$0.3 \times 0.1 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}$

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3-Carboxyanilinium hemioxalate

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 298 K; mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å; R factor = 0.050; wR factor = 0.127; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.4.

In the title compound, $C_7H_8NO_2^{+}0.5C_2O_4^{2-}$, the asymmetric unit consists of an 3-carboxyanilinium cation, and one-half of an oxalate anion, which lies on a twofold rotation axis. The crystal packing is consolidated by intermolecular $N-H\cdots O$ and $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds. The structure is built from infinite chains of cations and oxalate anions extending parallel to the *b* and *c* axes. The crystal studied was a non-merohedral twin. The ratio of the twin components refined to 0.335 (3):0.665 (3).

Related literature

Packing motifs, common patterns and hydrogen-bond networks in pure amino acids and in their crystals with organic acids are interesting for crystal engineering and for understanding structure–property relationships, see: Vijayan (1998); Nangia & Desiraju (1998); Desiraju (1997). For the structures of amino acid–carboxylic acid complexes, see: Bendjeddou *et al.* (2003); Cherouana *et al.* (2002). For bond-length data, see: Allen *et al.* (1987). For a description of the Cambridge Structural Database, see: Allen (2002). For graph-set motifs, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995).



Experimental

 Crystal data
 c = 6.9927 (10) Å

 $C_7H_8NO_2^{+}0.5C_2O_4^{2-}$ c = 6.9927 (10) Å

 $M_r = 182.15$ $\beta = 103.918 (4)^{\circ}$

 Monoclinic, C2/c $V = 1612.0 (4) \text{ Å}^3$

 a = 22.034 (3) Å Z = 8

 b = 10.779 (2) Å Mo K α radiation

μ=	0.12 mm ⁻	1
T =	298 K	

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer1836 independent reflectionsAbsorption correction: none1305 reflections with $> 2\sigma$ 8434 measured reflections $R_{int} = 0.056$

Refinement

$$\begin{split} R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] &= 0.050 & 119 \text{ parameters} \\ wR(F^2) &= 0.127 & H\text{-atom parameters constrained} \\ S &= 1.02 & \Delta\rho_{max} &= 0.23 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ 1836 \text{ reflections} & \Delta\rho_{min} &= -0.30 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{A}$
$01C - H1C \cdots 02^{i}$ $N1 - H1N \cdots 01^{ii}$ $N1 - H2N \cdots 02C^{iii}$ $N1 - H3N \cdots 01$	0.82 0.89 0.89 0.89	1.75 1.92 1.97 2.03	2.560 (4) 2.798 (2) 2.856 (2) 2.791 (2)	169 169 171 143

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

Data collection: *KappaCCD Reference Manual* (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999), *PARST97* (Nardelli, 1995), *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2006), *POVRay* (Persistence of Vision Team, 2004) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

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Comment

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The present study, which reports the crystal structure of 3-carboxyanilinium acid with oxalic acid, (I), forms part of a series of X-ray investigations being carried out in our laboratory on amino acid-carboxylic acid complexes. The X-ray investigations on these complexes have revealed interesting and useful data regarding the ionization states of individual molecules, their stoichiometry and intermolecular aggregation patterns (Bendjeddou *et al.*, 2003, Cherouana *et al.*, 2002).

Fig. 1 shows the molecular structure of (I). The amino acid molecule exists in the cationic form with a positively charged amino group and uncharged carboxylic acid group. The oxalate anion is flat and completely deprotonated and lies across a crystallographic rotation axis 2. The bond lengths and angles are all normal for their types (Allen *et al.*, 1987).

In the title compound the ions are connected *via* a three-dimensional N—H···O and O—H···O hydrogen bonds network (Table 1). Unexpectedly, there are no centrosymmetric hydrogen bonded dimers between the carboxylic acid groups of adjacent 3-carboxyanilinium cations which is a characteristic feature found in most salts of 3- and 4-aminobenzoic acid (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 5.29; Allen, 2002). All ammonium H atoms are involved in hydrogen bonds with two different anions and one cation. Two of these interactions link the anions and cations in an alternating fashion into extended rings along the [001] direction, which can be described by the graph-set motif $R^2_1(5)$ (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). The combination of each N—H1N···O1 and N—H3N···O1 hydrogen bonds, with the only O—H···O which is a finit chain with a D(4) motif, generates two centrosymmetric fused rings a long [001] direction which can be described by the graph-set motif R^4_4 (22) (Fig.2). The third interaction link the cations with the carbonyl O atom into zigzag chains along the [010] direction, which can be described by the graph-set motif R^4_4 (22) (Fig.2).

Experimental

Brown needle-shaped single crystals of (I) were grown from a saturated aqueous solution containing m-aminobenzoic and oxalic acid in a 2:1 stoichiometric ratio.

Refinement

All H atoms attached to C, N and O atom were fixed geometrically and treated as riding with C—H = 0.93 Å, N—H = 0.89Å and O—H = 0.82 Å with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$ or $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$.

Owing to the initial poor refinement, the search for the possibility of a non-merohedral twinning was carried out using the TwinRotMat procedure within PLATON (Spek, 2009). The crystal appears to be twinned about (1 0 0) with the rotation matrix: $1 \ 0 \ 1.516 \ 0 \ - \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ - \ 1$ The ratio of the two twin components was refined to $0.335 \ (3): 0.665 \ (3)$.

 $F_{000} = 760$

 $\theta = 1.0-27.5^{\circ}$

 $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 K

Prism, brown

 $0.3\times0.1\times0.09~mm$

 $D_{\rm x} = 1.501 {\rm Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo K α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 6947 reflections

Figures



Fig. 1. The cation and anion of (I), with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary radii. Atoms with sufix (i) are generated by crystallographic rotation axis 2.

Fig. 2. A view of the two-dimensional hydrogen-bonded network parallel to the (010) plane of (I), showing the aggregation of two hydrogen-bonding motifs, $R_1^2(5)$ and $R_4^4(24)$. Hydrogen bonds are drawn as dotted lines. Atoms marked with (ii), (iii) and (iv) are at the symmetry positions (1/2 - x, 1/2 - y, 1 - z), (x, y, 1 + z), (1 - x, y, 1.5 - z) respectively.



Fig. 3. Projection down the *a* axis of the lattice of $C_7H_8NO_2^{+}$. 0.5 $C_2 O_4^{-2}$, showing the formation of C(7) chains along [010]. Atom marked with (v) is at symmetry positions (1/2 - x, x)1/2 + y, 1.5 - *z*).

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Crystal data

 $C_7H_8NO_2^+ \cdot 0.5C_2O_4^{2-}$ $M_r = 182.15$ Monoclinic, C2/c Hall symbol: -C 2yc a = 22.034 (3) Å *b* = 10.779 (2) Å c = 6.9927 (10) Å $\beta = 103.918 \ (4)^{\circ}$ V = 1612.0 (4) Å³ Z = 8

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	1305 reflections with $> 2\sigma$
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	$R_{\rm int} = 0.056$
Monochromator: graphite	$\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
T = 298 K	$\theta_{\min} = 5.1^{\circ}$
ω scans	$h = -28 \rightarrow 27$
Absorption correction: none	$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$

supplementary materials

8434 measured reflections 1836 independent reflections

 $l = -8 \rightarrow 9$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	H-atom parameters constrained
Least-squares matrix: full	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.06P)^2 + 0.8696P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.050$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} \leq 0.001$
$wR(F^2) = 0.127$	$\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.23 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
S = 1.02	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.30 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
1836 reflections	Extinction correction: none
119 parameters	

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.

	x	У	z	$U_{\rm iso}$ */ $U_{\rm eq}$
01C	0.19114 (6)	0.20422 (15)	0.7825 (2)	0.0416 (4)
H1C	0.1543	0.1925	0.7822	0.062*
O2C	0.18039 (7)	0.02007 (15)	0.6332 (3)	0.0454 (4)
01	0.47841 (6)	0.34729 (17)	0.4737 (2)	0.0444 (5)
O2	0.41945 (6)	0.32562 (19)	0.1690 (2)	0.0511 (5)
N1	0.40615 (7)	0.35616 (16)	0.7510(2)	0.0311 (4)
H1N	0.4405	0.3469	0.8473	0.037*
H2N	0.3819	0.4139	0.7851	0.037*
H3N	0.4167	0.3793	0.6412	0.037*
C2	0.27904 (9)	0.1208 (2)	0.6919 (3)	0.0298 (5)
C6	0.37088 (10)	0.0240 (2)	0.6326 (3)	0.0419 (6)
Н6	0.3912	-0.0462	0.6022	0.050*
C7	0.30879 (10)	0.0167 (2)	0.6429 (3)	0.0363 (5)
H7	0.2873	-0.0580	0.6169	0.044*
C3	0.31077 (8)	0.2324 (2)	0.7322 (3)	0.0286 (5)
Н3	0.2911	0.3018	0.7686	0.034*
C4	0.37232 (8)	0.2388 (2)	0.7174 (3)	0.0283 (5)
C8	0.47040 (9)	0.3362 (2)	0.2924 (3)	0.0299 (5)
C5	0.40230 (10)	0.1354 (2)	0.6675 (3)	0.0378 (5)
Н5	0.4435	0.1410	0.6575	0.045*
C1	0.21199 (9)	0.1102 (2)	0.7004 (3)	0.0321 (5)

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (A^2)

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}	
O1C	0.0238 (7)	0.0494 (10)	0.0560 (10)	-0.0059 (6)	0.0181 (7)	-0.0094 (8)	
O2C	0.0338 (8)	0.0464 (10)	0.0578 (10)	-0.0126 (7)	0.0145 (8)	-0.0077 (8)	
01	0.0245 (7)	0.0812 (13)	0.0303 (8)	-0.0043 (7)	0.0121 (6)	-0.0032 (8)	
O2	0.0201 (7)	0.0984 (15)	0.0351 (8)	-0.0040 (8)	0.0073 (6)	-0.0016 (9)	
N1	0.0200 (8)	0.0438 (11)	0.0302 (9)	-0.0009 (7)	0.0075 (7)	0.0004 (8)	
C2	0.0244 (10)	0.0378 (12)	0.0278 (10)	-0.0007 (8)	0.0072 (8)	0.0020 (9)	
C6	0.0366 (12)	0.0437 (14)	0.0483 (13)	0.0077 (10)	0.0159 (11)) -0.0037 (11)	
C7	0.0367 (11)	0.0375 (13)	0.0363 (11)	-0.0045 (10)	0.0119 (9)	-0.0022 (10)	
C3	0.0231 (9)	0.0363 (12)	0.0276 (10)	0.0022 (8)	0.0082 (8)	0.0002 (9)	
C4	0.0218 (10)	0.0389 (12)	0.0237 (9)	-0.0017 (8)	0.0045 (7)	0.0014 (8)	
C8	0.0208 (10)	0.0406 (12)	0.0298 (10)	0.0004 (8)	0.0091 (8)	0.0002 (9)	
C5	0.0234 (10)	0.0525 (15)	0.0393 (12)	0.0020 (10)	0.0113 (9)	-0.0004 (11)	
C1	0.0269 (10)	0.0400 (13)	0.0299 (10)	-0.0040 (9)	0.0076 (8)	0.0058 (10)	
Geometric paran	neters (Å, °)						
01C—C1		1.302 (3)	С2—С	1		1.497 (3)	
O1C—H1C		0.8200	С6—С	5		1.378 (3)	
O2C—C1		1.222 (2)	С6—С	7		1.389 (3)	
O1—C8		1.244 (3)	С6—Н	6		0.9300	
O2—C8		1.245 (2)	С7—Н	7		0.9300	
N1—C4		1.459 (3)	С3—С	4		1.386 (3)	
N1—H1N		0.8900	С3—Н	3		0.9300	
N1—H2N		0.8900	C4—C	5		1.382 (3)	
N1—H3N		0.8900	С8—С	8 ⁱ		1.557 (4)	
С2—С7		1.384 (3)	С5—Н	5		0.9300	
С2—С3		1.385 (3)					
C1-01C-H1C		109.5	С2—С	3—C4		118.88 (19)	
C4—N1—H1N		109.5	С2—С3—Н3			120.6	
C4—N1—H2N		109.5	C4—C	3—Н3		120.6	
H1N—N1—H2N		109.5	С5—С	4—C3		120.95 (19)	
C4—N1—H3N		109.5	С5—С	4—N1		118.88 (17)	
H1N—N1—H3N		109.5	С3—С	4—N1		120.16 (18)	
H2N—N1—H3N		109.5	01—C	8—O2		126.74 (19)	
С7—С2—С3		120.55 (18)	01—C	8—C8 ⁱ		117.5 (2)	
C7—C2—C1		118.60 (19)	O2—C	8—C8 ⁱ		115.8 (2)	
C3—C2—C1		120.85 (18)	C6—C	5—C4		119.77 (19)	
С5—С6—С7		120.0 (2)	C6—C	5—H5		120.1	
С5—С6—Н6		120.0	C4—C	5—H5		120.1	
С7—С6—Н6		120.0	02C—	C1—01C		124.04 (19)	
C2—C7—C6		119.9 (2)	02C—	C1—C2		121.5 (2)	
С2—С7—Н7		120.1	01C—	C1—C2		114.49 (17)	
С6—С7—Н7		120.1					
O1C—C1—C2—	C3	-12.3 (3)	C2—C	3—C4—C5		-1.3 (3)	

supplementary materials

O1C—C1—C2—C7	167.71 (18)	N1-C4-C5-C6	-179.12 (19)
O2C—C1—C2—C3	167.2 (2)	C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.3 (3)
O2C—C1—C2—C7	-12.9 (3)	C4—C5—C6—C7	1.6 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-178.32 (19)	C5—C6—C7—C2	-1.2 (3)
C7—C2—C3—C4	1.7 (3)	O1-C8-C8 ⁱ -O1 ⁱ	-167.6 (2)
С1—С2—С7—С6	179.58 (19)	O1-C8-C8 ⁱ -O2 ⁱ	12.1 (3)
C3—C2—C7—C6	-0.4 (3)	O2—C8—C8 ⁱ —O1 ⁱ	12.1 (3)
C2-C3-C4-N1	177.46 (19)	O2—C8—C8 ⁱ —O2 ⁱ	-168.3 (2)
\mathbf{C}_{1}			

Symmetry codes: (i) -x+1, y, -z+1/2.

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D\!\!-\!\!\mathrm{H}^{\ldots}\!\!\cdot\!\!\cdot$
O1C—H1C····O2 ⁱⁱ	0.82	1.75	2.560 (4)	169
N1—H1N…O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.89	1.92	2.798 (2)	169
N1—H2N···O2C ^{iv}	0.89	1.97	2.856 (2)	171
N1—H3N…O1	0.89	2.03	2.791 (2)	143

Symmetry codes: (ii) -x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1; (iii) -x+1, y, -z+3/2; (iv) -x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2.





Fig. 2



