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# 5-Amino-1H-1,2,4-triazol-4-ium hydrogen oxalate

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 293 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å; R factor = 0.060; wR factor = 0.194; data-to-parameter ratio = 27.4.

In the title salt,  $C_2H_5N_4^+ \cdot C_2HO_4^-$ , the hydrogen oxalate anions form corrugated chains parallel to the c axis, linked by intermolecular  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds. The 5-amino-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-4-ium cations are connected into centrosymmetric clusters via weak C-H···N hydrogen bonds forming nine-membered rings with an  $R_3^3(9)$  motif. These clusters are interconnected via anions through N-H···O hydrogen bonds, building a three-dimensional network.

#### **Related literature**

For the properties of triazoles, see: Li et al. (2004); Mernari et al. (1998); Bentiss et al. (1999). For graph-set notation of hydrogen bonding, see: Bernstein et al. (1995). For related structures, see: Matulková et al. (2007, 2008).



## **Experimental**

#### Crystal data

 $C_2H_5N_4^+ \cdot C_2HO_4^ M_r = 174.13$ Trigonal, R3 a = 23.093 (4) Å c = 6.603 (3) Å V = 3049.3 (16) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 18Ag  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\lambda = 0.56080 \text{ Å}$  $\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^-$ T = 293 K $0.35 \times 0.3 \times 0.25 \ \text{mm}$  1929 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

intensity decay: 1%

2 standard reflections every 120 min

mixture of

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.023$ 

Data collection

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Enraf-Nonius CAD-4
  diffractometer
3909 measured reflections
3313 independent reflections
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#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$	H atoms treated by a mixture o
$wR(F^2) = 0.194$	independent and constrained
S = 1.04	refinement
3313 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.50 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
121 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.42 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$D1 - H1 \cdots O3^{i}$	0.87 (3)	1.72 (3)	2.5845 (17)	174 (3)
$N1 - H2 \cdots O1^{H}$ $N1 - H3 \cdots O4^{H}$	0.86(3) 0.88(3)	2.29 (3) 2.06 (3)	3.087 (2) 2.925 (2)	155 (2) 171 (3)
$N2 - H4 \cdots O4^{iv}$ $N2 - H4 \cdots O2^{iv}$	0.86 0.86	2.09	2.892 (2) 2.878 (2)	154 127
$N3-H5\cdots O3^{iii}$	0.86	1.94	2.7652 (18)	161
$C4 - H6 \cdots N4^{v}$	0.93	2.41	3.313 (3)	165

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

Data collection: CAD-4 EXPRESS (Enraf-Nonius, 1994); cell refinement: CAD-4 EXPRESS; data reduction: XCAD4 (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 2012); software used to prepare material for publication: WinGX (Farrugia, 2012).

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## S1. Comment

Triazole derivatives are used in the synthesis of antibiotics, fungicides, herbicides, plant growth hormone regulators (Li *et al.*, 2004), and potentially good corrosion inhibitors (Mernari *et al.*, 1998; Bentiss *et al.*, 1999). Materials based on triazole compounds with dicarboxylic acids (4-amino-1,2,4-triazol-1-ium oxalate, adducts of 4-amino-1,2,4-triazole with succinic acid and adipic acid and 3-amino-1,2,4-triazolinium hydrogen *L*-tartrate) were also prepared and characterized as promising compounds in the field of non linear optics (Matulková *et al.*, 2008; Matulková *et al.*, 2007).

The asymmetric unit of the title salt (Fig. 1) contains a 5-amino-1,2,4-triazol-4-ium cation and an oxalate anion. The cation is monoprotonated at atom N2 and oxalic acid is mono-deprotonated. Geometrical parameters of the cation are found to be in agreement with those of other similar structures of 3-amino-1,2,4-triazolinium(1+) hydrogen *L*-tartrate (Matulková *et al.*, 2007).

The crystal structure is based on a three dimensional network of hydrogen oxalic acid anions interconnected by O—H…O hydrogen bonds with lengths of 2.585 Å.

Planar 5-amino-1,2,4-triazolinium cations are located in the cavities of the hydrogen oxalic acid network and connected with anions *via* linear and bifurcated N—H···O hydrogen bonds. The donor-acceptor distances in these hydrogen bonds attain values from 2.765 to 3.087 Å (Tab. 1 and Fig. 2).

The oxalate ion is maintained by moderate hydrogen bonds that link the oxygen atoms of oxalate ion and the hydrogen of the other oxalate into corrugated chains parallel to the *c* axis. In addition, there are weak C—H···N hydrogen bonds in the crystal structure between 5-amino-1,2,4-triazilium cations forming an  $R_3^3(9)$  motif (Fig. 2) (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). These cations are interconnected *via* anions through N—H···O hydrogen bonds, building a three dimensional network.

# S2. Experimental

An aqueous solution of  $H_2C_2O_4$  (2 mmol in 10 ml water) was added to an aqueous solution of 5-amino-1*H*-1,2,4-triazole (2 mmol in 10 ml of water). The obtained solution was stirred at 333 K for 30 min and then left to stand at room temperature. Colorless single crystals of the title compound were obtained after some days.

# **S3. Refinement**

The hydrogen atoms bonded to O1 and N1 were located from a difference map and were allowed to refine. The rest of the H atoms were treated as riding, with C—H = 0.93 Å and N—H = 0.86 Å and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C \text{ or } N)$ .



# Figure 1

An *ORTEP* view of the title salt with the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are represented as small spheres of arbitrary radii.



# Figure 2

A view of the hydrogen bonds (dotted lines) in the crystal structure of the title salt. H atoms non-participating in hydrogen- bonding were omitted for clarity.

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Crystal data

C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>·C<sub>2</sub>HO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>  $M_r = 174.13$ Trigonal,  $R\overline{3}$ Hall symbol: -R 3 a = 23.093 (4) Å c = 6.603 (3) Å V = 3049.3 (16) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 18F(000) = 1620

### Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4	$R_{\rm int} = 0.023$
diffractometer	$\theta_{\rm max} = 28.0^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\rm min} = 2.4^{\circ}$
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube	$h = -1 \rightarrow 33$
Graphite monochromator	$k = -1 \rightarrow 33$
non–profiled $\omega$ scans	$l = -11 \rightarrow 11$
3909 measured reflections	2 standard reflections every 120 min
3313 independent reflections	intensity decay: 1%
1929 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier Least-squares matrix: full map  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$ Hydrogen site location: inferred from  $wR(F^2) = 0.194$ neighbouring sites S = 1.04H atoms treated by a mixture of independent 3313 reflections and constrained refinement  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0979P)^2 + 1.6007P]$ 121 parameters 0 restraints where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ direct methods  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.50 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.42 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

## 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. **Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ .

**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.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$	
01	0.35441 (6)	-0.03841 (6)	0.4263 (2)	0.0279 (3)	
O4	0.50310 (6)	-0.02945 (6)	0.2759 (2)	0.0304 (3)	
O3	0.46709 (6)	0.04345 (6)	0.2350 (2)	0.0268 (3)	
02	0.37748 (7)	-0.12148 (6)	0.4035 (3)	0.0384 (4)	

 $D_x = 1.707 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Ag  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.56080 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 25 reflections  $\theta = 9-11^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.09 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 KPrism, colorless  $0.35 \times 0.3 \times 0.25 \text{ mm}$ 

N3	0.40979 (7)	-0.14645 (7)	-0.1112 (2)	0.0282 (3)	
Н5	0.4515	-0.1183	-0.1295	0.034*	
N1	0.36951 (8)	-0.06980 (8)	-0.0972 (3)	0.0310 (3)	
N2	0.30499 (7)	-0.18848 (8)	-0.0659 (3)	0.0308 (3)	
H4	0.2661	-0.1927	-0.0501	0.037*	
C3	0.36142 (7)	-0.13134 (8)	-0.0947 (2)	0.0228 (3)	
C2	0.46067 (7)	-0.01195 (7)	0.2875 (2)	0.0205 (3)	
C4	0.31868 (9)	-0.23999 (9)	-0.0656(3)	0.0338 (4)	
H6	0.2877	-0.2851	-0.0480	0.041*	
C1	0.39246 (8)	-0.06374 (7)	0.3785 (2)	0.0217 (3)	
N4	0.38176 (9)	-0.21484 (9)	-0.0939 (3)	0.0429 (4)	
H1	0.3155 (15)	-0.0699 (15)	0.467 (4)	0.054 (8)*	
Н3	0.4074 (14)	-0.0368 (14)	-0.142 (4)	0.049 (7)*	
H2	0.3342 (14)	-0.0667 (12)	-0.113 (4)	0.039 (6)*	

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$	
01	0.0205 (5)	0.0209 (5)	0.0446 (7)	0.0121 (4)	0.0104 (5)	0.0068 (5)	
O4	0.0229 (5)	0.0301 (6)	0.0442 (7)	0.0179 (5)	0.0058 (5)	0.0057 (5)	
03	0.0183 (5)	0.0208 (5)	0.0405 (7)	0.0091 (4)	0.0014 (5)	0.0076 (5)	
02	0.0334 (7)	0.0216 (6)	0.0648 (10)	0.0172 (5)	0.0158 (6)	0.0122 (6)	
N3	0.0185 (6)	0.0235 (6)	0.0423 (8)	0.0103 (5)	0.0040 (5)	0.0025 (6)	
N1	0.0276 (7)	0.0244 (7)	0.0437 (9)	0.0149 (6)	-0.0001 (6)	0.0016 (6)	
N2	0.0159 (5)	0.0274 (7)	0.0448 (9)	0.0076 (5)	0.0030 (5)	0.0023 (6)	
C3	0.0170 (6)	0.0235 (7)	0.0270 (7)	0.0093 (5)	0.0004 (5)	-0.0004(5)	
C2	0.0177 (6)	0.0206 (6)	0.0237 (7)	0.0101 (5)	0.0000 (5)	0.0008 (5)	
C4	0.0219 (7)	0.0183 (7)	0.0541 (12)	0.0047 (6)	0.0015 (7)	0.0026 (7)	
C1	0.0203 (6)	0.0195 (6)	0.0279 (7)	0.0120 (5)	0.0022 (5)	0.0037 (5)	
N4	0.0336 (9)	0.0314 (8)	0.0665 (12)	0.0184 (7)	0.0035 (8)	0.0027 (8)	

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

01—C1	1.3143 (19)	N1—H3	0.88 (3)
01—H1	0.87 (3)	N1—H2	0.86 (3)
O4—C2	1.2351 (19)	N2—C3	1.325 (2)
O3—C2	1.2607 (18)	N2—C4	1.375 (2)
O2—C1	1.2099 (19)	N2—H4	0.8600
N3—C3	1.331 (2)	C2—C1	1.546 (2)
N3—N4	1.380 (2)	C4—N4	1.284 (3)
N3—H5	0.8600	С4—Н6	0.9300
N1—C3	1.338 (2)		
C1—O1—H1	110.1 (19)	N3—C3—N1	126.00 (15)
C3—N3—N4	108.56 (14)	O4—C2—O3	127.23 (15)
C3—N3—H5	125.7	O4—C2—C1	116.06 (13)
N4—N3—H5	125.7	O3—C2—C1	116.71 (13)
C3—N1—H3	118.4 (19)	N4—C4—N2	107.94 (15)

C3—N1—H2	117.1 (17)	N4—C4—H6	126.0
H3—N1—H2	118 (2)	N2C4H6	126.0
C3—N2—C4	108.94 (14)	O2-C1-O1	124.85 (15)
C3—N2—H4	125.5	O2—C1—C2	121.67 (14)
C4—N2—H4	125.5	O1—C1—C2	113.47 (12)
N2—C3—N3	106.69 (14)	C4—N4—N3	107.86 (15)
N2—C3—N1	127.24 (15)		
C4—N2—C3—N3	-0.3 (2)	O3—C2—C1—O2	168.06 (17)
C4—N2—C3—N1	-177.35 (19)	O4—C2—C1—O1	166.66 (15)
N4—N3—C3—N2	0.6 (2)	O3—C2—C1—O1	-12.8 (2)
N4—N3—C3—N1	177.71 (18)	N2-C4-N4-N3	0.5 (2)
C3—N2—C4—N4	-0.1 (2)	C3—N3—N4—C4	-0.7 (2)
O4—C2—C1—O2	-12.5 (2)		

# Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	$D \cdots A$	D—H···A
01—H1…O3 <sup>i</sup>	0.87 (3)	1.72 (3)	2.5845 (17)	174 (3)
N1—H2…O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.86 (3)	2.29 (3)	3.087 (2)	155 (2)
N1—H3····O4 <sup>iii</sup>	0.88 (3)	2.06 (3)	2.925 (2)	171 (3)
N2— $H4$ ···O4 <sup>iv</sup>	0.86	2.09	2.892 (2)	154
N2— $H4$ ···O2 <sup>iv</sup>	0.86	2.28	2.878 (2)	127
N3—H5…O3 <sup>iii</sup>	0.86	1.94	2.7652 (18)	161
C4—H6…N4 <sup>v</sup>	0.93	2.41	3.313 (3)	165

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