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1 **Synthesis, characterization, and DFT studies of a new**
2 **chiral ionic liquid from (S)-1- phenylethylamine**

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8 **Abstract**

9 A new chiral ionic liquid was synthesized from (S)-1- phenylethylamine and it was
10 studied by IR, Raman, polarimetry, NMR and X-ray crystal diffraction. Its vibrational
11 spectral bands are precisely ascribed to the studied structure with the aid of DFT
12 theoretical calculations. The optimized geometries and calculated vibrational
13 frequencies are evaluated via comparison with experimental values. The vibrational
14 spectral data obtained from IR and Raman spectra are assigned based on the results of
15 the theoretical calculations by the DFT-B3LYP method at 6-311G(d,p) level. The
16 computed vibrational frequencies were scaled by scale factors to yield a good
17 agreement with observed experimental vibrational frequencies. The vibrational modes
18 assignments were performed by using the animation option of GaussView5.0
19 graphical interface for Gaussian program.

20 *Keywords:* Chiral ionic liquid; Synthesis; Vibrational spectra; DFT

21 **Introduction**

22 Ionic liquids are green media for various chemical synthesis, enzymatic catalysis,

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1 and engineering processes. They are based on organic cations (e.g. imidazolium,
2 pyridinium, ammonium, phosphonium and triazolium derivatives) and anions whose
3 choice allows the physicochemical properties of the ionic liquids to be tuned. Because
4 they are designable, ionic liquids are "task-specific" or "tailor-making" materials [1-3].
5 Many more novel functional ionic liquids have been synthesized. These functional
6 ionic liquids have multiple bonding sites. Chiral ionic liquids are a kind of
7 "task-specific" materials, a renewal for the chemistry of chiral solvents which were
8 designed, synthesized and applied for chiral recognition and asymmetric synthesis
9 So far reported examples are designed either from the chiral pool (aminoacids,
10 hydroxyacids, amines, aminoalcohols, terpenes and alkaloids) or by asymmetric
11 synthesis; they can bear central, axial or planar chirality. Modern applications were
12 focus on asymmetric synthesis, enzymatic chemistry, chiral chromatography, NMR
13 liquid crystals and stereoselective polymerization [4-6].

14 Considering the chiral ionic liquid is highly effective for asymmetric synthesis and
15 chiral chromatography, we synthesized a novel chiral ionic liquid,
16 (S)-2-(3-methyl-imidazolium)-N-(1-phenylethyl)acetamide tetrafluoroborate, which
17 has the potential application for separating racemates in capillary chromatography. In
18 this work, we reported the synthesis of the chiral ionic liquid and presented the joint
19 theoretical study and experimental spectral characterization of the ionic liquid by
20 density functional theory (DFT). Infrared spectroscopy (IR) and Raman
21 spectroscopy (Raman) are both powerful techniques to elucidate chemical structure
22 Reliable assignments of the IR and Raman spectra of investigated molecules are very
23 essential to understand the relationship between the observed spectral features and
24 molecular structure/reactivity [7-9]. So the application of theoretically computed

1 vibrational frequencies to link experimental data was developed since calculations
2 provide additional interpretation of the vibrational spectroscopic data.

3 **Materials and methods**

4 *Synthesis*

5 (S)-1-phenylethanamine and 2-chloroacetyl chloride were purchased from
6 Aladdin reagent company, China. Other reagents were purchased from Chengdu
7 Kelong reagent company, China. Reactions were monitored by thin layer
8 chromatography (TLC). Melting points (m.p.) were determined by XT-4 melting point
9 apparatus. Optical rotation was determined by WZZ-2A automatic polarimeter.
10 ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 600
11 spectrophotometer operating at 600 MHz and 150 MHz respectively, using
12 tetramethylsilane as the internal standard. The following abbreviations were used for
13 the multiplicity of signals in ^1H NMR: (s) singlet, (d) doublet, (t) triplet, (q) quartet,
14 (m) multiplet.

15 Along the synthesis route towards the title ionic liquid,
16 (S)-2-chloro-N-(1-phenylethyl) acetamide was firstly synthesized by
17 Friedel-Crafts reaction between (S)-1-phenylethanamine and 2-chloroacetyl
18 chloride. Then obtained acetamide reacted with 1-methylimidazole, and the chloride
19 salt was synthesized. Finally, tetrafluoroborate was added to exchange the anion, the
20 aim product S-shaped imidazolium tetrafluoroborate ionic liquid was prepared. The
21 preparation of acetamide requires anhydrous conditions in order to avoid hydrolysis of
22 2-chloroacetyl chloride. The reaction path is shown in Scheme 1.

23 *(S)-2-chloro-N-(1-phenylethyl) acetamide(I)*

24 (S)-1-phenylethanamine (6.06 g, 0.05 mol) and anhydrous potassium carbonate
25 (10 g, 0.065 mol) were added to 150 mL dried THF in three neck flask under stirring

1 at room temperature, then a 20 mL THF solution of 2-chloroacetyl chloride 6.22 g
2 (0.055 mol) was dropwise added to above flask from constant pressure funnel
3 equipped with the flask. The dropping time should be longer than 30 min. After
4 finishing the dropping, the reaction continued for 4 hours. Above reaction was
5 controlled at 20°C and monitored by TLC. After the reaction finished, the solid was
6 filtered off, washed with THF. Filtrate was concentrated by evaporation to remove
7 THF under vacuum, and then 10-20 mL water added to the residue. The solution was
8 stored in refrigerator at 4°C. and white needle crystal (9.5 g) precipitated. The yield of
9 **1** was 96%. M.p.98–101°C; $[\alpha]_D$ (c=0.6, -77.8 in acetone); IR (KBr) cm^{-1} : 1495、
10 1601 (Ar) , 3029 cm^{-1} (Ar-H), 1650 cm^{-1} (C=O), 1500~1600 cm^{-1} , 697 cm^{-1} , 750
11 cm^{-1} (Ar), 1106 cm^{-1} (C-N) . ^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 7.27-7.37 (m, 5H,
12 Ar), 6.82 (s, 1H, NH), 5.13 (m, 1H, CH), 4.04 (q, 2H, CH_2Cl), 1.53(d, 3H, CH_3) ; ^{13}C
13 NMR (150 MHz, CDCl_3) δ (ppm): 165.1 (C=O), 142.5, 129.0, 129.0, 127.8, 126.3.0,
14 126.3(Ar-C), 49.4(CH), 42.8 (CH_2), 21.8(CH_3).

15 *(S)*-2-(3-methyl-imidazolium)-N-(1-phenylethyl)acetamide tetrafluoroborate

16 (S)-2-chloro-N-(1-phenylethyl)acetamide (8.0 g, 0.05 mol) and methylimidazole
17 (2.38mL, 0.065 mol) were added to 25 mL ethanol in flask under stirring at 90°C, and
18 the reaction continued for five days. Until the reaction finished, the solvent was
19 removed under vacuum. Then water was added to the residue, dichloromethane was
20 used to extract the mixture twice. The obtained aqueous phase was evaporated to
21 dryness under vacuum to give the solid. 3.8g sodium tetrafluoroborate was added to
22 25 mL methanol solution of above solid under stirring at room temperature for thirty
23 minutes and the solution was evaporated to dryness under vacuum. The residue was
24 extracted with 20 mL acetone three times. Organic extract was dried over anhydrous
25 Na_2SO_4 , filtered and the solvent removed under vacuum to give the product as a

1 colorless crystal (0.03mol, 9.8 g). M.p.155–157°C; $[\alpha]_D(c=0.53, -86.2, \text{in acetone})$, ^1H
2 NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ , ppm): 9.04(s, 1H, H-1 of imidazolium) [10], 8.86 (s,
3 1H, NH), 7.67(s, 2H, H-2,3 of imidazolium), 7.24-7.35 (m, 5H, Ar), 5.01 (s, 2H,
4 CH₂Cl), 4.94 (t, 1H, CH), 1.40(d, 3H, CH₃) ; ^{13}C NMR (150 MHz, DMSO-d₆, δ ,
5 ppm): 163.9 (C=O), 143.7, 128.3, 128.3, 126.9, 126.0, 126.0 (Ar-C), 137.7 (C-1),
6 123.8,122.9 (C-2,3), 50.4 (CH₂), 48.5(CH), 22.3 (CH₃).

7 *Infrared, Raman spectra and Single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis*

8 IR spectra of the samples were recorded using a FT-IR 8400 spectrophotometer.
9 Raman spectrum was recorded with Renishaw inVia micro- Raman spectrometer.
10 Colorless pillar crystals of the chiral ionic liquid were grown by slow evaporation (at
11 20°C) of dissolutions of the sample in acetone. A suitable crystal was selected
12 and X-ray diffraction data were collected on an Xcalibur, Eos diffractometer. The
13 crystal was kept at 293.15 K during data collection. Using Olex2 [11], the structure
14 was solved with the Super flip [12] structure solution program using Charge Flipping
15 and refined with the ShelXL-2012 [13] refinement package using Least Squares
16 minimisation. A summary of data collection and refinement conditions for the crystal
17 structure: formula C₁₄H₁₈BF₄N₃O, $F_w = 331.12$, orthorhombic, $a = 8.1430(4)$, $b =$
18 $10.7435(3)$, $c = 18.6436(8)$ Å, $\alpha, \beta, \gamma = 90^\circ$, $V = 1631.02(12)$ Å³, $T = 293.15$ K, space
19 group P2₁2₁2₁, $Z = 4$, $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 0.71073$ mm⁻¹, Reflection collected 4642,
20 Independent/observed reflections 3181 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0154$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0393$], $R_1 = 0.0850$,
21 $wR_2 = 0.2212(I \geq 2\sigma(I))$, $R_1 = 0.1143$, $wR_2 = 0.2526(\text{all data})$.

22 *Computational details*

23 In this work, to fit the requirements of accuracy and economy, the theoretical
24 method and basis set should be considered firstly. The density functional theory (DFT)
25 has been proved to be extremely useful in treating electron relativities, and the basis

1 set of 6-311G (d, p) has been used as a very effective and economical level for many
2 molecules [14]. Based on the points, the density functional Becke3–Lee–Yang–Parr
3 (DFT/B3LYP) method with standard 6-311G (d, p) basis set was adopted to compute
4 the properties of the studied compound in the present work. All the calculations were
5 performed using Gaussian09 program package [15] with the default convergence
6 criteria. As the first step of our calculation, the initial geometrical configuration was
7 generated from its X-ray diffraction crystallographic data, and the optimized geometry
8 corresponding to the minimum on the potential energy surface was obtained by
9 solving self-consistent field equation iteratively without any constraints. By
10 combining the results of the GAUSSVIEW 5.0 program, the vibrational wavenumbers
11 of IR and Raman spectra in experiment were accurately elucidated.

12 **Results and discussion**

13 *Molecule structure*

14 The results of X-ray crystal diffraction proves that the molecular structure and its
15 packing mode of the ionic liquid are very close to the previous report [16]. In the
16 present case, the strong intra- and intermolecular N-H---F, C-H---F and C-H---O
17 interactions (Table 1) have effect on the packing structure as the values reported
18 previously [16,17]. In order to compare with experimental data better, the optimized
19 parameters gained at B3LYP/6-311G (d, p) level are listed in Table 2. The
20 displacement ellipsoid plots with atomic renumbering are shown in Fig. 1 to be used
21 for stating better in this work. Fig.2 depicted obtained crystal packing and hydrogen
22 bonding interactions in crystal structure.

23 Seen from the crystal structure, the bond lengths of C- C and C-N in imidazolium
24 ring are 0.1316-0.1389 nm, shorter than normal C-C (0.1540 nm) and C-N (0.1470
25 nm), longer than normal C=C (0.1340) and C=N (0.1270). This phenomenon

1 demonstrates the bond lengths in imidazolium ring have average trend of single and
2 double bond. The dihedral angles (N2C3C2N1, C3N2C1N1, C1N2C3C2, C1N1C2C3,
3 C2N1C1N2) are -1.5° , -1.5° , 1.8° , 0.6° , and 0.6° , respectively. It indicates that there is
4 a planar structure where all sp^2 hybrids in imidazolium ring and the imidazolium ring
5 has aromaticity. The charge disperses in whole imidazolium ring, so imidazolium
6 cation is very stable [16-19]. From Fig.2A and B, it is found that the C1-H fragment
7 on the imidazolium ring interact with a neighboring carbonyl O1=C6 of an adjacent
8 molecule by hydrogen bond. Four imidazolium rings parallel as a basic unit. And the
9 BF_4 anions are near the C1-H fragment above the imidazolium rings because of
10 C1-H...F hydrogen bonds and electrostatic forces between anion and cation. The
11 stable hydrogen bonds in ion-pairs are also reported in Fig.2B and Table 1.

12 As seen from Table 2, it can be observed that the experimental and theoretical
13 geometric parameters are not agreed with each other completely. It is owing to the
14 following two facts. The first fact is that an isolated molecule considered in
15 theoretical calculation in gas phase is contrary to the packing molecules with
16 intermolecular interactions recorded in condensed phase in experimental measurement
17 [18], and the second one is that a theory derived from reality is generally imperfect
18 with a case. In the crystal structure, cations and anions alternated in the crystal
19 structure and the BF_4 anions are positioned closer to the imidazolium rings than that
20 of the gas phase. The carbonyl group is closed to hydrogen atom of C8 of adjacent
21 molecule but not in the gas phase where the distance is very far between the molecular
22 and adjacent molecular [16].

23 In the studied case, the largest deviations of bond lengths and bond angles
24 between the optimized values and experimental ones are of 0.05 Å and 2.7° ,
25 respectively. Despite the optimized parameters are slightly different from the

1 crystallographical data for the studied compound, the optimized structure depend
2 upon the method and the basis set used in the calculations are accepted as a base to
3 calculate other properties or to evaluate some characteristics for the studied
4 compound.

5 *Vibrational assignments*

6 Theoretical wavenumbers have been scaled using the scale factors recommended
7 for harmonic vibrational frequencies computed at the B3LYP/6-311G (d,p) level. In
8 the present study, vibrational wavenumbers calculated at B3LYP/6-311G (d,p) level
9 have been scaled by 0.9613 [20, 21]. Comparison of experimental and calculated
10 (scaled) vibrational spectra was shown in Fig.3 (IR) and Fig.4 (Raman). It was found
11 that good correlations among the scaled values of the computed harmonic frequencies
12 and the observed. The assignment of the functional groups in the ionic liquid has been
13 listed in the Table 3. The absorption peak of N-H is calculated to be 3326cm^{-1} and
14 observed at 3195cm^{-1} in the IR spectrum. The shifting of the mode is due to
15 intra-molecular hydrogen bonding N-H...F. Seen from Table 2, we know the bond
16 length of N-H is longer than normal bond length of N-H in crystal. Based the
17 principle of vibration equations in infrared spectra [22], the bond length became
18 longer, and as a result that the force constant K of chemical bonding became smaller,
19 so the vibrational frequency decreased. The large deviation is because that the
20 calculated value is the result of the gas, and the intramolecular hydrogen bonding due
21 to crystal packing wasn't considered in calculation.

22 Asymmetric stretching vibration peak of unsaturated C-H occurs at 3141, 3107,
23 3045cm^{-1} , and it matches with the calculated value ($3153, 3112, 3048\text{cm}^{-1}$). A peak at
24 2993cm^{-1} gives rise to asymmetric stretching vibration of $\text{CH}_3(\text{C}-8)$. Its deformation
25 vibration appeared at 1375cm^{-1} and is in good agreement with the calculated value

1 (1360 cm^{-1}). Generally, C=O stretching vibration shows stronger and stronger
2 absorption peak at range of 1810–1710 cm^{-1} . Due to conjugation effects higher than
3 induction effects in amide group, its peak occurs at 1683 cm^{-1} in experimental
4 spectrum but the calculated value is 1683 cm^{-1} . Stretching vibration peak of B-F
5 appeared at 520 cm^{-1} with the calculated value (492 cm^{-1}).

6 The middle bands at 1603, 1567 cm^{-1} in Raman spectrum are assigned to the
7 aromatic phenyl C=C stretching vibrations, which are good coherence with
8 theoretically calculated data at 1582, 1564 cm^{-1} . Corresponding bands in IR were
9 observed at 1579, 1492, 1427 cm^{-1} with the theoretical data at 1582, 1470, 1430 cm^{-1} .
10 In general, most of these modes are accompanied with the combination of the C-H
11 in-plane bending vibrations. The bands observed at 1348, 563, and 542 cm^{-1} in IR
12 spectrum are assigned to C-C-C deformation vibrations of the phenyl ring. The
13 deformation vibrations appear at 1028, 999, 765 and 618 cm^{-1} in Raman spectrum. The
14 theoretically computed C-C-C deformation vibrations have been found to show good
15 agreement with recorded spectral data region.

16 The unsaturated C-H stretching vibrations bands of the aromatic imidazolium ring
17 appear at 3141, 3107, 3045 cm^{-1} in IR, and deformation vibrations of the C-H in
18 imidazolium ring at 1253, 623 cm^{-1} . Because of multiple hydrogen bonds between
19 C1-H and O1 or F, the C1-H stretching vibration (3045 cm^{-1}) became stronger and the
20 frequency decreased [23].

21 **Conclusions**

22 In this present work, determinations have been made for the molecular structure
23 and spectral assignments of the new chiral ionic liquid synthesized from (S)-1-
24 phenylethylamine from single crystal XRD, FT-IR and FT-Raman spectra with the aid
25 of the theoretical calculations at B3LYP/6-311G(d, p) level. The experimental and

1 theoretical results support well each other. Theoretical–experimental analysis of the
2 molecular structure of the ionic liquid would help achieve a better understanding of
3 the mechanisms of stabilization of its functionality, and which could be related to it
4 potential chemistry role.

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1 **Figure Captions**

2 Scheme 1. Synthetic route of the chiral ionic liquid.

3 **Fig. 1.** The displacement ellipsoid plots with atomic numbering for the chiral ionic
4 liquid.

5 **Fig. 2.** Obtained crystal packing (A), and hydrogen bonding interactions in crystal
6 structure (B)

7 **Fig. 3.** Simulated IR spectrum and FT-IR spectrum

8 **Fig. 4.** Simulated Raman spectrum and Raman spectrum

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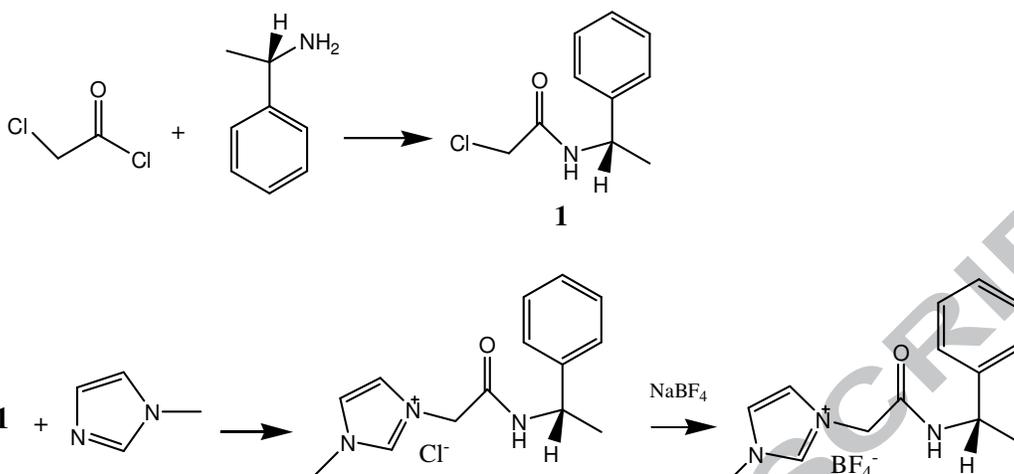
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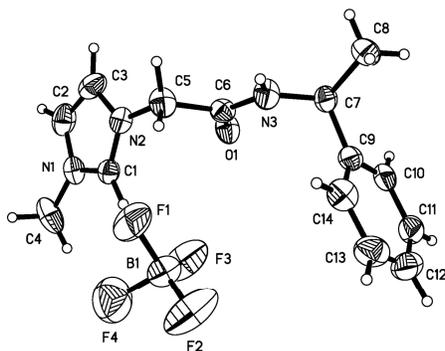


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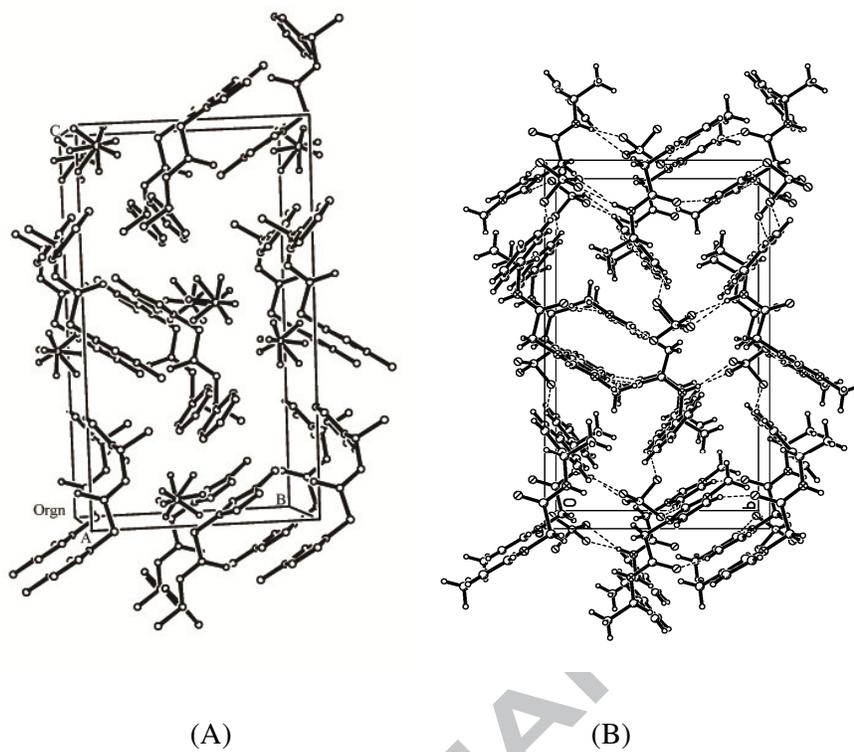
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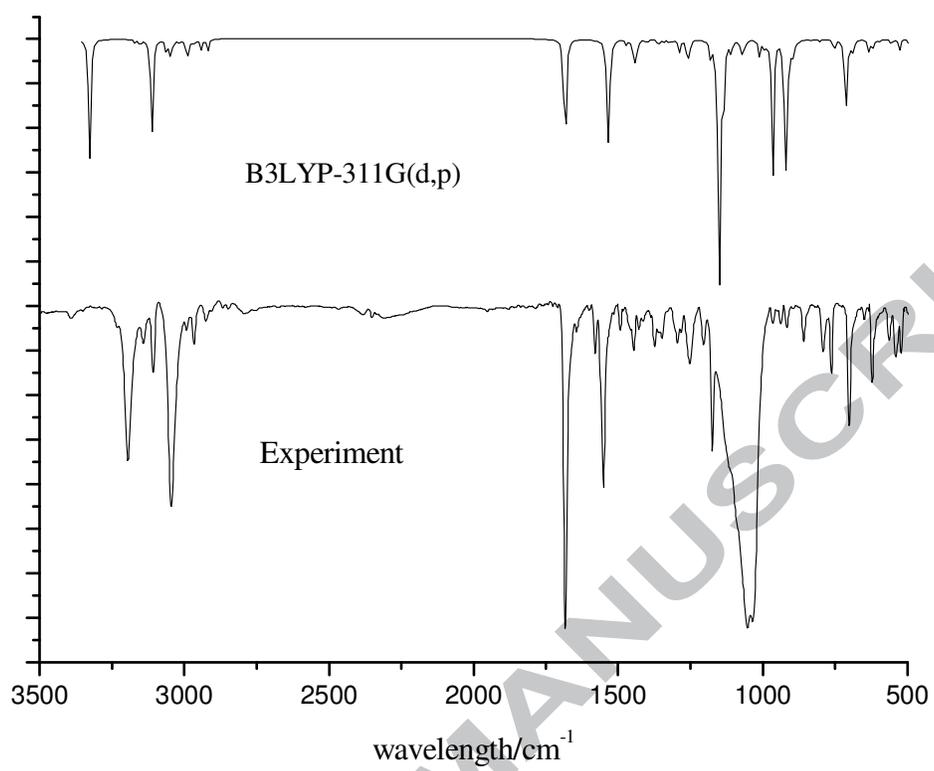
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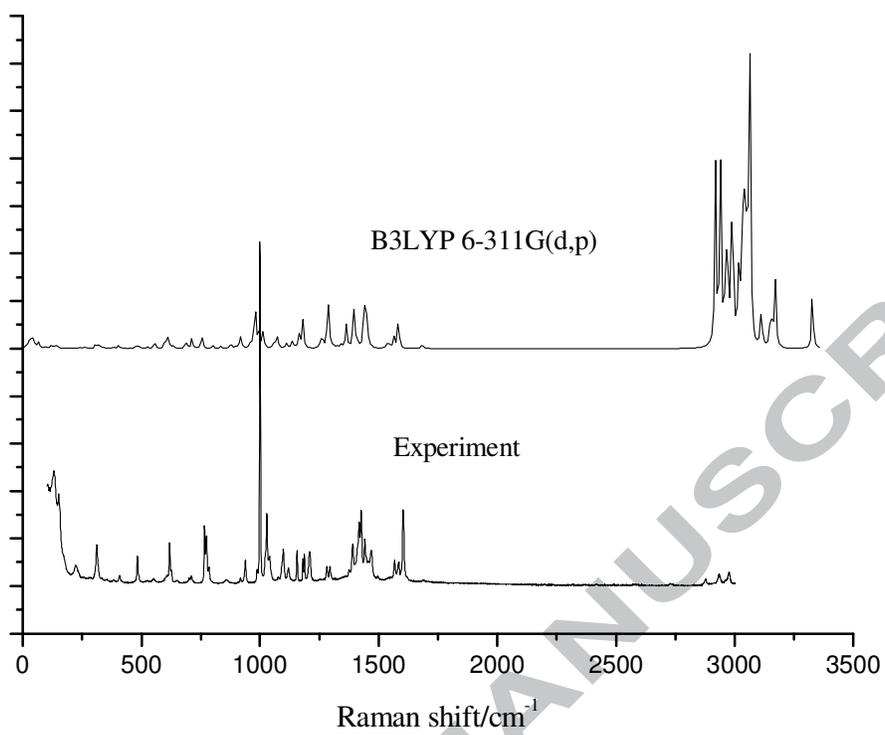
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Fig. 4

1 Table 1. Hydrogen-bond geometries in crystal structure

D-H ^a	d(D-H)	d(H..A)	<DHA	d(D..A)	A
N3-H3	0.860	2.312	157.87	3.126	F4B
N3-H3	0.860	2.537	144.10	3.273	F1A
N3-H3	0.860	2.226	155.67	3.030	F2A
C5-H5A	0.970	2.564	157.44	3.480	F1A
C5-H5A	0.970	2.339	155.16	2.245	F1B
C5-H5B	0.970	2.628	150.13	3.503	F2B
C3-H3	0.930	2.508	137.24	3.253	F2B
C3-H3	0.930	2.353	146.21	3.168	F3B
C3-H3	0.930	2.451	170.18	3.371	F3A
C8-H8A	0.960	2.575	127.95	3.254	F4B
C1-H1	0.930	2.210	165.05	3.117	F3B
C1-H1	0.930	2.284	156.49	3.159	F3A
C2-H2	0.930	2.329	164.74	3.236	O1

2 ^a Secondary CH2 refined with riding coordinates: C5(H5A,H5B); Idealized Me refined as rotating group: C8 (H8A,
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2 Table 2. Optimized and experimental geometric parameters

Parameters ^a	Experimental	Calculated B3LYP/6-311g (d,p) in gas
Bond Angle/^o		
C3-N2-C5	126. 1 (6)	126. 63008
C1-N2-C5	126. 0 (5)	123. 90704
C1-N2-C3	107. 7 (5)	108. 95419
C6-N3-C7	123. 6 (5)	121. 79130
C1-N1-C4	126. 3 (6)	123. 83634
C1-N1-C2	108. 7 (5)	108. 64956
C2-N1-C4	124. 9 (6)	127. 44838
N2-C5-C6	110. 8 (4)	108. 05976
C12-C11-C10	120. 6 (8)	120. 00076
C11-C12-C13	120. 4 (7)	119. 58433
C2-C3-N2	105. 8 (6)	106. 68904
N3-C7-C8	109. 5 (5)	108. 93679
N3-C7-C9	112. 9 (5)	111. 73334
C9-C7-C8	110. 9 (5)	112. 43056
C10-C9-C7	119. 7 (6)	119. 96585
C14-C9-C7	122. 5 (6)	121. 09933
C14-C9-C10	117. 7 (6)	118. 92404
N1-C1-N2	109. 6 (5)	108. 57449
C11-C10-C9	121. 0 (7)	120. 78933
N1-C2-C3	108. 2 (6)	107. 13038
C12-C13-C14	119. 6 (8)	120. 42753
C9-C14-C13	120. 6 (8)	120. 27112
O1-C6-N3	124. 0 (5)	125. 94898
O1-C6-C5	121. 1 (5)	119. 18984
N3-C6-C5	114. 9 (4)	114. 81752
F2B-B1-F4B	98. 1 (18)	
F3B-B1-F2B	118. 7 (15)	106. 66833 (F1-B-F4)
F3B-B1-F4B	92. 7 (19)	111. 74136 (F3-B-F4)
F1A-B1-F4A	97. 9 (9)	108. 23259 (F1-B-F2)
F2A-B1-F1A	112. 2 (9)	111. 35174 (F1-B-F3)
F2A-B1-F3A	122. 7 (9)	112. 15269 (F2-B-F3)
F2A-B1-F4A	108. 0 (12)	106. 38279 (F2-B-F4)
F3A-B1-F1A	118. 8 (10)	
F3A-B1-F4A	89. 6 (9)	
F1B-B1-F2B	107 (2)	
F1B-B1-F4B	117. 5 (16)	
F1B-B1-F3B	120 (2)	
Bond length/ Å		
O1-C6	1. 216 (6)	1. 22423
N2-C5	1. 438 (7)	1. 47497
N2-C3	1. 389 (8)	1. 38509
N2-C1	1. 317 (7)	1. 33418
N3-C7	1. 459 (8)	1. 47009
N3-C6	1. 313 (7)	1. 34425

N1-C4	1.453(9)	1.46635
N1-C1	1.316(7)	1.33354
N1-C2	1.338(9)	1.38601
C5-C6	1.540(9)	1.54101
C11-C12	1.338(12)	1.39231
C11-C10	1.382(10)	1.39411
C12-C13	1.377(13)	1.39464
C3-C2	1.354(10)	1.36002
C8-C7	1.546(8)	1.53370
C7-C9	1.509(8)	1.52577
C9-C10	1.393(9)	1.40056
C9-C14	1.379(9)	1.39618
C13-C14	1.399(13)	1.39411
F1B-B1	1.26(3)	
F2B-B1	1.33(3)	
F4B-B1	1.36(3)	
F3B-B1	1.28(3)	
F1A-B1	1.420(15)	1.42968
F2A-B1	1.316(13)	1.36536
F3A-B1	1.350(12)	1.42235
F4A-B1	1.436(15)	1.44048

^a Uanis(F2A) = Uanis(F2B); Uanis(F4A) = Uanis(F4B); Uanis(F3A) = Uanis(F3B); Uanis(F1A) = Uanis(F1B)

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7 Table 3. Theoretical and experimental wavenumbers (cm⁻¹)^a

Experimental		Theoretical		Approximate assignments
IR	Raman	Frequency	I (IR) / I (Raman)	
3195		3326	276.6 / 62.1	νN3H
3141		3170	6.8 / 73.2	$\nu\text{C2H}+\nu\text{C3H}$
3107		3153	12.1 / 40.9	$\nu\text{C2H}+\nu\text{C3H}$
3045		3110	222.2 / 36.7	νC1H
	2980	3062	22.2 / 290.9	$\nu\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
		3056	5.7 / 28.1	$\nu\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
2993		3048	28.4 / 77.3	$\nu\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
		3039	6.1 / 108.8	$\nu\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
		3035	1.6 / 33.6	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{C4H}_3$
		3031	1.3 / 31.96	$\nu\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
		3030	3.6 / 51.98	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{C5H}_2$
		3016	5.88 / 72.4	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{C4H}_3$
		2995	16.8 / 51.9	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{C8H}_3+\nu\text{C7H}$
2966		2986	27.8 / 99.9	$\nu_{\text{as}}\text{C8H}_3+\nu\text{C7H}$
		2968	10.5 / 114.6	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{C5H}_2$
		2959	3.8 / 45.5	νC7H
2925	2940	2939	21.2 / 172	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{C4H}_3$
	2882	2918	20.6 / 161.2	$\nu_{\text{s}}\text{C8H}_3$
1683		1680	262.7 / 3.1	$\nu\text{C6}=\text{O1}$
1579	1603	1582	2.42 / 19.6	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ar})$
	1567	1564	1.7 / 6.7	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ar})$
		1544	23.9 / 2.8	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{imidazolium})$
		1535	47.9 / 2.2	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{imidazolium})+\rho\text{N3H}+\delta\text{C5H}_2$
1550		1534	205.2 / 0.9	ρN3H
1492		1470	10.3 / 0.5	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ar})$
	1468	1451	11.3 / 15.2	τC4H_3
	1441	1444	1.4 / 4.9	$\tau\text{C4H}_3+\tau\text{C5H}_2$

1446	1425	1442	32.1	10.4	$\tau\text{C4H}_3+\delta\text{C5H}_2$
	1418	1435	9.6	10.4	δC8H_3
1427		1430	10.0	0.4	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ar})$
		1406	4.8	7.1	ωC4H_3
	1390	1393	3.7	25.9	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{imidazolium})+\tau\text{C5H}_2$
		1363	2.7	14.5	$\nu\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{imidazolium})+\omega\text{C5H}_2$
1375		1360	10.3	1.3	ωC8H_3
1348		1343	5.9	2.3	$\omega\text{C7H}+\rho\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
		1322	7.5	1.3	$\rho\text{CH}(\text{imidazolium})+\omega\text{C5H}_3$
		1308	3.6	1.5	$\rho\text{C10H}+\rho\text{C14H}+\omega\text{C7H}$
1294	1281	1289	23.1	21.4	$\delta\text{C1N1}+\delta\text{C1N2}+\omega\text{C7H}$
		1283	2.9	11.4	$\omega\text{C5H}_2+\omega\text{C7H}+\delta\text{C1N1}+\delta\text{C1N2}$
		1261	36.6	5.7	$\delta\text{C1N1}+\delta\text{C1N2}+\omega\text{C5H}_2+\rho\text{N3H}$
		1255	7.8	1.1	$\omega\text{C7H}+\rho\text{CH}(\text{Ar})+\rho\text{CH}(\text{imidazolium})$
1253		1253	22.9	3.1	$\rho\text{CH}(\text{imidazolium})+\rho\text{N3H}$
1203	1208	1179	28.4	16.7	$\nu\text{C7C9}+\omega\text{C8H}_3+\tau\text{C5H}_2$
	1155	1165	5.4	5.4	$\rho\text{CH}(\text{Ar})+\tau\text{C5H}_2$
		1164	13.4	2.1	$\rho\text{CH}(\text{Ar})+\tau\text{C5H}_2+\rho\text{C1H}$
1174		1150	519	0.4	$\nu\text{BF}_4+\nu\text{C5N2}$
		1137	172.9	1.37	$\rho\text{C1H}+\rho\text{C3H}+\rho\text{C2H}$
		1135	0.1	3.5	$\rho\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
	1107	1112	6.9	2.3	ωC4H_3
	1097	1107	21.8	1.3	$\tau\text{C8H}_3+\rho\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
		1074	6.7	3.6	$\rho\text{C2H}+\rho\text{C1H}+\omega\text{C4H}_3$
1053		1073	14.8	2.9	$\tau\text{C8H}_3+\rho\text{C11H}+\rho\text{C14H}+\rho\text{C7N3}+$
	1063	1068	22.4	3.7	$\rho\text{C2H}+\rho\text{C3H}+\omega\text{C4H}_3$
		1056	4.6	2.2	$\rho\text{C2H}+\rho\text{C3H}+\omega\text{C4H}_3$
	1028	1012	4.9	7.8	$\rho\text{C10H}+\rho\text{C11H}+\rho\text{C13H}+\rho\text{C14H}$
1032		1010	26.1	1.8	$\rho\text{C2C3}+\omega\text{C5H}_2$
		996	2.4	3.0	$\rho\text{C5H}+\tau\text{C8H}_3+\rho\text{C6N3}$
		992	17.3	8.3	$\rho\text{C2H}+\rho\text{C3H}+\omega\text{C8H}_3+\rho\text{C5N2}$
	999	977	6.1	27.6	$\tau\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{Ar})$
		973	6.4	0.8	$\tau\text{C11H}+\tau\text{C12H}+\tau\text{C13H}+\tau\text{C14H}$
966		965	246	0.7	$\tau\text{CH}(\text{Ar})+\omega\text{C1H}+\nu\text{BF}_4$
937		922	238.2	1.43	$\omega\text{C1H}+\nu\text{BF}_4+\omega\text{C5H}_2+\rho\text{C5N3}+\rho\text{C5C6}+\tau\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
918	938	916	128.2	7.2	$\nu\text{BF}_4+\rho\text{C6O1}+\rho\text{C5C6}$
		903	9.9	0.1	$\omega\text{C1H}+\tau\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
		894	28.2	0.8	ωC1H
858		876	4.6	3.4	$\rho\text{C5H}+\rho\text{C7H}+\tau\text{C8H}_3+\omega\text{C1H}$
		834	0.7	0.4	$\omega\text{C2H}+\omega\text{C3H}$
		833	0.7	0.6	$\tau\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$
792		802	4.5	1.5	$\omega\text{C1H}+\omega\text{C2H}+\omega\text{C3H}+\omega\text{C6O1}$
	765	756	7.4	5.0	$\omega\text{CH}(\text{Ar})$

761	750	15.5	2.6	ω C11H + ω C12H + ω C13H + ω C=C(Ar)	
	719	31.4	0.1	ω C2H + ω C3H	
	712	29.6	4.8	ω N3H + ν BF ₄	
702	710	93.9	0.4	ω N3H + ν BF ₄ + ω C2H + ω C3H	
	691	25.1	0.9	ω CH (Ar) + ω C=C(Ar) + ω C3H	
	685	12	2.8	ρ C1H + ρ C5N2	
623	632	25.4	1.5	τ CH (imidazolium)	
	620	16.8	1.2	τ CH (imidazolium)	
	611	2.1	1.6	τ C2H + τ C3H	
618	607	0.1	5.5	τ CH (imidazolium) + ρ C=C(Ar)	
	598	6.1	2.8	τ CH (imidazolium) + ρ C=C(Ar)	
563	554	10.5	3.6	τ CH (Ar)	
542	526	20.1	0.6	τ C=C(Ar)	
521	492	12.0	0.6	ν BF ₄	
	487	1.5	0.5	ν BF ₄	
	480	4.5	0.4	ν BF ₄	
	483	475	3.2	1.1	ρ C5H + τ C8H ₃
483	405		1.6	ρ C5H + ρ C4N1	
	398		0.1	τ C10H + τ C11H + τ C13H + τ C14H +	
	383		0.9	ρ C4H ₃ + ρ C6O1 + τ C=C(imidazolium)	
	341		0.4	δ BF ₄	
	328		0.5	τ BF ₄	
	311	320		1.6	ω C5H
		306		2.4	ω N2C5 + τ CC(imidazolium) + τ C=C(Ar)
	255		0.6	ω C8H ₃ + τ CC(imidazolium) + τ C=C(Ar)	
223	221		0.3	ω C8H ₃	

1 ^a imidazolium (C1N1C2C3N2); Ar (C9-C14); ν_s : symmetry stretching vibration; ν_{as} : asymmetry stretching
 2 vibration; δ : scissor in plane; ρ : twisting in plane; ω : rock out of plane; τ : twisting out of plane.

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1 *Highlights*

- 2 • A new chiral ionic liquid was synthesized from (S)-1- phenylethylamine.
- 3 • The structure was studied by IR, Raman, NMR and X-ray crystal diffraction.
- 4 • The vibrational modes were assigned with the support of DFT calculations.

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