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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 150 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.035 wR factor = 0.070 Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.0

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# Benzyldiethylammonium chloride

The title compound,  $C_{11}H_{18}N^+ \cdot Cl^-$ , crystallizes in a noncentrosymmetric polar space group and possessess normal geometric parameters. The crystal structure analysis reveals a discrete ionic species, for which the packing is consolidated by an  $N-H \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl$  hydrogen bond and  $C-H \cdot \cdot \cdot Cl$  hydrogen bonds, resulting in a two-dimensional network. Received 16 March 2006 Accepted 28 March 2006

## Comment

The reactivity of (phenylthiomethyl)amines has received considerable attention, not only with regard to their coordination chemistry but also for their use in synthetic organic chemistry (Screttas & Screttas, 1978; Yus, 1996; Gómez *et al.*, 1997; Foubelo *et al.*, 1997). The complexing reagent (lithiomethyl)amine can be obtained from the reduction of (phenylthiomethyl)amines with a solution of lithium naphthalenide (LiC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>) (Gómez *et al.*, 1997). In an attempted reaction of the corresponding (lithiomethyl)amine, a hexane solution of this compound was treated at 195 K with a hexane solution of Ph<sub>2</sub>BCl, resulting in the formation of benzyl-*N*,*N*'diethylammonium chloride, (I) (Fig. 1), as a side-product.



The asymmetric unit in the non-centrosymmetric polar space group,  $Pna2_1$ , of (I) contains only one ion pair. All the geometric parameters for the cation lie within their expected ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The tetrahedrally coordinated N atom has typical bond lengths and angles (Table 1).

As well as coulombic and van der Waals forces, the crystal packing in (I) appears to be controlled by several different intermolecular interactions (Table 2). The most clearcut is an  $N-H\cdots Cl$  hydrogen bond that links adjacent ionic components, while a combination of  $N-H\cdots Cl$  and  $C-H\cdots Cl$  hydrogen bonds results in parallel chains of ions in the *b*-axis direction (Fig. 2). Within a chain, adjacent cations, related by a *b*-glide plane, are enantiomorphous. In addition, Fig. 2 shows that all the chains propagate in the same direction, *i.e.* all the N-H bonds point the same way. The  $C-H\cdots Cl$  hydrogen bonds lead to greater complexity than the rather simple motif

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#### Figure 1

A view of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme and the N-H···Cl hydrogen bond (dashed lines). Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level.



### Figure 2

A view of part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of hydrogen-bonded chains along the [010] direction. H atoms not involved in the interactions shown have been omitted. [Symmetry codes: (i) x, y - 1, z; (ii)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, y - \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iv) x, 1 + y, z.]

generated by the N-H···Cl hydrogen bonds alone. The C-H···Cl hydrogen bond involving C10, in combination with the other hydrogen bonds, generates a sheet parallel to (201). The combination of the [010] chain and the (201) sheet make it sufficient to generate a continuous two-dimensional framework.

## **Experimental**

For the preparation of compound (I), a freshly prepared solution of lithium naphthalenide from lithium granules (0.070 g, 9.98 mmol) and naphthalene (1.279 g, 9.98 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (25 ml) at 195 K was added to (phenylthiomethyl)amine (1.946 g, 9.98 mmol) precooled to the same temperature. After 30 min a solution of diphenylboron chloride (1.000 g, 4.99 mmol) in hexane (10 ml) was added dropwise over a period of 30 min. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 24 h. The mixture was then filtered, and the solvent and volatiles were removed under vacuum. The remaining naphthalene was removed by steam distillation under vacuum at 333 K. The main product of (I) was extracted with diethyl ether (two portions of 20 ml). A few days later at room temperature, some well formed colourless needle-shaped crystals of (I) were obtained. CHN analysis of a handpicked sample of (I) found: C 67.47, H 8.09, N 6.82%; calculated: C 66.15, H 9.08, N 7.01%.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.156 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 0.29 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

Needle, colourless

 $0.18 \times 0.06 \times 0.03 \; \rm mm$ 

6285 measured reflections

2335 independent reflections

1258 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

T = 150 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int}=0.032$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.4^{\circ}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $C_{11}H_{18}N^{+}\cdot Cl^{-}$  $M_r = 199.71$ Orthorhombic, Pna21 a = 20.366 (3) Å b = 7.0174 (9) Å c = 8.0292 (11) Å V = 1147.5 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>

## Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer with an Oxford Cryosystems low-temperature device  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.884, \ T_{\max} = 1.000$ 

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0314P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.070$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
S = 0.99	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
2335 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.15 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
123 parameters	Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
H atoms treated by a mixture of	1069 Friedel pairs
independent and constrained	Flack parameter: 0.09 (5)
refinement	

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C1-N1	1.512 (2)	C10-N1	1.4995 (18)
C8-N1	1.492 (2)	N1-H1	0.869 (11)
C2-C1-N1	114.45 (12)	C8-N1-C1	111.84 (11)
N1-C8-C9	113.64 (13)	C10-N1-C1	109.71 (12)
N1-C8-H82	108.8	C8-N1-H1	108.2 (12)
N1-C10-C11	113.92 (13)	C10-N1-H1	107.5 (9)
C8-N1-C10	111.96 (14)	C1-N1-H1	107.4 (14)
C9-C8-N1-C10	68.63 (16)	C11-C10-N1-C1	68.22 (15)
C9-C8-N1-C1	-167.77(12)	C2-C1-N1-C8	53.45 (16)
C11-C10-N1-C8	-166.99 (12)	C2-C1-N1-C10	178.31 (12)

## Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1 - H1 \cdots Cl1$ $C1 - H12 \cdots Cl1^{i}$ $C10 - H102 \cdots Cl1^{ii}$	0.869 (11)	2.236 (12)	3.1036 (10)	175.8 (16)
	0.97	2.78	3.6505 (16)	150
	0.97	2.77	3.6815 (16)	157

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

The H atom attached to the N atom was located in a difference Fourier synthesis and its positional parameters were refined. Other H atoms were included in the refinement at calculated positions, in the riding-model approximation, with C–H distances between 0.93 and 0.97 Å. The  $U_{iso}$ (H) values were set equal to 1.5 (methyl H atoms) or 1.2 (other H atoms) times  $U_{eq}$ (C).

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1994); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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