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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.053  
 $wR$  factor = 0.146  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.8For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

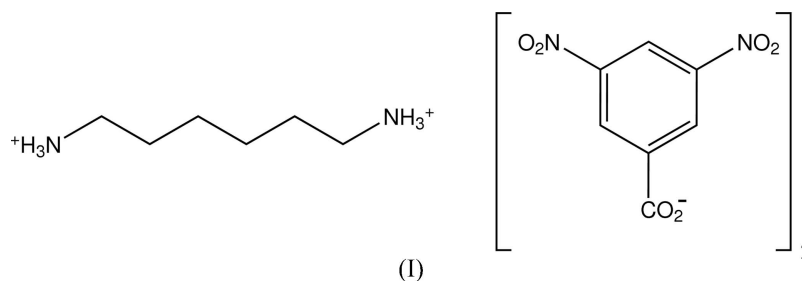
## Hexamethylenediammonium bis(3,5-dinitrobenzoate)

The title salt,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2^{2+} \cdot 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_6^-$ , contains 3,5-dinitrobenzoate anions and hexamethylenediammonium dication, the latter lying on inversion centres. These ions interact by way of  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds.

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## Comment

We are investigating supramolecular interactions in aromatic salts and adducts. Here we have replaced saccharin (Wang *et al.*, 2006) with 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid, resulting in the title compound, (I), in order to determine the effect of two strongly electron-withdrawing groups on the hydrogen-bond-accepting properties of the anion.Compound (I) (Fig. 1) contains 3,5-dinitrobenzoate anions and hexamethylenediammonium dication, the latter lying on inversion centres, as in related compounds (Wang *et al.*, 2006). The carboxylate group of the anion appears to be delocalized on the basis of the C—O bond lengths (Table 1).The component ions interact by way of  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 2), resulting in an infinite two-dimensional network propagating in (001) (Fig. 2).

## Experimental

Hexamethylenediamine (1.0 mmol, 0.116 g) was added to an aqueous solution (25 ml) of 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid (2.0 mmol, 0.420 g). The mixture was stirred for 10 minutes at 353 K. The solution was filtered, and the filtrate was allowed to stand at room temperature. After 5 d, colourless crystals of (I) were obtained.

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_2^{2+} \cdot 2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}_6^-)$   
 $M_r = 540.45$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 9.551$  (3) Å  
 $b = 6.1213$  (19) Å  
 $c = 20.847$  (7) Å  
 $\beta = 90.881$  (6)°  
 $V = 1218.7$  (7) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.473$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.12$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (2) K  
Block, colourless  
0.20 × 0.20 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.976$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.988$

8416 measured reflections  
 2394 independent reflections  
 1610 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.053$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.146$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 2394 reflections  
 173 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0725P)^2 + 0.0778P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.24 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

C7—O1	1.250 (2)	C7—O2	1.254 (2)
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Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$N3-H3A \cdots O1^i$	0.89	1.98	2.866 (2)	172
$N3-H3B \cdots O1^{ii}$	0.89	1.97	2.859 (2)	174
$N3-H3C \cdots O2$	0.89	1.84	2.724 (2)	173

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

All H atoms were positioned geometrically ( $C-H = 0.93-0.97$  and  $N-H = 0.89$  Å) and refined as riding, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(H) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(C)$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(N)$ .

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: SHELXL97.

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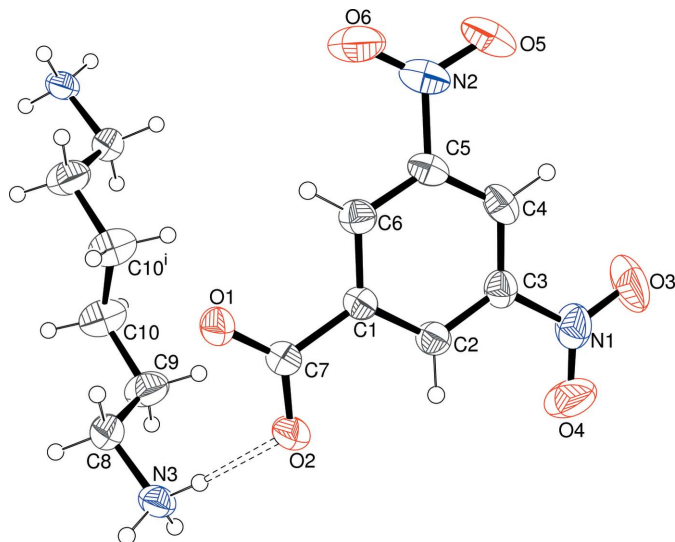


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms drawn at the 40% probability level. The double dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond. [Symmetry code: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, -z$ .]

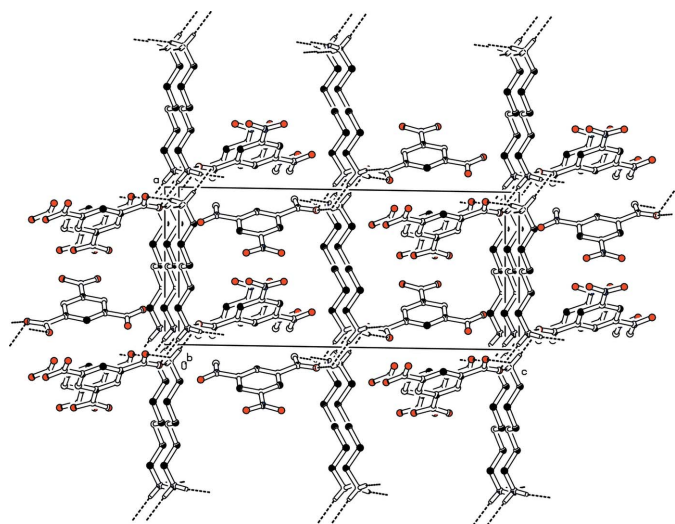


Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), viewed down the  $b$  axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. For clarity, H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds have been omitted.

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