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## 3-(Ammoniomethyl)pyridinium dibromide

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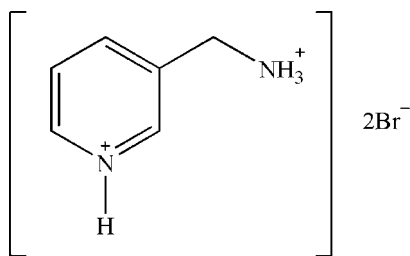
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 293$  K; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$  Å;  $R$  factor = 0.036;  $wR$  factor = 0.070; data-to-parameter ratio = 26.1.

In the title salt,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2^{2+}\cdot 2\text{Br}^-$ , the non-H atoms of the 3-methylpyridinium unit of the cation are almost coplanar (r.m.s. deviation = 0.0052 Å). In the crystal, the dications and Br anions are linked by a combination of six hydrogen bonds, viz. one  $\text{N}_{\text{py}}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Br}$ , two  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Br}$  and three  $\text{H}_2\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Br}$ , into supramolecular layers, parallel to the  $bc$  plane, composed of alternating  $R_4^2(10)$  and  $R_4^2(8)$  loops. Weak  $\pi-\pi$  interactions between cationic rings with centroid-centroid distances of 3.891 (2) Å are also observed.

## Related literature

For non-covalent interactions, see: Allen *et al.* (1997); Desiraju (1997); Dolling *et al.* (2001); Gould *et al.* (1985); Hunter (1994); Hunter & Sanders (1990); Panunto *et al.* (1987); Robinson *et al.* (2000); Singh & Thornton (1990). For standard bond lengths, see: Allen *et al.* (1987). For graph-set notation, see: Bernstein *et al.* (1995).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2^{2+}\cdot 2\text{Br}^-$  $M_r = 269.96$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  $a = 11.1588$  (6) Å $b = 9.3902$  (5) Å $c = 9.3833$  (5) Å $\beta = 113.092$  (6)° $V = 904.44$  (9) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 4$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation $\mu = 8.90$  mm<sup>-1</sup> $T = 293$  K

0.23 × 0.18 × 0.12 mm

## Data collection

Agilent Xcalibur EOS  
diffractometerAbsorption correction: multi-scan  
(*CrysAlis PRO*; Agilent, 2011) $T_{\text{min}} = 0.143$ ,  $T_{\text{max}} = 0.343$ 

4032 measured reflections

2401 independent reflections

1641 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$ 

## Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$  $wR(F^2) = 0.070$  $S = 1.02$ 

2401 reflections

92 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.60$  e Å<sup>-3</sup> $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.50$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{N}2-\text{H}2\text{B}\cdots\text{Br}1$	0.89	2.61	3.358 (3)	142
$\text{N}2-\text{H}2\text{C}\cdots\text{Br}1^i$	0.89	2.69	3.330 (3)	130
$\text{N}2-\text{H}2\text{D}\cdots\text{Br}1^{ii}$	0.89	2.49	3.348 (3)	161
$\text{N}1-\text{H}1\text{A}\cdots\text{Br}2$	0.86	2.41	3.206 (3)	155
$\text{C}5-\text{H}5\text{A}\cdots\text{Br}2^{iii}$	0.93	2.91	3.793 (4)	160
$\text{C}6-\text{H}6\text{A}\cdots\text{Br}2^{iv}$	0.93	2.89	3.619 (4)	136

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

Data collection: *CrysAlis PRO* (Agilent, 2011); cell refinement: *CrysAlis PRO*; data reduction: *CrysAlis PRO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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## 3-(Ammoniomethyl)pyridinium dibromide

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### S1. Comment

Non-covalent interactions play an important role in organizing structural units in both natural and artificial systems (Desiraju, 1997). They exercise important effects on the organization and properties of many materials in areas such as biology (Hunter, 1994), crystal engineering (Allen *et al.*, 1997, Dolling *et al.*, 2001) and material science (Panunto *et al.*, 1987, Robinson *et al.*, 2000). We herein report the molecular structure of the salt, 3-(ammoniomethyl)pyridinium dibromide, along with its supramolecular crystal structure.

In the title salt (Fig. 1) bond lengths (Allen *et al.*, 1987) and angles of the dication are within normal ranges. The unit (N1/C2/C3/C4/C5/C6/C7) of the independent cation is planar with r.m.s.d = 0.0052 (2) Å. The ammonium group largely deviates by 1.369 (7) Å out of this plane. The 3-methylammonium groups attached to the pyridinium ring through C3 shows a torsion angle of -87.9 (4)° for C2—C3—C7—N2.

The crystal packing involves extensive cation...anion interactions. These interactions assemble cations and anions into supramolecular layers parallel to the *bc* plane (Fig. 2) via N—H...Br and C—H...Br hydrogen bonding interactions of the types N<sub>py</sub>—H...Br, H<sub>2</sub>N—H...Br, and C—H...Br (Table 1). These layers are composed of alternating *R*<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub>(10) [two bromide anions and two (py)C/N—H units of two cations] and *R*<sup>2</sup><sub>1</sub>(8) [two bromide anions and two ammonium groups via two H atoms each] graph set motifs (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). Interlayer interactions are established through the third hydrogen of the ammonium group with a bromide anion of a next layer (Fig. 2).

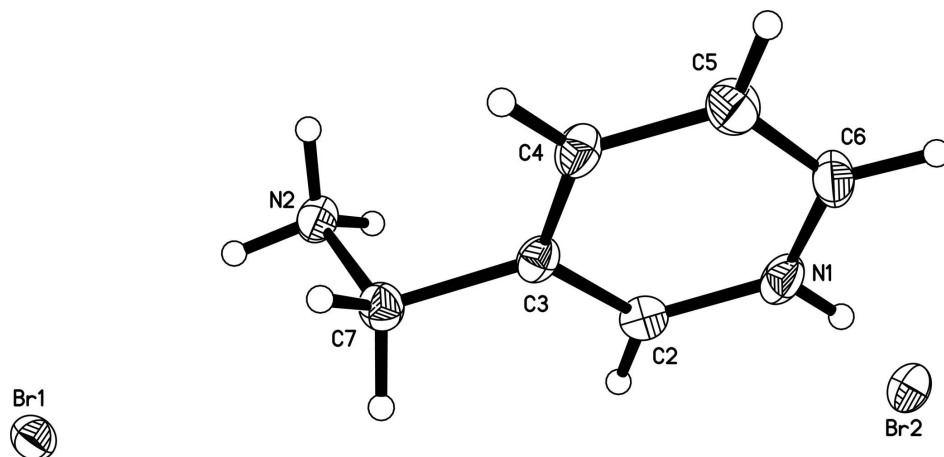
The cations also interact to some extent by *offset face-to-face* interactions along the *a*-axis, adding extra lattice stability. This is evident by the centroid separation distances *C*<sub>1g</sub>...*C*<sub>1g</sub>(1 - *x*, 1 - *y*, 1 - *z*) of 3.891 (2) Å. The observed centroids separation distance is in accordance with those of calculated and the experimentally observed stacked (*offset-face-to-face*) interaction modes (Gould *et al.*, 1985, Hunter & Sanders, 1990, Hunter, 1994, Singh & Thornton, 1990). The N—H...Br and C—H...Br hydrogen bonding and aryl...aryl interactions consolidate to form a three-dimensional network.

### S2. Experimental

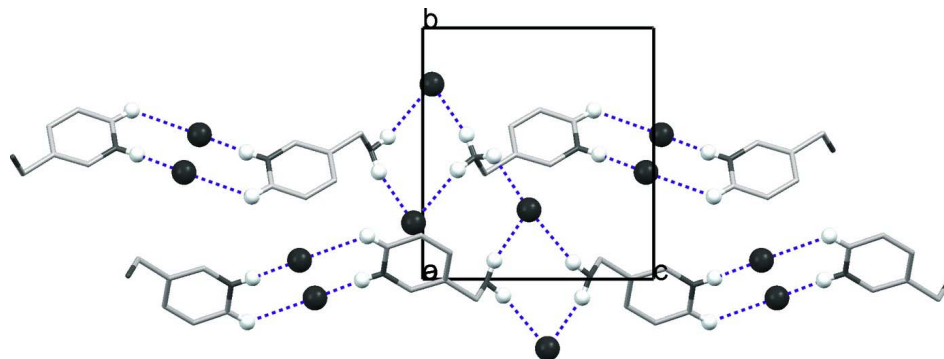
The title compound was obtained unintentionally as the product of an attempted synthesis of a halo-stannate(II) organic-inorganic hybrids, using slow evaporation of an ethanolic hot mixture of solution of SnCl<sub>2</sub>.2H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mmol) and Br<sub>2</sub>(*l*) and solution of 3-methylaminopyridine (1 mmol) with 2 ml of HBr at room temperature. Crystals were grown from ethanol upon cooling and slow evaporation (yield: 78%). A suitable block shaped crystal cut from a larger colorless crystal was epoxy mounted on a glass fiber and the data collected at room temperature.

### S3. Refinement

Hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically, with N—H = 0.86 – 0.89 Å, C—H = 0.93 – 0.97 Å for aromatic H and C—H = 0.96 Å for methyl H, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) = *xU*<sub>eq</sub>(C,N), where *x* = 1.5 for methyl H, and *x* = 1.2 for all other H atoms.

**Figure 1**

Molecular configuration of the 3-(ammoniomethyl)pyridinium cation and the bromide anions in the asymmetric unit. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Figure 2**

Cation-anion interactions assembled supramolecular layers parallel to *bc* plane. N—H...Br and C—H...Br hydrogen bonding interactions appear as dotted lines.

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#### Crystal data

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Hall symbol:  $-P\ 2ybc$

$a = 11.1588(6)\ \text{\AA}$

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$c = 9.3833(5)\ \text{\AA}$

$\beta = 113.092(6)^\circ$

$V = 904.44(9)\ \text{\AA}^3$

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 520$

$D_x = 1.983\ \text{Mg m}^{-3}$

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073\ \text{\AA}$

Cell parameters from 400 reflections

$\theta = 3.4\text{--}28.8^\circ$

$\mu = 8.90\ \text{mm}^{-1}$

$T = 293\ \text{K}$

Block, colorless

$0.23 \times 0.18 \times 0.12\ \text{mm}$

#### Data collection

Agilent Xcalibur EOS  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution:  $16.0534\ \text{pixels mm}^{-1}$

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan

(*CrysAlis PRO*; Agilent, 2011)

$T_{\min} = 0.143$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.343$

4032 measured reflections

2401 independent reflections

1641 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.027$

$\theta_{\max} = 29.0^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.3^\circ$

$h = -14 \rightarrow 15$

$k = -6 \rightarrow 12$

$l = -12 \rightarrow 11$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.036$

$wR(F^2) = 0.070$

$S = 1.02$

2401 reflections

92 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

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0252P)^2]$

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

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.60 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.50 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Br1	1.05938 (4)	0.77590 (4)	1.03996 (4)	0.03142 (12)
N1	0.6363 (3)	0.4773 (4)	0.3288 (3)	0.0351 (8)
H1A	0.6244	0.5040	0.2366	0.042*
Br2	0.69216 (3)	0.57502 (5)	0.03324 (4)	0.03665 (14)
N2	0.9797 (3)	0.5140 (3)	0.7751 (3)	0.0315 (8)
H2B	1.0386	0.5659	0.8489	0.047*
H2C	1.0002	0.5105	0.6926	0.047*
H2D	0.9785	0.4262	0.8102	0.047*
C2	0.7269 (3)	0.5432 (4)	0.4486 (4)	0.0295 (9)
H2A	0.7761	0.6162	0.4315	0.035*
C3	0.7476 (3)	0.5032 (4)	0.5971 (4)	0.0271 (9)
C4	0.6744 (3)	0.3937 (4)	0.6182 (4)	0.0325 (9)
H4A	0.6875	0.3647	0.7180	0.039*
C5	0.5817 (4)	0.3262 (5)	0.4923 (4)	0.0399 (10)
H5A	0.5326	0.2515	0.5062	0.048*
C6	0.5634 (4)	0.3716 (5)	0.3462 (4)	0.0392 (10)
H6A	0.5005	0.3288	0.2597	0.047*
C7	0.8494 (3)	0.5797 (4)	0.7313 (4)	0.0321 (9)
H7A	0.8533	0.6786	0.7036	0.039*

H7B            0.8247            0.5774            0.8196            0.039\*

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Br1	0.0375 (2)	0.0275 (2)	0.0308 (2)	-0.00378 (18)	0.01508 (16)	-0.00248 (17)
N1	0.0401 (19)	0.042 (2)	0.0205 (15)	0.0105 (18)	0.0088 (14)	0.0037 (15)
Br2	0.0324 (2)	0.0465 (3)	0.0321 (2)	0.0023 (2)	0.01373 (16)	0.00552 (19)
N2	0.0290 (16)	0.035 (2)	0.0273 (15)	-0.0019 (16)	0.0080 (13)	0.0035 (15)
C2	0.0294 (19)	0.031 (2)	0.033 (2)	0.0020 (18)	0.0170 (16)	0.0029 (18)
C3	0.0222 (18)	0.033 (2)	0.0257 (18)	0.0061 (18)	0.0095 (15)	0.0018 (17)
C4	0.0285 (19)	0.041 (3)	0.0271 (19)	-0.0018 (19)	0.0098 (15)	0.0064 (19)
C5	0.033 (2)	0.041 (3)	0.044 (2)	-0.009 (2)	0.0128 (18)	0.003 (2)
C6	0.032 (2)	0.043 (3)	0.033 (2)	-0.001 (2)	0.0021 (17)	-0.007 (2)
C7	0.031 (2)	0.034 (3)	0.0305 (19)	0.0019 (19)	0.0120 (16)	-0.0033 (18)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

N1—C6	1.333 (5)	C3—C4	1.375 (5)
N1—C2	1.333 (4)	C3—C7	1.507 (5)
N1—H1A	0.8600	C4—C5	1.382 (5)
N2—C7	1.482 (4)	C4—H4A	0.9300
N2—H2B	0.8900	C5—C6	1.373 (5)
N2—H2C	0.8900	C5—H5A	0.9300
N2—H2D	0.8900	C6—H6A	0.9300
C2—C3	1.372 (5)	C7—H7A	0.9700
C2—H2A	0.9300	C7—H7B	0.9700
C6—N1—C2	122.7 (3)	C3—C4—C5	120.5 (3)
C6—N1—H1A	118.6	C3—C4—H4A	119.8
C2—N1—H1A	118.6	C5—C4—H4A	119.8
C7—N2—H2B	109.5	C6—C5—C4	118.7 (4)
C7—N2—H2C	109.5	C6—C5—H5A	120.7
H2B—N2—H2C	109.5	C4—C5—H5A	120.7
C7—N2—H2D	109.5	N1—C6—C5	119.6 (4)
H2B—N2—H2D	109.5	N1—C6—H6A	120.2
H2C—N2—H2D	109.5	C5—C6—H6A	120.2
N1—C2—C3	119.9 (4)	N2—C7—C3	111.7 (3)
N1—C2—H2A	120.1	N2—C7—H7A	109.3
C3—C2—H2A	120.1	C3—C7—H7A	109.3
C2—C3—C4	118.6 (3)	N2—C7—H7B	109.3
C2—C3—C7	119.3 (3)	C3—C7—H7B	109.3
C4—C3—C7	122.1 (3)	H7A—C7—H7B	107.9
C6—N1—C2—C3	-0.3 (6)	C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.6 (6)
N1—C2—C3—C4	0.9 (5)	C2—N1—C6—C5	-0.6 (6)
N1—C2—C3—C7	-179.4 (3)	C4—C5—C6—N1	1.1 (6)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.4 (6)	C2—C3—C7—N2	-87.9 (4)

C7—C3—C4—C5

179.8 (4)

C4—C3—C7—N2

91.9 (4)

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> $\cdots$ <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H $\cdots$ <i>A</i>
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