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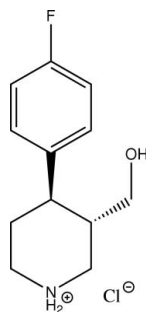
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 298$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å; R factor = 0.065; wR factor = 0.203; data-to-parameter ratio = 15.3.

The title compound, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}^+\cdot\text{Cl}^-$, is a degradation impurity of paroxetine hydrochloride hemihydrate (PAXIL), an antidepressant belonging to the group of drugs called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). Similar to the paroxetine hydrochloride salt with protonation having taken place on the basic piperidine ring, the degradation impurity also exists as the hydrochloride salt. The cyclic six-membered piperidinium ring adopts a chair conformation with the hydroxymethyl and 4-fluorophenyl groups in the equatorial positions. The ions form a tape along the b axis through charge-assisted $\text{N}^+-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}^-$ hydrogen bonds; these tapes are connected by $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}^-$ hydrogen bonds along the a axis.

Related literature

For related literature, see: Bower *et al.* (2007); de Gonzalo *et al.* (2001); Barnes *et al.* (1988); Ibers (1999).

**Experimental***Crystal data* $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{17}\text{FNO}^+\cdot\text{Cl}^-$
 $M_r = 245.72$ Monoclinic, $P2_1$
 $a = 7.697$ (4) Å $b = 5.958$ (3) Å
 $c = 13.393$ (8) Å
 $\beta = 95.505$ (5)°
 $V = 611.4$ (6) Å³
 $Z = 2$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.30$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 298$ K
 $0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.20$ mm*Data collection*Rigaku Mercury diffractometer
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(Jacobson, 1998)
 $T_{\min} = 0.863$, $T_{\max} = 0.939$ 6813 measured reflections
2421 independent reflections
2163 reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$ *Refinement* $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.065$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.203$
 $S = 1.13$
2421 reflections
158 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.54$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.37$ e Å⁻³
Absolute structure: Flack (1983),
938 Friedel Pairs
Flack parameter: -0.11 (13)**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{Cl1}^i$	0.81 (7)	2.35 (7)	3.114 (4)	160 (6)
$\text{N1}-\text{H11}\cdots\text{Cl1}$	0.83 (5)	2.56 (5)	3.234 (5)	140 (4)
$\text{N1}-\text{H12}\cdots\text{Cl1}^{ii}$	0.84 (5)	2.41 (5)	3.144 (5)	147 (6)

Symmetry codes: (i) $x - 1, y, z$; (ii) $x, y + 1, z$.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Pflugrath, 1999); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2006); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *X-SEED* (Barbour, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *CrystalStructure*.

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S1. Comment

The title compound (I), is a degradation impurity of paroxetine hydrochloride hemihydrate, an orally administered psychotropic drug (PAXIL) (Barnes *et al.*, 1988). The crystal structure of paroxetine hydrochloride hemihydrate has been reported (Ibers, 1999). Herein, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of (I).

Compound (I) was isolated during degradation studies of paroxetine hydrochloride hemihydrate. The paroxetine drug is available in the market as hemihydrate. However, compound (I) is in the anhydrous form, Fig. 1. Similar to the paroxetine hydrochloride salt with protonation having taken place on the basic piperidine ring, the degradation impurity also exists as a hydrochloride salt. The absolute configurations of C7 and C8 atoms were established as *R* and *S*, respectively, consistent with paroxetine hydrochloride hemihydrate. The six-membered piperidinium ring is in the usual chair conformation with the hydroxylmethyl and 4-fluorophenyl in equatorial positions. The crystal packing shows the formation of a molecular tape along the *b* axis through the charge-assisted N⁺—H···Cl hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2 and Table 1). The tapes thus formed are connected by O—H···Cl⁻ hydrogen bonds along the *a* axis.

S2. Experimental

Paroxetine hydrochloride hemihydrate (1.5 gr, 3.5 mmol) was taken in a conical flask and dissolved in acetonitrile and tetrahydrofuran solvent mixture (1:1, 20 ml *v/v*). About 80 ml of 3% hydrogen peroxide was added to the solution and stirred at 60 °C for 48 h. Chloroform and water was added to the solution and the organic and aqueous layers were separated using separating flask. Benzene was added to the aqueous layer and the product (I) was isolated by drying the solution. Single crystals were obtained during purification of (I) from chloroform and methanol. The product was characterized by mass spectroscopy (*M*+1 at *m/z* 210) and NMR.

S3. Refinement

The H atoms bonded to the N and O atoms were located in a difference map and refined isotropically, see Table 1 for distances. The remaining H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined in the riding model approximation with C—H = 0.93 - 0.97 Å, and with *U*(H) set to 1.2*U*_{eq}(C).

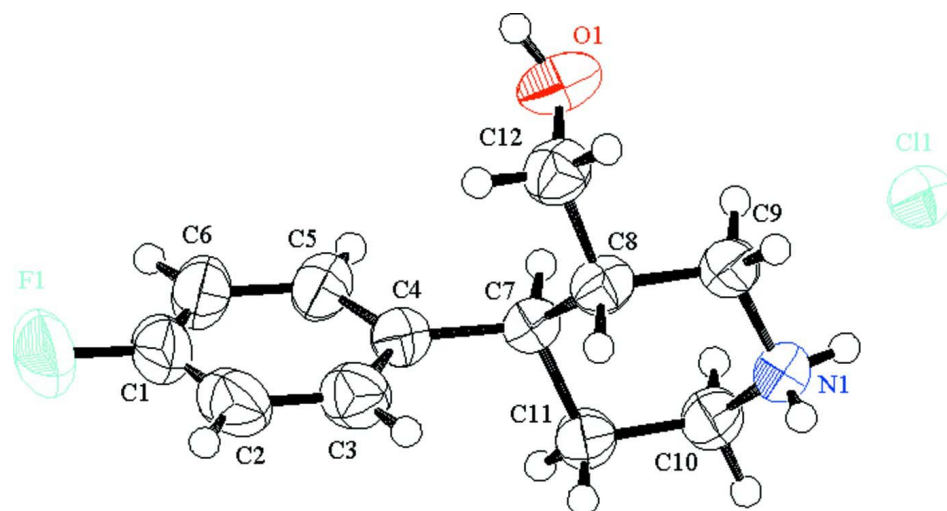
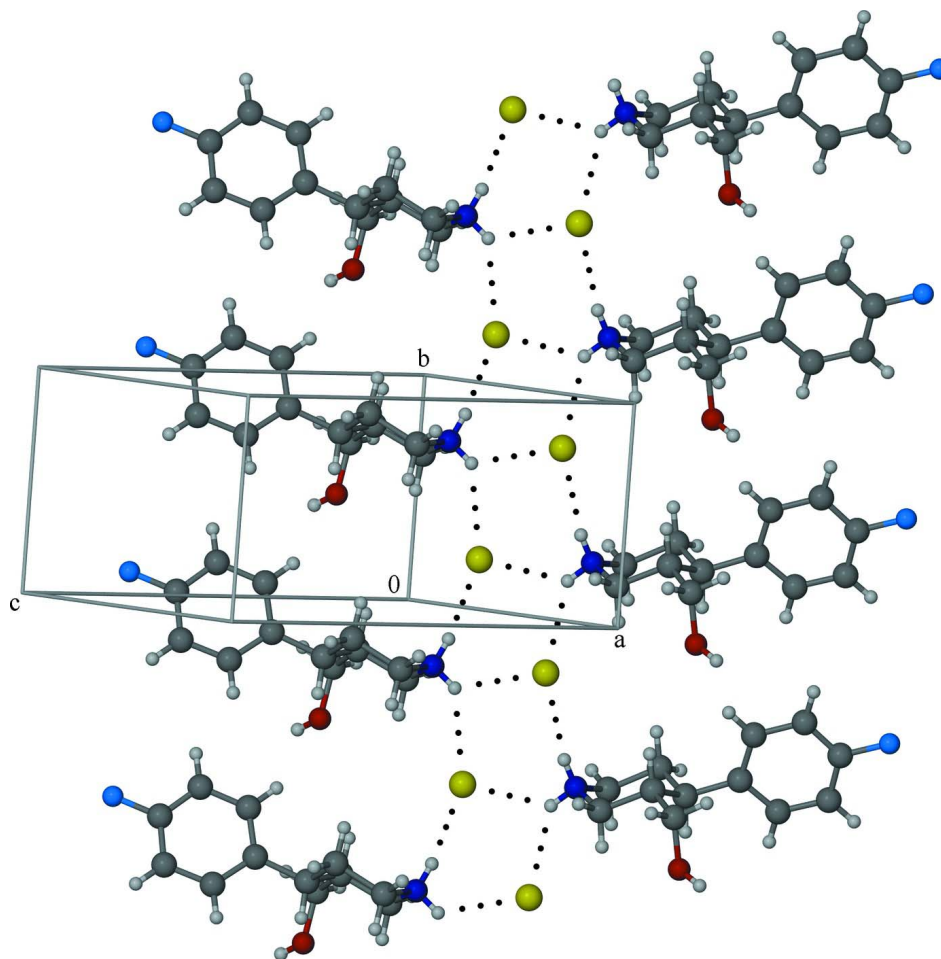


Figure 1

Molecular structure of (I) showing the atom numbering scheme. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H-atoms are shown by small circles of arbitrary radii.

**Figure 2**

Crystal packing for (I). The molecular tape is sustained through the charge-assisted $N^+—H\cdots Cl$ hydrogen bonds, shown as dashed lines.

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$Z = 2$

$F(000) = 260.00$

$D_x = 1.335\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71070\ \text{\AA}$

Cell parameters from 3399 reflections

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$\mu = 0.30\ \text{mm}^{-1}$

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Block, colorless

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 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.4^\circ$

$h = -9 \rightarrow 9$
 $k = -5 \rightarrow 7$
 $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
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 $wR(F^2) = 0.203$
 $S = 1.13$
 2421 reflections
 158 parameters
 0 restraints
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent
 and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1198P)^2 + 0.1259P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.006$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.54 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.37 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 938 Friedel
 Pairs
 Absolute structure parameter: $-0.11 (13)$

Special details

Geometry. Bond distances, angles *etc.* have been calculated using the rounded fractional coordinates. All su's are estimated from the variances of the (full) variance-covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account in the estimation of distances, angles and torsion angles

Refinement. Refinement was performed using all reflections. The weighted R -factor (wR) and goodness of fit (S) are based on F^2 . R -factor (gt) are based on F . The threshold expression of $F^2 > 2.0 \sigma(F^2)$ is used only for calculating R -factor (gt).

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
F1	-0.4169 (4)	1.0551 (8)	0.5003 (3)	0.1111 (13)
O1	-0.1239 (4)	0.4486 (7)	0.1385 (3)	0.0778 (11)
N1	0.3679 (4)	0.7472 (8)	0.1251 (2)	0.0576 (10)
C1	-0.2900 (5)	0.9849 (10)	0.4441 (4)	0.0738 (16)
C2	-0.2390 (6)	1.1230 (9)	0.3728 (4)	0.0764 (14)
C3	-0.1118 (5)	1.0490 (8)	0.3135 (3)	0.0651 (12)
C4	-0.0374 (4)	0.8397 (6)	0.3271 (2)	0.0505 (10)
C5	-0.0914 (5)	0.7080 (9)	0.4028 (2)	0.0584 (11)
C6	-0.2175 (5)	0.7774 (10)	0.4632 (3)	0.0715 (16)
C7	0.0988 (3)	0.7497 (7)	0.2628 (2)	0.0460 (9)
C8	0.0506 (4)	0.7783 (6)	0.1502 (2)	0.0504 (10)
C9	0.1889 (4)	0.6685 (7)	0.0934 (2)	0.0545 (11)
C10	0.4156 (4)	0.7361 (10)	0.2348 (2)	0.0583 (10)
C11	0.2796 (4)	0.8529 (7)	0.2909 (2)	0.0545 (10)
C12	-0.1260 (5)	0.6790 (8)	0.1137 (3)	0.0607 (14)
Cl1	0.50505 (12)	0.23916 (19)	0.10014 (7)	0.0599 (3)
H1	-0.216 (9)	0.388 (14)	0.144 (5)	0.11 (2)*
H2	-0.28790	1.26510	0.36350	0.0910*
H3	-0.07640	1.14260	0.26370	0.0780*
H5	-0.04120	0.56700	0.41370	0.0700*
H6	-0.25160	0.68700	0.51450	0.0860*
H7	0.10910	0.58820	0.27590	0.0550*
H8	0.04830	0.93910	0.13470	0.0600*
H11	0.432 (6)	0.658 (9)	0.099 (3)	0.062 (14)*

H12	0.378 (10)	0.869 (7)	0.095 (5)	0.12 (2)*
H91	0.18390	0.50730	0.10290	0.0650*
H92	0.16270	0.69860	0.02230	0.0650*
H101	0.52820	0.80710	0.25100	0.0700*
H102	0.42530	0.58030	0.25570	0.0700*
H111	0.27690	1.01140	0.27430	0.0650*
H112	0.31030	0.83830	0.36250	0.0650*
H121	-0.21760	0.75500	0.14550	0.0730*
H122	-0.14830	0.69780	0.04160	0.0730*

Atomic displacement parameters (Å²)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
F1	0.0734 (18)	0.145 (3)	0.120 (2)	0.001 (2)	0.0353 (17)	-0.061 (2)
O1	0.0611 (19)	0.076 (2)	0.094 (2)	-0.0245 (16)	-0.0043 (17)	0.0047 (18)
N1	0.0510 (15)	0.0604 (19)	0.0638 (17)	-0.0101 (18)	0.0179 (13)	-0.010 (2)
C1	0.050 (2)	0.095 (4)	0.078 (2)	-0.005 (2)	0.0143 (19)	-0.031 (2)
C2	0.065 (2)	0.066 (2)	0.097 (3)	0.009 (2)	0.002 (2)	-0.026 (2)
C3	0.064 (2)	0.057 (2)	0.074 (2)	0.0021 (19)	0.0046 (19)	-0.002 (2)
C4	0.0491 (17)	0.0488 (19)	0.0537 (17)	-0.0014 (15)	0.0063 (14)	-0.0020 (15)
C5	0.0510 (17)	0.069 (2)	0.0563 (18)	-0.0044 (18)	0.0103 (14)	0.0036 (19)
C6	0.058 (2)	0.097 (4)	0.062 (2)	-0.010 (2)	0.0187 (16)	-0.010 (2)
C7	0.0420 (14)	0.0472 (16)	0.0491 (15)	-0.0047 (16)	0.0056 (11)	-0.0011 (16)
C8	0.0494 (16)	0.052 (2)	0.0494 (16)	-0.0049 (14)	0.0024 (12)	0.0050 (14)
C9	0.055 (2)	0.060 (2)	0.0492 (17)	-0.0112 (15)	0.0088 (14)	-0.0045 (15)
C10	0.0421 (15)	0.070 (2)	0.0624 (19)	-0.004 (2)	0.0035 (13)	-0.011 (2)
C11	0.0438 (17)	0.067 (2)	0.0523 (17)	-0.0049 (16)	0.0025 (13)	-0.0104 (18)
C12	0.052 (2)	0.072 (3)	0.057 (2)	-0.0043 (17)	-0.0006 (15)	0.0019 (18)
C11	0.0573 (4)	0.0551 (5)	0.0682 (5)	-0.0063 (4)	0.0106 (3)	-0.0025 (4)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

F1—C1	1.355 (6)	C8—C12	1.520 (5)
O1—C12	1.412 (6)	C10—C11	1.515 (5)
O1—H1	0.81 (7)	C2—H2	0.9300
N1—C10	1.481 (4)	C3—H3	0.9300
N1—C9	1.479 (5)	C5—H5	0.9300
N1—H12	0.84 (5)	C6—H6	0.9300
N1—H11	0.83 (5)	C7—H7	0.9800
C1—C6	1.370 (8)	C8—H8	0.9800
C1—C2	1.347 (8)	C9—H91	0.9700
C2—C3	1.390 (6)	C9—H92	0.9700
C3—C4	1.377 (6)	C10—H101	0.9700
C4—C5	1.377 (5)	C10—H102	0.9700
C4—C7	1.517 (4)	C11—H111	0.9700
C5—C6	1.385 (6)	C11—H112	0.9700
C7—C11	1.535 (4)	C12—H121	0.9700
C7—C8	1.528 (4)	C12—H122	0.9700

C8—C9	1.515 (5)		
C12—O1—H1	118 (6)	C4—C5—H5	119.00
C9—N1—C10	114.0 (3)	C6—C5—H5	119.00
C9—N1—H12	105 (5)	C1—C6—H6	121.00
C10—N1—H11	107 (3)	C5—C6—H6	121.00
H11—N1—H12	106 (6)	C4—C7—H7	107.00
C10—N1—H12	119 (5)	C8—C7—H7	107.00
C9—N1—H11	105 (3)	C11—C7—H7	107.00
F1—C1—C2	118.7 (5)	C7—C8—H8	108.00
F1—C1—C6	118.5 (5)	C9—C8—H8	108.00
C2—C1—C6	122.8 (4)	C12—C8—H8	108.00
C1—C2—C3	118.7 (5)	N1—C9—H91	109.00
C2—C3—C4	121.2 (4)	N1—C9—H92	109.00
C3—C4—C7	123.1 (3)	C8—C9—H91	109.00
C5—C4—C7	119.4 (3)	C8—C9—H92	109.00
C3—C4—C5	117.5 (3)	H91—C9—H92	108.00
C4—C5—C6	122.5 (5)	N1—C10—H101	109.00
C1—C6—C5	117.1 (4)	N1—C10—H102	109.00
C8—C7—C11	109.0 (2)	C11—C10—H101	109.00
C4—C7—C11	112.3 (3)	C11—C10—H102	110.00
C4—C7—C8	113.9 (2)	H101—C10—H102	108.00
C9—C8—C12	108.7 (3)	C7—C11—H111	110.00
C7—C8—C9	109.4 (2)	C7—C11—H112	110.00
C7—C8—C12	113.5 (3)	C10—C11—H111	110.00
N1—C9—C8	113.5 (3)	C10—C11—H112	110.00
N1—C10—C11	110.7 (3)	H111—C11—H112	108.00
C7—C11—C10	110.4 (3)	O1—C12—H121	110.00
O1—C12—C8	108.3 (3)	O1—C12—H122	110.00
C1—C2—H2	121.00	C8—C12—H121	110.00
C3—C2—H2	121.00	C8—C12—H122	110.00
C2—C3—H3	119.00	H121—C12—H122	108.00
C4—C3—H3	119.00		
C10—N1—C9—C8	51.5 (5)	C5—C4—C7—C11	-103.8 (4)
C9—N1—C10—C11	-52.1 (6)	C4—C5—C6—C1	0.8 (6)
F1—C1—C2—C3	-178.5 (4)	C4—C7—C8—C9	-176.0 (3)
C6—C1—C2—C3	2.4 (8)	C4—C7—C8—C12	-54.5 (4)
F1—C1—C6—C5	178.4 (4)	C11—C7—C8—C9	57.7 (4)
C2—C1—C6—C5	-2.5 (7)	C11—C7—C8—C12	179.3 (3)
C1—C2—C3—C4	-0.5 (7)	C4—C7—C11—C10	172.4 (3)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-1.1 (6)	C8—C7—C11—C10	-60.4 (4)
C2—C3—C4—C7	178.6 (4)	C7—C8—C9—N1	-53.7 (4)
C3—C4—C5—C6	1.0 (5)	C12—C8—C9—N1	-178.2 (3)
C7—C4—C5—C6	-178.8 (3)	C7—C8—C12—O1	-58.0 (4)
C3—C4—C7—C8	-48.1 (5)	C9—C8—C12—O1	64.0 (4)
C3—C4—C7—C11	76.5 (4)	N1—C10—C11—C7	56.7 (5)
C5—C4—C7—C8	131.7 (3)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<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>
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