## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Isolation and structural characterization of the elusive 1:1 adduct of hydrazine and carbon dioxide

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#### **Experimental Details**

**Materials.** Hydrazine monohydrate (NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O), benzaldehyde (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CHO), 2methoxybenzaldehyde ((2-CH<sub>3</sub>O)-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO), 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde ((2-OH)-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHO), cinnamaldehyde (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C=CCHO), and acetophenone (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C(O)CH<sub>3</sub>) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, which were used without any further purification.

#### I. Instrumentation

**General.** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns were recorded with a Rigaku DMAX 2500 diffractometer (Cu Kα) operating at 40 kV and 150 mA. A Netzsch TG 209 F1 was used for the TGA analysis, and temperature is increased by 5 °C per minute from 25 to 150 °C. Nicolet 205 instrument was used to measure infrared spectra. Absorption spectra recorded on an Agilent 8453 UV-vis spectrophotometer. Melting point was measured with a SMP10, BIBBY. GC/MS data were recorded on Agilent 5973N, and elemental analyses were carried out using a Carlo Erba EA1180 at the Organic Chemistry Research Center in Sogang University.

<sup>1</sup>H magic angle spinning (MAS) NMR spectra were acquired on a Unity INOVA 600 NMR spectrometer (Varian Inc.) using a 2.5 mm rotor spinning at 23 kHz spinning rate. <sup>13</sup>C cross-polarization (CP) MAS NMR experiments were performed on a 400 MHz Avance II<sup>+</sup> spectrometer (Bruker BioSpin GmbH), using a 4 mm rotor spinning at 3 kHz, a proton pulse length of 3.7  $\mu$ s (corresponding to 90° pulse length), a contact time of 2.5 ms, and a pulse repetition delay time of 3 s. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra in solution were recorded on a Varian 400-MHz Gemini operating at 400 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 100 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C, respectively. All chemical shifts were referenced to tetramethylsilane ((CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>Si).

**X-ray crystallography**. A single crystal of  $NH_3^+NHCO_2^-$ , was selected from polycrystalline powder by a nylon loop (Hampton Research Co.) placed on a handmade cooper plate mounted inside a liquid N<sub>2</sub> Dewar vessel at approximately -40 °C and mounted on a goniometer head in a N2 cryostream. Data collections were carried out in a Bruker SMART AXS diffractometer equipped with a monochromator with a Mo K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) incident beam. The charge-coupled device (CCD) data were integrated and scaled using the Bruker-SAINT software package, and the structure was solved and refined using SHEXTL V 6.12.<sup>\$1</sup> Hydrogen atoms were located in the calculated positions. The crystal data for NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>NHCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>: CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, Orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$ , Z = 4, a = 4.6021(2), b = 7.3673(4)), c = 8.6802(5) Å, V = 294.30(3) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\mu = 0.161$  mm<sup>-1</sup>,  $\rho_{calcd} = 1.717$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>, R<sub>1</sub> = 0.0394, and wR<sub>2</sub> = 0.1422 for 569 unique reflections and 47 variables. The crystallographic data for NH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>NHCO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> are listed in Table S1, while Table S2 lists the selected bond distances and angles. CCDC-822062 for NH3<sup>+</sup>CH2CO2<sup>-</sup> contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These obtained data can be free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: (+44) 1223-336-033; 12. or deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

Solid state NMR experiments. <sup>1</sup>H magic angle spinning (MAS) nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectra were acquired on a Unity INOVA 600 NMR spectrometer (Varian Inc.) using a 2.5 mm rotor spinning at a rate of 23 kHz. <sup>13</sup>C cross-polarization (CP) MAS NMR experiments were performed on a 400 MHz Avance II<sup>+</sup> spectrometer (Bruker BioSpin GmbH), using a 4 mm rotor spinning at 3 kHz, proton pulse length of 3.7  $\mu$ s (corresponding to 90° pulse length), contact time of 2.5 ms, and pulse repetition delay time of 3 s. All the chemical shifts were referenced to tetramethylsilane.

#### II. Synthesis of solid hydrazine in super critical carbon dioxide

**Hydrazinium carboxylate (1).** The glass liner of an autoclave (Parr 4714, 45 mL) was charged with the hydrazine monohydrate (NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O, 3.0 g, 60.0 mmol) with dry ice (15 g), and the gauge and gauge block assembly were attached. Subsequently, the autoclave was placed in an oil bath on a heater stirrer preset to the reaction temperature. After the appropriate time, the autoclave was removed from the oil and cooled to an ambient temperature. The excess gas was discharged and the system was disassembled. The white crystalline powders in the glass liner were filtered in air followed by washing with methanol (3×10 mL), diethylether (3×10 mL), and pentane (3×10 mL), and then dried under vacuum. The typical yield of **1** based on the used hydrazine hydrate was >95 %. Yield (4.33 g, 96 %). mp 99-100 °C. Elemental analysis (Found: C, 15.75; H, 5.31; N, 36.90. Calc. For C<sub>1</sub>H<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 15.79; H, 5.30; N, 36.84 %). λ<sub>max</sub>(powder)/nm 201. ν<sub>max</sub>(powder)/cm<sup>-1</sup> 3225w, 2966w, 2680w (NH/N<sup>+</sup>H<sub>3</sub>, br.), 1666w, 1662w (NH/N<sup>+</sup>H<sub>3</sub>), 1589m, 1477s (C=N/C=O), 1346s, 1219s (C-N). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, solid): δ (ppm) 7.2 (1H, NH), 10.2 (3H, H<sub>3</sub>N<sup>+</sup>); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (400 MHz, solid): δ (ppm) 164.

**Precaution.** The solid hydrazine, hydrazinium carboxylate (1), could be harmful for health due to its sublimation character. The equipment of effective ventilation is highly recommended for handling the solid hydrazine to avoid vapor inhalation.

#### III. Synthesis of azines by reactions of carbonyl compounds with solid hydrazine

**Synthesis.** A 10.0 mmol carbonyl compound was reacted with 0.38 g (5.0 mmol) of **1** in an opened vessel without any solvent in a 10 mL vial at 45 °C. Subsequently,  $CO_2$  was evolved from the reaction mixture with stirring. After the time given in Table 3, 10 mL of diethyl ether and 20 mL of pentane were added to a small portion of the azine product (*ca*.

0.1 g). The produced crystalline solids were filtered, followed by washing with pentane (3  $\times$  10 mL) and then dried under vacuum. All the products of the azines derivatives obtained from the reactions of **1** with carbonyl compounds exhibited >98 % purity and >97% yield, and they are assigned by comparing melting point, GC/MS, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR with previously reported data.<sup>S2-S5</sup>

**1,2-Dibenzylidenehydrazine (2a, from benzaldehyde).**<sup>S2</sup> Yield (1.01 g, 97 %). mp 93 °C (ether/pentane, yellow crystal); lit. 93-94 °C.<sup>S2</sup> Elemental analysis (Found: C, 80.67; H, 5.84; N, 13.41. Calc. For  $C_{14}H_{12}N_2$ : C, 80.74; H, 5.81; N, 13.45 %).  $\lambda_{max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)/nm 303 ( $\varepsilon$ /dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 3.90 x 10<sup>4</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 7.47 (d, J = 8.4, 6H, CH-3, CH-4 and CH-5 in phenyl), 7.85 (m, 4H, CH-2 and CH-6 in phenyl), 8.68 (s, 2H, CH=N); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 128.71 (CH-2 and CH-6 in phenyl), 128.94 (CH-3 and CH-5 in phenyl), 131.33( $C_{quart}$ -1), 134.23 (CH-4), 162.26 (CH=N). MS (EI+) m/z = 208[M+], 180, 152, 131, 104, 89, 77, 63, 51, 39.

**1,2-bis(2-methoxybenzylidene)hydrazine (2b, from 2-methoxybenzaldehyde).**<sup>S3</sup> Yield (1.31 g, 98 %). mp 143 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/ether, yellow crystal), lit. 143 °C.<sup>S4</sup> Elemental analysis (Found: C, 71.64; H, 6.02; N, 10.54. Calc. For C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 71.62; H, 6.01; N, 10.44 %).  $\lambda_{max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)/nm 293, 341 ( $\varepsilon$ /dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1.63 x 10<sup>4</sup>, 2.67 x 10<sup>4</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 3.85 (s, 6H, -OCH<sub>3</sub>), 6.91 (d, J = 8.4, 2H, in phenyl), 7.00 (t, J = 7.6, 2H, in phenyl), 7.39 (td, J = 8.4, J = 1.6, 2H, in phenyl), 8.10 (dd, J = 7.6, J = 1.6, 2H, in phenyl), 9.06 (s, 2H, CH=N); <sup>13</sup>C (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 55.58 (OCH3), 111.18 (CH-3 in phenyl), 120.75 (CH-5 in phenyl), 122.81 ( $C_{quart}$ -1 in phenyl), 127.28 (CH-6 in phenyl), 132.36 (CH-4 in phenyl), 157.45 ( $C_{quart}$ -OCH<sub>3</sub> in phenyl), 159.08 (CH = N). MS (EI+) m/z = 268[M+], 253, 237, 207, 161, 150, 133, 119, 104, 91, 77, 64, 51, 44.

**1,2-bis(2-hydroxybenzylidene)hydrazine** (**2c, from 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde).**<sup>83</sup> Yield (1.16 g, 97 %). mp 217 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/ether, yellowish crystal), lit. 213-214 °C.<sup>82</sup> Elemental analysis (Found: C, 69.72; H, 4.89; N, 11.43. Calc. For C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 69.99; H, 5.04; N, 11.66 %).  $\lambda_{max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)/nm 298, 361 ( $\varepsilon$ /dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1.93 x 10<sup>4</sup>, 1.75 x 10<sup>4</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 6.97 (t, J = 7.2, 2H, in phenyl), 7.03 (d, J = 8.4, 2H, in phenyl), 7.35 – 7.41 (m, 4H, in phenyl), 8.71 (s, 2H, C*H*=N), 11.38 (s, 2H, O*H*); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 117.14 (*C*H-4 in phenyl), 117.25 (*C*H-3 in phenyl), 119.70 (*C*H-5 in phenyl), 132.53 (*C*H-6 in phenyl), 133.42 (*C*<sub>quart</sub>H-1 in phenyl), 159.78 (*C*<sub>quart</sub>2-OH), 164.69 (*C*H=N). MS (EI+) m/z = 240[M+], 223, 207, 196, 165, 147, 121, 102, 93, 77, 65, 51, 44.

(1E,2E)-1,2-bis((E)-3-phenylallylidene)hydrazine (2d, from cinnamaldehyde).<sup>85</sup> Yield (1.27 g, 98 %). mp 170-172 °C (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/ether, yellow crystal), lit. 163-165 °C.<sup>85</sup> Elemental analysis (Found: C, 83.30; H, 6.03; N, 10.84. Calc. For C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: C, 83.05; H, 6.20; N, 10.76 %).  $\lambda_{max}$ (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)/nm 350 (ε/dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 4.08 x 10<sup>4</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 7.08 (m, 4H, C=CH-N and C-*H* in phenyl), 7.33 – 7.41 (m, 6H, C*H*=C-N and C-*H* in phenyl), 7.43 (br s, 2H, in phenyl), 7.44 (br s, 2H, in phenyl), and 8.29 (t, *J* = 4.4, 2H, C*H*=N); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): δ (ppm) 125.37 (CH-C=N), 127.47 (CH-2 and CH-6 in phenyl), 128.92 (CH-3 and CH-5 in phenyl), 129.55 (*C*H=CH), 135.73 (*C*<sub>quart</sub>H-1 in phenyl), 143.45 (*C*H-4 in phenyl), 163.73 (*C*H=N). MS (EI+) m/z = 260[M+], 245, 183, 157, 130, 115, 103, 89, 77, 63 51. **1,2-Bis(1-phenylethylidene)hydrazine (2e, from acetophenone).**<sup>S2</sup> Yield (1.15 g, 97 %). mp 122 °C (ether/pentane, yellow crystal), lit. 121-122 °C.<sup>S2</sup> Elemental analysis (Found: C, 81.37; H, 6.86; N, 11.67. Calc. For  $C_{16}H_{16}N_2$ : C, 81.32; H, 6.83; N, 11.85 %).  $\lambda_{max}$  (CHCl<sub>3</sub>)/nm 271 ( $\varepsilon$ /dm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>: 1.88 x 10<sup>4</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 2.30 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 7.39 (m, 6H, CH-3, CH-4 and CH-5 in phenyl), 7.90 (m, 4H, CH-2 and CH-6 in phenyl); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  (ppm) 15.12 (CH<sub>3</sub>), 126.70 (CH-2 and CH-6 in phenyl), 128.43 (CH-3 and CH-5 in phenyl), 129.71 (CH-4 in phenyl), 138.49 ( $C_{quart}$ -1 in phenyl), 157.80 (C=N). MS (EI+) m/z = 236[M+], 221, 194, 180, 159, 143, 132, 118, 103, 77, 51, 39.

#### **Supplementary Figures and Tables**



**Fig. S1** X-ray powder diffraction (XRD) patterns of  $H_3N^+NHCO_2^-$  (1): (a) XRD patterns of as-synthesized powders and (b) the same powders stored in a vial for 30 days.



**Fig. S2** The TGA data of  $H_3N^+NHCO_2^-(1)$ : the temperature is increased by 5 °C per minute from 25 to 150 °C.

| Formula sum          | CH <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> |  |  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Formula weight       | 76.07   |  |  |
| Crystal system       | orthorhombic                                  |  |  |
| Space group          | P 21 21 21 (no. 19)                           |  |  |
| Unit cell dimensions | a = 4.5938(2) Å                               |  |  |
|                      | b = 7.3438(4) Å                               |  |  |
|                      | c = 8.6250(5) Å                               |  |  |
| Cell volume          | 290.97(3) Å <sup>3</sup>                      |  |  |
| Z                    | 4   |  |  |
| Density, calculated  | 1.759 g/cm <sup>3</sup>                       |  |  |
| R <sub>All</sub>     | 0.040   |  |  |
| Pearson code         | oP36  |  |  |
| Formula type         | NO2P2Q4                                       |  |  |
| Wyckoff sequence     | a <sup>9</sup>                                |  |  |

### Table S1. Crystal data for hydrazium carboxylate (1).

| 01—C       | 11.258(3) | N1—H1B   | 0.890    |
|------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| O2—C1      | 1.250(3)  | N1—H1C   | 0.890    |
| N1—N2      | 1.438(3)  | N2—C1    | 1.398(3) |
| N1—H1A     | 0.890     | N2—H2    | 0.860    |
|            |           |          |          |
| N2—N1—H1A  | 109.50    | C1—N2—N1 | 114.0(2) |
| N2—N1—H1B  | 109.50    | C1—N2—H2 | 123.00   |
| H1A—N1—H1B | 109.50    | N1—N2—H2 | 123.00   |
| N2—N1—H1C  | 109.50    | 02—C1—O1 | 126.5(2) |
| H1A—N1—H1C | 109.50    | O2—C1—N2 | 117.5(2) |
| H1B—N1—H1C | 109.50    | 01—C1—N2 | 115.0(2) |
|            |           |          |          |

**Table S2**. Selected bond distances and bond angles (Å,  $^{\circ}$ ) for hydrazium carboxylate (1).

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