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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.081  
 $wR$  factor = 0.209  
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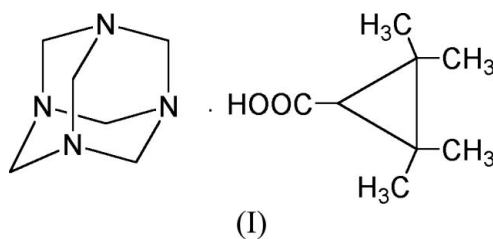
## Urotropine–2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid (1/1)

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_4 \cdot \text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2$ , neutral molecules of urotropine and 2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid are linked together by an  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$  hydrogen bond.

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## Comment

It is known that urotropine (UTP) often forms hydrogen-bonded adducts with phenols and carboxylic acids. The structures of a number of such adducts, *e.g.* UTP–resorcinol (Ng *et al.*, 2002), UTP–*p*-nitrophenol (Ng, Hu *et al.*, 2001), UTP–3,5-dinitrosalicylic acid (Ng, Naumov *et al.*, 2001), UTP– $\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$ -fumarate (Konar *et al.*, 2003), and UTP–phloroglucinol, UTP–methyl 3,4-dihydroxybenzoate and UTP–4-hydroxybenzoic acid (Ghosh *et al.*, 2005), have been published. Here we report the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound, (I), a molecular complex of UTP with 2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid (TMCA).

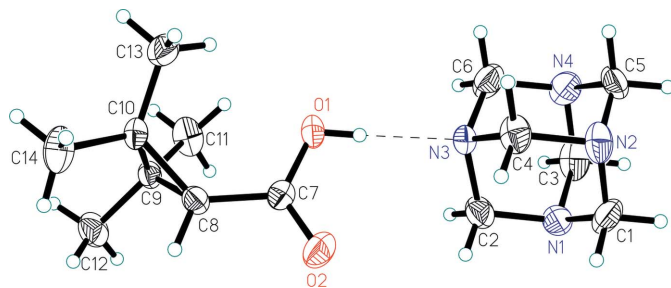


As shown in Fig. 1, the crystal structure of compound (I) is built of neutral molecules of UTP and TMCA, held together by an  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$  hydrogen bond (Table 2). The  $\text{O1} \cdots \text{N3}$  distance is close to those observed in UTP–3,5-dinitrosalicylic acid [2.655 (7) Å; Ng, Naumov *et al.*, 2001] and UTP–4-hydroxybenzoic acid [2.670 Å; Ghosh *et al.*, 2005]. The  $\text{C7}-\text{O1}$  and  $\text{C7}-\text{O2}$  distances in the TMCA molecule (Table 1) are similar to the corresponding  $\text{C}-\text{O}$  distances in the carboxylic acid groups in UTP–3,5-dinitrosalicylic acid [1.326 (3) and 1.217 (3) Å; Ng, Naumov *et al.*, 2001] and tris(2-benzimidazolmethyl)amine-4-nitrobenzoic acid [1.298 (3) and 1.222 (3) Å; Ji *et al.*, 2000].

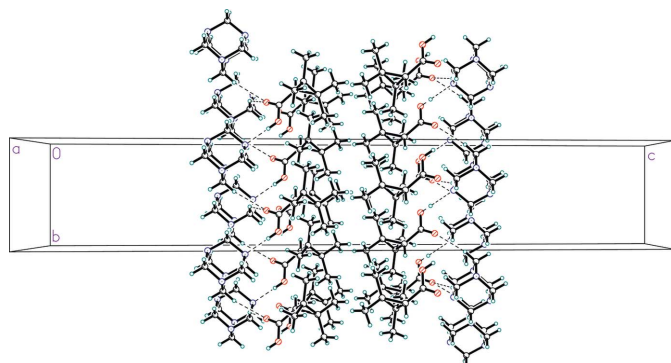
In addition to the  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{N}$  bond linking the UTP and TMCA molecules, there are two short intermolecular distances in the structure of (I) (Table 2). These interactions (Fig. 2) may also contribute to the stabilization of the structure.

## Experimental

A mixture of urotropine (1 mmol, 0.14 g) and 2,2,3,3-tetramethylcyclopropanecarboxylic acid (1 mmol, 0.14 g) was dissolved in water

**Figure 1**

The asymmetric unit of (I), with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

**Figure 2**

The packing diagram of (I), viewed down the *a* axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

(20 ml), heated to 363 K and stirred for 30 min. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and colourless crystals of (I) were collected after 25 d.

**Crystal data**

$C_8H_{14}O_2 \cdot C_6H_{12}N_4$   
 $M_r = 282.39$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 10.2439$  (14) Å  
 $b = 7.0715$  (9) Å  
 $c = 42.491$  (6) Å  
 $\beta = 96.881$  (2)°  
 $V = 3055.9$  (7) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.228$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.08$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.25 \times 0.19 \times 0.16$  mm

**Data collection**

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2000)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.969$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.980$

7802 measured reflections  
 2758 independent reflections  
 2320 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.2^\circ$

**Refinement**

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.081$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.209$   
 $S = 1.24$   
 2758 reflections  
 189 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0906P)^2 + 2.4269P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.35$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1—C7	1.307 (4)	N2—C1	1.451 (4)
O2—C7	1.208 (3)	N2—C5	1.455 (4)
C7—C8	1.473 (4)	N2—C4	1.458 (4)
C8—C9	1.533 (4)	N3—C4	1.469 (4)
C8—C10	1.533 (4)	N3—C6	1.475 (4)
C9—C10	1.501 (4)	N3—C2	1.478 (4)
N1—C1	1.450 (4)	N4—C3	1.451 (5)
N1—C2	1.455 (4)	N4—C5	1.458 (5)
N1—C3	1.463 (5)	N4—C6	1.461 (4)
C7—O1—H1	108 (3)	C7—C8—C10	127.7 (2)
O2—C7—O1	122.2 (3)	C9—C8—C10	58.62 (17)
O2—C7—C8	120.3 (3)	C10—C9—C8	60.71 (18)
O1—C7—C8	117.6 (2)	C9—C10—C8	60.67 (17)
C7—C8—C9	126.1 (2)		

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
O1—H1 <sup>i</sup> ⋯N3	0.92 (4)	1.76 (4)	2.670 (3)	172 (3)
C5—H5B <sup>ii</sup> ⋯O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.53	3.464 (4)	162
C6—H6A <sup>i</sup> ⋯O2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.97	2.45	3.228 (4)	137

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

The H atom of the carboxylic O—H group (H1) was located in a difference Fourier map and refined in an isotropic approximation [ $O1-H1 = 0.92$  (4) Å]. Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions and allowed to ride on their parent atoms at C—H distances of 0.96 (methyl), 0.97 (methylene) and 0.98 Å (methine), with  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$ , or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  for methyl H atoms.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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