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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 173 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.041 wR factor = 0.108 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7

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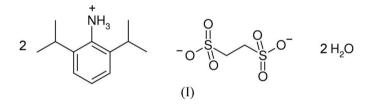
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# Bis[(2,6-diisopropylphenyl)ammonium] ethane-1,2-disulfonate dihydrate

The title compound,  $2C_{12}H_{20}N^+ \cdot C_2H_4O_6S_2^{-2-} \cdot 2H_2O$ , crystallizes with the edisylate anion situated on a center of inversion. All conventional hydrogen-bond donors and acceptors are utilized, forming two-dimensional sheets. Received 15 May 2006 Accepted 24 May 2006

## Comment

(2,6-Diisopropylphenyl)amine (DIPA), is frequently used as a starting material for pharmaceutical synthesis. Ethane-1,2-disulfonic acid (edisylic acid) is a desirable acid for salt formation; its difunctionality, large  $pK_a$  and flexibility can accommodate hydrogen-bond donors very well. During efforts to purify DIPA by salt formation and crystallization, we formed the title 2:1 salt (Fig. 1).



Numerous attempts were made to synthesize the 1:1 salt, in which the edisylate anion would be singly deprotonated. Even though the acid/base pairs appear appropriate for such a compound to form, it could not be obtained from over 25 crystallization experiments, conducted with a variety of conditions and solvents. The 2:1 salt has a low critical water activity; we observed the hydrate forming out of chloroform and other non-hygroscopic organic solvents. In the crystal structure, the water molecule donates both protons and accepts a proton as part of the hydrogen bonding. This is the most common environment for an organic hydrate (Gillon *et al.*, 2003).

The structure has all conventional hydrogen-bond donors and acceptors used. The protonated  $NH_3$  groups face the counter-ion and water molecule for hydrogen bonding, forming two-dimensional sheets parallel to the (001) planes. The DIPAH<sup>+</sup> cations interleave between sheets with hydrophobic ends facing each other. While several intermolecular contacts from the polar end of DIPAH<sup>+</sup> are within the sum of the relevant van der Waals radii, there are no such contacts at the hydrophobic ends.

The torsion angles from the aromatic group to the isopropyl groups are interesting. The expectation is that the isopropyl groups would eclipse the aromatic ring plane so that the C5-H5 and C8-H8 bonds lie in the same plane as atoms N1, C3, C4 and C6. One of these groups exhibits such a conformation

 $(C3-C6-C5-H5 = 3^{\circ})$ , while the other shows a slight twist  $(C3-C4-C8-H8 = 36^{\circ})$ . The C5-H5 bond points between H99*B* and H99*C* bonded to N1, while the C8-H8 bond points towards H99*A*. An interaction between H8 and H99*A* may be responsible for the twist of the C8-H8 bond out of the ring plane. This same feature is present in another structure with DIPA (Bond & Doyle, 2003).

## **Experimental**

A stock solution of DIPA was made in methanol ( $25 \text{ mg ml}^{-1}$ ). To a crystallizer vessel, 0.12 ml of stock solution was added with 0.5 equivalents of ethane-1,2-disulfonic acid (50 mM in water). The sample was evaporated to dryness, dissolved in chloroform and allowed to evaporate over 24 h. A crystal of (I) was removed from the crystallizer plate and mounted on a mitogen loop with paratone-N oil.

 $V = 786.6 (5) \text{ Å}^3$ 

 $D_x = 1.226 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo Ka radiation

 $\mu = 0.22 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 173 (2) K

Plate, colorless

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.026$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.4^{\circ}$ 

 $0.23 \times 0.21 \times 0.05 \text{ mm}$ 

11376 measured reflections

2883 independent reflections

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0571P)^2]$ 

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

+ 0.366P]

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.39 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.24 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

2557 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

Z = 1

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} 2C_{12}H_{20}N^+\cdot C_2H_4O_6S_2^{-2-}\cdot 2H_2O\\ M_r = 580.78\\ \text{Triclinic, }P\overline{1}\\ a = 6.0827 \ (19) \ \text{\AA}\\ b = 9.422 \ (3) \ \text{\AA}\\ c = 13.909 \ (5) \ \text{\AA}\\ a \approx 8.1476 \ (5)^\circ\\ \beta = 89.700 \ (5)^\circ\\ \gamma = 86.211 \ (5)^\circ\end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2002)  $T_{\min} = 0.877, T_{\max} = 0.990$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$   $wR(F^2) = 0.108$  S = 1.042883 reflections 196 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

## Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\begin{array}{c} \hline & O1 - H98A \cdots O4^{i} \\ O1 - H98B \cdots O5 \\ N1 - H99C \cdots O1^{ii} \\ N1 - H99B \cdots O3^{iii} \\ N1 - H99A \cdots O4^{iv} \end{array}$	0.83 (3)	1.99 (3)	2.814 (2)	175 (3)
	0.78 (3)	2.01 (3)	2.777 (2)	170 (3)
	0.93 (2)	1.78 (2)	2.706 (2)	178 (2)
	0.91 (2)	1.83 (2)	2.722 (2)	170 (2)
	0.88 (3)	2.04 (2)	2.842 (2)	150 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii) x, y + 1, z; (iii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1; (iv) -x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1.

H atoms bound to C atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined using a riding model with C-H = 0.95 Å for Csp<sup>2</sup>, 0.98 Å for CH<sub>3</sub>, 0.99 Å for CH<sub>2</sub> and 1.00 Å for CH.  $U_{iso}$ (H) values were set at  $1.5U_{eq}$ (C) for the methyl groups and  $1.2U_{eq}$ (C) in all other cases. H atoms bound to N or O atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and their positions were refined freely with isotropic displace-

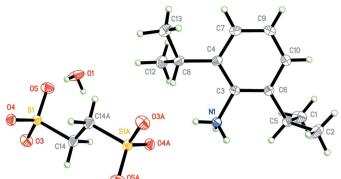
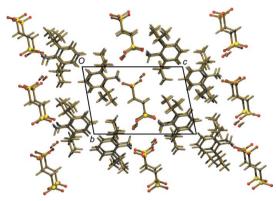


Figure 1

View of the constituents of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size. [Symmetry code: (A) -x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1].



#### Figure 2

The structure viewed along the *a* direction, showing two-dimensional hydrogen-bonded sheets parallel to the (001) planes, with the DIPAH<sup>+</sup> cations interleaved between them.

ment parameters. Refined N-H and O-H distances are included in Table 1.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2003); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT-Plus* (Bruker, 2003); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2003), *PLATON* (Spek, 2003) and *POV-RAY* (Persistence of Vision, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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