

# Crystal structure of bis(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amino-2-methylbenzimidazolium 3-nitrobenzoate 3-nitrobenzoic acid, ( $C_{24}H_{22}N_7(C_7H_4NO_4)(C_7H_5NO_4)$ )

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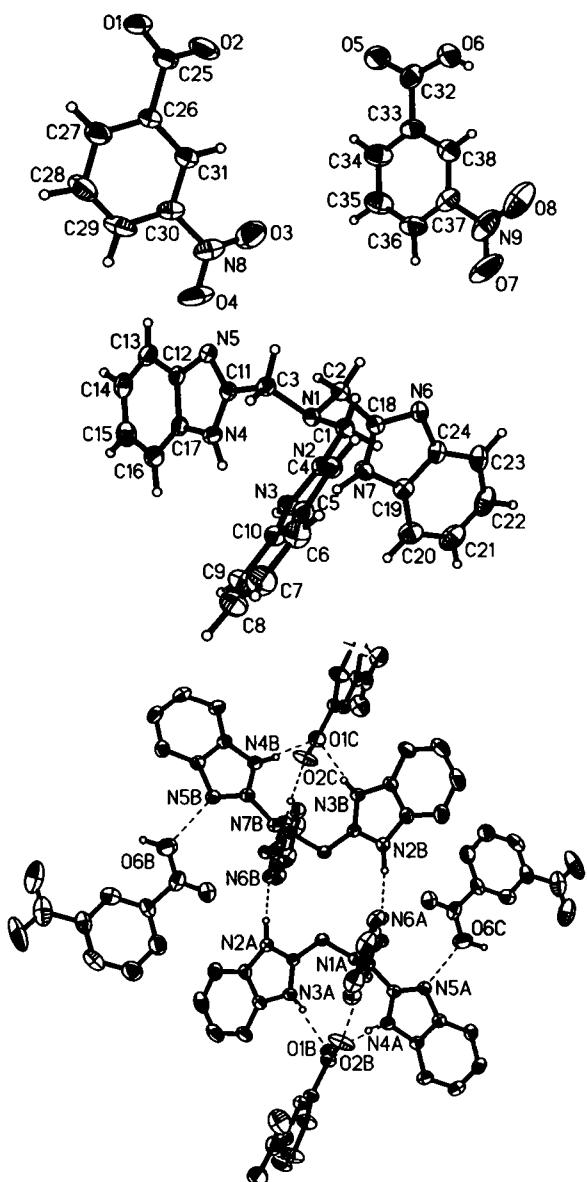
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## Abstract

$C_{38}H_{31}N_9O_8$ , triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$  (no. 2),  $a = 12.268(1)$  Å,  $b = 12.491(1)$  Å,  $c = 13.348(1)$  Å,  $\alpha = 91.230(2)$ °,  $\beta = 100.087(2)$ °,  $\gamma = 114.919(1)$ °,  $V = 1816.0$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 2$ ,  $R_{gt}(F) = 0.048$ ,  $wR_{ref}(F^2) = 0.114$ ,  $T = 293$  K.

## Source of material

The title compound was prepared by reaction of tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine with 3-nitrobenzoic acid (molar ratio = 1:4) in methanol solution. Single crystals of the title compound suitable for X-ray measurements were obtained by recrystallization from methanol solution at room temperature.

## Discussion

The hydrogen-bonded interactions including C-H···O interactions play crucial roles in making supramolecular assemblies. Multicomponent crystals and acid-base complexes have received considerable attention in recent literature for the predictable assembly of supramolecular architectures, host-guest materials and interpenetrated networks. However, so far only a few papers on it formed stable hydrogen-bonded inclusion complexes with aromatic acid have been reported although it possesses both multiple hydrogen bond donor and acceptor sites [1]. Furthermore, the molecules containing imidazole unit are of particular interest since study on their supramolecular properties may shed light on the aggregation nature of proteins.

In the title structure the tris(2-benzimidazolylmethyl)amine moiety adopt a slightly distorted tripod conformation (figure, top), similar to that found in metal complex [2]. Each of the benzimidazole rings is planar within 0.01 Å of deviations and the dihedral angles between them are 47.46(2)° (ring 1 and ring 2), 68.74(3)° (ring 1 and ring 3) and 71.35(2)° (ring 2 and ring 3), respectively (ring 1 includes N2 and N3, ring 2 includes N4 and N5, ring 3 includes N6 and N7). Bond lengths and angles are in expected ranges. The cation is donor to and acceptor from its centrosymmetric cation by N2-H19···N6 hydrogen bond, is donor to the anion O1 and O2 atoms in N3-H20···O1, N4-H21···O1, N7-H22···O2, and is acceptor from the acid molecule in the O6···N5 hydrogen bond. Weaker interactions which involve the cation as donor are: C1-H2···O4 with the anion and C2-H4···O8 with the undissociated acid molecule. The weak C-H···O interactions in the anion and in the undissociated acid molecule are co-responsible for the planar conformation of these constituents (figure, bottom). The molecules are stacked along the *c*-axis through π-π interactions. The distances for (N4,C11,N5,C12,C17) at  $x,y,z$  and (N4,C11,N5,C12,C17) at  $1-x,1-y,-z$  are DC = 3.549(3) Å, DP = 3.507(9) Å, SH = 0.54(6) Å; for (C5 → C10) at  $x,y,z$  and (C5 → C10) at  $2-x,1-y,1-z$  are DC = 3.923(3) Å, DP = 3.44(1) Å, SH = 1.88(2) Å; for (C19 → C24) at  $x,y,z$  and (C19 → C24) at  $1-x,2-y,1-z$  are DC = 3.654(5) Å, DP = 3.39(2) Å, SH = 1.37(5) Å, where DC is the distances between the ring-centroids, DP is the distances between the planes through the rings and SH is the centroid shift.

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**Table 1.** Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	colorless pillar, size 0.15 × 0.20 × 0.25 mm
Wavelength:	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation (0.71073 Å)
$\mu$ :	0.98 cm <sup>-1</sup>
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Siemens SMART CCD, $\varphi/\omega$
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$ :	53°
$N(hkl)$ measured, $N(hkl)$ unique:	10434, 7375
Criterion for $I_{\text{obs}}$ , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$ :	$I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$ , 4002
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$ :	621
Programs:	SHELXS-97 [3], SHELXL-97 [4], SHELXTL [5], WinGX [6]

**Table 2.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}$
H(1)	2 <i>i</i>	0.604(2)	0.580(2)	0.456(1)	0.046(5)
H(2)	2 <i>i</i>	0.515(2)	0.446(2)	0.408(1)	0.044(5)
H(3)	2 <i>i</i>	0.377(2)	0.550(2)	0.364(1)	0.041(5)
H(4)	2 <i>i</i>	0.392(2)	0.627(2)	0.273(2)	0.061(6)
H(5)	2 <i>i</i>	0.385(2)	0.425(2)	0.216(1)	0.039(5)
H(6)	2 <i>i</i>	0.524(2)	0.447(2)	0.206(1)	0.042(5)
H(7)	2 <i>i</i>	0.870(2)	0.309(2)	0.452(2)	0.066(7)

**Table 2.** Continued.

Atom	Site	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}$
H(8)	2 <i>i</i>	1.042(2)	0.370(2)	0.380(2)	0.071(8)
H(9)	2 <i>i</i>	1.104(2)	0.527(2)	0.284(2)	0.100(9)
H(10)	2 <i>i</i>	0.980(2)	0.631(2)	0.251(2)	0.082(9)
H(11)	2 <i>i</i>	0.241(2)	0.578(2)	-0.120(2)	0.060(7)
H(12)	2 <i>i</i>	0.338(2)	0.734(2)	-0.217(2)	0.063(7)
H(13)	2 <i>i</i>	0.547(2)	0.857(2)	-0.165(2)	0.072(7)
H(14)	2 <i>i</i>	0.666(2)	0.826(2)	-0.018(2)	0.076(8)
H(15)	2 <i>i</i>	0.793(2)	1.037(2)	0.468(2)	0.064(7)
H(16)	2 <i>i</i>	0.777(2)	1.148(2)	0.604(2)	0.076(8)
H(17)	2 <i>i</i>	0.619(2)	1.085(2)	0.693(2)	0.080(7)
H(18)	2 <i>i</i>	0.465(2)	0.895(2)	0.646(2)	0.060(7)
H(19)	2 <i>i</i>	0.657(2)	0.361(2)	0.453(2)	0.13(1)
H(20)	2 <i>i</i>	0.775(2)	0.633(2)	0.297(2)	0.051(7)
H(21)	2 <i>i</i>	0.638(2)	0.679(2)	0.140(2)	0.068(7)
H(22)	2 <i>i</i>	0.656(2)	0.816(2)	0.357(2)	0.075(8)
H(23)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.021(2)	-0.143(2)	0.114(2)	0.071(7)
H(24)	2 <i>i</i>	0.163(2)	0.000(2)	0.094(2)	0.11(1)
H(25)	2 <i>i</i>	0.271(2)	0.170(2)	0.213(2)	0.086(8)
H(26)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.005(2)	0.046(2)	0.369(2)	0.061(7)
H(27)	2 <i>i</i>	0.384(2)	0.943(2)	0.984(2)	0.090(8)
H(28)	2 <i>i</i>	0.256(3)	0.961(3)	0.834(2)	0.14(1)
H(29)	2 <i>i</i>	0.049(2)	0.821(2)	0.796(2)	0.10(1)
H(30)	2 <i>i</i>	0.090(2)	0.675(2)	1.050(2)	0.076(8)
H(31)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.2069(3)	0.566(4)	0.957(3)	0.22(2)

**Table 3.** Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å<sup>2</sup>).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	$U_{11}$	$U_{22}$	$U_{33}$	$U_{12}$	$U_{13}$	$U_{23}$
O(1)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.1995(1)	-0.2515(1)	0.2020(1)	0.0490(9)	0.0442(9)	0.075(1)	0.0039(8)	0.0067(8)	0.0096(8)
O(2)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.2131(2)	-0.1170(2)	0.3033(2)	0.066(1)	0.085(1)	0.129(2)	-0.002(1)	0.059(1)	-0.008(1)
O(3)	2 <i>i</i>	0.1590(2)	0.2364(2)	0.4456(2)	0.091(2)	0.089(2)	0.107(2)	0.029(1)	0.002(1)	-0.027(1)
O(4)	2 <i>i</i>	0.3128(2)	0.2927(2)	0.3726(2)	0.061(1)	0.065(1)	0.114(2)	-0.013(1)	-0.017(1)	0.017(1)
O(5)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.1473(2)	0.6557(2)	0.8117(2)	0.066(1)	0.110(2)	0.088(1)	0.034(1)	0.005(1)	0.023(1)
O(6)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.1244(2)	0.6041(2)	0.9695(2)	0.073(1)	0.120(2)	0.080(1)	0.006(1)	0.018(1)	0.030(1)
O(7)	2 <i>i</i>	0.4353(2)	0.8685(3)	1.1386(2)	0.071(2)	0.256(3)	0.114(2)	0.083(2)	-0.034(1)	-0.081(2)
O(8)	2 <i>i</i>	0.2808(3)	0.7281(3)	1.1773(2)	0.156(3)	0.129(2)	0.098(2)	0.086(2)	-0.041(2)	-0.016(2)
N(1)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5284(1)	0.5718(1)	0.3068(1)	0.0392(9)	0.0384(9)	0.0349(9)	0.0181(8)	0.0093(7)	0.0025(7)
N(2)	2 <i>i</i>	0.7141(2)	0.4214(2)	0.4181(1)	0.043(1)	0.045(1)	0.042(1)	0.0194(9)	0.0087(8)	0.0074(8)
N(3)	2 <i>i</i>	0.7701(2)	0.5733(2)	0.3280(1)	0.040(1)	0.041(1)	0.049(1)	0.0147(9)	0.0133(8)	0.0123(9)
N(4)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5590(2)	0.6459(2)	0.1014(1)	0.038(1)	0.045(1)	0.040(1)	0.0077(9)	0.0044(9)	0.0040(8)
N(5)	2 <i>i</i>	0.3598(1)	0.5285(1)	0.0544(1)	0.041(1)	0.045(1)	0.0356(9)	0.0135(8)	0.0060(8)	-0.0006(8)
N(6)	2 <i>i</i>	0.4522(2)	0.7410(1)	0.4850(1)	0.055(1)	0.043(1)	0.0385(9)	0.0278(9)	0.0127(8)	0.0069(8)
N(7)	2 <i>i</i>	0.6038(2)	0.8102(2)	0.4010(1)	0.046(1)	0.041(1)	0.050(1)	0.0161(9)	0.0181(9)	0.0041(9)
N(8)	2 <i>i</i>	0.2095(2)	0.2238(2)	0.3796(2)	0.054(1)	0.049(1)	0.089(2)	0.014(1)	-0.008(1)	0.009(1)
N(9)	2 <i>i</i>	0.3282(3)	0.8035(3)	1.1201(2)	0.106(2)	0.132(3)	0.083(2)	0.081(2)	-0.019(2)	-0.044(2)
C(1)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5761(2)	0.5212(2)	0.3923(2)	0.041(1)	0.040(1)	0.037(1)	0.017(1)	0.010(1)	0.007(1)
C(2)	2 <i>i</i>	0.4389(2)	0.6094(2)	0.3351(2)	0.038(1)	0.042(1)	0.042(1)	0.016(1)	0.010(1)	0.005(1)
C(3)	2 <i>i</i>	0.4710(2)	0.4878(2)	0.2129(2)	0.042(1)	0.038(1)	0.040(1)	0.014(1)	0.009(1)	0.001(1)
C(4)	2 <i>i</i>	0.6854(2)	0.5047(2)	0.3779(1)	0.036(1)	0.034(1)	0.034(1)	0.0113(9)	0.0055(9)	0.0021(9)
C(5)	2 <i>i</i>	0.8247(2)	0.4373(2)	0.3918(2)	0.044(1)	0.054(1)	0.045(1)	0.024(1)	0.005(1)	-0.002(1)
C(6)	2 <i>i</i>	0.8950(3)	0.3740(3)	0.4110(2)	0.069(2)	0.077(2)	0.070(2)	0.047(2)	0.011(1)	0.009(2)
C(7)	2 <i>i</i>	0.9988(3)	0.4122(3)	0.3709(2)	0.069(2)	0.109(3)	0.094(2)	0.062(2)	0.010(2)	-0.004(2)
C(8)	2 <i>i</i>	1.0340(3)	0.5084(3)	0.3140(2)	0.054(2)	0.113(3)	0.085(2)	0.038(2)	0.022(2)	-0.004(2)
C(9)	2 <i>i</i>	0.9657(2)	0.5707(3)	0.2946(2)	0.046(2)	0.080(2)	0.066(2)	0.023(2)	0.019(1)	0.007(2)
C(10)	2 <i>i</i>	0.8601(2)	0.5330(2)	0.3348(2)	0.038(1)	0.052(1)	0.048(1)	0.018(1)	0.009(1)	0.001(1)
C(11)	2 <i>i</i>	0.4615(2)	0.5532(2)	0.1221(1)	0.042(1)	0.037(1)	0.035(1)	0.014(1)	0.010(1)	-0.0020(9)
C(12)	2 <i>i</i>	0.3945(2)	0.6110(2)	-0.0164(1)	0.047(1)	0.045(1)	0.033(1)	0.021(1)	0.009(1)	-0.0031(9)
C(13)	2 <i>i</i>	0.3251(2)	0.6279(2)	-0.1039(2)	0.053(2)	0.064(2)	0.041(1)	0.029(1)	0.002(1)	-0.005(1)
C(14)	2 <i>i</i>	0.3848(3)	0.7192(2)	-0.1580(2)	0.080(2)	0.071(2)	0.038(1)	0.046(2)	0.009(1)	0.008(1)
C(15)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5091(3)	0.7928(2)	-0.1274(2)	0.084(2)	0.056(2)	0.049(2)	0.033(2)	0.022(1)	0.016(1)
C(16)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5796(2)	0.7777(2)	-0.0414(2)	0.059(2)	0.053(2)	0.047(1)	0.015(1)	0.013(1)	0.010(1)
C(17)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5195(2)	0.6851(2)	0.0131(1)	0.048(1)	0.043(1)	0.033(1)	0.018(1)	0.008(1)	0.0007(9)
C(18)	2 <i>i</i>	0.4990(2)	0.7195(2)	0.4083(1)	0.043(1)	0.039(1)	0.039(1)	0.022(1)	0.0102(9)	0.0084(9)
C(19)	2 <i>i</i>	0.6290(2)	0.8986(2)	0.4779(2)	0.053(1)	0.036(1)	0.051(1)	0.021(1)	0.007(1)	0.006(1)
C(20)	2 <i>i</i>	0.7260(2)	1.0106(2)	0.5051(2)	0.065(2)	0.045(2)	0.074(2)	0.018(1)	0.007(2)	0.006(1)
C(21)	2 <i>i</i>	0.7199(3)	1.0769(3)	0.5860(2)	0.098(2)	0.043(2)	0.078(2)	0.023(2)	-0.010(2)	-0.010(2)
C(22)	2 <i>i</i>	0.6239(3)	1.0345(3)	0.6372(2)	0.120(3)	0.063(2)	0.052(2)	0.052(2)	0.003(2)	-0.007(2)

**Table 3.** Continued.

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> <sub>11</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>22</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>33</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>12</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>13</sub>	<i>U</i> <sub>23</sub>
C(23)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5298(3)	0.9241(2)	0.6111(2)	0.090(2)	0.058(2)	0.045(1)	0.043(2)	0.017(1)	0.007(1)
C(24)	2 <i>i</i>	0.5337(2)	0.8553(2)	0.5300(2)	0.062(1)	0.043(1)	0.038(1)	0.032(1)	0.008(1)	0.008(1)
C(25)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.1584(2)	-0.1511(2)	0.2500(2)	0.042(1)	0.054(2)	0.061(2)	0.011(1)	0.015(1)	0.014(1)
C(26)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.0323(2)	-0.0619(2)	0.2422(2)	0.039(1)	0.040(1)	0.057(1)	0.012(1)	0.014(1)	0.010(1)
C(27)	2 <i>i</i>	0.0205(2)	-0.0745(2)	0.1624(2)	0.062(2)	0.048(2)	0.086(2)	0.011(1)	0.031(2)	-0.002(1)
C(28)	2 <i>i</i>	0.1348(3)	0.0110(3)	0.1536(3)	0.079(2)	0.068(2)	0.118(3)	0.019(2)	0.064(2)	0.006(2)
C(29)	2 <i>i</i>	0.1963(2)	0.1086(2)	0.2236(2)	0.047(2)	0.051(2)	0.122(3)	0.010(1)	0.037(2)	0.014(2)
C(30)	2 <i>i</i>	0.1436(2)	0.1189(2)	0.3028(2)	0.040(1)	0.039(1)	0.076(2)	0.012(1)	0.004(1)	0.009(1)
C(31)	2 <i>i</i>	0.0310(2)	0.0362(2)	0.3141(2)	0.043(1)	0.048(1)	0.056(1)	0.017(1)	0.012(1)	0.013(1)
C(32)	2 <i>i</i>	-0.0853(3)	0.6613(2)	0.8961(2)	0.076(2)	0.070(2)	0.064(2)	0.033(2)	-0.002(2)	0.008(2)
C(33)	2 <i>i</i>	0.0515(2)	0.7398(2)	0.9215(2)	0.044(1)	0.062(2)	0.081(2)	0.024(1)	0.008(1)	0.001(1)
C(34)	2 <i>i</i>	0.1019(3)	0.8223(3)	0.8575(3)	0.062(2)	0.074(2)	0.106(3)	0.031(2)	0.009(2)	0.022(2)
C(35)	2 <i>i</i>	0.2231(3)	0.9004(3)	0.8795(3)	0.071(2)	0.069(2)	0.118(3)	0.024(2)	0.023(2)	0.025(2)
C(36)	2 <i>i</i>	0.2976(3)	0.8953(3)	0.9657(3)	0.048(2)	0.068(2)	0.108(3)	0.018(2)	0.019(2)	-0.013(2)
C(37)	2 <i>i</i>	0.2483(2)	0.8106(2)	1.0299(2)	0.058(2)	0.074(2)	0.068(2)	0.041(2)	-0.001(1)	-0.018(2)
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