



Crystal structure of benzimidazolium salicylate

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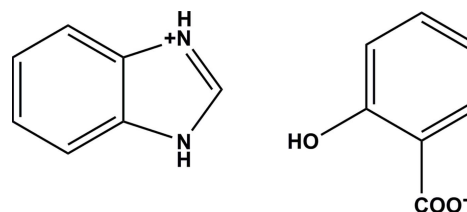
In the anion of the title molecular salt, $C_7H_7N_2^+ \cdot C_7H_5O_3^-$ (systematic name: 1*H*-benzimidazol-3-ium 2-hydroxybenzoate), there is an intramolecular O—H...O hydrogen bond that generates an *S*(6) ring motif. The CO₂ group makes a dihedral angle of 5.33 (15)° with its attached ring. In the crystal, the dihedral angle between the benzimidazolium ring and the anion benzene ring is 75.88 (5)°. Two cations bridge two anions *via* two pairs of N—H...O hydrogen bonds, enclosing an *R*_s⁴(16) ring motif, forming a four-membered centrosymmetric arrangement. These units are linked *via* C—H...O hydrogen bonds, forming chains propagating along the *b*-axis direction. The chains are linked by C—H... π and π — π interactions [inter-centroid distances = 3.4156 (7) and 3.8196 (8) Å], forming a three-dimensional structure.

Keywords: crystal structure; benzimidazolium; salicylate; hydrogen bonding.

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1. Related literature

For biological applications of benzimidazole derivatives, see: Narasimhan *et al.* (2012). For related structures, see: Ennajih *et al.* (2010); Haque *et al.* (2012); Mani *et al.* (2015).



2. Experimental

2.1. Crystal data

$C_7H_7N_2^+ \cdot C_7H_5O_3^-$
 $M_r = 256.26$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 7.4776$ (3) Å
 $b = 6.7002$ (2) Å
 $c = 24.9017$ (9) Å
 $\beta = 94.445$ (2)°

$V = 1243.86$ (8) Å³
 $Z = 4$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 295$ K
0.34 × 0.30 × 0.25 mm

2.2. Data collection

Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.967$, $T_{\max} = 0.976$

23125 measured reflections
4606 independent reflections
3020 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.024$

2.3. Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.142$
 $S = 1.03$
4606 reflections
176 parameters
1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.35$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg3 is the centroid of the C1–C6 ring.

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O3—H3A...O2	0.83 (1)	1.78 (1)	2.5425 (14)	152 (2)
N1—H1A...O1 ⁱ	0.86	1.81	2.6139 (13)	155
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C3—H3...Cg3 ^{iv}	0.93	2.81	3.5779 (15)	141
C10—H10...Cg3 ^v	0.93	2.88	3.6302 (17)	139

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PLATON.

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S1. Structural commentary

Benzimidazoles and their derivatives have diverse biological and clinical applications (Narasimhan *et al.*, 2012).

The molecular structure of the title salt is illustrated in Fig. 1. The geometric parameters are comparable with those reported for similar structures (Ennajih *et al.*, 2010; Haque *et al.*, 2012; Mani *et al.*, 2015). The molecular structure of the anion is stabilized by an intramolecular O—H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond which generates an S(6) ring motif (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

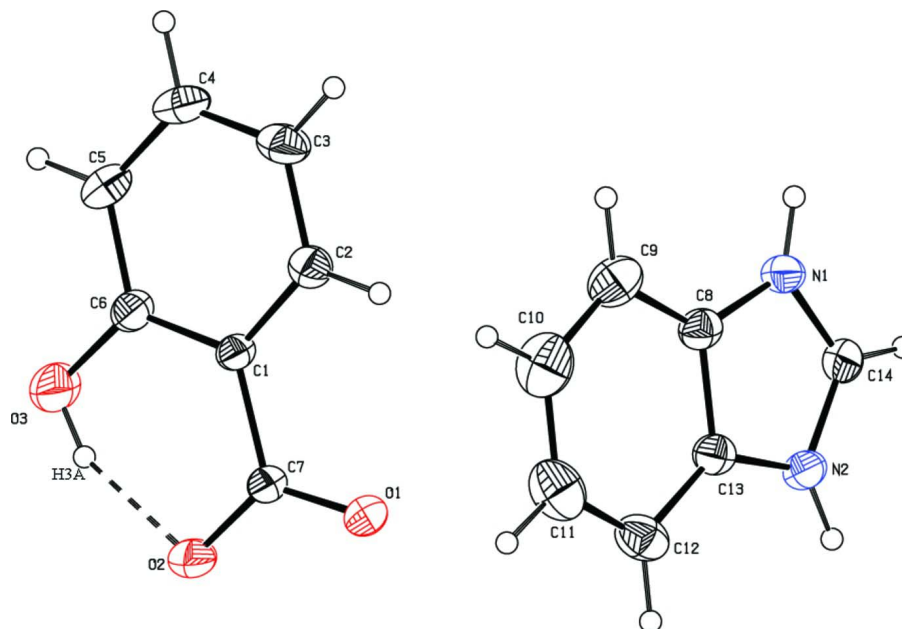
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S2. Synthesis and crystallization

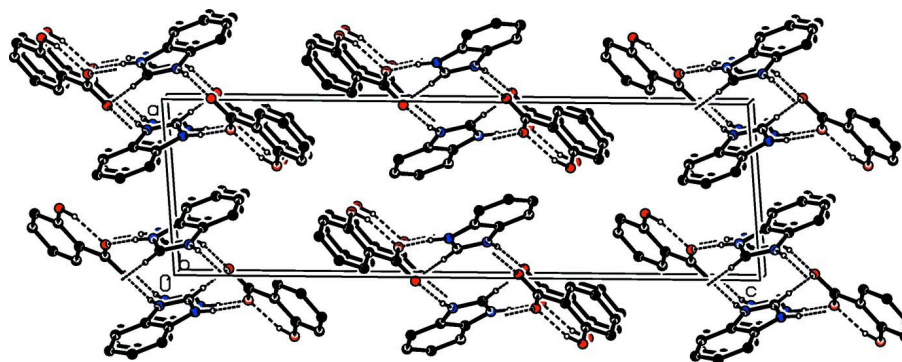
Benzimidazole (6 g) and salicylic acid (7.002 g) were dissolved in an equimolar ratio in methanol and stirred well for *ca* 6 h. The saturated solution was filtered and allowed to evaporate slowly at room temperature. Colourless block-shaped crystals of the title compound were obtained within seven days.

S3. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. The hydroxyl H atom was located in a difference Fourier map and refined with a distance restraint: O—H = 0.82 (1) Å with *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.5*U*_{eq}(O). The NH and C-bound H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model: N—H = 0.86 Å, C—H = 0.93 Å with *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(N,C).

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title salt, with atom labelling. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of the title molecular salt, viewed along the *b* axis. The N—H...O and C—H...O hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines (see Table 1). H atoms not involved in these interactions have been omitted for clarity.

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Refinement

Refinement on F^2
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1 restraint
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direct methods
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier
map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent
and constrained refinement
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0618P)^2 + 0.2364P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.35 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
Extinction correction: *SHELXL*,
 $F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$
Extinction coefficient: 0.025 (3)

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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 ($\text{\AA}^2$)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.85922 (14)	0.54826 (15)	0.16407 (4)	0.0321 (2)
C2	0.94451 (17)	0.73153 (18)	0.17277 (5)	0.0414 (3)
H2	1.0347	0.7692	0.1511	0.050*
C3	0.8971 (2)	0.8581 (2)	0.21304 (5)	0.0499 (3)
H3	0.9554	0.9798	0.2187	0.060*
C4	0.76260 (19)	0.8026 (2)	0.24480 (5)	0.0503 (3)
H4	0.7296	0.8882	0.2717	0.060*
C5	0.67701 (18)	0.6234 (2)	0.23729 (5)	0.0475 (3)
H5	0.5866	0.5878	0.2591	0.057*
C6	0.72508 (16)	0.49396 (18)	0.19710 (4)	0.0391 (3)
C7	0.91104 (17)	0.41505 (16)	0.12000 (4)	0.0375 (2)
C8	1.27512 (15)	1.05724 (17)	0.05515 (5)	0.0381 (2)
C9	1.3448 (2)	1.0252 (2)	0.10764 (6)	0.0562 (4)
H9	1.3355	1.1203	0.1345	0.067*
C10	1.4287 (2)	0.8448 (3)	0.11783 (7)	0.0697 (5)

H10	1.4781	0.8180	0.1525	0.084*
C11	1.4420 (2)	0.7016 (3)	0.07804 (8)	0.0659 (4)
H11	1.4981	0.5810	0.0870	0.079*
C12	1.37525 (18)	0.7325 (2)	0.02618 (6)	0.0516 (3)
H12	1.3854	0.6367	−0.0004	0.062*
C13	1.29132 (15)	0.91474 (16)	0.01517 (5)	0.0371 (2)
C14	1.14314 (16)	1.17020 (18)	−0.02020 (5)	0.0409 (3)
H14	1.0797	1.2524	−0.0450	0.049*
N1	1.18155 (14)	1.21523 (14)	0.03109 (4)	0.0398 (2)
H1A	1.1532	1.3239	0.0467	0.048*
N2	1.20728 (13)	0.99240 (14)	−0.03137 (4)	0.0400 (2)
H2A	1.1981	0.9351	−0.0624	0.048*
O1	1.02203 (14)	0.47695 (13)	0.08885 (4)	0.0521 (3)
O2	0.83774 (17)	0.24546 (14)	0.11610 (4)	0.0613 (3)
O3	0.63621 (17)	0.31901 (17)	0.19135 (4)	0.0653 (3)
H3A	0.680 (3)	0.261 (3)	0.1658 (7)	0.098*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.0371 (5)	0.0327 (5)	0.0266 (4)	0.0025 (4)	0.0035 (4)	−0.0024 (4)
C2	0.0442 (6)	0.0390 (6)	0.0411 (6)	−0.0041 (5)	0.0050 (5)	−0.0034 (4)
C3	0.0594 (8)	0.0395 (6)	0.0497 (7)	−0.0019 (6)	−0.0034 (6)	−0.0137 (5)
C4	0.0556 (7)	0.0559 (8)	0.0389 (6)	0.0139 (6)	0.0004 (5)	−0.0169 (5)
C5	0.0454 (6)	0.0626 (8)	0.0357 (6)	0.0047 (6)	0.0106 (5)	−0.0078 (5)
C6	0.0413 (6)	0.0431 (6)	0.0334 (5)	−0.0024 (5)	0.0065 (4)	−0.0031 (4)
C7	0.0508 (6)	0.0334 (5)	0.0290 (5)	0.0041 (4)	0.0074 (4)	−0.0012 (4)
C8	0.0342 (5)	0.0409 (6)	0.0400 (6)	−0.0039 (4)	0.0077 (4)	−0.0050 (4)
C9	0.0551 (8)	0.0698 (9)	0.0426 (7)	−0.0019 (7)	−0.0021 (6)	−0.0076 (6)
C10	0.0627 (9)	0.0871 (12)	0.0566 (9)	0.0073 (9)	−0.0127 (7)	0.0111 (8)
C11	0.0541 (8)	0.0583 (9)	0.0838 (11)	0.0114 (7)	−0.0049 (8)	0.0125 (8)
C12	0.0431 (7)	0.0421 (6)	0.0701 (9)	0.0045 (5)	0.0083 (6)	−0.0051 (6)
C13	0.0321 (5)	0.0367 (5)	0.0433 (6)	−0.0031 (4)	0.0089 (4)	−0.0040 (4)
C14	0.0436 (6)	0.0393 (6)	0.0409 (6)	−0.0013 (5)	0.0113 (5)	0.0021 (4)
N1	0.0439 (5)	0.0342 (5)	0.0426 (5)	−0.0009 (4)	0.0119 (4)	−0.0064 (4)
N2	0.0454 (5)	0.0404 (5)	0.0354 (5)	−0.0036 (4)	0.0100 (4)	−0.0066 (4)
O1	0.0708 (6)	0.0415 (5)	0.0480 (5)	0.0047 (4)	0.0301 (4)	−0.0018 (4)
O2	0.0956 (8)	0.0428 (5)	0.0487 (5)	−0.0176 (5)	0.0264 (5)	−0.0168 (4)
O3	0.0751 (7)	0.0598 (6)	0.0656 (7)	−0.0275 (5)	0.0340 (5)	−0.0142 (5)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—C2	1.3929 (16)	C8—C13	1.3913 (16)
C1—C6	1.3939 (15)	C9—C10	1.376 (2)
C1—C7	1.4889 (14)	C9—H9	0.9300
C2—C3	1.3803 (17)	C10—C11	1.388 (3)
C2—H2	0.9300	C10—H10	0.9300
C3—C4	1.378 (2)	C11—C12	1.364 (2)

C3—H3	0.9300	C11—H11	0.9300
C4—C5	1.367 (2)	C12—C13	1.3902 (17)
C4—H4	0.9300	C12—H12	0.9300
C5—C6	1.3922 (16)	C13—N2	1.3769 (15)
C5—H5	0.9300	C14—N2	1.3219 (15)
C6—O3	1.3496 (15)	C14—N1	1.3220 (15)
C7—O1	1.2499 (14)	C14—H14	0.9300
C7—O2	1.2620 (14)	N1—H1A	0.8600
C8—N1	1.3798 (15)	N2—H2A	0.8600
C8—C9	1.3861 (18)	O3—H3A	0.834 (9)
C2—C1—C6	118.68 (10)	C10—C9—H9	121.9
C2—C1—C7	120.07 (10)	C8—C9—H9	121.9
C6—C1—C7	121.25 (10)	C9—C10—C11	122.17 (14)
C3—C2—C1	120.96 (12)	C9—C10—H10	118.9
C3—C2—H2	119.5	C11—C10—H10	118.9
C1—C2—H2	119.5	C12—C11—C10	121.97 (14)
C4—C3—C2	119.41 (12)	C12—C11—H11	119.0
C4—C3—H3	120.3	C10—C11—H11	119.0
C2—C3—H3	120.3	C11—C12—C13	116.52 (13)
C5—C4—C3	120.90 (11)	C11—C12—H12	121.7
C5—C4—H4	119.5	C13—C12—H12	121.7
C3—C4—H4	119.5	N2—C13—C12	131.86 (11)
C4—C5—C6	120.08 (12)	N2—C13—C8	106.47 (10)
C4—C5—H5	120.0	C12—C13—C8	121.64 (12)
C6—C5—H5	120.0	N2—C14—N1	110.72 (11)
O3—C6—C5	117.70 (11)	N2—C14—H14	124.6
O3—C6—C1	122.34 (10)	N1—C14—H14	124.6
C5—C6—C1	119.96 (11)	C14—N1—C8	108.01 (10)
O1—C7—O2	123.80 (10)	C14—N1—H1A	126.0
O1—C7—C1	118.80 (10)	C8—N1—H1A	126.0
O2—C7—C1	117.40 (10)	C14—N2—C13	108.22 (10)
N1—C8—C9	132.02 (11)	C14—N2—H2A	125.9
N1—C8—C13	106.57 (10)	C13—N2—H2A	125.9
C9—C8—C13	121.41 (12)	C6—O3—H3A	105.2 (16)
C10—C9—C8	116.28 (14)		
C6—C1—C2—C3	−0.37 (17)	C13—C8—C9—C10	−0.6 (2)
C7—C1—C2—C3	179.30 (11)	C8—C9—C10—C11	−0.5 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	−0.42 (19)	C9—C10—C11—C12	1.1 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.6 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C13	−0.6 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C6	−0.1 (2)	C11—C12—C13—N2	−178.38 (13)
C4—C5—C6—O3	−179.93 (12)	C11—C12—C13—C8	−0.51 (19)
C4—C5—C6—C1	−0.75 (19)	N1—C8—C13—N2	0.10 (12)
C2—C1—C6—O3	−179.91 (12)	C9—C8—C13—N2	179.49 (11)
C7—C1—C6—O3	0.42 (18)	N1—C8—C13—C12	−178.25 (11)
C2—C1—C6—C5	0.96 (17)	C9—C8—C13—C12	1.14 (18)
C7—C1—C6—C5	−178.71 (11)	N2—C14—N1—C8	−0.50 (13)

C2—C1—C7—O1	−5.18 (17)	C9—C8—N1—C14	−179.06 (14)
C6—C1—C7—O1	174.49 (11)	C13—C8—N1—C14	0.23 (13)
C2—C1—C7—O2	175.54 (12)	N1—C14—N2—C13	0.56 (13)
C6—C1—C7—O2	−4.79 (17)	C12—C13—N2—C14	177.72 (13)
N1—C8—C9—C10	178.60 (14)	C8—C13—N2—C14	−0.40 (12)

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C10—H10 $\cdots$ Cg3 ^v	0.93	2.88	3.6302 (17)	139

Symmetry codes: (i) *x*, *y*+1, *z*; (ii) −*x*+2, −*y*+1, −*z*; (iii) −*x*+2, −*y*+2, −*z*; (iv) −*x*+2, *y*+1/2, −*z*+1/2; (v) *x*+1, *y*, *z*.