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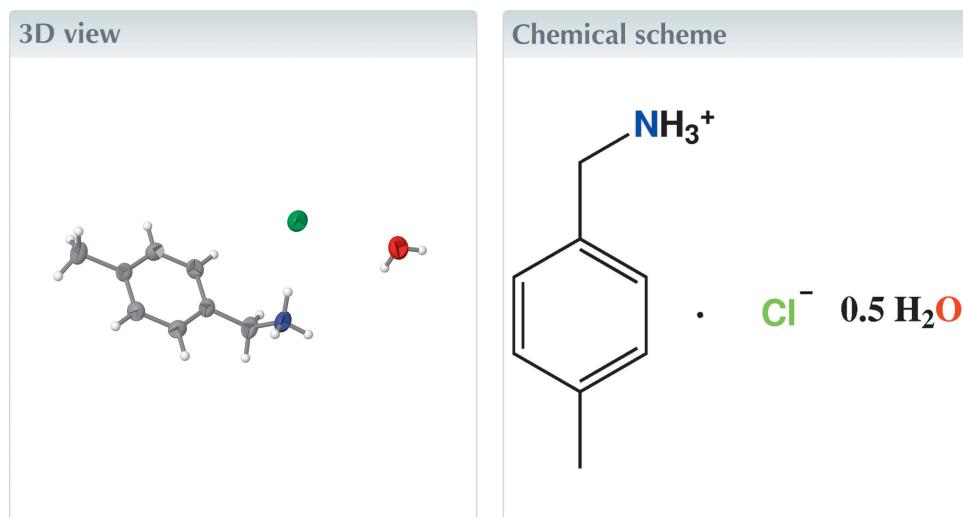
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In the title hydrated salt,  $C_8H_{12}N^+\cdot Cl^- \cdot 0.5H_2O$ , the water O atom lies on a crystallographic twofold axis. In the crystal, the cation, anion and water molecule are linked to one another *via* C—H···Cl, O—H···Cl, N—H···O and N—H···Cl hydrogen bonds. The crystal structure is further stabilized by two weak C—H···π interactions involving the benzene ring to form a three-dimensional network.



### Structure description

We report here the growth and single-crystal X-ray structure of 4-methylbenzylammonium chloride hemihydrate, prepared by the slow evaporation method. Derivatives of benzylamine act as good inhibitors for proteolytic enzymes, such as trypsin, plasmin and thrombin (Markwardt *et al.*, 2005). These derivatives are also used in the field of microelectronics (Sahbani *et al.*, 2017).

In the title hydrated salt (Fig. 1), the water O atom lies on a crystallographic twofold axis. In the crystal, the cation, anion and water molecule are linked to one another *via* C8—H8B···Cl<sup>i</sup>, O1—H1···Cl<sup>i</sup>, N1—H1D···O1<sup>ii</sup>, N1—H1E···Cl<sup>i</sup>, N1—H1F···Cl<sup>i</sup> and N1—H1F···Cl<sup>ii</sup> hydrogen bonds (see Fig. 2 and Table 1), generating layers lying parallel to the *bc* plane. Furthermore, the crystal structure is stabilized by C1—H1B···π<sup>iii</sup> and C8—H8A···π<sup>i</sup> weak interactions involving the C2—C7 benzene ring, to form a three-dimensional network (see Table 1).

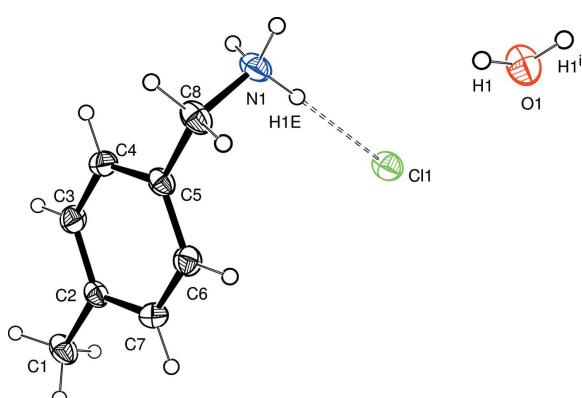
Souissi *et al.* (2010) have reported the crystal structure of (4-chlorophenyl)-methanaminium chloride hemihydrate, in which the water O atom lies on a crystallographic twofold axis.

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

$C_{\text{g}1}$  is the centroid of the C2–C7 benzene ring.

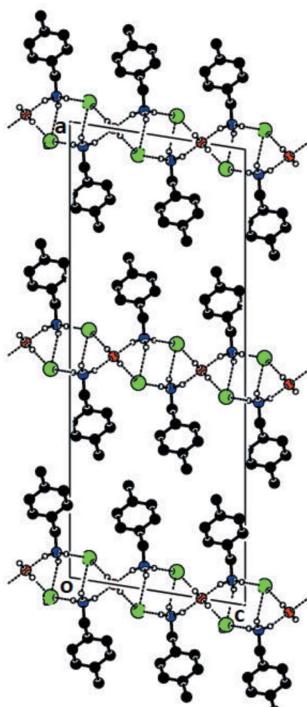
$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{C}8-\text{H}8B\cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{i}}$	0.97	2.96	3.5656 (16)	122
$\text{O}1-\text{H}1\cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{i}}$	0.86 (1)	2.27 (1)	3.1231 (13)	177 (2)
$\text{N}1-\text{H}1D\cdots \text{O}1^{\text{ii}}$	0.92 (1)	1.98 (2)	2.8707 (18)	163 (2)
$\text{N}1-\text{H}1E\cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{i}}$	0.93 (1)	2.22 (1)	3.1531 (15)	177 (2)
$\text{N}1-\text{H}1F\cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{i}}$	0.91 (1)	2.85 (2)	3.4430 (15)	124 (2)
$\text{N}1-\text{H}1F\cdots \text{Cl}^{\text{ii}}$	0.91 (1)	2.52 (2)	3.2733 (13)	141 (2)
$\text{C}1-\text{H}1B\cdots \text{C}_{\text{g}1}^{\text{iii}}$	0.96	2.64	3.5656 (16)	162
$\text{C}8-\text{H}8A\cdots \text{C}_{\text{g}1}^{\text{i}}$	0.97	2.91	3.4693 (16)	118

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



**Figure 1**

A view of the components of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dotted lines. [Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ .]



**Figure 2**

The crystal structure of (I), viewed down the  $b$  axis, showing the formation of hydrogen bonding. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

**Table 2**  
Experimental details.

Crystal data	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{N}^+\cdot\text{Cl}^-\cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{N}^+\cdot\text{Cl}^-\cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$
$M_r$	166.65
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $C2/c$
Temperature (K)	296
$a, b, c$ (Å)	30.5325 (14), 4.8966 (2), 11.8973 (5)
$\beta$ ( $^\circ$ )	99.067 (2)
$V$ (Å $^3$ )	1756.49 (13)
$Z$	4
Radiation type	Mo $K\alpha$
$\mu$ (mm $^{-1}$ )	0.37
Crystal size (mm)	0.20 $\times$ 0.20 $\times$ 0.15
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2004)
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.703, 0.747
No. of measured, independent and observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ] reflections	14479, 2985, 2030
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.029
$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\text{max}}$ (Å $^{-1}$ )	0.761
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.041, 0.118, 1.04
No. of reflections	2985
No. of parameters	112
No. of restraints	7
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å $^{-3}$ )	0.26, -0.25

Computer programs: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2004), *SAINT* (Bruker, 2004), *XPREP* (Bruker, 2004), *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993), *ORTEP-3* for Windows (Farrugia, 2012), *PLATON* (Spek, 2015), *SHELXL2017* (Sheldrick, 2015) and *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

## Synthesis and crystallization

A solution of 4-methylbenzylamine (2 mmol, 0.242 g) was dissolved in dilute HCl (10 ml, 1 mol) and CaCl<sub>2</sub> (1 mmol, 0.147 g) was added. The resulting clear solution was stirred for 3 h and left to stand at room temperature. Colourless single crystals of the title compound were obtained after 15 d.

## Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. ‘DFIX 0.85 0.02 O1 H1’ was used to fix the water O–H distance. ‘DFIX 0.90 0.02 N1 H1D N1 H1E N1 H1F’ was used to fix the N–H distances in the –NH<sub>3</sub> group. ‘DFIX 1.48 0.02 H1D H1E H1E H1F H1F H1D’ was used to fix the three H· · · H distances in the –NH<sub>3</sub> group. The remaining H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H = 0.93 (aromatic), 0.97 (–CH<sub>2</sub>–) and 0.96 Å (–CH<sub>3</sub>), and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2\text{--}1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

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# full crystallographic data

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#### Crystal data



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$b = 4.8966$  (2) Å

$c = 11.8973$  (5) Å

$\beta = 99.067$  (2)°

$V = 1756.49$  (13) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 712$

$D_x = 1.260$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Melting point: 533(3) K

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

Cell parameters from 3525 reflections

$\theta = 2.7\text{--}27.2$ °

$\mu = 0.37$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 296$  K

Block, colourless

0.20 × 0.20 × 0.15 mm

#### Data collection

Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

$\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scan

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(SADABS; Bruker, 2004)

$T_{\min} = 0.703$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.747$

14479 measured reflections

2985 independent reflections

2030 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$

$\theta_{\max} = 32.7$ °,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.7$ °

$h = -43\text{--}44$

$k = -7\text{--}7$

$l = -17\text{--}17$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$

$wR(F^2) = 0.118$

$S = 1.04$

2985 reflections

112 parameters

7 restraints

Hydrogen site location: mixed

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0474P)^2 + 1.1506P]$

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

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.26$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

#### 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.

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.27846 (5)	1.1363 (3)	0.66526 (16)	0.0457 (4)
H1A	0.250753	1.104215	0.616561	0.069*
H1B	0.289350	1.314261	0.650098	0.069*
H1C	0.274153	1.126064	0.743349	0.069*
C2	0.31162 (5)	0.9233 (3)	0.64291 (13)	0.0329 (3)
C3	0.34309 (5)	0.8260 (3)	0.73017 (13)	0.0381 (3)
H3	0.343895	0.894951	0.803292	0.046*
C4	0.37344 (5)	0.6277 (3)	0.71083 (13)	0.0370 (3)
H4	0.394078	0.564484	0.771108	0.044*
C5	0.37334 (4)	0.5229 (3)	0.60280 (12)	0.0317 (3)
C6	0.34264 (5)	0.6250 (3)	0.51457 (13)	0.0380 (3)
H6	0.342469	0.560761	0.440939	0.046*
C7	0.31220 (5)	0.8218 (3)	0.53477 (13)	0.0385 (3)
H7	0.291774	0.886742	0.474401	0.046*
C8	0.40494 (5)	0.2992 (3)	0.58295 (16)	0.0409 (4)
H8A	0.406778	0.167653	0.644475	0.049*
H8B	0.393489	0.205408	0.512626	0.049*
N1	0.44988 (4)	0.4038 (3)	0.57608 (13)	0.0409 (3)
O1	0.500000	0.2659 (4)	0.250000	0.0520 (4)
Cl1	0.45068 (2)	0.86388 (8)	0.39101 (4)	0.04364 (13)
H1	0.4865 (6)	0.151 (3)	0.2865 (16)	0.052*
H1D	0.4625 (7)	0.492 (4)	0.6416 (12)	0.066 (6)*
H1E	0.4504 (7)	0.535 (4)	0.5197 (14)	0.073 (7)*
H1F	0.4686 (6)	0.265 (3)	0.5654 (16)	0.071 (7)*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0397 (8)	0.0368 (8)	0.0643 (11)	0.0070 (7)	0.0201 (8)	0.0028 (7)
C2	0.0297 (6)	0.0284 (6)	0.0425 (8)	-0.0003 (5)	0.0118 (6)	0.0024 (6)
C3	0.0424 (8)	0.0394 (8)	0.0335 (7)	0.0055 (6)	0.0094 (6)	-0.0025 (6)
C4	0.0359 (7)	0.0396 (8)	0.0348 (7)	0.0062 (6)	0.0033 (6)	0.0029 (6)
C5	0.0282 (6)	0.0269 (6)	0.0413 (7)	-0.0016 (5)	0.0102 (5)	-0.0008 (6)
C6	0.0388 (8)	0.0425 (8)	0.0334 (7)	0.0013 (6)	0.0079 (6)	-0.0050 (6)
C7	0.0339 (7)	0.0425 (8)	0.0379 (8)	0.0057 (6)	0.0022 (6)	0.0041 (6)
C8	0.0372 (8)	0.0296 (7)	0.0590 (10)	0.0006 (6)	0.0173 (7)	-0.0025 (7)
N1	0.0312 (6)	0.0389 (7)	0.0543 (8)	0.0075 (6)	0.0117 (6)	0.0026 (6)
O1	0.0542 (11)	0.0444 (10)	0.0619 (11)	0.000	0.0227 (9)	0.000
Cl1	0.0389 (2)	0.0404 (2)	0.0523 (2)	0.00223 (16)	0.00932 (16)	0.00296 (17)

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

C1—C2	1.506 (2)	C6—C7	1.386 (2)
C1—H1A	0.9600	C6—H6	0.9300
C1—H1B	0.9600	C7—H7	0.9300

C1—H1C	0.9600	C8—N1	1.479 (2)
C2—C7	1.382 (2)	C8—H8A	0.9700
C2—C3	1.383 (2)	C8—H8B	0.9700
C3—C4	1.386 (2)	N1—H1D	0.921 (13)
C3—H3	0.9300	N1—H1E	0.931 (14)
C4—C5	1.384 (2)	N1—H1F	0.911 (14)
C4—H4	0.9300	O1—H1	0.855 (14)
C5—C6	1.386 (2)	O1—H1 <sup>i</sup>	0.855 (14)
C5—C8	1.503 (2)		
C2—C1—H1A	109.5	C7—C6—H6	119.6
C2—C1—H1B	109.5	C5—C6—H6	119.6
H1A—C1—H1B	109.5	C2—C7—C6	121.25 (14)
C2—C1—H1C	109.5	C2—C7—H7	119.4
H1A—C1—H1C	109.5	C6—C7—H7	119.4
H1B—C1—H1C	109.5	N1—C8—C5	112.37 (12)
C7—C2—C3	117.75 (13)	N1—C8—H8A	109.1
C7—C2—C1	121.40 (14)	C5—C8—H8A	109.1
C3—C2—C1	120.85 (14)	N1—C8—H8B	109.1
C2—C3—C4	121.34 (14)	C5—C8—H8B	109.1
C2—C3—H3	119.3	H8A—C8—H8B	107.9
C4—C3—H3	119.3	C8—N1—H1D	112.5 (13)
C5—C4—C3	120.70 (14)	C8—N1—H1E	113.5 (14)
C5—C4—H4	119.7	H1D—N1—H1E	103.5 (16)
C3—C4—H4	119.7	C8—N1—H1F	110.9 (13)
C4—C5—C6	118.15 (13)	H1D—N1—H1F	106.4 (15)
C4—C5—C8	120.61 (14)	H1E—N1—H1F	109.6 (16)
C6—C5—C8	121.22 (14)	H1—O1—H1 <sup>i</sup>	98 (3)
C7—C6—C5	120.77 (14)		
C7—C2—C3—C4	-1.8 (2)	C8—C5—C6—C7	176.79 (14)
C1—C2—C3—C4	179.25 (14)	C3—C2—C7—C6	1.3 (2)
C2—C3—C4—C5	0.6 (2)	C1—C2—C7—C6	-179.75 (15)
C3—C4—C5—C6	1.1 (2)	C5—C6—C7—C2	0.4 (2)
C3—C4—C5—C8	-177.28 (14)	C4—C5—C8—N1	-80.09 (18)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-1.6 (2)	C6—C5—C8—N1	101.57 (17)

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$ .

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