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## Creatinium perchlorate

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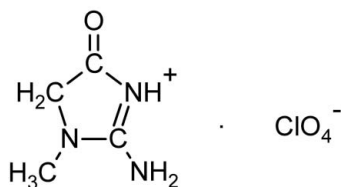
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.075;  $wR$  factor = 0.230; data-to-parameter ratio = 13.3.

The title compound,  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}^+\cdot\text{ClO}_4^-$ , is built up from creatinium cations and perchlorate anions. Crystal cohesion and perchlorate stability are ensured by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds that together with weak  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions build up a three-dimensional network.

## Related literature

For background on organic–inorganic hybrid materials, see: Benali-Cherif *et al.* (2004); Hill (1998); Kagan *et al.* (1999). For a related structure, see: Cherouana *et al.* (2003); Berrah *et al.* (2005). For interpretation of the solution acidity effect on NMR chemical shifts, see: Kotsyubynskyy *et al.* (2004).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

$\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{N}_3\text{O}^+\cdot\text{ClO}_4^-$   
 $M_r = 213.58$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$   
 $a = 5.8023$  (3) Å  
 $b = 20.7782$  (13) Å  
 $c = 7.3250$  (4) Å  
 $\beta = 107.947$  (4)°

$V = 840.14$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.45$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 $0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.10$  mm

## Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  
 Absorption correction: none  
 4080 measured reflections  
 1587 independent reflections  
 1209 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.126$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.075$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.230$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 1587 reflections  
 119 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.39$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.42$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$                               | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|--|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| $\text{N1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O4}$               | 0.86         | 2.18               | 2.905 (5)   | 142                  |
| $\text{N2}-\text{H2B}\cdots\text{O4}$              | 0.86         | 2.33               | 3.044 (6)   | 141                  |
| $\text{N2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$  | 0.86         | 2.31               | 3.077 (6)   | 148                  |
| $\text{N2}-\text{H2A}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$  | 0.86         | 2.52               | 3.186 (5)   | 136                  |
| $\text{N2}-\text{H2B}\cdots\text{O3}^{\text{iii}}$ | 0.86         | 2.39               | 2.947 (5)   | 123                  |
| $\text{C3}-\text{H3A}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$  | 0.96         | 2.51               | 3.455 (5)   | 168                  |
| $\text{C4}-\text{H4A}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{iv}}$  | 0.97         | 2.43               | 3.284 (5)   | 147                  |

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

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *SCALEPACK* and *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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## Creatinium perchlorate

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### S1. Comment

Studies of organic-inorganic hybrid materials, including amino acids and various inorganic acids (Benali-Cherif *et al.*, 2004), have received a great deal of attention in recent years, because of their electrical, magnetic and optical properties (Kagan *et al.*, 1999; Hill, 1998).

Creatinine is formed by the metabolism of phosphocreatine, a high-energy molecule which provides a rapid supply of ATP to muscles. Phosphocreatine is converted spontaneously to creatinine on a regular basis. Consequently, creatinine is released into the blood and excreted by the kidneys as a metabolic waste product.

The present structure analysis of creatinium perchlorate, (I), was undertaken as part of a more general investigation into the nature of hydrogen bonding between organic bases or amino acids and inorganic acids in their crystalline forms (Cherouana *et al.*, 2003).

In the present study, only the imino group of the imidazolyl moiety (atom N1) in creatinine is protonated, which confirms the possibility of the existence of creatinium cations in various tautomeric forms in aqueous solution. This is discussed and quantified in the light of the interpretation of the solution acidity effect on <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>14</sup>N NMR chemical shifts (Kotsyubynskyy *et al.*, 2004).

The asymmetric unit of (I) contains a monoprotinated creatinium cation and two perchlorate anions (Fig.1).

The bond distances in the imidazolyl ring of (I) are, in general, not significantly different from those found in similar hybrid compounds containing protonated imidazolyl moieties like creatinium nitrate (Berrah *et al.*, 2005). The creatinium ring is planar, as expected, with a mean deviation from planarity of 0.0017 Å.

The average Cl—O bond distances and O—Cl—O bond angles are 1.40625 (4) Å and 109.50 (3)°, respectively, confirming a tetrahedral configuration, similar to other perchlorates studied at low temperature. Perchlorate anions (ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>), surrounded by two creatinium residues *via* hydrogen bonds play an important role in stabilizing the crystal structure.

The cation-anion N—H—O interactions form sheet parallel to the (0 1 0) plane (Table 1, Fig.2). Weak C—H...O interactions further link the sheets to form a three dimensional network (Table 1).

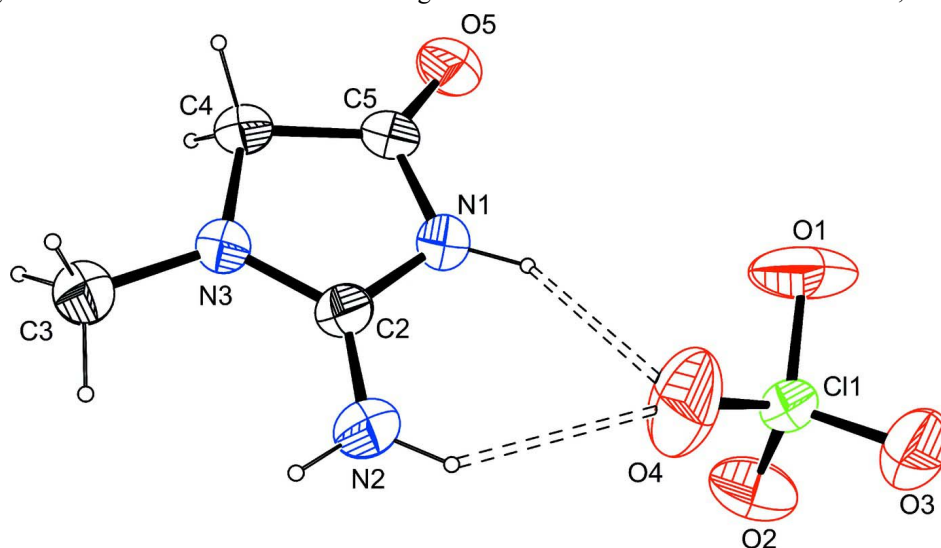
### S2. Experimental

The title compound (I) was crystallized by slow evaporation at room temperature of an aqueous solution of creatinine and perchloric acid in a 1:1 stoichiometric ratio.

### S3. Refinement

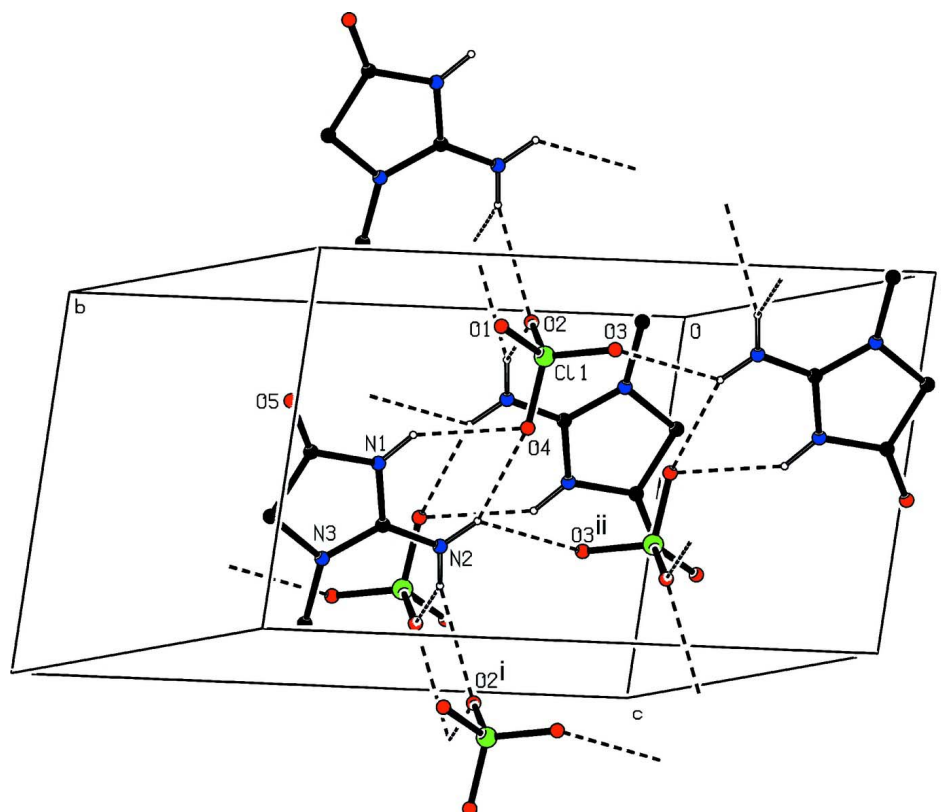
The title compound crystallizes in the centrosymmetric space group *P2<sub>1</sub>/n*. All non-H atoms were refined with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters. All H-atoms of the cation entities were located in difference Fourier syntheses and

refined as riding model with C—H and N—H bond lengths constrained to 0.96–0.97 Å and 0.834 Å, respectively.



**Figure 1**

Asymmetric unit and atom-numbering scheme of creatinium perchlorate. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. H atoms are represented as small sphere of arbitrary radii. H bonds are shown as dashed lines.

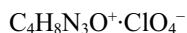


**Figure 2**

Partial packing view showing the hydrogen bond pattern between cation and anion. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, y, z+1$ ; (ii)  $2-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ]

## creatininium perchlorate

## Crystal data

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Cell parameters from 4863 reflections

 $\theta = 2.0\text{--}26.0^\circ$  $\mu = 0.45\ \text{mm}^{-1}$  $T = 293\ \text{K}$ 

Prism, colourless

 $0.10 \times 0.10 \times 0.10\ \text{mm}$ 

## Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD

diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

 $\omega$ - $\theta$  scans

4080 measured reflections

1587 independent reflections

1209 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.126$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\text{min}} = 2.0^\circ$  $h = -7 \rightarrow 6$  $k = -23 \rightarrow 25$  $l = -9 \rightarrow 9$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.075$  $wR(F^2) = 0.230$  $S = 1.05$ 

1586 reflections

119 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.139P)^2 + 0.288P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.003$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.39\ \text{e \AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.42\ \text{e \AA}^{-3}$ 

## 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  $F^2$ , 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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

|     | $x$        | $y$          | $z$        | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------------|
| O5  | 0.3264 (6) | 0.74385 (13) | 0.3068 (5) | 0.0803 (9)                       |
| N1  | 0.4969 (5) | 0.65462 (13) | 0.4848 (5) | 0.0623 (8)                       |
| H1  | 0.5899     | 0.6421       | 0.4202     | 0.075*                           |
| N2  | 0.5866 (6) | 0.57013 (14) | 0.7078 (6) | 0.0723 (10)                      |
| H2A | 0.5667     | 0.5522       | 0.8077     | 0.087*                           |

|     |              |              |              |             |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| H2B | 0.6800       | 0.5526       | 0.6508       | 0.087*      |
| N3  | 0.3285 (5)   | 0.65583 (13) | 0.7149 (4)   | 0.0577 (8)  |
| C2  | 0.4753 (6)   | 0.62392 (16) | 0.6428 (5)   | 0.0555 (8)  |
| C3  | 0.2475 (8)   | 0.6361 (2)   | 0.8757 (6)   | 0.0729 (11) |
| H3A | 0.2690       | 0.5905       | 0.8942       | 0.109*      |
| H3B | 0.0793       | 0.6466       | 0.8491       | 0.109*      |
| H3C | 0.3409       | 0.6581       | 0.9897       | 0.109*      |
| C4  | 0.2340 (7)   | 0.71236 (15) | 0.5973 (6)   | 0.0622 (10) |
| H4A | 0.2797       | 0.7516       | 0.6713       | 0.075*      |
| H4B | 0.0588       | 0.7106       | 0.5451       | 0.075*      |
| C5  | 0.3498 (7)   | 0.70880 (15) | 0.4411 (6)   | 0.0628 (10) |
| Cl1 | 0.89960 (16) | 0.57125 (4)  | 0.24596 (14) | 0.0599 (5)  |
| O1  | 0.8635 (8)   | 0.63394 (16) | 0.1663 (8)   | 0.1392 (18) |
| O2  | 0.7200 (7)   | 0.52990 (16) | 0.1320 (6)   | 0.1017 (12) |
| O3  | 1.1298 (6)   | 0.5496 (2)   | 0.2543 (6)   | 0.1112 (13) |
| O4  | 0.8863 (10)  | 0.5762 (3)   | 0.4326 (7)   | 0.1394 (19) |

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

|     | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$     |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| O5  | 0.105 (2)   | 0.0604 (16) | 0.085 (2)   | -0.0036 (14) | 0.0420 (17) | 0.0152 (14)  |
| N1  | 0.0699 (17) | 0.0527 (16) | 0.075 (2)   | -0.0020 (13) | 0.0384 (16) | -0.0039 (14) |
| N2  | 0.082 (2)   | 0.0549 (19) | 0.088 (2)   | 0.0147 (14)  | 0.0381 (19) | 0.0059 (15)  |
| N3  | 0.0663 (16) | 0.0474 (15) | 0.0692 (19) | 0.0027 (13)  | 0.0353 (14) | 0.0031 (13)  |
| C2  | 0.0587 (18) | 0.0449 (16) | 0.066 (2)   | -0.0009 (14) | 0.0244 (16) | -0.0049 (15) |
| C3  | 0.087 (3)   | 0.064 (2)   | 0.079 (3)   | 0.008 (2)    | 0.042 (2)   | 0.0080 (19)  |
| C4  | 0.074 (2)   | 0.0415 (17) | 0.081 (3)   | 0.0048 (15)  | 0.0369 (19) | 0.0024 (15)  |
| C5  | 0.072 (2)   | 0.0421 (17) | 0.081 (3)   | -0.0083 (15) | 0.0334 (19) | -0.0017 (16) |
| Cl1 | 0.0651 (7)  | 0.0471 (6)  | 0.0728 (7)  | 0.0028 (3)   | 0.0289 (5)  | -0.0067 (3)  |
| O1  | 0.144 (3)   | 0.0463 (18) | 0.198 (5)   | 0.0036 (19)  | 0.010 (3)   | 0.017 (2)    |
| O2  | 0.110 (2)   | 0.074 (2)   | 0.108 (3)   | -0.0300 (17) | 0.014 (2)   | 0.0009 (17)  |
| O3  | 0.088 (2)   | 0.104 (3)   | 0.155 (4)   | 0.015 (2)    | 0.058 (2)   | -0.016 (3)   |
| O4  | 0.164 (4)   | 0.187 (5)   | 0.091 (3)   | 0.029 (3)    | 0.074 (3)   | -0.019 (3)   |

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

|          |           |            |           |
|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| O5—C5    | 1.197 (5) | C3—H3A     | 0.9600    |
| N1—C2    | 1.361 (4) | C3—H3B     | 0.9600    |
| N1—C5    | 1.389 (5) | C3—H3C     | 0.9600    |
| N1—H1    | 0.8600    | C4—C5      | 1.497 (6) |
| N2—C2    | 1.305 (4) | C4—H4A     | 0.9700    |
| N2—H2A   | 0.8600    | C4—H4B     | 0.9700    |
| N2—H2B   | 0.8600    | Cl1—O3     | 1.393 (3) |
| N3—C2    | 1.312 (4) | Cl1—O4     | 1.396 (4) |
| N3—C3    | 1.455 (5) | Cl1—O2     | 1.409 (3) |
| N3—C4    | 1.460 (4) | Cl1—O1     | 1.416 (4) |
| C2—N1—C5 | 111.4 (3) | H3B—C3—H3C | 109.5     |

|            |           |            |           |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| C2—N1—H1   | 124.3     | N3—C4—C5   | 103.6 (3) |
| C5—N1—H1   | 124.3     | N3—C4—H4A  | 111.0     |
| C2—N2—H2A  | 120.0     | C5—C4—H4A  | 111.0     |
| C2—N2—H2B  | 120.0     | N3—C4—H4B  | 111.0     |
| H2A—N2—H2B | 120.0     | C5—C4—H4B  | 111.0     |
| C2—N3—C3   | 126.5 (3) | H4A—C4—H4B | 109.0     |
| C2—N3—C4   | 110.0 (3) | O5—C5—N1   | 126.0 (4) |
| C3—N3—C4   | 123.3 (3) | O5—C5—C4   | 129.3 (3) |
| N2—C2—N3   | 126.6 (4) | N1—C5—C4   | 104.6 (3) |
| N2—C2—N1   | 123.1 (3) | O3—C11—O4  | 108.8 (3) |
| N3—C2—N1   | 110.3 (3) | O3—C11—O2  | 110.7 (3) |
| N3—C3—H3A  | 109.5     | O4—C11—O2  | 111.8 (3) |
| N3—C3—H3B  | 109.5     | O3—C11—O1  | 109.5 (3) |
| H3A—C3—H3B | 109.5     | O4—C11—O1  | 106.8 (3) |
| N3—C3—H3C  | 109.5     | O2—C11—O1  | 109.2 (2) |
| H3A—C3—H3C | 109.5     |            |           |

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