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CO(NH₂)₂·NH₄Cl: an ultraviolet birefringent material with the conjugated C=O groups

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Table S1. The molar ratios of starting compositions, experimental temperatures and the determined crystalline phases.

No.	Molar ratios		Experimental temperature	Product
	CO(NH ₂) ₂	NH ₄ Cl		
1	1	1	room temperature	CO(NH ₂) ₂ ·NH ₄ Cl, CO(NH ₂) ₂
2	1	2	room temperature	no assignment
3	1	3	room temperature	no assignment
4	2	1	room temperature	no assignment
5	3	1	room temperature	CO(NH ₂) ₂ ·NH ₄ Cl, NH ₄ Cl
6	3	1	40 °C	CO(NH ₂) ₂ ·NH ₄ Cl, NH ₄ Cl

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for CO(NH₂)₂·NH₄Cl.

Empirical formula	CO(NH ₂) ₂ ·NH ₄ Cl
Formula weight	113.55
Temperature	293(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, <i>Pmna</i>
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 7.909(3) Å <i>b</i> = 17.113(6) Å <i>c</i> = 8.049(3) Å
Volume	1089.4(7) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	8, 1.385 mg/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	0.577 mm ⁻¹
<i>F</i> (000)	480
Crystal size	0.24 × 0.20 × 0.12 mm ³
Limiting indices	-8 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 10, -22 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 18, -10 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 8
Reflections collected / unique	6080 / 1349 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0519]
Completeness to theta = 27.46	99.60%
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ²
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> ²	1.042

Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] ^a	$R_1 = 0.0448$, $wR_2 = 0.1212$
R indices (all data) ^a	$R_1 = 0.0682$, $wR_2 = 0.1395$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.240 and -0.392 e.Å ⁻³

^a $R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ and $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma wF_o^4]^{1/2}$ for $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$.

Table S3. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$), equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$) of each atom for $\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2 \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$. U_{eq} is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

Atom	x	y	z	U_{eq}
C(1)	5000	1587(2)	518(4)	39(1)
C(2)	5000	3404(2)	5439(4)	42(1)
N(1)	2500	5041(2)	2500	48(1)
N(2)	2500	4(2)	7500	46(1)
N(3)	3585(3)	1996(1)	508(4)	61(1)
N(4)	5000	3034(2)	3997(4)	54(1)
N(5)	5000	2958(2)	6784(4)	80(1)
Cl(1)	5000	1098(1)	5233(1)	45(1)
Cl(2)	0	3900(1)	4669(1)	44(1)
O(1)	5000	858(1)	582(3)	48(1)
O(2)	5000	4135(1)	5527(3)	53(1)

Table S4. Bond lengths ($\text{\AA}$) and angles ($^\circ$) for $\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2 \cdot \text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$.

C(1)-O(1)	1.249(4)	O(1)-C(1)-N(3)	121.97(15)
C(1)-N(3)	1.321(3)	O(1)-C(1)-N(3)#1	121.97(15)
C(1)-N(3)#1	1.321(3)	N(3)-C(1)-N(3)#1	116.0(3)
C(2)-O(2)	1.254(4)	O(2)-C(2)-N(5)	121.9(3)
C(2)-N(5)	1.325(4)	O(2)-C(2)-N(4)	121.9(3)
C(2)-N(4)	1.322(4)	N(5)-C(2)-N(4)	116.2(3)
N(1)-H(1)	0.861(16)	H(1)-N(1)-H(2)	114(3)
N(1)-H(2)	0.855(16)	H(3)-N(2)-H(4)	115(3)
N(2)-H(3)	0.867(15)	C(1)-N(3)-H(5)	118(2)
N(2)-H(4)	0.859(16)	C(1)-N(3)-H(6)	121(2)
N(3)-H(5)	0.836(16)	H(5)-N(3)-H(6)	120(3)

N(3)-H(6)	0.852(16)	C(2)-N(4)-H(7)	119(2)
N(4)-H(7)	0.845(17)	C(2)-N(4)-H(8)	121(3)
N(4)-H(8)	0.847(16)	H(7)-N(4)-H(8)	120(3)
N(5)-H(9)	0.861(17)	C(2)-N(5)-H(9)	121(3)
N(5)-H(10)	0.866(17)	C(2)-N(5)-H(10)	126(3)
		H(9)-N(5)-H(10)	113(3)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1, y, z

Table S5. Hydrogen bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) in CO(NH₂)₂·NH₄Cl.

D-H	H...A	D...A	<(DHA)	
0.840(16)	2.65(2)	3.419(4)	152(3)	N5-H10...Cl1
0.837(16)	2.448(16)	3.280(3)	173(3)	N5-H9...Cl2_#1
0.826(16)	2.690(19)	3.458(3)	155(3)	N4-H8...Cl1
0.825(16)	2.482(17)	3.302(3)	173(3)	N4-H7...Cl2_#2
0.825(15)	2.672(17)	3.448(3)	157(2)	N3-H6...Cl2_#2
0.813(15)	2.482(16)	3.279(2)	167(2)	N3-H5...Cl1_#3
0.835(15)	2.083(17)	2.902(2)	167(3)	N1-H2...O2_#6
0.841(15)	2.447(16)	3.282(2)	172(3)	N1-H1...Cl2

^aSymmetry codes: #1 x+1/2, y, -z+3/2; #2 x+1/2, y, -z+1/2; #3 x-1/2, y, -z+1/2; #4 x-1/2, y, -z+3/2; #5 -x+1, -y, -z+1; #6 -x+1, -y+1, -z+1

Table S6. Calculated refractive indices and birefringence at different wavelength of CO(NH₂)₂·NH₄Cl.

Wavelength (nm)	<i>n_x</i>	<i>n_y</i>	<i>n_z</i>	<i>Δn</i>
533.7	1.59457	1.60917	1.68849	0.09391
635.5	1.58697	1.60127	1.67938	0.09241
735.7	1.58252	1.59664	1.67403	0.09151
842.0	1.57950	1.59350	1.67040	0.09090
944.4	1.57752	1.59145	1.66803	0.09050
1075.0	1.57580	1.58966	1.66595	0.09015

Table S7. Calculated values of *Δα* of different chromospheres for CO(NH₂)₂·NH₄Cl.

Chromosphere	<i>α_{xx}</i>	<i>α_{xy}</i>	<i>α_{yy}</i>	<i>α_{xz}</i>	<i>α_{yz}</i>	<i>α_{zz}</i>	<i>Δα</i>
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C=O	6.86	9.06	7.93	0.37	0.40	-1.66	9.10
CO(NH ₂) ₂ (1)	30.16	0.00	33.11	0.00	0.30	22.26	9.72
CO(NH ₂) ₂ (2)	22.31	0.00	33.42	0.00	0.02	30.60	10.00
NH ₄ (1)	5.58	0.00	5.35	0.01	0.00	5.29	0.43
NH ₄ (2)	5.19	0.00	5.61	0.02	0.00	5.03	0.52

Table S8. Birefringence and bond population of the C=O bonds.

Compounds	Δn (1064 nm)	Δn of C=O (1064 nm)	Bond population of the C=O bonds
COS	0.574	0.221	1.2
(Mg(CO(NH ₂) ₂) ₄ (H ₂ O) ₂)Br ₂	0.150	0.021	0.94-0.95
CO(NH ₂) ₂	0.116	0.077	0.93
Li ₂ (SO ₄)(CO(NH ₂) ₂) ₃	0.096	0.026	0.94-0.96
CO(NH ₂) ₂ ·NH ₄ Cl	0.090	0.086	0.91-0.92
((NH ₂) ₂ CO)H ₃ PO ₄	0.037	0.035	0.85

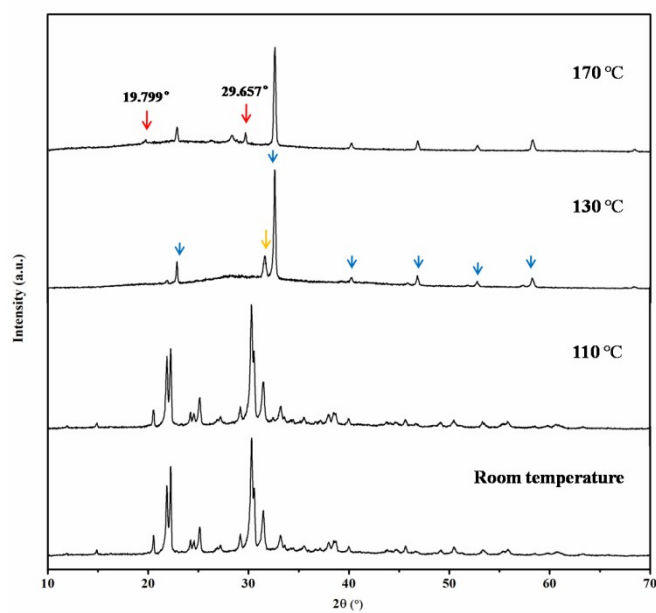


Figure S1. Variable-temperature powder XRD, XRD peaks of C₃H₃N₃O₃, CO(NH₂)₂ and NH₄Cl are indicated by light red, orange and blue arrows, respectively.

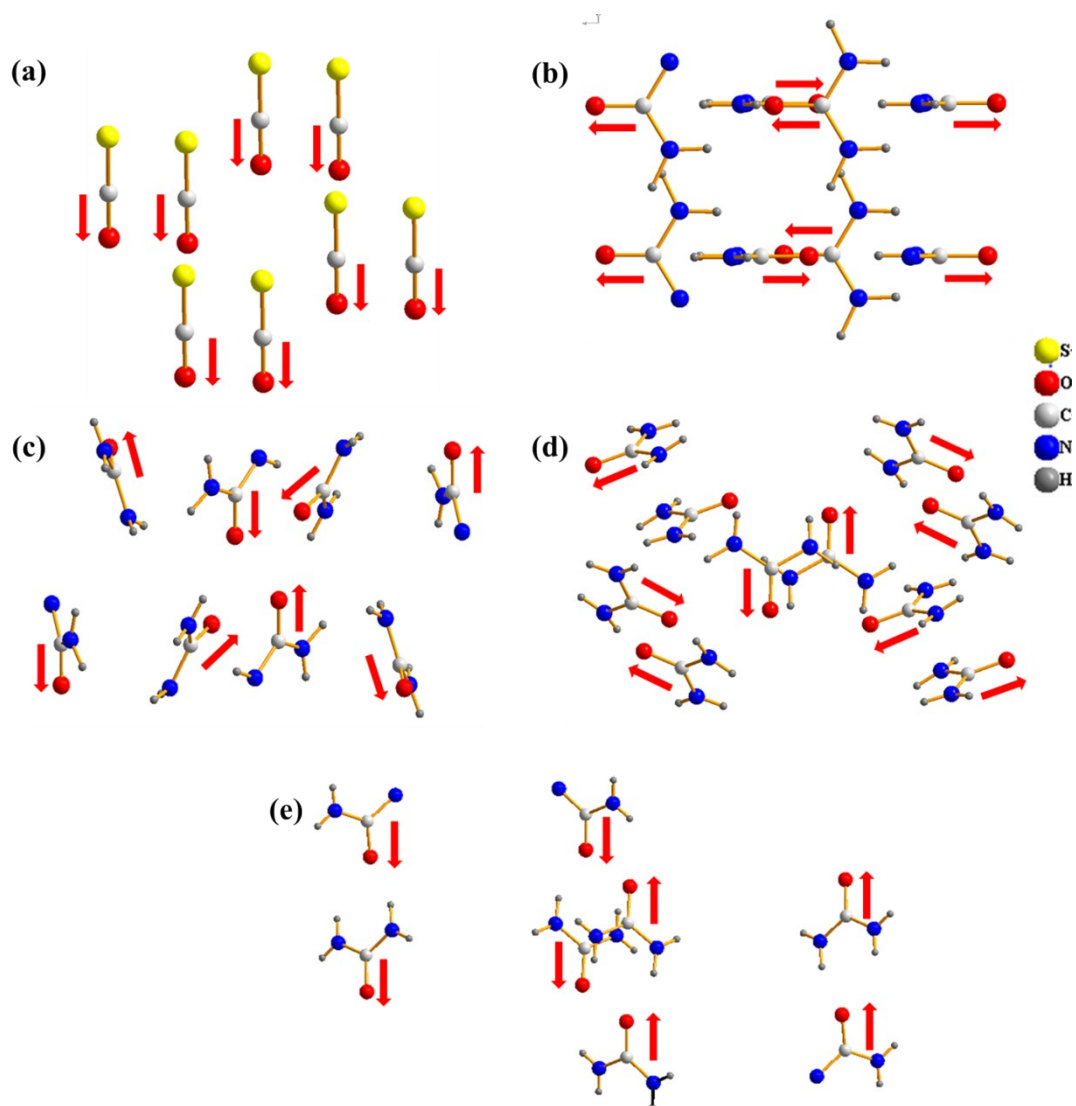


Figure S2. The arrangements of the C=O groups in (a) COS; (b) $\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2$; (c) $(\text{Mg}(\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2)_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2)\text{Br}_2$; (d) $\text{Li}_2(\text{SO}_4)(\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2)_3$; (e) $((\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO})\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$.