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Creatinium 4-methylbenzenesulfonate

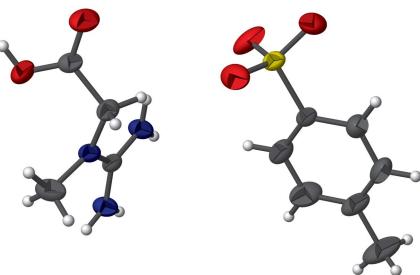
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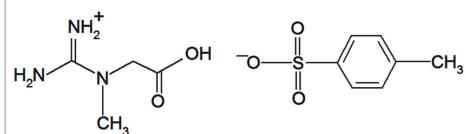
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In the title molecular salt, $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+\cdot\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{O}_3\text{S}^-$ (systematic name: {amino-[(carboxymethyl)(methyl)amino]methylidene}azanium 4-methylbenzenesulfonate), the OH group of the carboxylic acid and central N atom of the cation are close to being eclipsed [$\text{N}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{O} = 11.6(3)^\circ$]. In the crystal, $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$, $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds link the components into (001) sheets.

3D view



Chemical scheme



Structure description

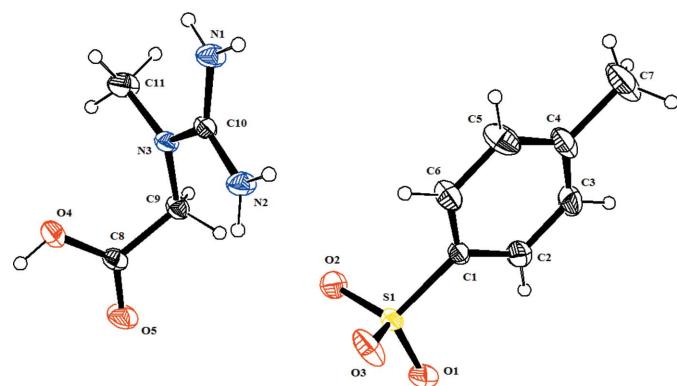
Creatine is extracted from several kinds of muscle and it is endogenously synthesized by the liver and pancreas in humans (Walker, 1979). As part of our studies of creatine chemistry, the synthesis and structure of the title molecular salt are now described.

The asymmetric unit comprises a protonated creatinium cation and deprotonated 4-methylbenzenesulfonate anion (Fig. 1). The geometric parameters of the component ions agree well with those reported for similar structures (Ali *et al.*, 2012). In the anion, the $\text{O}1-\text{S}1-\text{C}1-\text{C}2$ torsion angle of $15.4(2)^\circ$ indicates that atom O1 lies close to the plane of the aromatic ring.

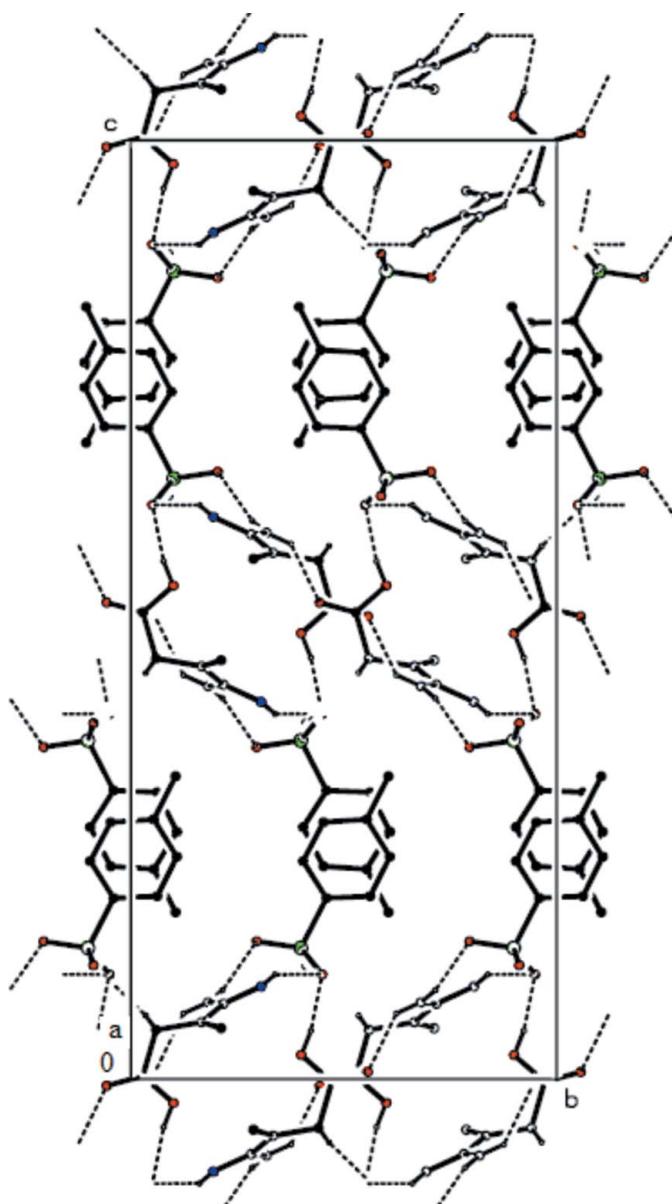
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Synthesis and crystallization

Creatine (0.01 mol) was dissolved in 20 ml of de-ionized water and *p*-toluenesulfonic acid monohydrate (0.01 mol) was added slowly. The solution was stirred for 4 h. The solution was filtered and colourless blocks were obtained from the mother liquor after seven days. Yield = 95%.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms.

**Figure 2**

The packing, viewed along [100]. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

Table 1
Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
C9—H9A \cdots O2	0.97	2.45	3.297 (3)	146
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Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 2, -y, -z$; (ii) $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, z$.

Table 2
Experimental details.

Crystal data	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2^+ \cdot \text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{O}_3\text{S}^-$
Chemical formula	
M_r	303.34
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, $Pbca$
Temperature (K)	295
a, b, c (\AA)	7.1432 (2), 13.3500 (5), 29.4794 (10)
V (\AA^3)	2811.21 (16)
Z	8
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$
μ (mm^{-1})	0.25
Crystal size (mm)	0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.20
Data collection	Bruker APEXII CCD
Diffractometer	Multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
Absorption correction	37602, 2469, 2118
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.939, 0.951
No. of measured, independent and observed [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] reflections	2469
R_{int}	0.032
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (\AA^{-1})	0.595
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.038, 0.108, 1.08
No. of reflections	2469
No. of parameters	185
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ ($\text{e} \text{\AA}^{-3}$)	0.36, -0.25

Computer programs: APEX2 and SAINT (Bruker, 2008), SHELXS97 and SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008) and PLATON (Spek, 2009).

Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2.

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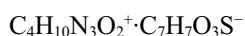
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$c = 29.4794 (10)$ Å

$V = 2811.21 (16)$ Å³

$Z = 8$

$F(000) = 1280$

$D_x = 1.433$ Mg m⁻³

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

Cell parameters from 2469 reflections

$\theta = 2.8\text{--}25.0^\circ$

$\mu = 0.25$ mm⁻¹

$T = 295$ K

Block, colourless

0.25 × 0.25 × 0.20 mm

Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 0 pixels mm⁻¹

ω and φ scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)

$T_{\min} = 0.939$, $T_{\max} = 0.951$

37602 measured reflections

2469 independent reflections

2118 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.032$

$\theta_{\max} = 25.0^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 2.8^\circ$

$h = -8\text{--}8$

$k = -15\text{--}15$

$l = -35\text{--}35$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$

$wR(F^2) = 0.108$

$S = 1.08$

2469 reflections

185 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier

map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0471P)^2 + 2.2285P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.36$ e Å⁻³

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.25$ e Å⁻³

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å²)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
S1	0.82439 (7)	-0.10067 (4)	0.139590 (17)	0.03545 (19)
O1	0.7739 (3)	-0.20436 (14)	0.14653 (6)	0.0633 (6)
O2	1.0097 (2)	-0.08774 (13)	0.12117 (6)	0.0522 (5)

O3	0.6850 (3)	-0.05069 (16)	0.11132 (5)	0.0621 (6)
O4	1.2752 (3)	0.09972 (13)	-0.02547 (5)	0.0562 (5)
H4	1.2775	0.0770	-0.0513	0.084*
O5	1.2004 (3)	-0.05660 (12)	-0.00736 (6)	0.0524 (5)
N1	1.1562 (2)	0.30601 (13)	0.09852 (6)	0.0376 (4)
H1A	1.0666	0.3387	0.1112	0.045*
H1B	1.2672	0.3309	0.0979	0.045*
N2	0.9508 (2)	0.18133 (13)	0.08163 (6)	0.0394 (4)
H2A	0.8631	0.2151	0.0945	0.047*
H2B	0.9266	0.1239	0.0698	0.047*
N3	1.2622 (2)	0.16613 (12)	0.06048 (5)	0.0312 (4)
C1	0.8211 (3)	-0.04052 (16)	0.19269 (6)	0.0311 (4)
C2	0.8196 (4)	-0.0955 (2)	0.23192 (8)	0.0502 (6)
H2	0.8164	-0.1651	0.2306	0.060*
C3	0.8228 (4)	-0.0475 (2)	0.27340 (8)	0.0571 (7)
H3	0.8204	-0.0855	0.2998	0.069*
C4	0.8294 (3)	0.0539 (2)	0.27651 (8)	0.0515 (7)
C5	0.8338 (4)	0.1082 (2)	0.23673 (9)	0.0619 (8)
H5	0.8406	0.1777	0.2382	0.074*
C6	0.8284 (4)	0.06204 (18)	0.19472 (8)	0.0470 (6)
H6	0.8296	0.1000	0.1683	0.056*
C7	0.8319 (5)	0.1050 (3)	0.32238 (10)	0.0872 (12)
H7A	0.7168	0.0914	0.3380	0.131*
H7B	0.8454	0.1760	0.3183	0.131*
H7C	0.9351	0.0801	0.3399	0.131*
C8	1.2364 (3)	0.02815 (15)	0.00308 (7)	0.0327 (5)
C9	1.2474 (3)	0.05934 (15)	0.05220 (6)	0.0335 (5)
H9A	1.1367	0.0347	0.0676	0.040*
H9B	1.3549	0.0267	0.0658	0.040*
C10	1.1233 (3)	0.21775 (14)	0.08008 (6)	0.0289 (4)
C11	1.4454 (3)	0.21214 (19)	0.05409 (9)	0.0492 (6)
H11A	1.4299	0.2796	0.0434	0.074*
H11B	1.5155	0.1744	0.0322	0.074*
H11C	1.5116	0.2128	0.0824	0.074*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
S1	0.0350 (3)	0.0435 (3)	0.0279 (3)	-0.0040 (2)	0.0028 (2)	-0.0102 (2)
O1	0.0878 (14)	0.0527 (11)	0.0493 (10)	-0.0304 (10)	0.0037 (10)	-0.0147 (8)
O2	0.0440 (9)	0.0592 (10)	0.0534 (10)	-0.0044 (8)	0.0176 (8)	-0.0220 (8)
O3	0.0640 (12)	0.0919 (14)	0.0302 (8)	0.0234 (10)	-0.0108 (8)	-0.0151 (9)
O4	0.0903 (14)	0.0509 (10)	0.0274 (8)	-0.0180 (9)	0.0005 (9)	-0.0052 (7)
O5	0.0748 (12)	0.0355 (9)	0.0468 (9)	-0.0019 (8)	-0.0025 (8)	-0.0156 (7)
N1	0.0326 (9)	0.0343 (9)	0.0459 (10)	-0.0004 (8)	0.0039 (8)	-0.0138 (8)
N2	0.0333 (9)	0.0377 (10)	0.0470 (11)	-0.0043 (8)	0.0055 (8)	-0.0144 (8)
N3	0.0320 (9)	0.0312 (9)	0.0302 (9)	-0.0025 (7)	0.0020 (7)	-0.0091 (7)
C1	0.0266 (10)	0.0420 (11)	0.0248 (10)	-0.0016 (9)	0.0004 (8)	-0.0050 (8)

C2	0.0639 (16)	0.0525 (14)	0.0342 (12)	-0.0156 (12)	-0.0017 (11)	0.0028 (10)
C3	0.0621 (16)	0.083 (2)	0.0262 (12)	-0.0152 (15)	0.0002 (11)	0.0033 (12)
C4	0.0391 (13)	0.084 (2)	0.0317 (12)	0.0040 (13)	0.0005 (10)	-0.0203 (12)
C5	0.080 (2)	0.0487 (15)	0.0572 (17)	0.0140 (14)	-0.0059 (15)	-0.0211 (12)
C6	0.0644 (16)	0.0452 (13)	0.0315 (11)	0.0073 (12)	-0.0013 (11)	-0.0031 (10)
C7	0.076 (2)	0.137 (3)	0.0486 (17)	0.009 (2)	-0.0010 (15)	-0.0472 (19)
C8	0.0323 (10)	0.0333 (11)	0.0325 (10)	0.0029 (9)	-0.0012 (9)	-0.0089 (9)
C9	0.0416 (11)	0.0303 (10)	0.0286 (10)	0.0041 (9)	0.0002 (9)	-0.0041 (8)
C10	0.0340 (10)	0.0301 (10)	0.0225 (9)	0.0004 (8)	-0.0023 (8)	-0.0026 (8)
C11	0.0333 (12)	0.0552 (14)	0.0592 (15)	-0.0067 (11)	0.0086 (11)	-0.0237 (12)

Geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$)

S1—O2	1.4410 (17)	C1—C6	1.371 (3)
S1—O2	1.4410 (17)	C2—C3	1.381 (3)
S1—O1	1.4451 (19)	C2—H2	0.9300
S1—O3	1.4599 (18)	C3—C4	1.357 (4)
S1—C1	1.7596 (19)	C3—H3	0.9300
O2—O2	0.000 (4)	C4—C5	1.379 (4)
O4—C8	1.303 (3)	C4—C7	1.515 (3)
O4—H4	0.8200	C5—C6	1.384 (3)
O5—C8	1.200 (2)	C5—H5	0.9300
N1—C10	1.319 (2)	C6—H6	0.9300
N1—H1A	0.8600	C7—H7A	0.9600
N1—H1B	0.8600	C7—H7B	0.9600
N2—C10	1.325 (3)	C7—H7C	0.9600
N2—H2A	0.8600	C8—C9	1.509 (3)
N2—H2B	0.8600	C9—H9A	0.9700
N3—C10	1.339 (3)	C9—H9B	0.9700
N3—C9	1.450 (3)	C11—H11A	0.9600
N3—C11	1.458 (3)	C11—H11B	0.9600
C1—C2	1.370 (3)	C11—H11C	0.9600
O2—S1—O2	0.00 (13)	C5—C4—C7	121.4 (3)
O2—S1—O1	113.42 (12)	C4—C5—C6	121.7 (3)
O2—S1—O1	113.42 (12)	C4—C5—H5	119.1
O2—S1—O3	110.89 (11)	C6—C5—H5	119.1
O2—S1—O3	110.89 (11)	C1—C6—C5	119.0 (2)
O1—S1—O3	110.38 (12)	C1—C6—H6	120.5
O2—S1—C1	107.03 (9)	C5—C6—H6	120.5
O2—S1—C1	107.03 (9)	C4—C7—H7A	109.5
O1—S1—C1	107.93 (10)	C4—C7—H7B	109.5
O3—S1—C1	106.86 (10)	H7A—C7—H7B	109.5
O2—O2—S1	0 (10)	C4—C7—H7C	109.5
C8—O4—H4	109.5	H7A—C7—H7C	109.5
C10—N1—H1A	120.0	H7B—C7—H7C	109.5
C10—N1—H1B	120.0	O5—C8—O4	124.82 (19)
H1A—N1—H1B	120.0	O5—C8—C9	121.16 (19)

C10—N2—H2A	120.0	O4—C8—C9	113.98 (17)
C10—N2—H2B	120.0	N3—C9—C8	115.89 (17)
H2A—N2—H2B	120.0	N3—C9—H9A	108.3
C10—N3—C9	121.62 (17)	C8—C9—H9A	108.3
C10—N3—C11	120.28 (17)	N3—C9—H9B	108.3
C9—N3—C11	117.26 (17)	C8—C9—H9B	108.3
C2—C1—C6	119.9 (2)	H9A—C9—H9B	107.4
C2—C1—S1	120.43 (18)	N1—C10—N2	118.62 (18)
C6—C1—S1	119.60 (16)	N1—C10—N3	120.38 (18)
C1—C2—C3	119.9 (2)	N2—C10—N3	121.00 (17)
C1—C2—H2	120.0	N3—C11—H11A	109.5
C3—C2—H2	120.0	N3—C11—H11B	109.5
C4—C3—C2	121.6 (2)	H11A—C11—H11B	109.5
C4—C3—H3	119.2	N3—C11—H11C	109.5
C2—C3—H3	119.2	H11A—C11—H11C	109.5
C3—C4—C5	117.9 (2)	H11B—C11—H11C	109.5
C3—C4—C7	120.7 (3)		
O1—S1—O2—O2	0.0 (2)	C2—C3—C4—C7	179.7 (3)
O3—S1—O2—O2	0.0 (2)	C3—C4—C5—C6	1.2 (4)
C1—S1—O2—O2	0.0 (2)	C7—C4—C5—C6	-178.9 (3)
O2—S1—C1—C2	-107.0 (2)	C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.1 (4)
O2—S1—C1—C2	-107.0 (2)	S1—C1—C6—C5	-177.2 (2)
O1—S1—C1—C2	15.4 (2)	C4—C5—C6—C1	-1.0 (4)
O3—S1—C1—C2	134.1 (2)	C10—N3—C9—C8	112.1 (2)
O2—S1—C1—C6	70.1 (2)	C11—N3—C9—C8	-78.4 (2)
O2—S1—C1—C6	70.1 (2)	O5—C8—C9—N3	-170.6 (2)
O1—S1—C1—C6	-167.45 (19)	O4—C8—C9—N3	11.6 (3)
O3—S1—C1—C6	-48.7 (2)	C9—N3—C10—N1	161.24 (18)
C6—C1—C2—C3	0.9 (4)	C11—N3—C10—N1	-8.0 (3)
S1—C1—C2—C3	178.0 (2)	C9—N3—C10—N2	-18.3 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-0.7 (4)	C11—N3—C10—N2	172.5 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.3 (4)		

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