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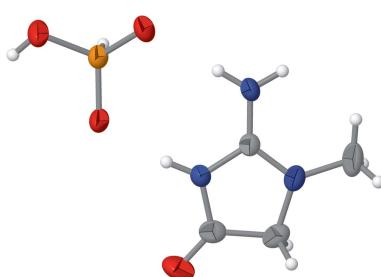
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# Creatininium phosphite

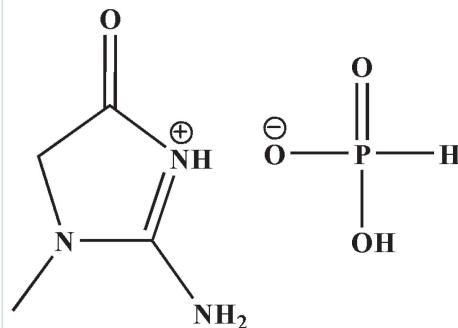
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The title salt,  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}^+\cdot\text{H}_2\text{PO}_3^-$ , contains a creatininium cation (2-amino-1-methyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium) and a phosphite anion. The crystal packing shows layers of hydrogen-bonded ions lying parallel to the  $(\bar{1}14)$  and  $(11\bar{4})$  planes.

## 3D view



## Chemical scheme



## Structure description

Creatinine as one such material is more valuable for the detection of renal dysfunction than urea (Sharma *et al.*, 2004).

The title compound comprises a protonated creatininium cation and a deprotonated phosphite anion (Fig. 1). The geometric parameters of the title ion-pair agree well with those reported for a similar structure (Thayanithi *et al.*, 2016). The crystal packing (Fig. 2) shows planes of hydrogen-bonded ions parallel to the  $(\bar{1}14)$  and  $(11\bar{4})$  planes (Table 1).

## Synthesis and crystallization

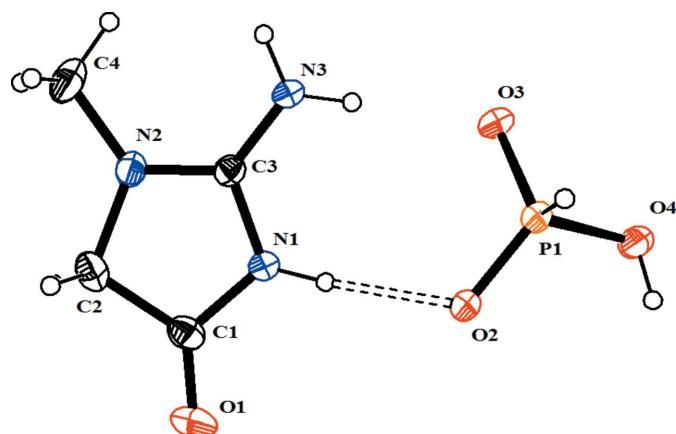
The title compound was synthesized by dissolving creatinine (1.1312 g, 0.01 mol) in 30 ml of deionized water. Phosphorus acid (0.82 g, 0.01 mol) was then added slowly. The solution was stirred for 4 h, filtered into a beaker and kept dust-free. Colourless crystals were obtained from the mother solution in 93% yield.

## Refinement

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

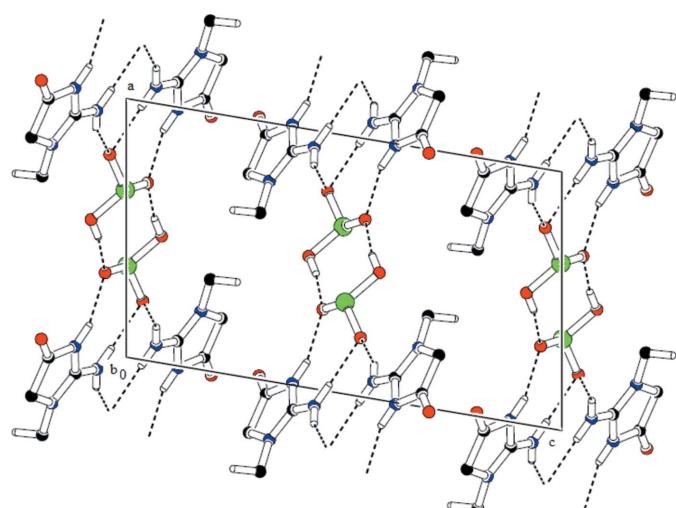
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**Figure 1**

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



**Figure 2**

The packing of the title compound, viewed down the  $b$  axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{C}2-\text{H}2\text{B}\cdots \text{O}1^{\text{i}}$	0.97	2.58	2.997 (4)	106
$\text{C}4-\text{H}4\text{A}\cdots \text{O}4^{\text{ii}}$	0.96	2.61	3.470 (3)	150
$\text{N}1-\text{H}1\cdots \text{O}2$	0.86	1.94	2.754 (2)	157
$\text{N}3-\text{H}3\text{A}\cdots \text{O}3^{\text{iii}}$	0.86	1.98	2.800 (2)	158
$\text{N}3-\text{H}3\text{B}\cdots \text{O}3$	0.86	1.96	2.821 (2)	178
$\text{O}4-\text{H}4\cdots \text{O}2^{\text{iv}}$	0.82	1.77	2.585 (2)	170

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

**Table 2**  
Experimental details.

Crystal data	$\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}^+\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}_3\text{P}^-$
Chemical formula	$195.12$
$M_r$	Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
Crystal system, space group	296
Temperature (K)	8.8083 (11), 6.6316 (9), 15.068 (2)
$a, b, c$ (Å)	99.539 (4)
$\beta$ ( $^\circ$ )	868.0 (2)
$V$ (Å $^3$ )	4
$Z$	Mo $K\alpha$
Radiation type	0.30
$\mu$ (mm $^{-1}$ )	0.20 $\times$ 0.20 $\times$ 0.15
Crystal size (mm)	
Data collection	Bruker APEXII CCD
Diffractometer	Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 1996)
Absorption correction	0.942, 0.956
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	17033, 2806, 1735
No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections	
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.058
( $\sin \theta/\lambda$ ) $_{\text{max}}$ (Å $^{-1}$ )	0.732
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.056, 0.152, 1.10
No. of reflections	2806
No. of parameters	112
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å $^{-3}$ )	0.41, -0.48

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

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# full crystallographic data

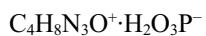
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## Creatininium phosphite

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### 2-Amino-1-methyl-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-imidazol-3-i um phosphite

#### Crystal data



$M_r = 195.12$

Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$

Hall symbol: -P 2ybc

$a = 8.8083 (11)$  Å

$b = 6.6316 (9)$  Å

$c = 15.068 (2)$  Å

$\beta = 99.539 (4)^\circ$

$V = 868.0 (2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 408$

$D_x = 1.493$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

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

Cell parameters from 2806 reflections

$\theta = 2.7\text{--}31.3^\circ$

$\mu = 0.30$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 296$  K

Block, colourless

0.20 × 0.20 × 0.15 mm

#### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 0 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans

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

$T_{\min} = 0.942$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.956$

17033 measured reflections

2806 independent reflections

1735 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.058$

$\theta_{\max} = 31.3^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.7^\circ$

$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$

$k = -9 \rightarrow 9$

$l = -21 \rightarrow 22$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.056$

$wR(F^2) = 0.152$

$S = 1.10$

2806 reflections

112 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

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0518P)^2 + 0.7395P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.41$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.48$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Extinction correction: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick,  
2008),  $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.016 (3)

#### Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.9486 (3)	0.6568 (4)	0.82130 (17)	0.0371 (6)

C2	0.7886 (3)	0.5893 (4)	0.78225 (18)	0.0411 (6)
H2A	0.7124	0.6864	0.7945	0.049*
H2B	0.7781	0.5690	0.7178	0.049*
C3	0.9043 (3)	0.3583 (4)	0.88290 (15)	0.0288 (5)
C4	0.6448 (4)	0.2661 (5)	0.8068 (2)	0.0604 (9)
H4A	0.6381	0.2209	0.7458	0.091*
H4B	0.5519	0.3359	0.8135	0.091*
H4C	0.6582	0.1519	0.8465	0.091*
N1	1.0075 (2)	0.5102 (3)	0.88175 (14)	0.0311 (4)
H1	1.0973	0.5141	0.9144	0.037*
N2	0.7741 (2)	0.4002 (3)	0.82874 (14)	0.0369 (5)
N3	0.9339 (2)	0.1983 (3)	0.93186 (15)	0.0394 (5)
H3A	0.8651	0.1060	0.9311	0.047*
H3B	1.0225	0.1842	0.9652	0.047*
O1	1.0143 (3)	0.8075 (3)	0.80485 (15)	0.0575 (6)
O2	1.3127 (2)	0.4455 (3)	0.95142 (14)	0.0501 (6)
O3	1.2272 (2)	0.1521 (3)	1.03801 (13)	0.0435 (5)
O4	1.4909 (2)	0.2863 (3)	1.08076 (14)	0.0506 (6)
H4	1.5505	0.3698	1.0658	0.076*
P1	1.35438 (7)	0.25366 (10)	1.00218 (5)	0.0336 (2)
H1A	1.3903	0.1593	0.9601	0.040*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0422 (14)	0.0362 (14)	0.0346 (13)	0.0032 (11)	0.0109 (11)	0.0059 (11)
C2	0.0395 (14)	0.0473 (15)	0.0351 (13)	0.0085 (12)	0.0024 (11)	0.0080 (12)
C3	0.0269 (11)	0.0309 (12)	0.0283 (11)	-0.0017 (9)	0.0037 (9)	-0.0001 (9)
C4	0.0389 (16)	0.074 (2)	0.061 (2)	-0.0176 (16)	-0.0118 (14)	0.0016 (17)
N1	0.0279 (10)	0.0288 (10)	0.0354 (10)	-0.0039 (8)	0.0018 (8)	0.0028 (8)
N2	0.0279 (10)	0.0444 (12)	0.0366 (11)	-0.0025 (9)	-0.0001 (8)	0.0037 (9)
N3	0.0307 (11)	0.0323 (11)	0.0511 (13)	-0.0109 (9)	-0.0055 (10)	0.0085 (10)
O1	0.0677 (15)	0.0442 (12)	0.0624 (14)	-0.0077 (10)	0.0158 (11)	0.0210 (10)
O2	0.0263 (9)	0.0522 (12)	0.0668 (14)	-0.0108 (8)	-0.0071 (9)	0.0278 (10)
O3	0.0318 (10)	0.0419 (11)	0.0554 (11)	-0.0127 (8)	0.0033 (8)	0.0104 (9)
O4	0.0342 (10)	0.0585 (14)	0.0536 (12)	-0.0164 (9)	-0.0090 (9)	0.0230 (10)
P1	0.0249 (3)	0.0355 (3)	0.0398 (4)	-0.0038 (3)	0.0034 (2)	0.0050 (3)

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

C1—O1	1.201 (3)	C4—H4B	0.9600
C1—N1	1.374 (3)	C4—H4C	0.9600
C1—C2	1.502 (4)	N1—H1	0.8600
C2—N2	1.452 (4)	N3—H3A	0.8600
C2—H2A	0.9700	N3—H3B	0.8600
C2—H2B	0.9700	O2—P1	1.4983 (19)
C3—N3	1.294 (3)	O3—P1	1.4833 (18)
C3—N2	1.322 (3)	O4—P1	1.5566 (19)

C3—N1	1.359 (3)	O4—H4	0.8200
C4—N2	1.440 (4)	P1—H1A	0.9800
C4—H4A	0.9600		
O1—C1—N1	125.7 (3)	H4B—C4—H4C	109.5
O1—C1—C2	128.3 (2)	C3—N1—C1	110.7 (2)
N1—C1—C2	106.0 (2)	C3—N1—H1	124.7
N2—C2—C1	102.7 (2)	C1—N1—H1	124.7
N2—C2—H2A	111.2	C3—N2—C4	125.7 (2)
C1—C2—H2A	111.2	C3—N2—C2	110.0 (2)
N2—C2—H2B	111.2	C4—N2—C2	123.5 (2)
C1—C2—H2B	111.2	C3—N3—H3A	120.0
H2A—C2—H2B	109.1	C3—N3—H3B	120.0
N3—C3—N2	126.6 (2)	H3A—N3—H3B	120.0
N3—C3—N1	122.9 (2)	P1—O4—H4	109.5
N2—C3—N1	110.5 (2)	O3—P1—O2	115.80 (11)
N2—C4—H4A	109.5	O3—P1—O4	108.73 (11)
N2—C4—H4B	109.5	O2—P1—O4	111.31 (11)
H4A—C4—H4B	109.5	O3—P1—H1A	106.8
N2—C4—H4C	109.5	O2—P1—H1A	106.8
H4A—C4—H4C	109.5	O4—P1—H1A	106.8
O1—C1—C2—N2	−179.2 (3)	N3—C3—N2—C4	−6.6 (4)
N1—C1—C2—N2	0.4 (3)	N1—C3—N2—C4	173.9 (3)
N3—C3—N1—C1	177.4 (2)	N3—C3—N2—C2	−177.2 (2)
N2—C3—N1—C1	−3.1 (3)	N1—C3—N2—C2	3.4 (3)
O1—C1—N1—C3	−178.9 (3)	C1—C2—N2—C3	−2.3 (3)
C2—C1—N1—C3	1.5 (3)	C1—C2—N2—C4	−173.1 (3)

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
C2—H2B···O1 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.58	2.997 (4)	106
C4—H4C···N3	0.96	2.57	2.941 (4)	103
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