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PHENYLALANINE – IODINE COMPLEX AND ITS STRUCTURE

Abstract. This report describes synthesis and structural characterization of the phenylalanine-iodine complex monocystal in acetone. Crystals of the substance exhibited a rhombic syngony and were stable at a temperature of 25 °C. As a result, a new compound α, α' -di-amino- β, β' -diphenylpropionic acid monoiodide has been obtained. X-ray diffraction analysis showed that dimers of phenylalanine molecules ($C_{18}H_{23}N_2O_4$) are formed due to hydrogen bonds between the oxygen atoms of carboxyl groups. The hydrogen bonds between the amino groups and iodide form the layers parallel to the (001) plane and these molecular layers are bound to a three-dimensional structure via the van der Waals forces.

Keywords: Phenylalanine, iodine, halogen, hydrogen bonds, amino acid complex with iodine.

Introduction

Iodine, in comparison with other halogens - fluorine, chlorine and bromine, has a number of distinctive properties. First of all, the interatomic distance in the iodine molecule in the solid state is greater than in the gaseous state. This is not observed in either chlorine or bromine. Due to the large size of the iodide anion, the iodide has a small surface charge density, as a result of which the charge distribution can be distorted by the action of certain cations (Li^+ , Mg^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , etc.) and can no longer be regarded as spherically symmetric [1]. In comparison with chlorine and bromine, high iodine polarizability along with low electronegativity makes it possible to form various compounds like charge transfer, donor-acceptor interaction, hydrophobic interaction, hydrogen and halogen bonds [2,3]. These properties of iodine enable to develop a variety of substances and materials, for example, drugs [2], superconductors [4], nonlinear optical crystals [5]. Iodine forms complex compounds with organic substances and interhalogen compounds, including polyiodides [6-9]. Of particular interest are the compounds of iodine with amino acids [10]. The aim of the study was a synthesis of a complex of phenylalanine and iodine and determination its structure by X-ray diffraction analysis.

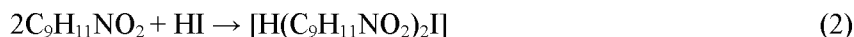
Experimental part

Synthesis of the phenylalanine-iodine complex. Acetone (Sigma, USA) and iodine (Reachim, Russia) were mixed in a molar ratio of 34:1 at a temperature of 60-65°C to produce hydrogen iodide:



Then phenylalanine was added and acetone was slowly evaporated. As the acetone evaporates, crystals of black color form for a long time. The obtained crystals had a rhombic syngony and were stable

at a temperature of 25°C. The chemical formula of this compound can be represented as: $2C_9H_{11}NO_2 \cdot HI$, and the formation reaction:



X-ray diffraction analysis (XRD). A single-crystal needle-shaped sample of 0.02 x 0.08 x 0.28 mm in size was placed in a glass capillary and fixed with a glass rod. To prevent the destruction of crystals under the influence of heat and X-rays, diffraction measurements were carried out at low temperatures. Low temperatures on the samples were maintained by a low temperature prefix of the "Enraf-Nonius" firm in pairs of nitrogen with an accuracy of $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$. Diffraction measurements were carried out at room temperature on an Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 auto-diffractometer (graphite monochromator, Mo- K_α radiation, $\theta/2\theta$ - scanning). The parameters of the rhombic cell are determined and refined by 24 reflections with $12 < \theta < 13$. The absorption was accounted for using the psi-scan method [11]. The structure is deciphered by the direct method. The coordinates of all hydrogen atoms are determined by geometric calculations. The structure is defined by the completely matrix OLS in the anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms and isotropic for hydrogen atoms. The coordinates of the hydrogen atoms of the NH_3 and OH groups are refined freely, and the coordinates of the remaining hydrogen atoms are refined by the "rider" model with the following conditions: the length of the bonds is C-H=0.98Å, 0.97Å, 0.93Å and $U_{iso}(H)=1.5U_{eq}(C)$ for CH, CH_2 and phenyl groups, respectively. All structural calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL program complex [12].

The main crystallographic data and experimental parameters are given in Table 1, and the full crystallographic information of the investigated compound was deposited at the Cambridge structural data bank under the number CCDC 1036670.

Table 1 - Crystallographic data of the complex $2(C_9H_{11}NO_2) \cdot HI$

Formula	$2(C_9H_{11}NO_2) \cdot HI$
Molecular weight	458.28
Singonia; Spatial group	Rhombic; $P2_12_12_1$
Lattice parameters a, b, c [Å]	5.3059(11); 12.265(3); 29.585(6)
alpha, beta, gamma [deg]	90.0; 90.0; 90.0
V [Å] ³ ; Z	1925.3(7); 4
D(calc)[g/cm ³]; F(000)	1.581; 920
Mu(MoKa) [mm ⁻¹]	1.687
Dimensions of the crystal [mm]	0.02 x 0.08 x 0.28
Измерения	
Temperature (K); Radiation [Å]	200; MoKa; $\lambda=0.71073$
$\theta_{min}; \theta_{max}$ [Deg]	1.4, 30.0
Measurement area	0: 7;-17: 17; 0:41
Number of reflexes changed, independent, R(int)	6498, 5612, 0.048
Observed reflexes [$I > 2.0 \sigma(I)$]	3154
Refinement	
Number of reflexes, Number of parameters	5612, 247
R, wR ² , S	0.0616, 0.1304, 0.81
Max. and Av. Shift/Error	0.00, 0.00
Flack x	0.00(4)
Min. and Max. Resd. Dens. [e/Å ³]	-0.69, 0.85

Results and discussion

The structure of the complex $2(C_9H_{11}NO_2) \cdot HI$, determined by X-ray diffraction analysis, is shown in Fig. 1. The independent part of the unit cell contains two molecules of phenylalanine ($C_9H_{11}NO_2$), and one anion I.

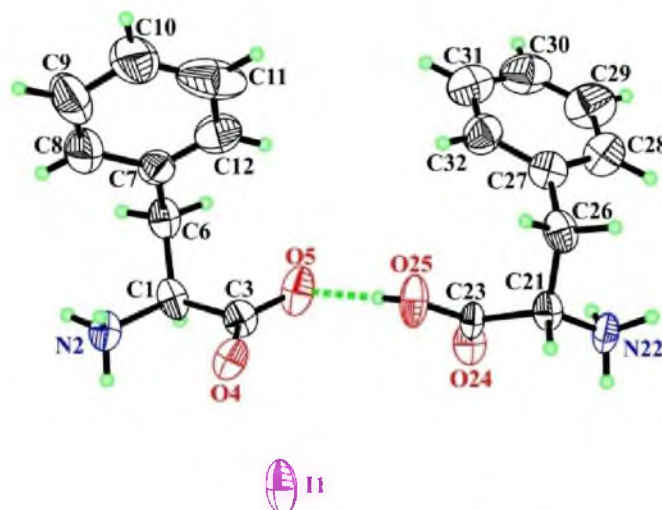


Figure 1 - Atomic model of the structure of $C_{18}H_{23}N_2O_4I$
(ellipsoids of anisotropic thermal oscillations are drawn at the level of 50% probability)

Herewith, two molecules of phenylalanine are bound by the hydrogen bond $O25-H25 \cdots O5$ (Table 2) to form a dimer ($C_{18}H_{23}N_2O_4$) (Figure 1).

Table 2 - Hydrogen bonds in structure $2(C_9H_{11}NO_2) \cdot HI$

D	H	A	D-H	H-A	D-A	D-H-A
N2	H2A	O24	0.92(4)	1.87(4)	2.778(7)	168(5)
N2	H2B	I1	0.92(7)	2.81(8)	3.642(6)	151(7)
N2	H2C	I1	0.92(8)	2.79(8)	3.575(6)	144(8)
N22	H22B	O4	0.93(4)	1.83(4)	2.760(7)	173(3)
N22	H22A	I1	0.93(8)	2.77(8)	3.602(6)	149(7)
N22	H22C	I1	0.93(6)	2.75(8)	3.616(6)	158(7)
O25	H25	O5	0.88(9)	1.66(9)	2.423(6)	144(8)

In the three-dimensional packaging of the crystal structure, the dimers ($C_{18}H_{23}N_2O_4$) form an infinite two-dimensional layer parallel to the plane (001) due to the hydrogen bonds between the amino groups and iodide (Figure 2). In the three-dimensional construction of the crystal structure, the interaction between the layers is mainly described by van der Waals forces.

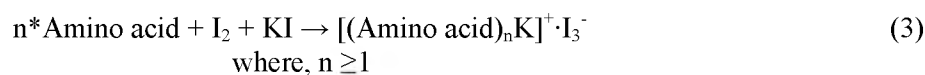
Thus, in the reaction of iodine with phenylalanine in acetone, a complex α, α' -di-amino- β, β' -diphenylpropionic acid monoiodide is formed. Iodine atoms are the acceptors of the hydrogen bond formed with amino groups of phenylalanines of the type:



where, $X = F, Cl, Br$ и I

The average and normalized length of the hydrogen bond $H \cdots X^-$ is 0.83 and, being less than the mean value 0.873 [13], calculated from known structures, indicates a strong hydrogen bond.

The obtained complex differs from other coordination compounds of iodine with amino acids [10] or other biologically active substances [14] with charge transfer by type:



Iodide promotes the dimerization of phenylalanines, initiating the formation of the hydrogen bond between pairs of amino acid molecules. As it is known, multidimensional structures, formed by hydrogen bonds between biological molecules, play an important role - from metabolic transformations to the realization of genetic information encoded in DNA [15, 16]. The role of halogen ions in the stabilization of the action of the reactive center of enzymes is great. For example, the chlorine anion activates the α -

amylase of animals and certain bacteria by forming the hydrogen bond with the amino group of arginine [17]. Similarly, chloride affects cathepsin C [18]. Therefore, interest in halogens as acceptors of the hydrogen bond is very high.

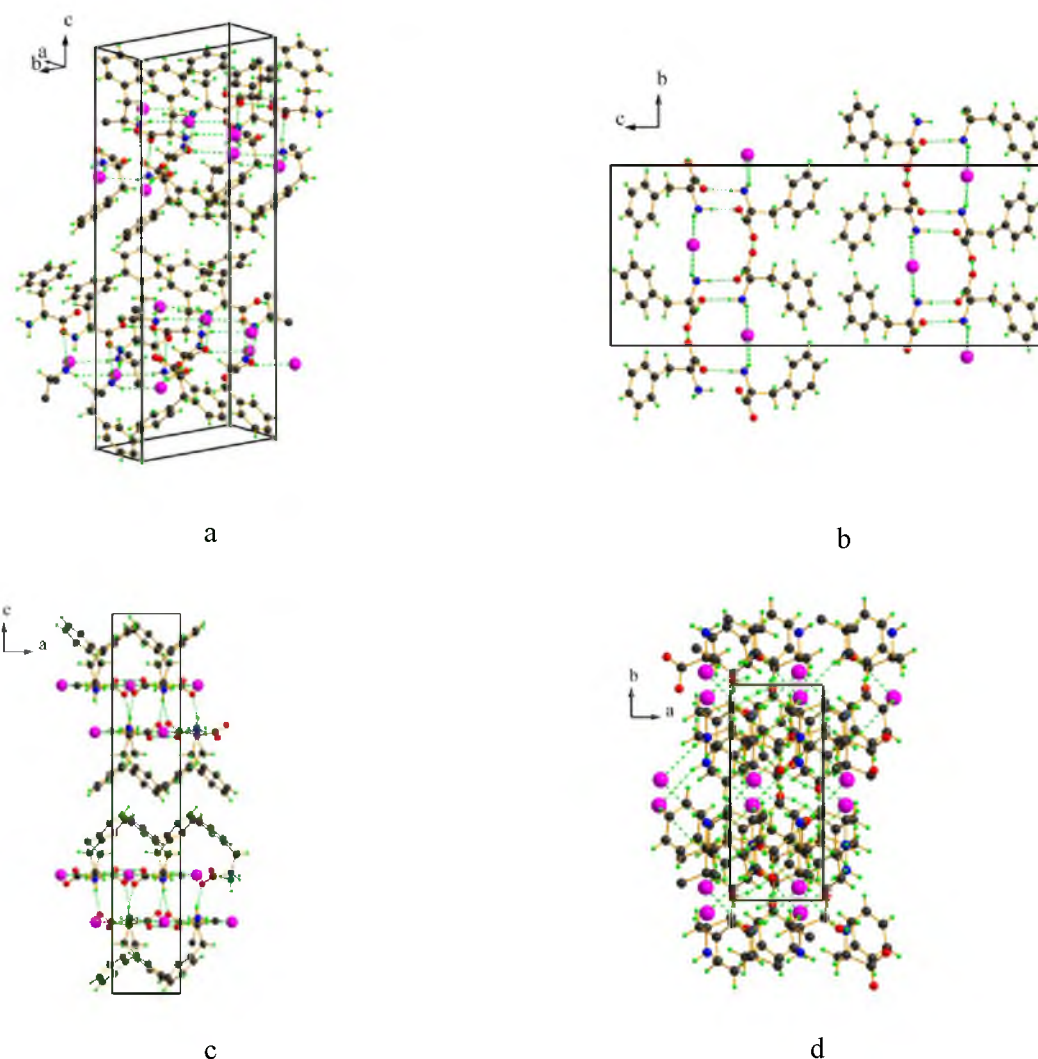


Figure 2 - Crystalline structure $C_{18}H_{23}N_2O_4I$, iodine atoms of magenta colour, carbon - gray, nitrogen - blue, oxygen - red and hydrogen - green, hydrogen bonds are shown in green broken lines: (a) - a perspective view of the structure; (b) - the projection of the structure on (100); (c) - the projection of the structure on (010); (d) - the projection of the structure on (001)

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ИОД ЖӘНЕ ОНЫҢ ҚҰРЫЛЫМЫМЕН ФЕНИЛАЛАЛИННІҢ КЕШЕНДІ КОМПЛЕКСІ

Аннотация. Мақалада ацетонда фенилаланин-иод кешенінің монокристаллды алу және синтезі сипатталады. Заттың кристаллы ромбылық сингониясы болды және 25 °С температурада тұрақты болды. Нәтижесінде α, α' -ди-амино- β, β' -моноиодид дифенилпропионды қышқылының жаңа қосылысы алынды. Рентгендік құрылымдық зерттеулерімен фенилаланиннің молекула диметрлері (C₁₈H₂₃N₂O₄) карбоксил топтарының оттегі атомдар арасындағы сутектік байланыс салдарынан пайда болатынын көрсетті. Амин топтары мен иодид арасындағы сутектік байланыс параллель жазықтық қатпары пайда болып, осы молекулалар қатпарлары Ван-дер-Ваальс арқылы үш өлшемді құрылысын байланыстырады.

Түйін сөздер: фенилаланин, иод, галоген, сутектік байланыстар, иодпен амин қышқылы кешені.

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КОМПЛЕКС ФЕНИЛАЛАНИНА С ИОДОМ И ЕГО СТРУКТУРА

Аннотация. В статье описывается синтез и структурный анализ монокристалла комплекса фенилаланин-иод в ацетоне. Кристаллы вещества имели ромбическую сингонию и были стабильны при температуре 25 °С. В результате получено новое соединение α, α' -ди-амино- β, β' -дифенилпропионой кислоты моноиодид. Рентгенструктурными исследованиями показано, что димеры молекулы фенилаланина (C₁₈H₂₃N₂O₄) образуются за счёт водородных связей между атомами кислорода карбоксильных групп. Водородные связи между аминогруппами и иодидом образуют слой параллельно плоскости (001) и эти слои молекул связываются в трехмерную постройку силами Ван-дер-Ваальса.

Ключевые слова. Фенилаланин, иод, галоген, водородные связи, комплекс аминокислоты с иодом.