



Thiobarbiturate and barbiturate salts of pefloxacin drug: Growth, structure, thermal stability and IR-spectra



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ABSTRACT

Three new salts of pefloxacin (PefH) with thiobarbituric (H₂tba) and barbituric (H₂ba) acids, pefloxacinium 2-thiobarbiturate trihydrate, PefH₂(Htba)·3H₂O (**1**), pefloxacinium 2-thiobarbiturate, PefH₂(Htba) (**2**) and bis(pefloxacinium barbiturate) hydrate, (PefH₂)₂(Hba)₂·2.56H₂O (**3**) are synthesized and structurally characterized by the X-ray single-crystal diffraction. The structures of **1–3** contain intramolecular hydrogen bonds C–H···F, O–H···O. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds N–H···O and O–H···O form a 2D plane network in **1**. In **2** and **3**, intermolecular hydrogen bonds N–H···O form the infinite chains. In **1–3**, the Htba[−] and Hba[−] ions are connected with PefH₂⁺ only by one intermolecular hydrogen bond N–H···O. In **2** and **3**, two Htba[−] and Hba[−] ions are connected by two hydrogen bonds N–H···O. These pairs form infinite chains. All three structures are stabilized by the π–π interactions of the head-to-tail type between PefH₂⁺ ions. Compounds **2** and **3** are characterized by powder XRD, TG-DSC and FT-IR.

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1. Introduction

Fluoroquinolones (FqH) are the broad spectrum bactericidal antibiotics and the compounds work against both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. Pefloxacin (PefH), widely used in clinical practice, is an important representative of this class (Fig. 1a) [1–3]. It possesses moderate activity against anaerobes and Mycobacteria, to which the quinolone in general has low activity. Because of low solubility, PefH is commonly used in the form of a salt [4], for example, pefloxacinium methanesulfonate, PefH₂(CH₃SO₃). Therefore, a further search for other pefloxacin salts with improved properties is of great practical interest.

Barbiturates are a class of drugs, which are used as anesthetics and sleeping agents, and they are utilized for the treatment of

different psychiatric disorders [5]. Barbituric and thiobarbituric acids (Fig. 1b) are the key compounds, which are applied in the synthesis of their different derivatives having an important therapeutic value [6–9]. Barbituric acid (H₂ba) possesses specific, relatively weak acidic properties (pK_a ca. 4.03 [10]) resulting from the presence of two methylene hydrogen atoms. Thiobarbituric acid (H₂tba) is a stronger acid (pK_{a1} ca. 1.87 [11]), which acidic properties also result from the presence of two methylene hydrogen atoms. The existence of three polymorphs of anhydrous H₂ba and dihydrate [12–14], and six polymorphs of anhydrous thiobarbituric acid and hydrate [15] make these molecules interesting from the viewpoint of crystal engineering. They can be used as building blocks in the construction of supramolecular assemblies with distinctive properties. The possibility of non-covalent interactions ensures the rich supramolecular chemistry of H₂tba and H₂ba compounds. On the other hand, the donor–acceptor features of these acids are important for the crystal design of pharmaceuticals, molecular recognition and catalytic activity [16]. It is particularly interesting to evaluate the structure and

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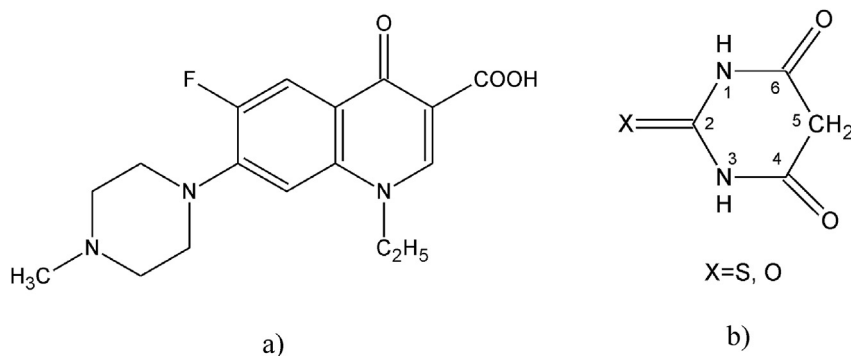


Fig. 1. Schemes of pefloxacin (a) and barbituric acids (b): X = O in H₂ba and X = S in H₂tba.

properties of the salts containing simultaneously two representatives of different pharmaceutically-active classes, namely, fluoroquinolones and barbituric acids. The fundamental aim of the present work is to explore the solid-state pefloxacinium thio-barbiturate and pefloxacinium barbiturate structures. The molecular and supramolecular structures of fluoroquinolones with barbituric acids [17], which are currently absent in CSD, are also useful. Here, we report on the synthesis data, IR spectra and thermal stability of three salts, pefloxacinium 2-thio-barbiturate trihydrate, PefH₂(Htba)·3H₂O (**1**), pefloxacinium 2-thio-barbiturate, PefH₂(Htba) (**2**) and bis(pefloxacinium 2-thio-barbiturate) hydrate, (PefH₂)₂(Htba)₂·2.56H₂O (**3**).

2. Experimental section

2.1. Reagents and synthesis

Pefloxacin (CAS 70458-92-3), thio-barbituric acid (CAS 504-17-6), barbituric acid (CAS 67-52-7) with a purity of $\geq 98\%$ and pefloxacin (CAS 70458-92-3) were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich and used as received. Acetone, as a reagent analytical grade (Acros), was used without any additional purification. Compounds **1–3** were prepared by the crystallization from the aqueous solution. For the synthesis of **2**, PefH (0.6 mmol) was dissolved in water (5 cm³) at 80 °C, then solid H₂tba (0.6 mmol) was added to the resulting solution under stirring and the solution was kept at 80 °C up to the total dissolution of H₂tba. The solution pH was equal to 4.2 (a multitest IPL-103 pH meter, Semico, Russia). Then, the solution was slowly cooled: first down to room temperature and then down to 4 °C. In 20 min, the pale orange precipitate formed as fine rectangular crystals was filtered off, washed with acetone and dried in the air to a constant mass. The yield of powder product **2** pale orange in color was 53%. The single crystal of **1** (golden-color prism) was occasionally grown by the continuous evaporation of the filtrate at 4 °C within 6 months. However, we could not get compound **1** at a volume sufficient for the thermal and spectroscopic measurements. The pale-yellow compound **3** was prepared with the yield of 43% by a procedure analogous to that described for the preparation of **2**, but H₂ba (pH = 4.6) was used instead of H₂tba. The repeated experiments on the synthesis of compounds **2** and **3** showed good preparation methods reproducibility.

In the following, powder samples **2** and **3** were used for IR and TG-DSC measurements. The crystals of **2** and **3**, suitable for a single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis, were grown by the corresponding filtrate evaporation at 4 °C. The optical microscopy images of crystals **2** and **3** were obtained using a Nikon Eclipse LV100 Microscope (Japan) and they are presented in Fig. 1S. The attempts to obtain other hydrates of these compounds by the crystallization

from an aqueous solution were unsuccessful.

Anal. Calc. for C₂₁H₃₀FN₅O₈S(**1**): C, 47.5; H, 5.69; N, 13.2; S, 6.03. Found: C, 48.0; H, 5.26; N, 13.6; S, 6.21%. Anal. Calc. for C₂₁H₂₄FN₅O₅S: C, 52.8; H, 5.07; N, 14.7; S, 6.72. Found: C, 52.5; H, 4.89; N, 14.3; S, 6.87% (**2**). Anal. Calc. for C₄₂H₅₀F₂N₁₀O_{14.56} (**3**): C, 52.2; H, 5.22; N, 14.5. Found: C, 51.8; H, 5.13; N, 14.7%.

2.2. X-ray diffraction analysis

The intensity patterns were collected from single crystals **1**, **2** and **3** using the SMART APEX II and D8 Venture X-ray single crystal diffractometers (Bruker AXS, Germany) equipped with a CCD-detector, graphite monochromator and a Mo K α radiation source. The absorption corrections were applied using the SADABS program. The structures were solved by the direct methods using package SHELXS and refined in the anisotropic approach to non-hydrogen atoms using the SHELXL program [18]. All hydrogen atoms were found via Fourier difference maps. Then, the hydrogen atoms, which are linked with C,N atoms in the Htba⁻, Hba⁻ and PefH⁺ ions, were positioned geometrically as riding on their parent atoms with d(C–H) = 0.93–0.98 Å, d(N–H) = 0.86–0.89 Å depending on geometry and U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N). All hydrogen atoms of the H₂O molecules and one H atom in the OH group of PefH⁺ ion were refined with bond length restraint d(O–H) = 0.9 Å and U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(O). The structure test for the presence of missing symmetry elements and possible voids was produced using the PLATON program [19]. The DIAMOND program is used for the crystal structure plotting [20].

The powder X-ray diffraction data of **2** and **3** were obtained using a diffractometer D8 ADVANCE (Bruker, Germany) equipped by a VANTEC detector with a Ni filter. The measurements were made using Cu K α radiation. The structural parameters defined by a single crystal analysis were used as a base in the powder pattern Rietveld refinement. The refinement was produced using program TOPAS 4.2 [21]. The low *R*-factors and the good refinement results shown in (Fig. 2S) indicate the phase purity of powder samples **2** and **3**.

2.3. Physical measurements

TGA was carried out on the simultaneous SDT-Q600 thermal analyzer (TA Instruments, USA) under the dynamic air atmosphere (50 ml/min flow rate) within 22–350 °C at the scan rate of 10 °C/min. The qualitative composition of the evolved gases was determined by the FT-IR spectrometer Nicolet380 (Thermo Scientific, USA) combined with a thermal analyzer and with the TGA/FT-IR interface (attachment for the gas phase analysis). This set up allows a simultaneous accumulation of the DTA/TG data and the

released gas composition. The sample weight was 5.603 mg for **2** and 6.302 mg for **3**. Platinum crucibles with perforated lids were used as containers. The IR absorption spectra of the compounds packed in KBr tablets were recorded over the range of 400–4000 cm^{-1} at room temperature on an FT-IR spectrometer Nicolet 6700 (Thermo Scientific, USA, SFU CEJU).

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Crystal structure of (1)

The unit cell of pefloxacinium 2-thiobarbiturate trihydrate, $\text{PefH}_2^+(\text{Htba}^-) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**), corresponds to the triclinic symmetry. Space group *P*-1 was determined from the statistical analysis of reflection intensities. The main structural data are enumerated in Table 1. The main bond lengths and valence angles are listed in Table 1S. Generally, they coincide with those given in the literature for the PefH_2^+ ion [22–25] and Htba^- ion [26–30].

In crystal **1**, the independent part of the unit cell contains one PefH_2^+ ion, one Htba^- ion and three H_2O molecules (Fig. 2a). There are two intramolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$, $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ (Fig. 2a) and nine intermolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$, $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ in the structure (Fig. 3a, Table 2S) which form a 2D plane network. This is the 5-nodal net with stoichiometry (3-c)(3-c)(3-c)(4-c)(5-c) and with the vertex symbol (3.5.6.8².9)(3.5.6².7².8³.9)(3.5.6)(5.6²)(5.8²) which is new [31].

Similar to **1**, the structures of pefloxacinium methanesulfonate hydrates [23,24] are also stabilized by hydrogen bonds involving the terminal piperazinyl N atom of the pefloxacinium and an O atom of the methanesulfonate ion with strong $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ interactions, and the carbonyl and carboxyl groups of PefH_2^+ are also involved in a strong intramolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bond. In **1**, two Htba^- ions are bound together with hydrogen bonds by means

of two identical chains, consisting of two water molecules, with the formation of synthon R_6^6 (20). Each Htba^- ion has two such ions in the nearest environment (Fig. 3a). PefH_2^+ is connected with two H_2O molecules and two Htba^- ions. In **1**, two N atoms of the thiobarbiturate ion are the hydrogen bond donors and two O atoms from keto and carboxyl groups of the PefH_2^+ cation are the acceptors. The most interesting motifs in this network are R_3^3 (10), R_6^6 (12), R_6^6 (14) and R_6^6 (20) (Fig. 3a). The π - π interactions between Htba^- and PefH_2^+ ions, and between two PefH_2^+ ions (in a head-to-tail manner) stabilize the structure. Earlier, a similar packing of PefH_2^+ ions was observed in the structures of $(\text{PefH}_2^+)\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3^- \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [24] $(\text{PefH}_2^+)\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3^- \cdot 0.1\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [23] and $(\text{PefH}_2^+)_2\text{PtCl}_4^{2-} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ [25]. The π - π interaction in **1** combines pefloxacinium cations into the pairs (Table 3S, Fig. 3Sa).

3.2. Crystal structure of (2)

The unit cell of $\text{PefH}_2^+(\text{Htba}^-)$ (**2**) corresponds to the monoclinic symmetry. Space group *P*2₁/*c* was determined from the statistical analysis of the reflection intensities and extinction rules. The main crystal data are shown in Table 1. The main bond lengths and valence angles are listed in Table 1S. The structural characteristics of **2** are in a good relation with those found for **1** and those given in the literature for ions PefH_2^+ [22–25] and Htba^- [26–30].

The independent part of the unit cell contains one PefH_2^+ ion and one Htba^- ion (Fig. 2b). There are two intramolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$, $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ (Fig. 2b) and three intermolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ in the structure (Fig. 3b, Table 2S) which form a chain along the *a*-axis. The Htba^- ion in **2** has the H-bond direct to PefH_2^+ , like that in $\text{PefH}_2^+(\text{Htba}^-) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**). The number of intermolecular hydrogen bonds in compound **2** is much smaller than that in **1** due to the absence of water molecules in compound **2**, which can stabilize the crystal structures with an imbalance in

Table 1
Crystal structure parameters of **1**–**3**.

Single crystal	$\text{PefH}_2(\text{Htba}) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1)	$\text{PefH}_2(\text{Htba})$ (2)	$(\text{PefH}_2)_2(\text{Hba})_2 \cdot 2.56\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3)
Moiety formula	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{30}\text{FN}_5\text{O}_8\text{S}$	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{24}\text{FN}_5\text{O}_5\text{S}$	$\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{50}\text{F}_2\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_{14.56}$
Dimension (mm)	$0.2 \times 0.16 \times 0.05$	$0.20 \times 0.30 \times 0.35$	$0.43 \times 0.20 \times 0.17$
Color	Pale orange	Pale yellow	Pale yellow
Molecular weight	531.56	477.51	965.88
Temperature (K)	150	150	296
Space group, <i>Z</i>	<i>P</i> -1, 2	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> -1, 2
<i>a</i> (Å)	8.4651 (6)	12.0768 (9)	10.3252 (3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	9.3753 (6)	14.7120 (11)	13.8631 (4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	15.8077 (9)	12.2222 (9)	16.9586 (3)
α (°)	89.484 (2)	90	101.243 (1)
β (°)	88.735 (2)	95.109 (3)	92.514 (1)
γ (°)	78.147 (2)	90	109.471 (1)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1227.48 (14)	2162.9 (3)	2229.1 (1)
ρ_{calc} (g/cm ³)	1.438	1.466	1.439
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.196	0.204	0.115
Reflections measured	11838	105889	24769
Reflections independent	5647	6337	10127
Reflections with $F > 4\sigma(F)$	3139	4737	7257
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$ (°)	55.27	60.16	55.02
<i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i> - limits	$-10 \leq h \leq 10$; $-12 \leq k \leq 12$; $-20 \leq l \leq 18$	$-17 \leq h \leq 17$; $-20 \leq k \leq 20$; $-17 \leq l \leq 17$	$-13 \leq h \leq 13$; $-17 \leq k \leq 17$; $-15 \leq l \leq 22$
R_{int}	0.0473	0.0869	0.0278
The weighed refinement of F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0628P)^2]$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0570P)^2 + 1.4849P]$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1137P)^2 + 0.3971P]$
Number of refinement parameters	346	303	637
<i>R</i> 1 [$F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$]	0.0523	0.0468	0.0550
<i>wR</i> 2	0.1060	0.1116	0.1704
<i>Goof</i>	0.905	1.060	1.039
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ (e/Å ³)	0.416	0.893	0.626
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e/Å ³)	-0.287	-0.328	-0.373
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}}$	0.001	0.001	0.001

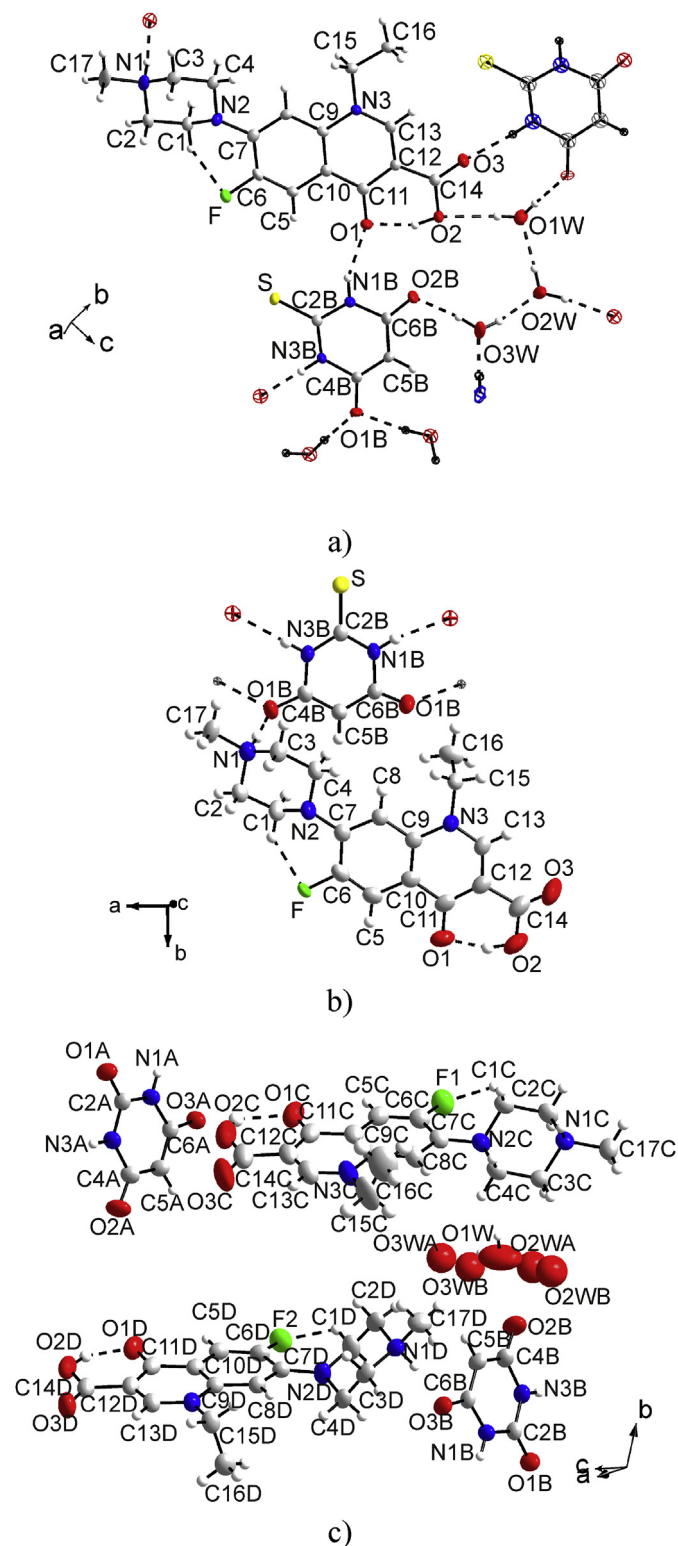


Fig. 2. The asymmetric unit of the $\text{PefH}_2(\text{Htba}) \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**) (a), $\text{PefH}_2(\text{Htba})$ (b) and $(\text{PefH}_2)_2(\text{Htba})_2 \cdot 2.56\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**3**) (c) unit cell. All atoms in the asymmetric unit are labeled. The neighboring symmetry-generated atoms are represented by principal ellipsoids with an individual color. The bonds linking asymmetric unit atoms with the symmetry-generated atoms and intermolecular hydrogen bonds are represented by dashed lines. The ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, except for the hydrogen atoms represented by spheres. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

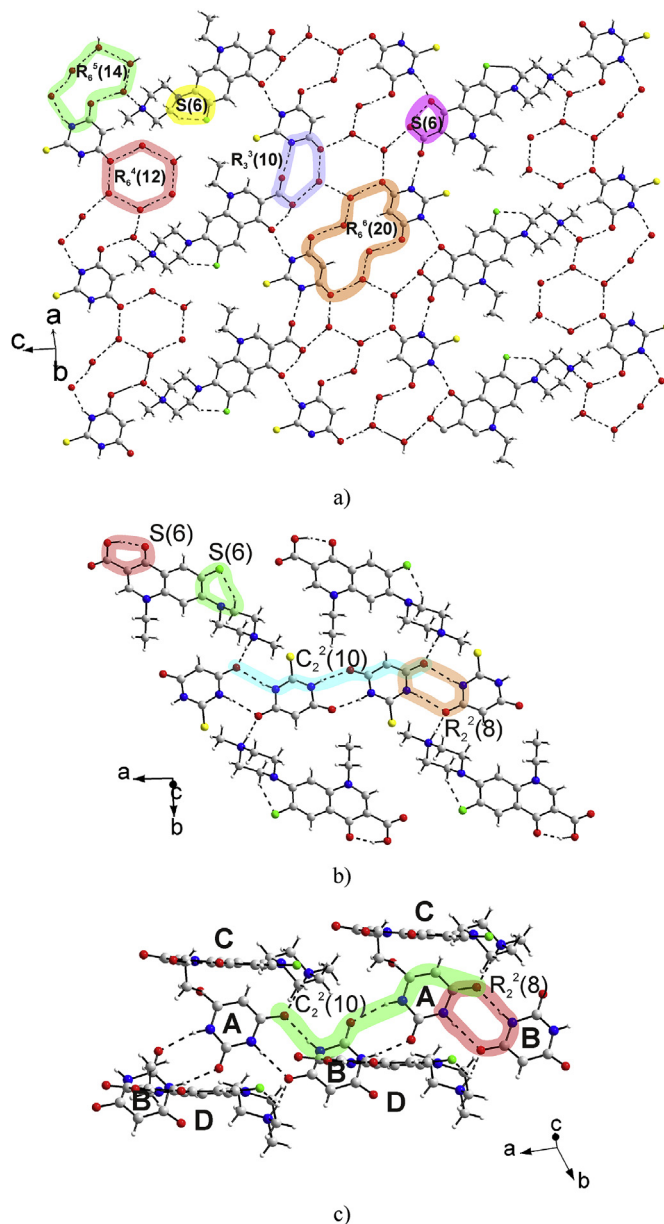


Fig. 3. Hydrogen bonding in **1** (a), **2** (b) and **3** (c). The H-bonds are marked by dashed lines, the H-bond motifs are marked by circles. Different Htba^- ions are marked by A, B labels and PefH_2^+ ions are marked by C, D labels in (3) (c).

the number of acceptors and donors [32]. PefH_2^+ has two hydrogen bond donors (carboxylic acid, O–H; $(\text{CH}_3)\text{NH}^+$ group) and six potentially strong hydrogen bond acceptors (three N– and three O-atoms). The Htba^- ion has potentially two hydrogen bond donors (two NH groups) and five acceptors (two O–, two N atoms and one S atom). In the structure of **2**, an imbalance in the number of donors and acceptors in PefH_2^+ is partly compensated by the active participation in the hydrogen bonding of the Htba^- ion (Fig. 3b). Structure **2** is stabilized by the intermolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{N} \cdots \text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ between Htba^- ions forming a centrosymmetric homoynton $R_2^2(8)$ and $C_2^2(10)$. Besides, the Htba^- ions form infinite chains along the *a*-axis. Also, there are π – π interactions between two rings of PefH_2^+ in the structure (Table 3S, Fig. 3Sb). Contrary to **1**, the Htba^- ions in compound **2** are not involved in the π – π

interaction. However, the π - π interactions between two PefH_2 rings jointed them into the pairs in **2**.

3.3. Crystal structure of **(3)**

The unit cell of $(\text{PefH}_2)_2(\text{Hba})_2 \cdot 2.56\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**3**) corresponds to the triclinic symmetry, and space group $P-1$ was identified for the structure. The main crystal data are shown in Table 1. The main bond lengths and valence angles are enumerated in Table 1S.

The independent part of the unit cell contains two PefH_2^+ ions, two Hba^- ions, one ordered water molecule and two disordered H_2O molecules with partial occupations (Fig. 2c). The occupancy sum of all H_2O in the independent part of the unit cell is equal to 2.562(4). In structure **3**, the hydrogen bonding can not be analyzed in detail because the positions of H atoms of disordered water molecules were not found. Anyway, there are two intramolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$, $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ (Fig. 2c), six intermolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ (Fig. 3c) and, at least, one $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ bond in the structure (Table 3S), which form a chain along the a -axis. The hydrogen bond pattern is similar to the pattern of **2** (Fig. 3b). The dominant hydrogen bonding in **3** is the $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ interaction, which leads to a centrosymmetric synthon $R_2^2(8)$ and to the formation of an infinite chain of Hba^- ions. The similar infinite chains from Htba^- ions were observed in **2**. There are several π - π interactions between the two rings of PefH_2^+ and Hba^- (Table 3S, Fig. 3S).

3.4. IR spectroscopy

The IR spectra of $\text{PefH}_2(\text{Htba})$ (**2**) and $(\text{PefH}_2)_2(\text{Hba})_2 \cdot 2.56\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**3**) are shown in Fig. 6S. They are very difficult for the interpretation because of numerous bands in the wavenumber range below 1500 cm^{-1} . In the analysis of the IR spectra, the results of earlier studies were used for comparison [33–36]. The IR spectra of **2** (Fig. 4S, curve 1) and **3** (Fig. 4S, curve 2) are significantly different from the spectra of initial reagents (PefH , H_2tba or H_2ba) and this indicates the formation of new compounds. The very broad bands in the range of 3600 – 3400 cm^{-1} can be assigned to the stretching modes of NH and OH in the PefH_2^+ , Htba^- and Hba^- ions. In the region of stretching vibrations $\text{C}=\text{O}$ in the IR spectra of Hba^- ions, the band with the highest frequency lies at 1688 cm^{-1} [35]. In the alkaline and alkali earth metals (M) thiobarbiturates, the $\text{M}-\text{O}$ bond is weak and predominantly ion-dipole by nature and, therefore, one can assume that the stretching vibrations $\text{C}=\text{O}$, which were found in the IR spectra of these compounds, can be attributed to the uncoordinated Htba^- ions. The highest frequency band $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ in sodium thiobarbiturate is located at 1645 cm^{-1} [28] and it is located at 1630 cm^{-1} in potassium thiobarbiturate [37]. The band associated with $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ of Htba^- and Hba^- ions is located noticeably below 1700 cm^{-1} . Thus, the bands at 1716 cm^{-1} in **2** and at 1706 cm^{-1} in **3** correspond to the stretching vibration $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ in COOH groups [36]. This proves the protonation of carboxyl group PefH and it is in agreement with the X-ray single crystal structural results. The low frequency of another very strong absorption band $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ at 1629 cm^{-1} , obtained in the IR spectra of **2** and **3**, can be explained by the participation of the O2 atom of PefH_2^+ in an intramolecular hydrogen bond $\text{O2}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O1}$ (Fig. 1b and c) and/or it is assigned to $\nu(\text{C}=\text{O})$ in Htba^- and Hba^- ions, respectively.

3.5. Thermal decomposition

According to TG curves, the mass of sample **2** remains unchanged up to $\sim 270\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Fig. 5S), and there are no peaks in the DSC curve below this temperature. This confirms the anhydrous nature of the compound. Compound **2** melts with the decomposition at $T > 270\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. The decomposition is accompanied by an endo effect at

$275.3\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. As it is known, H_2tba melts with decomposition at $250.6\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ [38], i.e. compound **2** is more thermally stable than H_2tba . According to the IR spectroscopic analysis of the gases evolved during thermolysis, H_2O , CO_2 , SO_2 and NH_3 are formed.

Both TG and DSC curves of **3** show the two-step dehydration which is accompanied by two endo effects at $124.7\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and $244.1\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (Fig. 6S). This is confirmed by the results of IR spectroscopic analysis of evolved gases, according to which, when the sample is heated to $260\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, only the two-step dehydration takes place. The first dehydration stage proceeded in the range of 60 – $150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and showed the weight loss (Δm) equal to 4.1%. The second dehydration stage in the range of 235 – $260\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ showed $\Delta m = 1.8\%$. The total weight loss (5.9%) is bigger than the weight loss calculated under the assumption of the total dehydration ($-2.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $\Delta m_{\text{theor}} = 4.66\%$). The detected difference can be explained by the partial overlap of the second dehydration stage with the oxidative decomposition of compound **3**. Pure H_2ba melts with the decomposition at $245.0\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ [39] and, respectively, the thermal stability of compound **3** is higher than that of H_2ba . The oxidative decomposition products are H_2O , CO_2 , NH_3 .

4. Conclusions

The crystallization of PefH with 2-thiobarbituric and barbituric acids resulted in the isolation of three new salts. Two intramolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$, $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and intermolecular hydrogen bonds $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$, $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ stabilize the structures of **1**–**3**. The Htba^- and Hba^- ions are connected with PefH_2^+ only by intermolecular hydrogen bond $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$. In **1**, two N atoms of the thiobarbiturate ion are the hydrogen bond donors and two O atoms of keto and carboxyl groups of the PefH_2^+ cation are the acceptors. However, in **2**–**3**, the positively charged piperazinium N atom in PefH_2^+ is the H-bond donor and the O atom from the keto group of Htba^- or Hba^- ions is the acceptor. The dominant hydrogen bonding in **2**–**3** appeared due to the $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ interaction, which leads to a centrosymmetric synthon $R_2^2(8)$ and the formation of infinite chains of Htba^- or Hba^- ions. Commonly, fluoroquinolones have potentially two strong hydrogen bond donors and 6–7 potentially strong hydrogen bond acceptors [40]. An imbalance in the donor/acceptor number in the fluoroquinolone salts can be compensated by the incorporation of water molecules into crystal lattices, as it appears in **1**. The water molecules stabilize the crystal structures by forming a diverse arrangement of supramolecular heterosynthons [41]. Another way of the compensation of an imbalance in the donor/acceptor ratio is the inclusion of the anions capable of self-association in the composition of fluoroquinolone salts, for example, the Htba^- or Hba^- ions, as it is observed in **2** and **3**. Structures **1**–**3** are stabilized by the π - π interactions between the PefH_2^+ ions of the head-to-tail type. These interactions connect PefH_2^+ ions in pairs in **1**–**2** or in the infinite chains in **3** (Table 3S, Fig. 2S). Also, there are the π - π interactions between Htba^- and PefH_2^+ ions in **1**. The IR spectral data are in agreement with the X-ray single crystal diffraction analysis. The thermal stability of compounds **2** and **3** is evidently higher than that of H_2tba and H_2ba acids.

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