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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.125 Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.9

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# Adamantane-1-ammonium 2-nitrobenzoate

The title compound,  $C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_4$ , was obtained by the diffusion method. Strong  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds generate a chain-like structure.

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## Comment

Owing to its highly symmetrical and stable structure, adamantane and its derivatives are widely used in several fields, such as medicine and macromolecular materials. Amantadine has been used successfully for the prevention and treatment of the influenza A virus by blocking the M2 protein ion channel (Bright *et al.*, 2005). A large number of compounds containing amantadine have been synthesized (Tukada & Mochizuki, 2003; Zhao *et al.*, 2003). Here we report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound, (I), illustrated in Fig. 1.



In the cation, C–C distances range from 1.5254 (18) to 1.532 (2) Å and C–C–C angles range from 109.06 (13) to 109.84 (11)°, while the exocyclic C–N bond length is 1.4967 (18) Å.

There are  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen-bonding interactions between the cations and anions. The protonated atom N2 forms three hydrogen bonds with carboxyl O atoms from adjacent nitrobenzoate anions (Table 1). As a result, the



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hydrogen bonding generates a one-dimensional chain structure (Fig. 2).

# **Experimental**

2-Nitrobenzoic acid (0.1671 g, 1 mmol) and 1-aminoadamantane (0.1512 g, 1 mmol) were mixed in 20 ml absolute ethanol with continuous stirring for 0.5 h, resulting in a clear colourless solution. Colourless single crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of the solvent over a period of 7 d (yield 60%). Analysis calculated for  $C_{17}H_{22}N_2O_4$ : C 64.13, H 6.97, N 8.80%; found: C 64.02, H 6.77, N 8.98%.

### Crystal data

$C_{10}H_{18}N^+ \cdot C_7H_4NO_4^-$	$D_x = 1.247 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 318.37$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 11565
a = 13.155 (3) Å	reflections
b = 6.4940 (13)Å	$\theta = 3.2-27.5^{\circ}$
c = 20.608 (4)  Å	$\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 105.63 \ (3)^{\circ}$	T = 296 (2) K
V = 1695.4 (7) Å <sup>3</sup>	Chunk, colourless
Z = 4	$0.46 \times 0.33 \times 0.29 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	

Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{min} = 0.965, T_{max} = 0.975$ 15796 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   $wR(F^2) = 0.125$  S = 1.043878 reflections 217 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

+ 0.0743*P*] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.16 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0655P)^2]$ 

3878 independent reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.035$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -17 \rightarrow 17$ 

 $k = -8 \rightarrow 8$ 

 $l = -26 \rightarrow 23$ 

2597 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$N2-H2C\cdots O3$ $N2-H2B\cdots O4^{i}$ $N2-H2D\cdots O4^{ii}$	0.922 (9)	1.913 (9)	2.8355 (16)	178.4 (15)
	0.919 (9)	1.846 (9)	2.7638 (16)	176.9 (14)
	0.919 (9)	1.899 (9)	2.8015 (15)	166.7 (14)

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





A packing diagram for (I).  $N-H \cdots O$  interactions are depicted by dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

H atoms bonded to C atoms were positioned geometrically (aromatic C–H = 0.93 Å and aliphatic C–H = 0.97 Å) and refined as riding, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . H atoms bonded to N2 were located in difference Fourier maps and refined with an N–H distance restraint of 0.91(1) Å and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$ .

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

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