# Experimental electron densities of neutral and zwitterionic forms of piroxicam drug 

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## Additionnal information on Scheme 2.

## Different piroxicam (PX) drug: neutral, zwitterionic, anionic and cationic forms.

Tautomerization is an intramolecular isomerization that involves breaking or making bonds. In the case of PX, this prototropic tautomerism results in the proton transfer accompanied by electron delocalization. Five possible tautomers are shown in Scheme S1. The different conformations depend on which of the $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ bond is a double bond and on whether the nitrogen of the pyridine ring is free ( $\mathrm{nPX} 1, \mathrm{nPX} 2$ ), implied in an intramolecular hydrogen bond (nPX5) or is linked to a proton (nPX3, nPX4).
The switch of covalent bond properties C-O (C2-O3 and C10-O4) and C-N (N2-C11 and N3-C11) can be determined via bond distances values. We have thus measured the corresponding C-O and C-N bonds in published crystal structure extracted from $\mathrm{CSD}^{1}$, where PX keeps the neutral form. Figure S1 shows, for all studied structures, larger distance between O3 and C2 than that between O4 and C10, the difference is around $0.1 \AA$. In Figure S 1 b , a difference of $0.1 \AA$ exists in the neighbour bonds C1-C2 and $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 10$. We conclude that in solid state $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{O} 4$ and $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ bonds are more likely double bonds and the hydrogen atom may not be attached to O 4 . The $\mathrm{nPX} 2, \mathrm{nPX} 4$ and nPX 5 tautomers should be excluded. Figure S1c shows the C-N bond; N3-C11 is statistically shorter than N2-C11 bond with a difference of $0.05 \AA$, which is consistent with properties of the pyridine ring. nPX 3 tautomer is excluded. Therefore PX crystallizes in neutral form only in the nPX1 ( $\mathrm{N} 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{O} 3 \mathrm{H}$ ) EZE conformation. PX may also present in crystal structures charged forms such as zwitterionic, cationic and anionic form. Table S1 summarizes the different structures extracted from CSD. ${ }^{1}$ Neutral form exists in 3 polymorphs, 16 co-crystals and 3 complexes; zwitterionic form exists in monohydrate and 20 cocrystals; cationic form exists in 5 salts; anionic form exists in 6 salts and 9 complexes among which one anionic form complex has ZZZ conformation and another presents ZZE conformation (Scheme S3).

The four resonance structures of the zwitterionic form (Scheme S2) show its possible extreme configuration. In crystallographic studies, the refined structure is usually more like a resonance hybrid. Bond distances of neutral and zwitterionic form are shown in Figure S2. Considering only the orange lines, one can observe that N2-C11 and N3-C11 have similar values and C10-O4 is shorter than C2O 3 . Compared to neutral form, $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{O} 3$ and $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 11$ simple bonds are shortened towards $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{O} 4$ and $\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 11$ respectively whereas $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ double bond is extended towards $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 10$ simple bond(Figure S2a and S2b). These observations indicate the existence of an electron delocalization along the chain ( $\mathrm{O} 3, \mathrm{C} 2, \mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{C} 10, \mathrm{~N} 2, \mathrm{C} 11$ ) in zwitterionic form. The representation in Scheme S4a is the closest representation to the crystal structures observations. However, the distance between N3 and C11 remains the same, which signifies that the proton transfer does not much influence on the pyridyl ring (Figure S 2 c ).

Cationic form has the same configuration as the neutral form, and these 6 distances are rather similar except the N2-C11 bond which is slightly shortened due to the proton capture at N3 (Figure S3).

Anionic form in salts all crystallizes in EZZ conformation. Compared to neutral form, the C-N bonds are similar; compared to zwitterionic form, the C-O and C-C bonds share similar statistic results (Figures S4 and S5) as well as electron delocalization along part of the main chain (Scheme S4b). Participation of metal atoms has various influences on chemical conditions of ligands, thus the similar configuration does not always result in comparable bond distances (Figures S6 and S7). The two complexes, in which PX presents unique conformation, are not reported in these figures.

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(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

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(b)

(c)

(d)

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(b)

(c)

(d)

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$-n \mathrm{nPX} \quad \mathrm{nPX}$


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=\mathrm{zPX} \quad \mathrm{zPX}
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(a)

(c)

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-=\mathrm{zPX}=\mathrm{zPX}
$$


(a)

(b)


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| Type |  | REFCODE | Neutral | Zwitterion | Charged |  | Configuration | References |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | zwitternionic |  | anionic | cationic |  |  |
| Polymorph | Form 1(needle, b) |  | nPX | - |  |  |  | EZE | This work |
|  | Form 1(needle, b) | BIYSEH, BIYSEH01 | - |  |  |  | EZE | Kojic-Prodic, B.; Ruzic-Toros, Z. Acta Crystallogr. Sect.B:Struct.Crystallogr.Cryst.Chem., 1982, 38, 2948. Suh, I.-H.; Kim, K.-J.; Ko, T.-S.; Kim, B.-H. Chung.Kwa.Yong.(Kor.)(Chungnam J.Sci) 1989, 16, 30. |
|  | Form 2 (cubic, a) | BIYSEH06 | - |  |  |  | EZE | Vrecer, F; Vrbine, M.; Meden, A. Int.J.Pharm. 2003, 256, 3. |
|  | Form 3 | BIYSEH07 | - |  |  |  | EZE | Naelapaa, K.; Van de Streek, J.; Rantanen, J.; Bond, A.D. J.Pharm.Sci. 2012, 101, 4214. |
| Hydrate | mono | zPX |  | - |  |  | ZZZ | This work |
|  | mono | CIDYAP <br> CIDYAP01 |  | - |  |  | ZZZ | Bordner, J.; Richards, J.A.; Weeks, P.; Whipple, E.B. Acta Crystallogr., Sect.C: Cryst.Struct.Commun. 1984, 40, 989. <br> Reck, G.; Dietz, G.; Laban, G.; Gunther, W.; Bannier, G.; Hohne, E. Pharmazie ,1988, 43, 477. |
| Co-crystal | saccharine | YANNEH |  | - |  |  | ZZZ | Bhatt, P.M.; Ravindra, N.V.; Banerjee, R.; Desirajum G.R. Chem.Commun. 2005, 1073. |
|  | 2-fluorobenzoic acid | CEKLAH | - |  |  |  | EZE | Wales, C.; Thomas, L.H.; Wilson, C.C. Cryst Eng Comm, 2012, 14, 7264. |
|  | 2-methylbenzoic acid | CEKLEL | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | 3-bromobenzoic acid | CEKLIP | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | 3-chlorobenzoic acid | CEKLOV | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | 3-fluorobenzoic acid | CEKLUB | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | 3-nitrobenzoic acid | CEKMAI | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | 4-fluorobenzoic acid | CEKMEM | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | 2-aminobenzoic acid | CEKMIQ |  | - |  |  | ZZZ |  |


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| Co-crystal | acetate | TIGNEE | - |  |  |  | EZE | Mishnev, A.; Kiselovs, G. (2013) <br> Z.Naturforsch.,B:Chem.Sci. 2013, 68,168. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | furosemide acetone | XIFRAH | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | isobutyric acid | XIFREL | - |  |  |  | EZE |  |
|  | Triazole(0.5) | SOHWUJ |  | - |  |  | ZZZ | Thomas, L.H.; Klapwijk, A.R.; Wales, C.; Wilson, C.C. CrystEngComm 2014, 16, 5924. |
|  | Benzotriazole | SOHXAQ |  | - |  |  | ZZZ |  |
|  | Hemipyrazine | SOHXEU |  | - |  |  | ZZZ |  |
| Salt | ethaloamine | SECDAF |  |  | - |  | ZZE | Bordner, J.; Hammen, P.D.; Whipple E.B. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1989, 111, 6572. |
|  | bromanilic acid | SOHVOC |  |  |  | - | EZE | Thomas, L.H.; Klapwijk, A.R.; Wales, C.; Wilson, C.C. CrystEngComm 2014, 16, 5924. |
|  | imidazole hemihydrate | SOHVUI |  |  | - |  | ZZE |  |
|  | imidazole acetonitrile | SOHWAP |  |  | - |  | ZZE |  |
|  | imidazole acetonitrile(0.25) | SOHWET |  |  | - |  | ZZE |  |
|  | 2-methylimidazole | SOHWIX |  |  | - |  | ZZE |  |
|  | Benzimidazole | SOHWOD |  |  | - |  | ZZE |  |
|  | chloranilic acid | SOHXIY |  |  |  | - | EZE |  |
|  |  | SOHXIY01 |  |  |  | - | EZE |  |
|  | chloranilic acid(0.5) acetonitrile | SOHXUK |  |  |  | - | EZE |  |
|  | hydrochloride | TIGNAA |  |  |  | - | EZE | Mishnev, A.; Kiselovs, G. Z.Naturforsch.,B:Chem.Sci. 2013, 68, 168. |
| Complex | Cu | AGIHII |  |  | - |  | ZZZ | Tamasi, G.; Serinelli, F.; Consumi, M.; Magnani, A.; Casolaro, M.; Cini, R. J.Inorg.Biochem.2008,102,1862. |
|  | Sn | JOQQUB |  |  | - |  | ZZE | Hadjikakou, S.; Demertzis, M.A.; Miller, J.R.; Kovala-Demertzi, D. J.Chem.Soc.,Dalton Trans. 1999, |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (continued) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Complex | $\mathrm{Pt}, \mathrm{Cl}$ | NUSHOY | - |  | EZE | Di Leo, D.; Berrettini, F.; Cini, R. J.Chem.Soc.,Dalton Trans. 1998, 1993. |
|  | $\mathrm{Pt}, \mathrm{Cl}$ | ZOJJUD | - |  | EZE | Cini, R. J.Chem.Soc.,Dalton Trans. 1996, 111. |
|  | Sn | RAFRIA |  | - | EZE | Kovala-Demertzi, D.; Koutsodimou, A.; Galani, A.; Hadjikakou, S.K.; Demertzis, M.A.; Xanthopoulou, M.; Miller, J.R.; Frampton, C.S. Appl.Organomet.Chem. 2004, 18, 501. |
|  | $\mathrm{Ru}, \mathrm{Cl}$ | BINNAP | - |  | EZE | Raja, M.U.; Tauchman, J.; Therrien, B.; Suss-Fink, G.; Riedel, T.; Dyson, P.J. Inorg.Chim.Acta 2014, 409, 479. |
|  | Co | BIPDEL |  | - | ZZZ | Darabi, F.; Ebrahimi, M.; Hadadzadeh, H.; Khayamian, T.; Rudbari, H.A. Inorg.Chim.Acta 2013, 409, 379. |
|  | Ru | DOBPER |  | - | ZZZ | Jannesari, Z.; Hadadzadeh, H.; Khayamian, T.; Maleki, B.; Rudbari, H.A. J.Med.Chem. 2013, 69, 577. |
|  | Mn | HOCDUA |  | - | ZZZ | Tamasi, G.; Corsini, M. ; Cini, R Z.Anorg.Allg.Chem. 2014, 640, 952. |
|  | Cu | NEDFIN |  | - | ZZZ | Hadadzadeh, H.; Salimi, M.; Weil, M.; Jannesari, Z.; Darabi, F.; Abdi, K.; Khalaji, A.D.; Sardari, S.; Ahangari, R. J.Mol.Struct. 2012, 1022, 172. |
|  | Cd | VIKMOR |  | - | ZZZ | Cini, R.; Giorgi, G.; Cinquantini, A.; Rossi, C.; Sabat, M. <br> Inorg.Chem. 1990, 29, 5197 |
|  | Cu | VIKMUX |  | - | ZZZ |  |

Table S2. Data Collection and Refinement Details of form III and IV of sulfathiazole

| Compound formula | $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Polymorph form | III | IV |
| formula weight | 254.30 | 254.30 |
| crystal system | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| space group | P2 ${ }_{1}$ /a | $\mathrm{P} 21 / \mathrm{n}$ |
| $a(\AA)$ | 17.3862(5) | 10.7689(3) |
| $b$ ( $\AA$ ) | 8.4812(2) | 8.4602(3) |
| $c(\AA)$ | 15.4873(4) | 11.3733(3) |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 112.7460(10) | 91.6270(10) |
| $V\left(\AA^{-3}\right)$ | 2106.09(10) | 1035.77(5) |
| Z | 8 | 4 |
| $D_{\text {calc }}(\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}-3)$ | 1.57 | 1.631 |
| $\lambda(\AA)$ | 0.71069 | 0.71069 |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.493 | 0.501 |
| temperature/K crystal size | 100(2) | 100(2) |
| $\theta$ range/deg | 2.79 to 62.84 | 3.00 to 45.58 |
| $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$ | 1.25 | 1.00 |
| average redundancy <br> Completeness | 99.6\% | 99.9\% |
| reflections collected | 349008 | 116151 |
| independent reflections | 33493 | 8792 |
| hkl range | $-43 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 43$ | $-21 \leq \mathrm{h} \leq 21$ |
|  | $-21 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 21$ | $-16 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq 17$ |
|  | $-38 \leq 1 \leq 38$ | $-22 \leq 1 \leq 22$ |
| $\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0729 | 0.0318 |
| Spherical atom refinement: no. of data in refinement | 33493 | 8792 |
| no. of refined parameters | 296 | 151 |
| no. of reflect. used [I>2 ${ }^{\text {(I) }}$ ] | 20160 | 7541 |
| $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{F}) / \mathrm{wR}(\mathrm{F})$ | 0.0483/0.1469 | 0.0278/0.1077 |
| goodness of fit | 1.027 | 0.977 |
| Multipole refinement: no. of reflection used | 13979 | 9115 |
| no. of refined parameters | 451 | 172 |
| $\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{F}) / \mathrm{wR}(\mathrm{F})$ | 0.021/0.017 | 0.019/0.016 |
| goodness of fit | 0.490 | 0.539 |

Table S3. Estimate of average error on the electron density map. $\sigma(\Delta \rho)=2 / V^{*}\left[\Sigma(\mathrm{k} . \mathrm{Fo}-\mathrm{Fc})^{\wedge} 2\right]^{\wedge}(1 / 2)(\mathrm{Rees}, \mathrm{B}$. Acta Cryst. 1976, A32, 483-488)

| Experiment | $\sigma(\Delta \rho) / e . \AA^{-3}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Piroxicam form I (nPX) | 0.0789 |
| Hydrated piroxicam (zPXL; zPXR) | 0.0756 |
| Sulfathiazole form III | 0.0741 |
| Sulfathiazole form IV | 0.0588 |

Table S4. Topology of the experimental electron density of piroxicam ( $n P X$, zPXL and zPXR) for covalent bonds not listed in the paper.

| Bond A-B | $\mathrm{d}(\mathrm{CP}-\mathrm{A})$ <br> $(\AA)$ | $\mathrm{d}(\mathrm{CP}-\mathrm{B})$ <br> $(\AA)$ | $\rho\left(\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{c}}\right)$ <br> $\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | $\nabla^{2} \rho\left(\mathbf{r}_{\mathrm{cp}}\right)$ <br> $\left(\mathrm{e}^{-}-5\right.$ | $\varepsilon$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C2-C7 | 0.724 | 0.744 | 1.88 | -14.6 | 0.21 |
|  | 0.747 | 0.747 | 1.80 | -13.2 | 0.19 |
|  | 0.763 | 0.732 | 1.80 | -13.6 | 0.21 |
| C3-C7 | 0.725 | 0.672 | 2.12 | -17.9 | 0.15 |
|  | 0.709 | 0.690 | 2.12 | -18.7 | 0.19 |
|  | 0.684 | 0.714 | 2.12 | -18.4 | 0.22 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C3-C4 | 0.720 | 0.673 | 2.14 | -18.5 | 0.15 |
|  | 0.686 | 0.706 | 2.19 | -19.7 | 0.24 |
|  | 0.705 | 0.689 | 2.16 | -19.3 | 0.19 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C4-C5 | 0.713 | 0.682 | 2.14 | -18.8 | 0.14 |
|  | 0.698 | 0.698 | 2.16 | -19.2 | 0.19 |
|  | 0.709 | 0.688 | 2.15 | -18.5 | 0.22 |
| C5-C6 | 0.679 | 0.714 | 2.14 | -19.1 | 0.18 |
|  | 0.702 | 0.691 | 2.11 | -17.6 | 0.21 |
|  | 0.692 | 0.703 | 2.13 | -18.1 | 0.19 |
| C6-C8 | 0.683 | 0.706 | 2.12 | -18.7 | 0.23 |
|  | 0.697 | 0.695 | 2.17 | -19.0 | 0.19 |
|  | 0.684 | 0.706 | 2.12 | -18.8 | 0.21 |
| C7-C8 | 0.690 | 0.715 | 2.08 | -17.6 | 0.20 |
|  | 0.689 | 0.715 | 2.08 | -16.8 | 0.26 |
|  | 0.696 | 0.708 | 2.11 | -17.8 | 0.23 |
| C11-C12 | 0.710 | 0.688 | 2.13 | -18.5 | 0.20 |
|  | 0.740 | 0.666 | 2.16 | -19.6 | 0.18 |
|  | 0.720 | 0.684 | 2.12 | -18.8 | 0.23 |
| C12-C13 | 0.688 | 0.700 | 2.19 | -19.5 | 0.21 |
|  | 0.681 | 0.695 | 2.28 | -21.3 | 0.23 |
|  | 0.692 | 0.685 | 2.22 | -20.4 | 0.22 |
|  | 0.680 | 0.712 | 2.15 | -18.7 | 0.19 |
|  | 0.688 | 0.717 | 2.11 | -18.7 | 0.18 |
|  | 0.708 | 0.697 | 2.08 | -17.9 | 0.16 |
|  | 0.749 | 0.642 | 2.14 | -18.8 | 0.20 |
|  | 0.651 | 0.717 | 2.29 | -22.6 | 0.25 |
|  | 0.638 | 0.732 | 2.28 | -21.9 | 0.27 |

Table S5 Selected bond lengths and angles. Standard deviations are in parentheses. For hydrogen bonds, D is the donor and A, the acceptor.

| Distances | nPX | zPXL | zPXR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S1-O1 | 1.4354(7) | 1.4332(2) | 1.4346(1) |
| S1-O2 | 1.4310 (5) | 1.4347(1) | 1.4366(1) |
| S1-N1 | 1.6442 (12) | 1.6331(1) | 1.6309(2) |
| S1-C8 | 1.7464(6) | 1.7628(1) | 1.7556(1) |
| O3-C2 | 1.3327(5) | 1.2676(1) | 1.2768(1) |
| O4-C10 | 1.2479(5) | 1.2516(1) | 1.2412(1) |
| N1-C1 | $1.4334(5)$ | 1.4417(1) | 1.4413(1) |
| N1-C9 | 1.4858(8) | 1.4769(2) | 1.4771(1) |
| N2-C10 | 1.3557(6) | 1.3917(1) | 1.3881(1) |
| N2-C11 | 1.4055(7) | 1.3536(1) | 1.3637(1) |
| C7-C3 | $1.3975(5)$ | 1.3994(1) | 1.3978(1) |
| C4-C3 | $1.3932(7)$ | 1.3926(1) | 1.3935(1) |
| C4-C5 | 1.3945(6) | 1.3959(2) | 1.3962(2) |
| C5-C6 | 1.3933(5) | 1.3927(1) | 1.3949(1) |
| C8-C6 | 1.3888(7) | 1.3923(1) | 1.3908(1) |
| C8-C7 | 1.4048(6) | 1.4037(1) | 1.4046(2) |
| C7-C2 | 1.4677(8) | 1.4942(1) | 1.4954(1) |
| C1-C2 | 1.3720 (6) | 1.4152(1) | 1.4031(1) |
| C1-C10 | 1.4692(8) | 1.4284(1) | 1.4406(1) |
| C11-C12 | 1.3983(6) | 1.4062(1) | 1.4037(1) |
| C12-C13 | 1.3881(7) | 1.3761(1) | 1.3773(1) |
| C14-C13 | 1.3918(6) | 1.4053(1) | 1.4046(1) |
| C14-C15 | $1.3916(6)$ | 1.3687(2) | 1.3699(1) |
| N3-C11 | 1.3368(5) | 1.3462(1) | 1.3444(1) |
| N3-C15 | $1.3397(7)$ | 1.3554(1) | 1.3552(1) |
| Angles |  |  |  |
| O2-S1-O1 | 119.05(3) | 118.13(2) | 118.28(1) |
| N1-S1-C8 | 101.58(3) | 102.39(1) | 101.37(1) |
| S1-C8-C7 | 116.46(4) | 117.45(2) | 116.51(2) |
| S1-N1-C1 | 112.82(3) | 113.57(2) | 112.87(2) |
| N1-C1-C10 | 118.11 (4) | 115.88(2) | 114.73(2) |
| C10-C1-C2 | 120.70(5) | 123.16(2) | 124.53(2) |
| C10-N2-C11 | 128.86(5) | 126.56(2) | 126.34(2) |
| O4-C10-C1 | 120.51(4) | 125.15(2) | 123.95(2) |
| O3-C2-C1 | 122.54(5) | 124.44(2) | 123.98(2) |
| Dihedral angles |  |  |  |
| O4-C10-C1-N1 | 174.37(2) | -2.32(2) | -0.22(2) |
| N3-C11-N2-C10 | -176.78(3) | -14.74(1) | -6.55(1) |
| C1-C10-N2-C11 | -176.71(3) | -175.93(2) | -170.08(2) |
| H-bonds nPX | symmetry | H...A | D...A |
| O3-H3O...O4 | $x, y, z$ | 1.730(2) | 2.561(1) |
| N2-H2N...O2 | $2-x,-y,-z$ | 2.301(2) | 2.999(2) |
| H-bonds zPX |  |  |  |
| N2L-H2NL...O3L | $x, y, z$ | 1.713(2) | 2.5300(1) |
| N2R-H2NR...O3R | $x, y, z$ | 1.780(2) | 2.5873(1) |
| N3L-H3NL...O4L | $x, y, z$ | 1.987(2) | 2.6732(2) |
| N3R-H3NR...O1L | $x, y, z$ | 2.561(1) | 2.9396(2) |
| N3R-H3NR...O4R | $x, y, z$ | 1.924(2) | 2.6501(2) |
| O5B-H5OB...O3R | $x, y, z$ | 1.838(2) | 2.7522(1) |
| O5B -H6OB...O4L | $x, y, 1+z$ | 1.882(1) | 2.8075(2) |
| O5A -H5OA...O5B | 1-x, 1-y, 1-z | 1.982(1) | 2.9134(2) |
| N3L -H3NL...O4R | $2-x, 1-y,-z$ | 2.052(1) | 2.7824(1) |
| N3R -H3NR...O4L | $2-x, 1-y,-z$ | 2.207(1) | 2.8857(1) |

