

The structural properties of a noncentrosymmetric polymorph of 4-aminobenzoic acid

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Description

The crystal structure of a polymorph of 4-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), $C_7H_7NO_2$, at 100 K is noncentrosymmetric, as opposed to centrosymmetric in the structures of the other known polymorphs. The two crystallographically independent PABA molecules form pseudocentrosymmetric $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen-bonded dimers that are further linked by $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds into a three-dimensional network. The benzene rings stack in the b direction. The CO_2 moieties are bent out slightly from the benzene ring plane.