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## Bisimidazolium terephthalate

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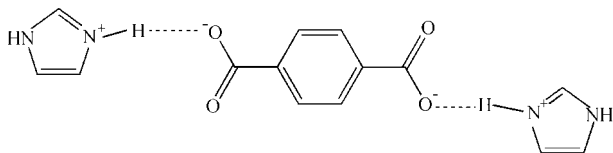
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 298$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.046;  $wR$  factor = 0.137; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.7.

The formula unit of the title compound,  $2\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{N}_2^+ \cdot \text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4^{2-}$ , consists of two imidazole cations which are  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen-bonded to a terephthalate anion which lies on a crystallographic inversion center. In the crystal structure, two  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and two  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds link the components into a three-dimensional network.

## Related literature

For related literature, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995); Batten & Robson (1998)



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $2\text{C}_3\text{H}_5\text{N}_2^+ \cdot \text{C}_8\text{H}_4\text{O}_4^{2-}$   
 $M_r = 302.29$ 
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  $a = 9.6288$  (6) Å $b = 8.3351$  (6) Å $c = 9.8244$  (6) Å $\beta = 113.854$  (1)° $V = 721.12$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 2$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation $\mu = 0.11$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 298$  (2) K

0.30 × 0.20 × 0.20 mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer

Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1997)

 $T_{\min} = 0.966$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.979$ 

7596 measured reflections

1696 independent reflections

1368 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$ 

## Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$  $wR(F^2) = 0.137$  $S = 1.12$ 

1696 reflections

108 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.23$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{N2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{O2}$	1.010 (18)	1.665 (19)	2.6307 (14)	158.6 (15)
$\text{C6}-\text{H6A}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{i}}$	0.93	2.22	3.1046 (18)	159
$\text{C5}-\text{H5A}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$	0.93	2.50	3.3601 (17)	154
$\text{N1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{iii}}$	1.04 (2)	1.61 (2)	2.6336 (14)	167.1 (17)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y, -z + 1$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$ ; (iii)  $-x + \frac{1}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ .

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: PLATON.

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### Comment

With the aim of researching hydrogen-bonded actions in new classes of organic adducts, we have investigated the reactions of terephthalic acid with imidazole. The 1:2 organic salt is formed as a consequence of protons being transferred from the carboxyl oxygen atoms to the imine N atoms. We report here the molecular and supramolecular structure of the title compound.

The asymmetric unit consists of half of a terephthalate anion and one imidazolium cation, the formula unit being generated by a crystallographic inversion center (Fig.1). The supramolecular structure can be readily analysed in terms of simple substructures listed below. Firstly, a combination of the N1–H1 $\cdots$ O1<sup>iii</sup> [N–O = 2.6336 (14) Å, N–H $\cdots$ O = 167.1 (17)°, symmetry code: (iii)  $-x + 1/2, y + 1/2, -z + 3/2$ ] and N2–H2 $\cdots$ O2 hydrogen bonds (Table 1) links the terephthalate anion and imidazolium cations into a (30–1) sheet (Fig.2) in the form of a (6,6) net (Batten & Robson, 1998) which is built from  $R_8^8(22)$  rings (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). Three networks of this type pass through the unit cell by translation. Secondly, the imidazolium C5 and C6 atoms at  $(x,y,z)$  act as soft hydrogen-bond donor, *via*. H5A and H6A, to the carboxyl O2 and O1 atoms at  $(1 - x, -y, 1 - z)$  and  $(-x, -y, 1 - z)$ , respectively, linking the adjacent networks into a simple three-dimensional network (Fig.3). Although aryl and imidazole rings exist, no  $\pi$ – $\pi$  stacking and C–H $\cdots$  $\pi$  interactions are observed in the supramolecular structure.

### Experimental

All reagents and solvents were used as obtained without further purification. 1:2 molar amount of imidazole (0.4 mmol, 27 mg) and terephthalic acid (0.2 mmol, 33 mg) were dissolved in 95% methanol (10 ml). The mixture was stirred for ten minutes at ambient temperature. The resulting colorless solution was kept in air for several days. Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis were grown by slow evaporation of the solution at the bottom of the vessel.

### Refinement

H atoms bonded to carbon atoms were located at the geometrical positions with C–H=0.93 Å, and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . H1 and H2A were located from the difference maps with the N–H distances refined freely and their  $U_{\text{iso}}$  values being set 1.2 times of their carrier atoms.

### Figures

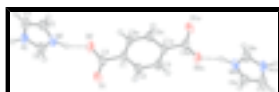


Fig. 1. Molecular structure, showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. Atoms marked with 'a' are symmetry position  $(-x, -y, -z)$ .

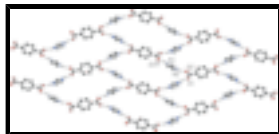


Fig. 2. Part of the crystal structure, showing the formation of the two-dimensional (301) network formed by N–H...O hydrogen bonds. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. Atom marked with (iii) is at symmetry position  $(-x + 1/2, y + 1/2, -z + 3/2)$ .

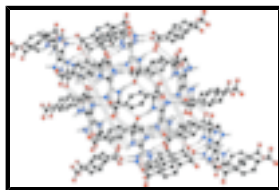
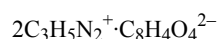


Fig. 3. Part of the crystal structure, showing the formation of the three-dimensional network formed by C–H...O and N–H...O hydrogen bonds. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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### Crystal data



$$M_r = 302.29$$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$

Hall symbol:  $-P\ 2_1n$

$$a = 9.6288\ (6)\ \text{\AA}$$

$$b = 8.3351\ (6)\ \text{\AA}$$

$$c = 9.8244\ (6)\ \text{\AA}$$

$$\beta = 113.854\ (1)^\circ$$

$$V = 721.12\ (8)\ \text{\AA}^3$$

$$Z = 2$$

$$F_{000} = 316$$

$$D_x = 1.392\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$$\lambda = 0.71073\ \text{\AA}$$

Cell parameters from 3264 reflections

$$\theta = 2.3\text{--}28.1^\circ$$

$$\mu = 0.11\ \text{mm}^{-1}$$

$$T = 298\ (2)\ \text{K}$$

Block, colorless

$$0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.20\ \text{mm}$$

### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer

1696 independent reflections

Radiation source: fine focus sealed Siemens Mo tube

1368 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Monochromator: graphite

$$R_{\text{int}} = 0.041$$

$$T = 298(2)\ \text{K}$$

$$\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.0^\circ$$

$0.3^\circ$  wide  $\omega$  exposures scans

$$\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.5^\circ$$

Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1997)

$$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$$

$$T_{\text{min}} = 0.966, T_{\text{max}} = 0.979$$

$$k = -10 \rightarrow 10$$

7596 measured reflections

$$l = -11 \rightarrow 12$$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Least-squares matrix: full

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$$

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$wR(F^2) = 0.137$$

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0835P)^2 + 0.0143P]$$

$S = 1.12$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
1696 reflections	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
108 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.30 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
	Extinction correction: none

*Special details*

**Geometry.** All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement.** Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted  $R$ -factor  $wR$  and goodness of fit  $S$  are based on  $F^2$ , conventional  $R$ -factors  $R$  are based on  $F$ , with  $F$  set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating  $R$ -factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement.  $R$ -factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on  $F$ , and  $R$ -factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.05078 (13)	-0.03576 (14)	0.15160 (12)	0.0333 (3)
C2	-0.05484 (15)	-0.13358 (15)	0.04568 (13)	0.0382 (3)
H2	-0.0920	-0.2237	0.0757	0.046*
C3	-0.10550 (14)	-0.09803 (15)	-0.10470 (13)	0.0372 (3)
H3	-0.1766	-0.1643	-0.1746	0.045*
C4	0.10569 (15)	-0.07248 (15)	0.31591 (13)	0.0370 (3)
O1	0.02858 (11)	-0.17027 (15)	0.35300 (10)	0.0590 (4)
O2	0.22390 (11)	-0.00486 (13)	0.40159 (9)	0.0511 (3)
C5	0.52371 (16)	0.05999 (17)	0.75057 (15)	0.0464 (4)
H5A	0.5859	0.0091	0.7120	0.056*
C6	0.32334 (17)	0.15446 (19)	0.77332 (15)	0.0505 (4)
H6A	0.2231	0.1806	0.7535	0.061*
C7	0.56890 (16)	0.13368 (18)	0.88368 (15)	0.0484 (4)
H7A	0.6682	0.1432	0.9542	0.058*
N1	0.44244 (13)	0.19155 (15)	0.89584 (12)	0.0483 (3)
H1	0.438 (2)	0.251 (2)	0.988 (2)	0.084 (6)*
N2	0.36978 (14)	0.07411 (14)	0.68328 (12)	0.0452 (3)
H2A	0.3003 (19)	0.027 (2)	0.584 (2)	0.068 (5)*

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0375 (6)	0.0407 (6)	0.0203 (6)	0.0038 (5)	0.0103 (5)	0.0013 (4)
C2	0.0470 (7)	0.0409 (6)	0.0259 (6)	-0.0047 (5)	0.0140 (6)	0.0027 (5)
C3	0.0432 (7)	0.0422 (7)	0.0220 (6)	-0.0057 (5)	0.0089 (5)	-0.0036 (5)
C4	0.0412 (7)	0.0474 (7)	0.0218 (6)	0.0086 (5)	0.0120 (5)	0.0031 (5)

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O1	0.0588 (7)	0.0867 (8)	0.0293 (6)	-0.0078 (5)	0.0154 (5)	0.0186 (5)
O2	0.0526 (6)	0.0717 (7)	0.0207 (5)	-0.0033 (5)	0.0062 (4)	-0.0042 (4)
C5	0.0489 (8)	0.0550 (8)	0.0367 (8)	-0.0012 (6)	0.0189 (6)	-0.0082 (6)
C6	0.0468 (8)	0.0713 (10)	0.0318 (7)	0.0022 (7)	0.0141 (6)	-0.0073 (6)
C7	0.0454 (8)	0.0611 (8)	0.0340 (8)	-0.0049 (6)	0.0112 (6)	-0.0068 (6)
N1	0.0541 (7)	0.0623 (7)	0.0271 (6)	-0.0010 (6)	0.0149 (5)	-0.0097 (5)
N2	0.0517 (7)	0.0557 (7)	0.0258 (6)	-0.0048 (5)	0.0132 (5)	-0.0074 (5)

### Geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ , $^\circ$ )

C1—C2	1.3878 (17)	C5—N2	1.3621 (19)
C1—C3 <sup>i</sup>	1.3892 (17)	C5—H5A	0.9300
C1—C4	1.5128 (16)	C6—N1	1.3203 (17)
C2—C3	1.3877 (16)	C6—N2	1.3232 (17)
C2—H2	0.9300	C6—H6A	0.9300
C3—C1 <sup>i</sup>	1.3892 (17)	C7—N1	1.3592 (17)
C3—H3	0.9300	C7—H7A	0.9300
C4—O2	1.2437 (16)	N1—H1	1.04 (2)
C4—O1	1.2518 (16)	N2—H2A	1.010 (18)
C5—C7	1.3478 (19)		
C2—C1—C3 <sup>i</sup>	118.96 (11)	C7—C5—H5A	126.5
C2—C1—C4	121.01 (11)	N2—C5—H5A	126.5
C3 <sup>i</sup> —C1—C4	120.03 (11)	N1—C6—N2	108.92 (13)
C3—C2—C1	120.56 (12)	N1—C6—H6A	125.5
C3—C2—H2	119.7	N2—C6—H6A	125.5
C1—C2—H2	119.7	C5—C7—N1	107.33 (12)
C2—C3—C1 <sup>i</sup>	120.49 (11)	C5—C7—H7A	126.3
C2—C3—H3	119.8	N1—C7—H7A	126.3
C1 <sup>i</sup> —C3—H3	119.8	C6—N1—C7	108.39 (12)
O2—C4—O1	125.89 (12)	C6—N1—H1	125.2 (11)
O2—C4—C1	117.37 (12)	C7—N1—H1	126.3 (11)
O1—C4—C1	116.73 (11)	C6—N2—C5	108.35 (12)
C4—O2—H2A	133.4 (6)	C6—N2—H2A	124.6 (9)
C7—C5—N2	107.01 (12)	C5—N2—H2A	126.9 (9)
C3 <sup>i</sup> —C1—C2—C3	-0.2 (2)	O1—C4—O2—H2A	-18.7 (8)
C4—C1—C2—C3	179.41 (10)	C1—C4—O2—H2A	162.3 (8)
C1—C2—C3—C1 <sup>i</sup>	0.3 (2)	N2—C5—C7—N1	0.01 (16)
C2—C1—C4—O2	163.41 (12)	N2—C6—N1—C7	0.20 (18)
C3 <sup>i</sup> —C1—C4—O2	-16.93 (18)	C5—C7—N1—C6	-0.13 (18)
C2—C1—C4—O1	-15.68 (18)	N1—C6—N2—C5	-0.19 (17)
C3 <sup>i</sup> —C1—C4—O1	163.98 (12)	C7—C5—N2—C6	0.11 (16)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y, -z$ .

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

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Fig. 1

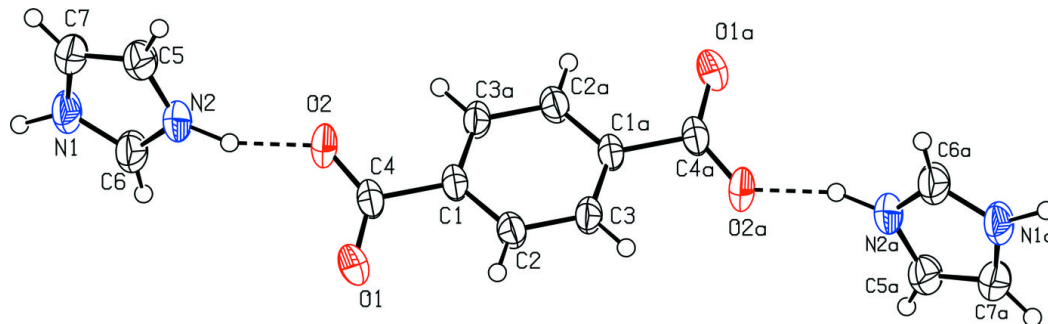




Fig. 2

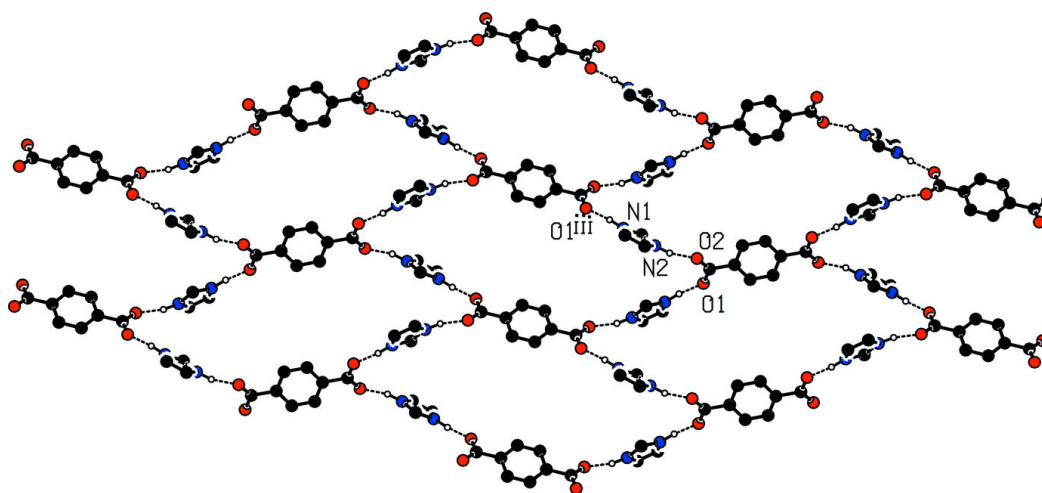


Fig. 3

