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Hydrogen bonding and π-π stacking interactions in some important triheterocycles. Mukesh M. Jotani[a], Rina D. Shah[b], Jerry P. Jasinski[c], Edward. R. T. Tiekink[d], Ray J. Butcher[e] , [a]*Department of Physics, Bhavan's Sheth R. A. College of Science, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, 380 001.* [b]*Department of Chemistry, M. G. Science Institute, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, 380 009.*[c]*Department of Chemistry, Keene State College, 229 Main Street, Keene, NH 03435-2001, USA.* [d]*Department of Chemistry University of Malaya, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.* [e]*Department of Chemistry, Howard University, 525 College Street NW, Washington DC 20059, USA.*
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The synthesis of triheterocycles, *e.g.* tetrazolopyrrolopyrimidine derivatives, involves various nucleophilic displacement reactions, such as chlorination, azidolysis and amination, on fused pyrimidines. Phase Transfer Catalysis (PTC), an environmentally benign technique, offers many advantages over conventional methodologies: *viz*. use of non-polar solvents, reduced reaction time and temperature, suppression of side-products, high-yields, replacement of hard bases, facile work-up, *etc*. Generally, the amination of 4-chloroazines requires harsh reaction conditions while fused tetrazolopyrimidine possess latent amino functionality giving facile amination, making these synthetic routes non-viable. However, the reductive ring cleavage of tetrazolo [1,5-c] pyrrolo [3,2-e] pyrimidines results in the formation of 4-aminopyrrolo[2,3-a] pyrimidines, which are of direct relevance to the pharmaceutical industry as synthetic precursors for more complicated molecules. Moreover, such compounds are found to possess a wide spectrum of biological activity. In view of the above, crystallographic studies of four such methoxy- and halogen-substituted 4-aminopyrrolo[2,3-a] pyrimidine derivatives were performed using single crystal X-ray diffraction techniques. The presence of various crystal packing interactions, and their influence on molecular structure, are supported by semi-empirical Quantum Chemical Calculations, using MOPAC2009 programme. Key results from the combined crystallographic and theoretical studies will be presented.

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The conformation of biphenyl derivatives has been the subject of a number of crystallographic investigations in the past [1 – 3]. In this contribution we report the crystal structures of two novel compounds, methyl 4 -methoxy-2-nitrobiphenyl carboxylate and 4′,4 -methoxy-2-nitrobiphenyl. The torsion angles about the central C-C bond are 50.5° and 57.4° respectively. These values are within the range observed in the Cambridge Structural Database (version 5.31, november 2009) [4] for similarly substituted biphenyl derivatives. An analysis of the packing in the crystals and molecular modeling will be used to discuss the difference in torsion angles.

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A modulated cocrystal: *N′*-(propan-2-ylidene)nicotinohydrazide and sebacic acid. H. Krüger[a], V. Kahlenberg[a], A. Lemmerer[b] and J. Bernstein[b], [a]*Institute of Mineralogy and Petrography, University of Innsbruck, Austria,*[b]*Department of Chemistry, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel*
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Trying to cocrystallise nicotinic acid hydrazide (niazid) with sebacic acid from an acetone solution, resulted in a reaction of the niazid with the solvent. Cocrystals were formed, which contain molecules of *N′*-(propan-2-ylidene)nicotinohydrazide (*p*-niazid) and sebacic acid [1]. These cocrystals exhibit an incommensurately modulated structure. Structural analysis was performed using single-crystal X-ray diffraction data, collected at 173 K. After solution and refinement of the average structure (which includes disorder of the sebacic acid molecule) the modulated structure was refined using the (3+1)-dimensional superspace approach [2]. The structure belongs to the planar monoclinic crystal system (a=5.07, b=44.51, c=6.40Å, β=94.6°, **q**=(-0.08, 0, 0.26)) and the superspace group was determined to be $P2_1/n(\alpha 0 \gamma)00$. Harmonic modulation functions of first order were successively introduced for all atom positions, but refined for non-hydrogen atoms only. The positions and modulation functions of the hydrogen atoms were fixed due to geometrical constraints. The final refinement included harmonic modulation waves for coordinates and ADPs for all non-hydrogen atoms. The *p*-niazid molecule, as well as the carboxylic groups of the sebacic acid are not much affected by the modulation, whereas the atoms of the hydrocarbon chain of the acid show a strong coordinated displacive modulation. The plane of the C-C bonds exhibits a rotation of up to 45° about the centre line of the ribbon. The crystal structure shows slabs packed with sebacic acid. These layers are oriented perpendicular to *b* and the sebacic acid molecules are tilted about 54° against *b*. We assume that weak intermolecular interactions within the sebacic acid layers cause the aperiodic