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## Key indicators

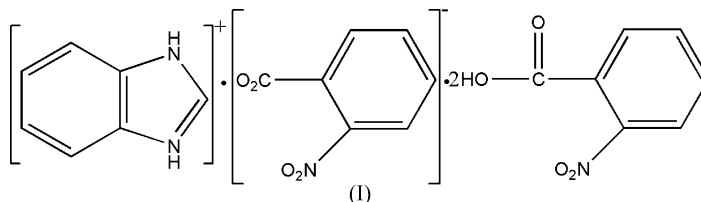
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 299$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å  
Disorder in main residue  
 $R$  factor = 0.068  
 $wR$  factor = 0.175  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

## Benzimidazolium 2-nitrobenzoate bis(2-nitrobenzoic acid)

The title compound,  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^+ \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{NO}_4^- \cdot 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4$ , consists of one benzimidazolium cation, one 2-nitrobenzoate anion and two 2-nitrobenzoic acid molecules. These ions and molecules build an infinite one-dimensional chain through hydrogen bonds.Received 3 March 2007  
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## Comment

This work continues our previous synthetic and structural studies of supramolecular interactions in aromatic molecular salts and adducts (Wang &amp; Wei, 2007). We report here the structure of the title salt, (I).

The title salt is composed of one benzimidazolium cation, one 2-nitrobenzoate anion and two 2-nitrobenzoic acid molecules (Fig. 1). These ions and molecules give rise to an infinite one-dimensional chain along the  $[1\bar{1}0]$  direction through  $\text{N}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  and  $\text{O}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$  hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2 and Table 1).

## Experimental

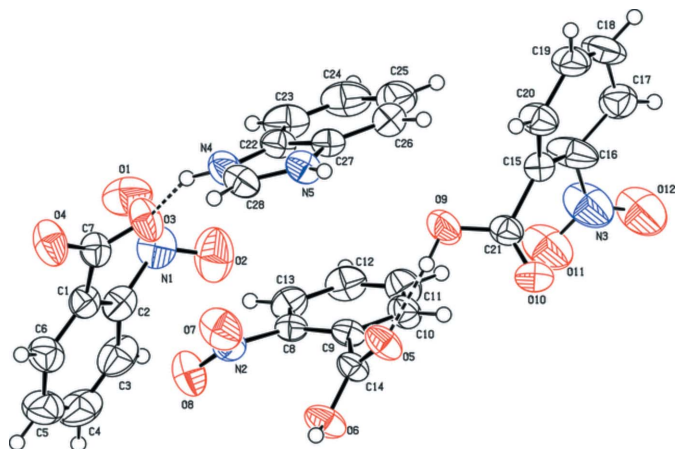
All reagents were commercially available and of analytical grade. Benzimidazole (1.0 mmol, 0.118 g) was added to an aqueous solution (25 ml) of 2-nitrobenzoic acid (2.0 mmol, 0.334 g). The mixture was stirred for 10 min at 373 K. The solution was filtered and the filtrate was kept at room temperature. After 4 d, colorless crystals of the title salt were obtained.

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{N}_2^+ \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{NO}_4^- \cdot 2\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4$	$\gamma = 91.148$ (3)°
$M_r = 619.5$	$V = 1397.7$ (4) Å <sup>3</sup>
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$Z = 2$
$a = 7.6656$ (13) Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 13.813$ (2) Å	$\mu = 0.12$ mm <sup>-1</sup>
$c = 14.969$ (3) Å	$T = 299$ (2) K
$\alpha = 115.085$ (3)°	$0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$ mm
$\beta = 101.372$ (3)°	

## Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer	12065 measured reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001)	5420 independent reflections
$T_{\min} = 0.977$ , $T_{\max} = 0.988$	4257 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.025$



**Figure 1**

The asymmetric unit of (I). Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are drawn at the 30% probability level. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines

#### Refinement

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.068$$

$$wR(F^2) = 0.175$$

$$S = 1.02$$

5420 reflections

450 parameters

86 restraints

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.76 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.42 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

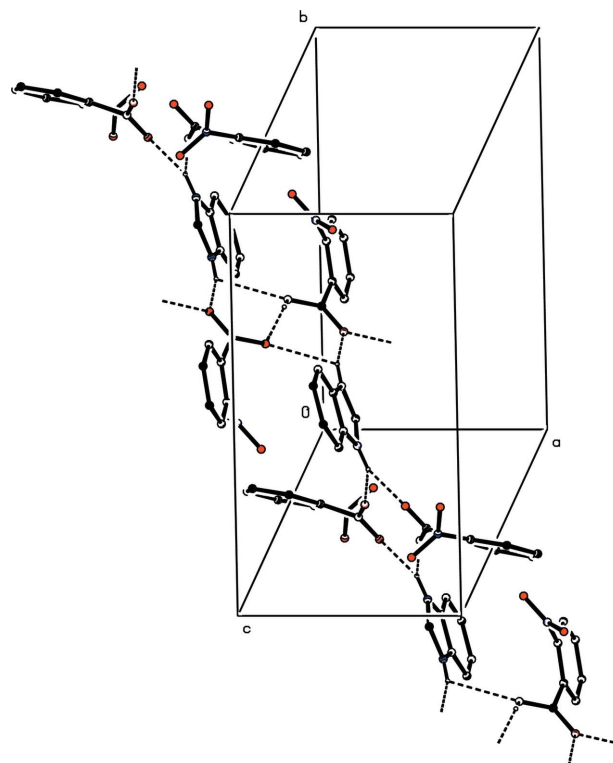
**Table 1**

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

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N4-H4A\cdots O3$	0.898 (6)	1.957 (9)	2.7286 (14)	143.0 (8)
$N4-H4A\cdots O4^i$	0.898 (6)	2.402 (8)	2.9925 (12)	123.5 (9)
$N5-H5\cdots O5^{ii}$	0.897 (6)	2.077 (6)	2.8867 (14)	149.6 (7)
$N5-H5\cdots O6^{iii}$	0.897 (6)	2.560 (11)	3.0121 (13)	111.9 (8)
$O6-H6\cdots O6^{iv}$	0.841 (5)	1.720 (9)	2.4508 (18)	144.0 (8)
$O9-H9\cdots O5$	0.849 (6)	1.849 (6)	2.6956 (12)	174.7 (13)

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

Initial refinement yielded unusually high displacement parameters for atoms C17, N3 and O12. They were treated as disordered over two positions each, with refined site occupancy factors of 0.521 (1) and 0.479 (1). In the final refinement, the anisotropic displacement parameters of atoms C17(C17'), N3(N3') and O12(O12') were restrained to be nearly equal. H atoms bonded to O and N were located in a difference map, and refined isotropically [O—H and N—H were restrained to 0.82 (1) and 0.90 (1)  $\text{\AA}$ , respectively]. All



**Figure 2**

The packing of (I). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. For clarity, H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonds are omitted.

remaining H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H = 0.93  $\text{\AA}$ , and were refined as riding, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINTE-Plus* (Bruker, 2001); data reduction: *SAINTE-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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