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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 295 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.118 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3

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# DL-Histidine DL-tartrate

The crystal structure of DL-histidine DL-tartrate,  $C_6H_{10}N_3O_2^+ \cdot C_4H_5O_6^-$ , has been determined as part of an ongoing study of the fundamental effects of chirality on salt formation and hydrates. Discrete single-enantiomer chains of histidine are linked in two dimensions by hydrogen bonds to a racemic pair of tartrate molecules.

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#### Comment

This study was undertaken to identify the effects of chirality on the formation of salts, specifically the way chirality may affect hydration, as a result of interactions between a chiral drug and a chiral counter-ion. DL-Histidine and DL-tartrate samples were purchased from Fluka and used in the crystallization. The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I), contains one molecule of histidine as a monocation (protonated at the amine and imidazole N atoms and deprotonated at the carboxylic acid) and the tartrate as a monocanion (Fig. 1).



The histidines form chains of single enantiomers (Fig. 2) linked along the *b* axis by hydrogen bonds from the NH group of the imidazole ring to a carboxyl O atom of the next histidine, similar to those described by Suresh & Vijayan (1987). The tartrate anions form dimers containing one D- and one L-tartrate ion in each pair (Fig. 2). The dimers are formed by means of a carboxylic acid O atom bonding to a neighbouring tartrate utilizing a side OH group [2.817 (2) Å]. Each histidine molecule in a chain is linked to the next chain below (viewed down the *a* axis in Fig. 2) by a single hydrogen bond from a carboxyl O atom to an NH group of the ammonium group [2.749 (2) Å]. The tartrates link the chains of histidine in two dimensions to create a three-dimensional hydrogen-bond network.

#### **Experimental**

A 5 ml saturated aqueous solution of DL-histidine was mixed with a 5 ml saturated aqueous solution of DL-tartaric acid and the vial was covered with a pierced film. This was placed in a larger glass vial containing 25 ml of methanol, sealed, and allowed to stand for three weeks at room temperature.

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#### Crystal data

 $C_{6}H_{10}N_{3}O_{2}^{+}\cdot C_{4}H_{5}O_{6}^{-}$   $M_{r} = 305.25$ Monoclinic,  $P2_{1}/c$  a = 4.9695 (5) Å b = 13.4392 (12) Å c = 19.2749 (18) Å  $\beta = 90.253 (2)^{\circ}$   $V = 1287.3 (2) \text{ Å}^{3}$  Z = 4

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer Thin-slice  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1997; Blessing, 1995)  $T_{\min} = 0.843, T_{\max} = 0.990$ 7512 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$   $wR(F^2) = 0.118$  S = 1.022967 reflections 194 parameters

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D{\cdots}A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N2-H2A\cdots O8$	0.86	1.93	2.7689 (19)	166
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$N3-H3A\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.89	1.87	2.7532 (18)	173
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O6−H6···O8 <sup>vi</sup>	0.82	1.92	2.7152 (18)	162

 $D_x = 1.575 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 2967

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\theta = 1.9-28.0^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.14 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 295 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int}=0.023$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.0^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -6 \to 6$  $k = -17 \to 17$ 

 $l = -25 \rightarrow 25$ 

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

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.44 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

Needle, colourless

 $0.50\,\times\,0.10\,\times\,0.10$  mm

2967 independent reflections

2207 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0666P)^2]$ 

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

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

The unit-cell dimensions and angles were compared to those reported for the parent histidine enantiomers by Edington & Harding (1974) and Madden *et al.* (1972). All H atoms were placed geometrically [C-H = 0.93–0.98, N-H = 0.86–0.89 and O-H = 0.82 Å;  $U_{\rm iso}$ (H) = 1.2 or 1.5 times  $U_{\rm eq}$ (parent atom)] and refined using a riding model.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1994); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics:



#### Figure 1

*ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) plot of the asymmetric unit of (I) (Z = 4), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.



#### re 2 rogen-bonding motifs

Hydrogen-bonding motifs for D-tartrate (green), L-histidine (yellow), Dhistidine (blue) and L-tartrate (pink).

*ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) and *Materials Studio* (Accelrys, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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Refinement on $F^2$ Least-squares matrix: full $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$ $wR(F^2) = 0.118$	Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites
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194 parameters	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
0 restraints	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.44 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
direct methods	$\Delta \rho_{\min} = -0.21 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

# 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.

F(000) = 640

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**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  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  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.

	x	у	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}*/U_{ m eq}$	
C1	0.1685 (3)	0.73187 (12)	0.66501 (9)	0.0318 (4)	
C2	0.2198 (4)	0.77519 (13)	0.72645 (10)	0.0386 (4)	
H2	0.1342	0.7610	0.7681	0.046*	
C3	0.4909 (4)	0.84349 (13)	0.65168 (10)	0.0372 (4)	
Н3	0.6224	0.8836	0.6319	0.045*	
C4	-0.0369 (4)	0.65675 (12)	0.64434 (10)	0.0358 (4)	
H4A	-0.1390	0.6824	0.6052	0.043*	
H4B	-0.1609	0.6473	0.6825	0.043*	
C5	0.0819 (3)	0.55634 (11)	0.62459 (9)	0.0298 (4)	
Н5	0.2238	0.5664	0.5901	0.036*	
C6	0.1981 (3)	0.49876 (11)	0.68674 (8)	0.0286 (4)	
C7	0.8407 (4)	0.92923 (12)	0.38923 (9)	0.0392 (4)	
C8	0.6893 (4)	0.85823 (12)	0.43616 (9)	0.0376 (4)	
H8	0.4990	0.8773	0.4372	0.045*	
C9	0.7135 (3)	0.75243 (11)	0.40876 (8)	0.0281 (4)	
Н9	0.6004	0.7473	0.3671	0.034*	
C10	0.6010 (3)	0.67992 (12)	0.46299 (8)	0.0273 (3)	
N1	0.4190 (3)	0.84348 (11)	0.71715 (8)	0.0377 (4)	
H1	0.4868	0.8807	0.7491	0.045*	
N2	0.3426 (3)	0.77602 (10)	0.61863 (8)	0.0364 (4)	
H2A	0.3533	0.7621	0.5752	0.044*	
N3	-0.1363 (3)	0.49502 (9)	0.59342 (7)	0.0282 (3)	
H3A	-0.2652	0.4854	0.6246	0.042*	
H3B	-0.0698	0.4365	0.5803	0.042*	
H3C	-0.2046	0.5264	0.5567	0.042*	
O1	0.0532 (3)	0.48152 (10)	0.73684 (7)	0.0461 (4)	
O2	0.4328 (3)	0.46847 (11)	0.68080(7)	0.0495 (4)	
O3	0.7603 (3)	0.92187 (10)	0.32456 (7)	0.0481 (4)	
H3D	0.8607	0.9543	0.2996	0.072*	
O4	1.0095 (3)	0.98561 (11)	0.41035 (7)	0.0591 (4)	
05	0.7946 (4)	0.85996 (10)	0.50444 (7)	0.0601 (5)	
H5A	0.8650	0.9141	0.5119	0.090*	
O6	0.9796 (2)	0.72979 (9)	0.38935 (6)	0.0358 (3)	
H6	1.0753	0.7274	0.4241	0.054*	
07	0.7460 (3)	0.60922 (9)	0.48094 (6)	0.0404 (3)	
08	0.3696 (2)	0.69787 (9)	0.48593 (6)	0.0373 (3)	

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(\hat{A}^2)$ 

# supporting information

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0383 (9)	0.0256 (8)	0.0315 (9)	0.0024 (7)	-0.0027 (7)	0.0006 (7)
C2	0.0436 (10)	0.0401 (10)	0.0320 (9)	-0.0066 (8)	0.0008 (8)	-0.0019 (7)
C3	0.0361 (9)	0.0333 (9)	0.0423 (11)	-0.0002 (7)	0.0060 (8)	-0.0009 (8)
C4	0.0367 (10)	0.0292 (8)	0.0412 (10)	0.0039 (7)	-0.0063 (8)	-0.0017 (7)
C5	0.0297 (8)	0.0269 (8)	0.0327 (9)	-0.0001 (6)	-0.0035 (7)	0.0009 (7)
C6	0.0304 (9)	0.0273 (8)	0.0279 (8)	0.0006 (7)	-0.0017 (7)	-0.0003 (6)
C7	0.0551 (11)	0.0276 (9)	0.0348 (10)	0.0012 (8)	0.0075 (9)	0.0001 (7)
C8	0.0510(11)	0.0294 (9)	0.0326 (9)	0.0001 (8)	0.0089 (8)	0.0012 (7)
C9	0.0297 (8)	0.0304 (8)	0.0241 (8)	0.0012 (6)	0.0000 (6)	-0.0001 (6)
C10	0.0312 (9)	0.0283 (8)	0.0224 (8)	-0.0025 (7)	-0.0038 (6)	-0.0038 (6)
N1	0.0421 (9)	0.0369 (8)	0.0343 (8)	-0.0071 (6)	-0.0015 (7)	-0.0104 (6)
N2	0.0470 (9)	0.0360 (8)	0.0263 (7)	0.0054 (6)	0.0017 (6)	-0.0049 (6)
N3	0.0316 (7)	0.0257 (7)	0.0272 (7)	0.0007 (5)	-0.0008 (6)	0.0008 (5)
01	0.0492 (8)	0.0501 (8)	0.0392 (8)	0.0112 (6)	0.0127 (6)	0.0072 (6)
O2	0.0344 (7)	0.0703 (9)	0.0438 (8)	0.0153 (6)	0.0063 (6)	0.0235 (7)
O3	0.0602 (9)	0.0482 (8)	0.0358 (8)	-0.0120 (7)	0.0006 (6)	0.0124 (6)
O4	0.0872 (12)	0.0490 (8)	0.0411 (8)	-0.0283 (8)	0.0049 (8)	-0.0044 (7)
O5	0.1103 (13)	0.0425 (8)	0.0275 (7)	-0.0259 (8)	0.0044 (8)	-0.0045 (6)
O6	0.0343 (7)	0.0434 (7)	0.0297 (6)	0.0033 (5)	0.0052 (5)	0.0001 (5)
O7	0.0489 (7)	0.0368 (7)	0.0354 (7)	0.0086 (6)	0.0026 (6)	0.0093 (5)
08	0.0314 (7)	0.0471 (7)	0.0335 (7)	-0.0024 (5)	0.0036 (5)	-0.0007 (5)

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—C2	1.343 (3)	С7—С8	1.517 (2)
C1—N2	1.381 (2)	C8—O5	1.414 (2)
C1—C4	1.489 (2)	C8—C9	1.522 (2)
C2—N1	1.362 (2)	C8—H8	0.9800
C2—H2	0.9300	C9—O6	1.4092 (19)
C3—N1	1.313 (2)	C9—C10	1.536 (2)
C3—N2	1.329 (2)	С9—Н9	0.9800
С3—Н3	0.9300	C10—O7	1.2407 (19)
C4—C5	1.522 (2)	C10—O8	1.2574 (19)
C4—H4A	0.9700	N1—H1	0.8600
C4—H4B	0.9700	N2—H2A	0.8600
C5—N3	1.487 (2)	N3—H3A	0.8900
C5—C6	1.537 (2)	N3—H3B	0.8900
С5—Н5	0.9800	N3—H3C	0.8900
C6—O1	1.229 (2)	O3—H3D	0.8200
C6—O2	1.241 (2)	O5—H5A	0.8200
С7—О4	1.200 (2)	O6—H6	0.8200
С7—О3	1.311 (2)		
C2—C1—N2	105.53 (15)	С7—С8—С9	109.92 (14)
C2—C1—C4	131.08 (17)	O5—C8—H8	109.2

N2—C1—C4	123.29 (15)	С7—С8—Н8	109.2
C1-C2-N1	108.13 (16)	С9—С8—Н8	109.2
C1—C2—H2	125.9	O6—C9—C8	111.69 (14)
N1—C2—H2	125.9	O6—C9—C10	112.87 (13)
N1—C3—N2	107.93 (15)	C8—C9—C10	109.09 (13)
N1—C3—H3	126.0	О6—С9—Н9	107.7
N2—C3—H3	126.0	С8—С9—Н9	107.7
C1—C4—C5	113.69 (14)	С10—С9—Н9	107.7
C1—C4—H4A	108.8	O7—C10—O8	125.43 (15)
C5—C4—H4A	108.8	O7—C10—C9	117.58 (14)
C1—C4—H4B	108.8	O8—C10—C9	116.99 (14)
C5—C4—H4B	108.8	C3—N1—C2	109.12 (15)
H4A—C4—H4B	107.7	C3—N1—H1	125.4
N3—C5—C4	108.02 (13)	C2—N1—H1	125.4
N3—C5—C6	107.87 (12)	C3—N2—C1	109.29 (14)
C4—C5—C6	113.34 (14)	C3—N2—H2A	125.4
N3—C5—H5	109.2	C1—N2—H2A	125.4
С4—С5—Н5	109.2	C5—N3—H3A	109.5
С6—С5—Н5	109.2	C5—N3—H3B	109.5
O1—C6—O2	124.38 (16)	H3A—N3—H3B	109.5
O1—C6—C5	119.22 (15)	C5—N3—H3C	109.5
O2—C6—C5	116.30 (14)	H3A—N3—H3C	109.5
O4—C7—O3	125.44 (16)	H3B—N3—H3C	109.5
O4—C7—C8	122.86 (17)	C7—O3—H3D	109.5
O3—C7—C8	111.69 (16)	С8—О5—Н5А	109.5
O5—C8—C7	111.23 (15)	С9—О6—Н6	109.5
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