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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.039 wR factor = 0.101 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.9

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4-Methoxyphenylguanidinium chloride

In the title compound, $C_8H_{12}N_3O^+ \cdot Cl^-$, all bond lengths and angles show normal values. The crystal packing is stabilized by intermolecular N-H···Cl and N-H···O hydrogen bonds, which link the molecules into infinite ribbons running along the *b* axis.

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Comment

Guanidine-containing compounds have been employed as antimicrobials and fungicides on a considerable scale (Yonehara & Otake, 1966). Drugs containing the guanidine framework are not only easy to transport (Berlinck, 1995; Gao & Xie, 2006), but also make the functions of absorption and osmosis more selective due to the good solubility of their various acid salts in aqueous solution (Gobbi & Frenking, 1993; Riordan, 1979). We report here the crystal structure of the title guanidine-containing compound, (I).



In (I) (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles are normal (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The dihedral angle between the guanidine (atoms N1–N3/C8) mean plane and benzene ring C2–C7 is 74.76 (2)°. Intermolecular N–H···Cl and N–H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link the molecules into infinite ribbons running along the *b* axis (Fig. 2).



The molecular structure of the title compound (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 40% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.

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Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to the method of Maryanoff *et al.* (1986). Aminoiminomethanesulfonic acid (0.01 mol) was added to a solution of 4-methoxybenzenamine (0.01 mol) in acetonitrile (20 ml) and stirred at room temperature. The reaction process was monitored by thin-layer chromatography until the starting material had disappeared. The reaction mixture was adjusted to pH 2–3 with concentrated hydrochloric acid, and the desired product then precipitated and was collected by filtration. Single crystals suitable for X-ray measurements were obtained by recrystallization from methanol at room temperature.

2626 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.016$

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.5^{\circ}$

1778 independent reflections

1519 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Crystal data

$C_8H_{12}N_3O^+ \cdot Cl^-$	V = 487.9 (5) Å ³
$M_r = 201.66$	Z = 2
Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$	$D_x = 1.373 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
a = 6.605 (4) Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
b = 7.618 (5) Å	$\mu = 0.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 10.497 (7) Å	T = 298 (2) K
$\alpha = 70.778 \ (8)^{\circ}$	Block, colourless
$\beta = 78.696 \ (9)^{\circ}$	$0.49 \times 0.46 \times 0.38 \text{ mm}$
$\gamma = 89.888 \ (9)^{\circ}$	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer φ and ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{\min} = 0.845, T_{\max} = 0.877$

Refinement

 Refinement on F^2 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0468P)^2$
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$ + 0.1401P]

 $wR(F^2) = 0.101$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

 S = 1.08 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$

 1778 reflections
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.22$ e Å⁻³

 119 parameters
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.23$ e Å⁻³

 H-atom parameters constrained
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97

 Extinction coefficient: 0.072 (8)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, $^{\circ}$).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$N2-H2A\cdots Cl1$	0.86	2.44	3.270 (2)	161
$N1-H1A\cdots Cl1^{i}$	0.86	2.38	3.202 (2)	161
$N3-H3B\cdots Cl1^{ii}$	0.86	2.56	3.244 (3)	137
N3-H3C···Cl1 ⁱ	0.86	2.65	3.397 (3)	146
$N2-H2B\cdotsO1^{iii}$	0.86	2.36	3.093 (3)	144
	4 (11)			

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



Figure 2

A packing diagram of the title compound, viewed down the a axis. The dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H = 0.93 or 0.96 Å and N–H = 0.86 Å, and refined using a riding model, with $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}$ (1.5 $U_{\rm eq}$ for the methyl group) of the parent atom.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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