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Crystal structure and Hirshfeld surface analysis of 3,6-bis(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine dihydrate

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In the title compound, $C_{10}H_8N_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ or $H_2bmtz \cdot 2H_2O$ [bmtz = 3,6-bis(2'pyrimidyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine], the asymmetric unit consists of one-half molecule of H₂bmtz and one water molecule, the whole H₂bmtz molecule being generated by a crystallographic twofold rotation axis passing through the middle point of the 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine moiety. In the crystal, $N-H\cdots O$, $N-H\cdots N$, O-H···O hydrogen bonds and aromatic π - π stacking interactions link the components into a three-dimensional supramolecular network. Hirshfeld surface analysis was used to further investigate the intermolecular interactions in the crystal structure.

1. Chemical context

The chemistry of nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds has attracted the attention of the scientific community for over a century. Many compounds of this class are bioactive (Jubeen et al., 2018) and show promising pharmacological properties (Alcaide et al., 2016; Varano et al., 2016). Among these, numerous pyrimidine derivatives have been studied extensively in the context of synthetic organic chemistry and coordination chemistry (Kaim, 2002). For instance, the tetrazinebased ligand 3,6-bis(2'-pyrimidyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (bmtz) has been used as a polydentate ligand for the formation of silver(I) coordination polymers (Chainok et al., 2012) and for the self-assembly of the highly stable Fe^{II} pentagonal metallacycles (Giles et al., 2011). Herein, the crystal and molecular structures of the dihydrotetrazine-based compound 3,6-bis-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine dihydrate, $C_{10}H_8N_8 \cdot 2H_2O$ or $H_2bmtz \cdot 2H_2O$ (I), is described along with an analysis of its Hirshfeld surface.





The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The asym-

2. Structural commentary

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0.85(1)

0.93

 $N4-H4\cdots N2^{ii}$

 $C2-H2\cdots O1^{iii}$

Table 1 Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).						
$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}\cdot$		
$\overline{\begin{array}{c} O1 - H1A \cdots O1^{i} \\ O1 - H1B \cdots N1 \end{array}}$	0.88(1) 0.86(1)	1.81 (1) 2.15 (4)	2.642 (4) 2.863 (3)	156 (2) 140 (5)		

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

2.57 (1)

2.43

3.221 (1)

3.278 (3)

generated by a crystallographic twofold rotation axis passing through the middle point of the 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine moiety. The H₂bmtz molecule is therefore not planar (r.m.s. deviation from planarity = 0.598 Å) with a C4–C5–N3–N4ⁱ torsion angle of 178.46 (14)° [symmetry code: (i) -x, y, $\frac{3}{2} - z$]. The pyrimidine rings are twisted with respect to each other, making a dihedral angle of $43.67 (9)^\circ$. The 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5tetrazine moiety adopts a twist-boat conformation with a C5- $N3-N4^{i}-C5^{i}$ torsion angle of $-41.17 (17)^{\circ}$. The $N3-N4^{i}$ and C5-N4 bond lengths of 1.423 (2) and 1.395 (2) Å, confirm their single-bond character, while the C3-N5 bond length of 1.278 (2) Å, is consistent with a double bond (compare QORNAM, Glöckle et al., 2001; ZASTAQ, Chainok et al., 2012). The C–C and C–N bond lengths in the pyrimidine ring are characteristic for a delocalized double bond and a typical single bond (QORNAM, Glöckle et al., 2001).

3. Supramolecular features

In the crystal, the H₂bmtz molecules are stacked along [010] into columns through $\pi - \pi$ interactions between the pyrimidine rings [centroid-to-centroid distance = 3.726(2) Å]. At the same time, the water molecules are connected by $O-H \cdots O$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), resulting in the formation of a zigzag chain. These motifs are then connected together through N-H···O hydrogen bonds involving the tetrazine nitrogen atoms and the water molecules to form a sheet structure propagating in the *ab* plane, as shown in Fig. 2. The sheets are further linked into an overall three-dimensional



Figure 1

Molecular structure of (I) with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Unlabelled atoms are generated by the symmetry operation -x, y, 3/2 - z.





 $D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ 156 (2)

133 (2)

151

Partial packing diagram of (I), showing the $O-H \cdots O$ and $O-H \cdots N$ hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) and π - π stacking interactions propagating in the ab plane.

supramolecular network through N-H···N hydrogen bonds with an $R_2^2(10)$ ring motif, Fig. 3, which involve the dihydro nitrogen atoms and the pyrimidine nitrogen atoms. A weak $C-H \cdots O$ interaction is also noted (Table 1).

4. Hirshfeld surface analysis

To further quantify the nature of the intermolecular interactions present in the crystal structure, Hirshfeld surfaces (McKinnon et al., 2007) and their associated two-dimensional fingerprint plots (Spackman & McKinnon, 2002) were generated using CrystalExplorer17 (Turner et al., 2017). The shorter and longer contacts are indicated as red and blue spots, respectively, on the Hirshfeld surfaces, and contacts with distances approximately equal to the sum of the van der Waals radii are represented as white spots. The contribution of interatomic contacts to the d_{norm} surface of the title compound



Figure 3 Partial packing diagram of (I) viewed along the b axis, showing the N- $H \cdots N$ hydrogen bonds (dashed lines).

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Figure 4

Two-dimensional fingerprint plots of the title compound (I), showing (a) all interactions, and those delineated into (b) $H \cdots H$, (c) $H \cdots N/N \cdots H$, (d) $C \cdots N/N \cdots C$, (e) $H \cdots O/O \cdots H$, (f) $C \cdots C$, (g) $H \cdots C/C \cdots H$, and (h) $N \cdots N$ contacts [d_e and d_i represent the distances from a point on the Hirshfeld surface to the nearest atoms outside (external) and inside (internal) the surface, respectively].

is shown in Fig. 4. Analysis of the two-dimensional fingerprint plots, Fig. 4, reveals that $H \cdots H (36.8\%)$ contacts are the major contributors toward the Hirshfeld surface, whereas $H \cdots N/N \cdots H (26.1\%)$ contacts (*i.e.* $N-H \cdots N$) make a less significant contribution. The contribution of the $H \cdots O/O \cdots H (9.0\%)$ contacts (*i.e.* $C-H \cdots O$ and $O-H \cdots O$) and other contacts such as $C \cdots C (7.1\%)$ (*i.e.* $\pi-\pi$ stacking), $H \cdots C/C \cdots H (6.1\%)$ and $N \cdots N (4.7\%)$ make a small contribution to the entire Hirshfeld surface.

5. Database survey

A search of the Cambridge Crystallographic Database (CSD version 5.41, November 2019 update; Groom *et al.*, 2016) using *ConQuest* gave 4261 hits, reflecting the large number of pyrimidine-containing heterocyclic compounds that have been

characterized. However, searches for compounds related to H₂bmtz yielded just two hits for μ_2 -1,4-dihydro-3,6-bis[(2'-pyrimidyl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazine]bis[bis(triphenylphosphine)copper(I)] bis(tetrafluoridoborate) dichloromethane solvate (QORNAM, Glöckle *et al.*, 2001) and *catena*-[[μ_2 -3,6-di(pyr-imidin-2-yl)-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine][μ_2 -(dicyanoethen-ylidene)amido][(dicyanoethenylidene)amido]acetonitriledisilver(I)] (ZASTAQ, Chainok *et al.*, 2012).

6. Synthesis and crystallization

All commercially available chemicals and solvents were of reagent grade and were used as received without further purification. H_2 bmtz was synthesized according to a literature method (Kaim & Fees, 1995). Single crystals for X-ray struc-

ture analysis were obtained by recrystallization from mixed solvents of CH_2Cl_2/H_2O (1:1, ν/ν).

7. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. All H atoms were located in difference-Fourier maps: the carbon-bound H atoms were relocated to idealized positions and refined as riding atoms with C-H = 0.93 Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$. The 1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine and water H atoms were located in difference-Fourier maps and were constrained to N-H = 0.86 ± 0.01 Å with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$ and O-H = 0.84 ± 0.01 Å with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$, respectively.

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Table	2	
Experi	mental	details

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$C_{10}H_8N_8\cdot 2H_2O$
M _r	276.28
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, C2/c
Temperature (K)	296
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	23.4730 (12), 3.7262 (2), 13.9102 (7)
β (°)	95.687 (2)
$V(\dot{A}^3)$	1210.67 (11)
Z	4
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\mu \text{ (mm}^{-1})$	0.11
Crystal size (mm)	$0.32 \times 0.2 \times 0.2$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker D8 QUEST CMOS PHOTON II
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2016)
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.714, 0.746
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	11339, 1487, 1145
R _{int}	0.030
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\max} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	0.667
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.053, 0.174, 1.05
No. of reflections	1487
No. of parameters	103
No. of restraints	4
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max}, \Delta \rho_{\rm min} \ ({\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3})$	0.26, -0.39

Computer programs: APEX3 and SAINT (Bruker, 2016), SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a), SHELXL2018 (Sheldrick, 2015b) and OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).

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Computing details

Data collection: *APEX3* (Bruker, 2016); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2016); data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2016); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXT (Sheldrick, 2015a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2018* (Sheldrick, 2015b); molecular graphics: *OLEX2* (Dolomanov *et al.*, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: *OLEX2* (Dolomanov *et al.*, 2009).

3,6-Bis(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1,4-dihydro-1,2,4,5-tetrazine dihydrate

Crystal data	
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Data collection	
Bruker D8 QUEST CMOS PHOTON II diffractometer Radiation source: sealed x-ray tube Graphite monochromator Detector resolution: 7.39 pixels mm ⁻¹ φ and ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2016) $T_{min} = 0.714, T_{max} = 0.746$	11339 measured reflections 1487 independent reflections 1145 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.030$ $\theta_{max} = 28.3^{\circ}, \ \theta_{min} = 2.9^{\circ}$ $h = -30 \rightarrow 29$ $k = -4 \rightarrow 4$ $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$
Refinement Refinement on F^2 Least-squares matrix: full $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.053$ $wR(F^2) = 0.174$ S = 1.05 1487 reflections 103 parameters 4 restraints Primary atom site location: dual	Hydrogen site location: mixed H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1061P)^2 + 0.7279P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.26 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.39 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
01	0.21290 (11)	0.4286 (11)	0.71824 (16)	0.1166 (10)	
H1A	0.2318 (9)	0.594 (5)	0.7537 (16)	0.060 (8)*	
H1B	0.1796 (10)	0.400 (13)	0.738 (3)	0.19 (2)*	
N1	0.14093 (6)	0.2128 (5)	0.86243 (11)	0.0426 (4)	
N2	0.07173 (6)	0.2495 (4)	0.97609 (10)	0.0386 (4)	
N3	0.05508 (6)	0.4046 (4)	0.72282 (9)	0.0372 (4)	
N4	-0.00726 (6)	0.5326 (4)	0.83844 (9)	0.0381 (4)	
H4	-0.0111 (9)	0.481 (6)	0.8970 (8)	0.052 (6)*	
C1	0.17826 (8)	0.0798 (6)	0.93187 (14)	0.0488 (5)	
H1	0.215005	0.024291	0.916985	0.059*	
C2	0.16473 (8)	0.0213 (5)	1.02458 (14)	0.0468 (5)	
H2	0.190969	-0.077223	1.071768	0.056*	
C3	0.11048 (8)	0.1160 (5)	1.04382 (13)	0.0441 (5)	
Н3	0.100261	0.086189	1.106236	0.053*	
C4	0.08877 (6)	0.2840 (4)	0.88786 (11)	0.0327 (4)	
C5	0.04524 (7)	0.4139 (4)	0.81150 (11)	0.0323 (4)	

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

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U ³³	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
01	0.0846 (16)	0.196 (3)	0.0734 (14)	-0.0089 (18)	0.0266 (13)	-0.0020 (18)
N1	0.0327 (8)	0.0553 (9)	0.0399 (8)	0.0017 (6)	0.0047 (6)	-0.0006 (7)
N2	0.0387 (8)	0.0453 (8)	0.0319 (7)	0.0027 (6)	0.0038 (6)	0.0021 (6)
N3	0.0305 (7)	0.0496 (9)	0.0316 (7)	-0.0050 (6)	0.0040 (5)	-0.0019 (6)
N4	0.0353 (7)	0.0527 (9)	0.0263 (7)	0.0066 (6)	0.0039 (5)	-0.0024 (6)
C1	0.0348 (9)	0.0596 (12)	0.0516 (11)	0.0081 (8)	0.0020 (8)	-0.0018 (9)
C2	0.0453 (10)	0.0468 (10)	0.0460 (10)	0.0080 (8)	-0.0072 (8)	0.0021 (8)
C3	0.0503 (11)	0.0476 (10)	0.0342 (8)	0.0041 (8)	0.0034 (7)	0.0033 (7)
C4	0.0316 (8)	0.0331 (8)	0.0334 (8)	-0.0012 (6)	0.0029 (6)	-0.0029 (6)
C5	0.0313 (8)	0.0347 (8)	0.0312 (8)	-0.0022 (6)	0.0054 (6)	-0.0014 (6)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

O1—H1A	0.882 (10)	N4—H4	0.851 (9)	
O1—H1B	0.860 (10)	N4—C5	1.395 (2)	
N1—C1	1.334 (2)	C1—H1	0.9300	
N1C4	1.334 (2)	C1—C2	1.376 (3)	
N2—C3	1.339 (2)	C2—H2	0.9300	
N2—C4	1.334 (2)	C2—C3	1.373 (3)	

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N3—N4 ⁱ	1.423 (2)	C3—H3	0.9300
N3—C5	1.278 (2)	C4—C5	1.480 (2)
H1A—O1—H1B	109 (2)	C3—C2—C1	116.54 (16)
C1—N1—C4	115.86 (15)	C3—C2—H2	121.7
C4—N2—C3	116.00 (15)	N2—C3—C2	122.46 (16)
C5—N3—N4 ⁱ	111.21 (13)	N2—C3—H3	118.8
N3 ⁱ —N4—H4	110.2 (15)	C2—C3—H3	118.8
C5—N4—N3 ⁱ	113.47 (13)	N1C4C5	117.46 (14)
C5—N4—H4	111.5 (15)	N2C4N1	126.25 (15)
N1—C1—H1	118.6	N2C4C5	116.30 (14)
N1—C1—C2	122.79 (17)	N3C5N4	121.13 (14)
C2—C1—H1	118.6	N3C5C4	120.39 (14)
C1—C2—H2	121.7	N4C5C4	118.44 (13)
N1—C1—C2—C3	-1.6 (3)	N4 ⁱ —N3—C5—C4	178.46 (14)
N1—C4—C5—N3	10.4 (3)	C1—N1—C4—N2	3.1 (3)
N1—C4—C5—N4	-172.09 (16)	C1—N1—C4—C5	-176.87 (15)
N2—C4—C5—N4	-169.62 (15)	C1—C2—C3—N2	1.8 (3)
N3 ⁱ —N4—C5—N3	7.9 (2)	C3—N2—C4—N1	-3.0 (3)
N3 ⁱ —N4—C5—N3	41.7 (2)	C3—N2—C4—C5	176.97 (15)
N3 ⁱ —N4—C5—C4	-135.76 (15)	C4—N1—C1—C2	-0.6 (3)
N4 ⁱ —N3—C5—N4	1.0 (2)	C4—N2—C3—C2	0.4 (3)

Symmetry code: (i) -x, y, -z+3/2.

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —Н	Н…А	D····A	<i>D</i> —H… <i>A</i>
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Symmetry codes: (ii) -x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2; (iii) -x, -y+1, -z+2; (iv) x, -y, z+1/2.