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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 292 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.127 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.2

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The asymmetric unit of the title compound, $C_6H_8N^+$.- $C_7H_4NO_3S^-$, is composed of two saccharinate anions and two 2-methylpyridinium cations. These ions are linked into a supermolecular structure by intermolecular $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds. In addition, $\pi-\pi$ interactions are observed between saccharinate anions and 2-methylpyridinium cations.

2-Methylpyridinium saccharinate

Comment

Our research groups are currently investigating supramolecular structures of cocrystals containing saccharin and various organic bases (Wang *et al.*, 2006a,b). We have attempted to find the relationships between the observed crystal structure and the type of organic base and solvents used in the synthesis, the reaction temperature, the reaction time, and so on. Here we report the title salt of saccharin, (I), incorporating the organic base 2-methylpyridine.



The asymmetric unit of (I) is composed of two saccharinate anions and two 2-methylpyridinium cations (Fig. 1). These ions are linked together by intermolecular $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1). The crystal packing is further stabilized by $\pi-\pi$ interactions between pyridinium and saccharinate ions (Fig. 2).

Experimental

All reagents were commercially available and of analytical grade. Saccharin (2.0 mmol, 0.376 g) was dissolved in 20 ml 2-methylpyridine and the mixture was stirred for 20 min at room temperature. The solution was filtered and the filtrate was kept at room temperature. Colorless crystals were obtained from the filtrate after 5 d.

Crystal data $C_6H_8N^+ \cdot C_7H_4NO_3S^ M_r = 276.31$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$ a = 15.5187 (13) Å b = 10.6596 (9) Å c = 16.2842 (13) Å $\beta = 107.553$ (2)° V = 2568.4 (4) Å³

Z = 8 $D_x = 1.429 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K α radiation $\mu = 0.26 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 292 (2) K Block, colorless $0.30 \times 0.30 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$ Received 19 April 2006 Accepted 1 May 2006

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Figure 1

The asymmetric unit of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-	5598 independent reflections
detector diffractometer	4565 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
ω scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.042$
Absorption correction: none	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.0^{\circ}$
15255 measured reflections	

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0792P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$	+ 0.0218P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.127$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.05	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.002$
5598 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
345 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.40 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} N2 - H2A \cdots O1^{i} \\ N4 - H4A \cdots O4^{ii} \end{array}$	0.86	1.79	2.6463 (18)	179
	0.86	1.78	2.6413 (18)	176

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





A packing diagram of (I). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms not involving hydrogen bonds have been omitted for clarity.

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.93 and 0.96 Å for aromatic and methyl H atoms, respectively, and N—H = 0.86Å, and were refined as riding, with $U_{iso} = xU_{eq}(C)$, where x = 1.5 for methyl and x = 1.2 for aromatic H atoms, and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINT-Plus*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); 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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