation angle  $\psi^1$  is *cis* in both cations. The side-chain conformation angles  $\chi^1$  [−63.9 (5)° for *A* and −53.1 (8)° for *B*] are in a *gauche-II* form, resulting in a closed conformation (Pratap *et al.*, 2000). The  $C^{\gamma}$  atom has a *trans* conformation with respect to the C' atom for both the cations. The conformations  $\chi^{21}$  and  $\chi^{22}$  are observed as −28.0 (12) and 156.3 (6)° for cation *A*, and 117.6 (9) and −62.7 (8)° for cation *B* (Table 1), respectively, corresponding to those observed in bis(L-histidinium sulfate) trihydrate (Srinivasan *et al.*, 2001).

The anions play a vital role in hydrogen bonding with the histidinium cations *via* the amine N atom and the N atom of the imidazolium ring. An extensive three-dimensional network of intermolecular N—H···O and O—H···O bonds (Table 2) links the cations and sulfate anions, stabilizing the crystal packing (Fig. 2). Separate zigzag (Z1) head-to-tail sequences of hydrogen-bonded cations *A* and *B* are formed along the *b* axis *via* the N11—H11A···O1A<sup>ii</sup> and N21—H21A···O2A<sup>viii</sup> interactions (see Table 2 for symmetry codes).

## Experimental

The title compound was crystallized from an L-histidine and sulfuric acid mixture in the stoichiometric ratio of 1:1 at room temperature by slow evaporation.

### Crystal data

$C_6H_{11}N_3O_2^{2+}\cdot SO_4^{2-}$   
 $M_r = 253.25$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1$   
 $a = 6.8616 (6)$  Å  
 $b = 5.8084 (6)$  Å  
 $c = 25.6901 (18)$  Å  
 $\beta = 90.733 (8)$ °  
 $V = 1023.79 (16)$  Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.643$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 $D_m = 1.642$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

$D_m$  measured by flotation in a liquid mixture of CCl<sub>4</sub> and bromoform  
Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  
Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 9.6\text{--}11.8$ °  
 $\mu = 0.34$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293 (2)$  K  
Block, colourless  
 $0.22 \times 0.16 \times 0.12$  mm

### Data collection

Nonius MACH-3 four-circle diffractometer  
 $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scans  
Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.774$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.999$   
2571 measured reflections  
2368 independent reflections  
2161 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.094$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0$ °  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 8$   
 $k = -1 \rightarrow 6$   
 $l = -30 \rightarrow 30$   
3 standard reflections frequency: 60 min  
intensity decay: none

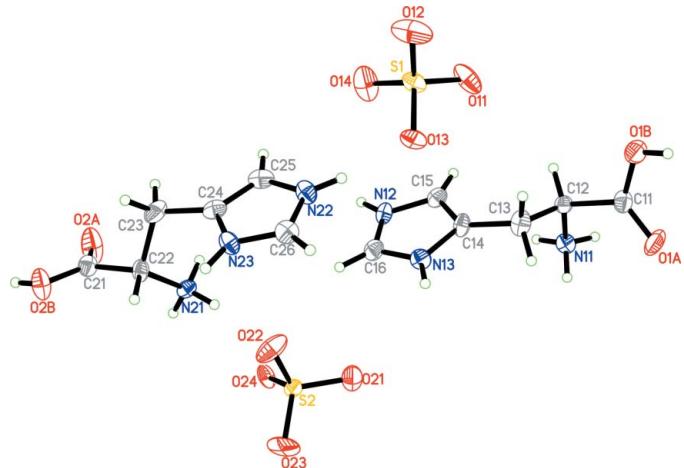
### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.047$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.189$   
 $S = 1.15$   
2368 reflections  
294 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_{\text{o}}^2) + (0.1269P)^2 + 1.9828P$   
where  $P = (F_{\text{o}}^2 + 2F_{\text{c}}^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.44$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.51$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
Extinction coefficient: 0.131 (13)  
Absolute structure: Flack (1983),  
370 Friedel pairs  
Flack parameter: -0.09 (18)

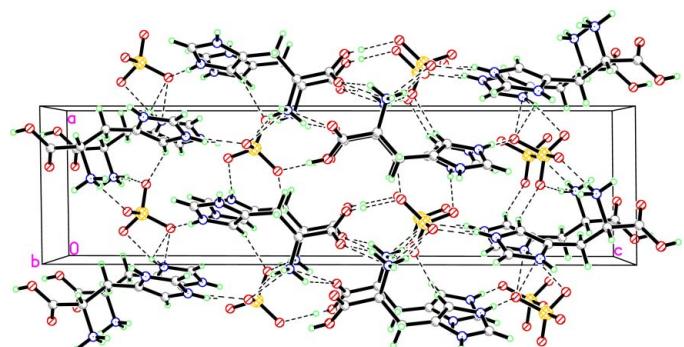
**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1A—C11	1.216 (10)	O1B—C11	1.305 (9)
O1A—C11—C12—N11	-30.1 (9)	O2A—C21—C22—N21	-41.6 (10)
N11—C12—C13—C14	-63.5 (9)	N21—C22—C23—C24	-53.1 (8)
C11—C12—C13—C14	177.9 (7)	C21—C22—C23—C24	-171.5 (6)
C12—C13—C14—C15	-28.0 (12)	C22—C23—C24—C25	117.6 (9)
C12—C13—C14—N13	156.3 (6)	C22—C23—C24—N23	-62.7 (8)



**Figure 1**

View of the asymmetric unit of the title compound, with the atom-numbering scheme and 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.



**Figure 2**

Packing diagram viewed down the *b* axis. The intermolecular hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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

$D\cdots H$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O1B—H1B···O11 <sup>i</sup>	0.82	1.73	2.521 (7)	163
N11—H11A···O1A <sup>ii</sup>	0.89	2.15	2.834 (8)	133
N11—H11B···O13 <sup>iii</sup>	0.89	1.88	2.721 (8)	157
N11—H11C···O12 <sup>iv</sup>	0.89	1.92	2.757 (10)	156
N12—H12A···O21 <sup>v</sup>	0.86	1.87	2.719 (8)	169
N13—H13···O14 <sup>vi</sup>	0.86	1.94	2.729 (8)	152
O2B—H2B···O24 <sup>vii</sup>	0.82	1.74	2.554 (7)	173
N21—H21A···O2A <sup>viii</sup>	0.89	1.93	2.790 (8)	161
N21—H21B···O22	0.89	1.83	2.708 (8)	168
N21—H21C···O23 <sup>v</sup>	0.89	1.86	2.679 (8)	152
N22—H22A···O13	0.86	1.85	2.694 (8)	168
N23—H23···O24 <sup>ix</sup>	0.86	1.99	2.811 (7)	160

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$ ; (ii)  $-x + 2, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + 1$ ; (iii)  $x + 1, y, z$ ; (iv)  $x + 1, y + 1, z$ ; (v)  $x, y - 1, z$ ; (vi)  $x, y + 1, z$ ; (vii)  $-x + 1, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + 2$ ; (viii)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + 2$ ; (ix)  $x - 1, y, z$ .

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å, N—H = 0.86–0.89 Å, O—H = 0.82 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2\text{--}1.5U_{\text{eq}}$ (parent atom).

Data collection: CAD-4 EXPRESS (Enraf-Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: CAD-4 EXPRESS; data reduction: XCAD4 (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97

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