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# A dianionic 5-sulfonatosalicylate species in the proton-transfer compound bis(benzylaminium) 3-carboxylato-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonate

The crystal structure of anhydrous bis(benzylaminium) 5sulfonatosalicylate,  $2C_7H_{10}N^+C_7H_4O_6S^{2-}$ , from the reaction of benzylamine with 5-sulfosalicylic acid, shows the presence of a dianionic 5-sulfonatosalicylate species, uncommon among proton-transfer compounds of this acid with organic Lewis bases. Hydrogen-bonding interactions between both aminium  $N^+$ —H groups of the two cations and both the sulfonate and carboxylate O-atom acceptors of the anions give a layered two-dimensional network structure.

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## Comment

A number of 1:1 proton-transfer compounds of 3-carboxy-4hydroxybenzenesulfonic acid (5-sulfosalicylic acid, 5-SSA) with aniline-type Lewis bases have been reported, viz. with aniline (Bakasova et al., 1991), the 4-X-substituted anilines (X = F, Cl, Br) (Smith et al., 2005a), 3-aminobenzoic acid (Smith et al., 2005) and 4-aminobenzoic acid (Smith et al., 2005b). In only one compound with bifunctional 1,4-phenylenediamine is the dianionic 5-SSA species found (Smith et al., 2005). The 1:1 stoichiometric reaction of 5-SSA with the moderately strong monofunctional aromatic-aliphatic Lewis base benzylamine (BZA) (pK<sub>a</sub> = 9.35) was expected to give a 1:1 proton-transfer compound with 5-SSA, such as was found in the structure of its compound with the analogous 3,5-dinitrosalicylic acid (Smith et al., 2002). However, the structure of the anhydrous compound formed from the reaction of 5-SSA with BZA in 95% ethanol, benzylaminium 5-sulfosalicylate, (I), reported here, shows the presence of a dianionic 5-SSA species.



In (I), the BZA cation species (A and B) and the 5-SSA dianion (Fig. 1) form a two-dimensional hydrogen-bonded network structure which extends in the unit cell across the *ac* plane (Fig. 2). Similar hydrogen-bonded layered structures have been found in other 5-SSA proton-transfer compounds, *e.g.* with 2,6-diaminopyridine and 1,4-phenylenediamine (Smith *et al.*, 2005). The H-atom donors of the A-cation aminium group are involved in three interactions with separate carboxylate O-atom acceptors, while the B-cation interacts with only sulfonate O-atom acceptors [five in total, to four

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### Figure 1

The molecular configuration and atom-numbering scheme for the two BZA cations (A and B) and the 5-SSA dianion in (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.



A perspective view of the packing of (I) in the unit cell, viewed approximately down the baxis, showing hydrogen-bonding associations as dashed lines. For symmetry codes, see Table 1. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

separate groups, with one a symmetrical cyclic  $R_1^2(4)$  interaction] (Table 1). There are no bidentate  $R_2^2(8)$  N-H···O interactions which have the highest incidence among organic sulfonate structures (Haynes et al., 2004).

The 5-SSA anions have the usual intramolecular  $O(\text{phenol}) - H \cdots O(\text{carboxyl})$  hydrogen bond [2.553 (4) Å], with the carboxylate group lying slightly out of the plane of the benzene ring [torsion angle C2–C1–C7–O71 =  $163.8 (3)^{\circ}$ ]. The two benzylaminium cations are conformationally different  $[C2-C1-C7-N8 \text{ torsion angle} = 83.7 (4)^{\circ} \text{ in } A \text{ and}$  $126.2 (4)^{\circ}$  in B].

## **Experimental**

The title compound was synthesized by heating 1 mmol quantities of 3-carboxy-4-hydroxybenzenesulfonic acid (5-sulfosalicylic acid) and benzylamine in 95% ethanol/water (50 ml) for 10 min under reflux. After concentration to ca 30 ml, total room-temperature evaporation of the hot-filtered solution gave colourless prisms of (I) (m.p. 303.6-305.6 K).

Z = 8

 $D_r = 1.383 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 0.20 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

Prism, colourless

 $0.35 \times 0.27 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$ 

T = 297 (2) K

#### Crystal data

 $2C_7H_{10}N^+ \cdot C_7H_4O_6S^2$  $M_r = 432.48$ Monoclinic, C2/ca = 24.686 (5) Å b = 5.144 (2) Å c = 32.705 (6) Å  $\beta = 90.111 \ (14)^{\circ}$  $V = 4153 (2) \text{ Å}^3$ 

## Data collection

Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer  $\omega - 2\theta$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (TEXSAN; Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999)  $T_{\min} = 0.934, T_{\max} = 0.965$ 5249 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$  $wR(F^2) = 0.172$ S = 0.874768 reflections 299 parameters

4768 independent reflections 2396 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\rm int} = 0.032$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 150 min intensity decay: 2.3%

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.1P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.38 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
O2−H2···O72	0.93 (4)	1.69 (4)	2.553 (4)	153 (4)
$N8A - H81A \cdots O71^{i}$	0.95 (4)	1.87 (4)	2.786 (4)	163 (3)
$N8A - H82A \cdots O72^{ii}$	0.92(4)	1.81 (4)	2.697 (4)	161 (3)
N8A-H83A···O71	0.92(4)	2.20 (5)	3.063 (4)	157 (3)
$N8B - H81B \cdot \cdot \cdot O52^{iii}$	0.90 (4)	2.21 (4)	3.074 (5)	160 (4)
$N8B - H81B \cdot \cdot \cdot O53^{iii}$	0.90 (4)	2.38 (4)	3.094 (5)	137 (3)
$N8B - H82B \cdot \cdot \cdot O51^{iv}$	0.91 (5)	2.49 (4)	2.961 (5)	113 (3)
$N8B - H82B \cdots O53^{v}$	0.91 (5)	1.95 (4)	2.814 (5)	159 (4)
$N8B - H83B \cdots O52$	0.97 (6)	1.85 (6)	2.818 (5)	176 (6)
Symmetry codes: (i)	x y ± 1 z (	ii) $-r \perp 1$	v = 7; (iii) $r$	v = 1 7: (iv)

 $-x + 1, y, -z + \frac{1}{2}; (v) -x + 1, y - 1, -z + \frac{1}{2}.$ 

H atoms potentially involved in hydrogen-bonding interactions were located by difference methods and their positional and isotropic displacement parameters were refined. Other H atoms were included in the refinement in calculated positions (C-H = 0.95 Å) using a riding-model approximation, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ .

Data collection: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); cell refinement: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software; data reduction: TEXSAN for Windows (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92 (Altomare et al., 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON.

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