

**Related literature.** The crystals of title compound are isostructural with those of  $N^1$ -methyl- $N^1$ -phenyl- $N^2$ -(*p*-tolyl)benzamidine (Oszczapowicz, Tykarska, Jaskólski & Kosturkiewicz, 1986). The configuration around  $C=N^2$  is the same as in  $N^2$ -(*p*-methoxyphenyl)- $N^1,N^1$ -pentamethylenebenzamidine (Tykarska, Jaskólski & Kosturkiewicz, 1986) and  $N^1,N^2$ -diphenylbenzamidine (Alcock, Barker & Kilner, 1988), but opposite to that in the  $N^2$ -*p*-nitrophenylbenzamidine (Surma, Jaskólski, Kosturkiewicz & Oszczapowicz, 1988). The rules governing the configuration of amidines are discussed by Ciszak, Gdaniec, Jaskólski, Kosturkiewicz, Owsiański & Tykarska (1989).

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## Structure of *N*-(*tert*-Butoxycarbonyl)kainic Acid 2-Diphenylmethyl Ester\*

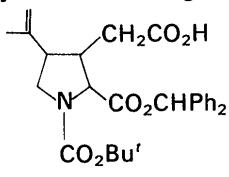
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**Abstract.**  $C_{28}H_{33}NO_6$ ,  $M_r = 479.54$ , orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$ ,  $a = 8.694$  (2),  $b = 15.397$  (3),  $c = 20.120$  (4) Å,  $V = 2693.3$  (9) Å $^3$ ,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_x = 1.183$  g cm $^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda(Mo\text{ }K\alpha) = 0.7107$  Å,  $\mu = 0.77$  cm $^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 1024$ , room temperature,  $R = 0.044$  for 1514 unique observed reflections. The atoms N8, C9, C11 and C12 of the proline ring ( $O_2C-C12-N8-C9-C10-C11$ ) lie in a plane to within  $\pm 0.07$  Å, while C10 is displaced out of the plane by 0.62 Å. The dihedral angle between the plane of the three atoms C9, C10 and C11 and the plane of the above-mentioned four atoms of the proline ring is 140 (1) $^\circ$ . The structure is stabilized in the  $a$  direction by means of intermolecular hydrogen bonds [ $OH18 \cdots O7 = 2.05$  (7) Å]. Bond lengths and angles are normal.

**Experimental.** Recrystallization from ethyl acetate-petroleum ether 40–60°, m.p. 418–420 K,  $[a]_D^{25.0} = -22.15^\circ$  [dimethylformamide, 1 g dm $^{-3}$ ].



\* Kainic acid is 2-carboxy-4-isopropenyl-3-pyrrolidineacetic acid.

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Table 1. *Atomic positional ( $\times 10^4$ , for H  $\times 10^3$ ) and isotropic thermal parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$B_{\text{eq}}$
C1	1446 (7)	2873 (4)	4203 (3)	4.72 (19)
C2	2858 (9)	3251 (5)	3835 (4)	7.74 (25)
C3	315 (9)	2488 (4)	3714 (3)	6.41 (21)
C4	1941 (10)	2228 (4)	4743 (3)	6.92 (22)
O5	588 (4)	3587 (2)	4495 (2)	4.68 (11)
C6	1192 (7)	4146 (4)	4934 (3)	4.15 (16)
O7	2398 (4)	4026 (3)	5249 (2)	4.95 (12)
N8	319 (5)	4847 (3)	5001 (2)	3.69 (11)
C9	702 (8)	5584 (5)	5419 (4)	4.51 (22)
C10	-255 (6)	6316 (4)	5150 (3)	3.84 (17)
C11	-1748 (5)	5835 (4)	4927 (3)	3.52 (14)
C12	-1079 (6)	5005 (4)	4594 (3)	3.67 (16)
C13	-497 (7)	7099 (4)	5576 (4)	5.46 (20)
C14	-1492 (9)	7789 (4)	5272 (4)	7.23 (24)
C15	140 (10)	7175 (6)	6187 (4)	8.12 (28)
C16	-2830 (6)	5602 (4)	5498 (3)	4.19 (16)
C17	-4296 (6)	5192 (4)	5242 (3)	4.19 (16)
O18	-5073 (6)	4820 (4)	5719 (2)	5.79 (15)
O19	-4692 (5)	5188 (3)	4672 (2)	6.93 (15)
C20	-699 (6)	5148 (4)	3887 (3)	3.90 (16)
O21	457 (5)	5453 (3)	3674 (2)	5.99 (12)
O22	-1913 (4)	4939 (3)	3510 (2)	4.92 (12)
C23	-1835 (7)	5094 (4)	2788 (3)	4.61 (18)
C24	-3419 (7)	5386 (4)	2584 (3)	4.30 (17)
C25	-4721 (8)	5277 (5)	2953 (3)	6.18 (20)
C26	-6153 (8)	5536 (5)	2716 (4)	7.02 (26)
C27	-6292 (8)	5918 (5)	2113 (4)	6.49 (24)
C28	-4966 (9)	6042 (5)	1719 (3)	6.30 (23)
C29	-3572 (8)	5779 (4)	1968 (3)	5.25 (20)
C30	-1288 (7)	4285 (4)	2457 (3)	5.05 (19)
C31	-2213 (10)	3567 (5)	2390 (4)	7.00 (25)
C32	-1633 (14)	2796 (6)	2073 (4)	8.40 (34)
C33	-147 (18)	2799 (8)	1846 (4)	10.21 (50)
C34	700 (13)	3498 (8)	1884 (5)	9.90 (37)
C35	178 (9)	4251 (6)	2191 (3)	7.22 (25)
H9A	57 (6)	546 (4)	594 (3)	5.4 (1.4)
H9B	141 (5)	569 (3)	540 (2)	1.3 (1.2)
H10	32 (6)	653 (3)	474 (3)	5.2 (1.3)
H11	-219 (5)	613 (3)	454 (2)	3.3 (1.1)
H12	-178 (6)	452 (3)	459 (2)	3.3 (1.1)
H15A	-28 (7)	773 (4)	648 (3)	5.8 (1.4)
H15B	117 (11)	680 (5)	636 (4)	10.6 (2.4)
H18	-573 (9)	459 (5)	570 (4)	5.7 (2.3)

1978). Atomic positional and equivalent isotropic thermal parameters are presented in Table 1.\* Intra-molecular bond distances and angles are summarized in Table 2. A view of the molecule with the atom-numbering scheme is shown in Fig. 1. The arrangement of the molecules in the crystal is depicted in Fig. 2.

**Related literature.** The title compound was prepared according to the method of Goldberg & Teichberg (1985) for the regiospecific synthesis of the corresponding 2-methyl ester. Esterification at the 2-position was accomplished using the Mitsunobu reaction (see e.g. Barlos, Kallitsis, Mamos, Patrianakou & Stavropoulos, 1987). The molecule is

Table 2. *Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ )*

O7—C6	1.239 (6)	C12—N8—C9	112.3 (5)
C9—N8	1.451 (8)	C10—C9—N8	104.5 (5)
C12—N8	1.485 (6)	C11—C10—C9	102.0 (5)
C10—C9	1.502 (9)	C12—C11—C10	101.7 (4)
C11—C10	1.560 (7)	C11—C12—N8	101.7 (4)
C12—C11	1.555 (7)	C6—N8—C12—C20	−66.7 (6)
C15—C13	1.354 (9)		
O18—C17	1.306 (7)		
O19—C17	1.198 (7)		
O21—C20	1.190 (6)		

Donor—H      Donor···Acceptor      H···Acceptor      Donor—H···Acceptor

O18—H18      O18—O7      H18···O7      O18—H18···O7

0.673 (75)      2.688 (6)      2.054 (74)      157 (8)

Symmetry code: (i)  $x + 1, y, z$ .

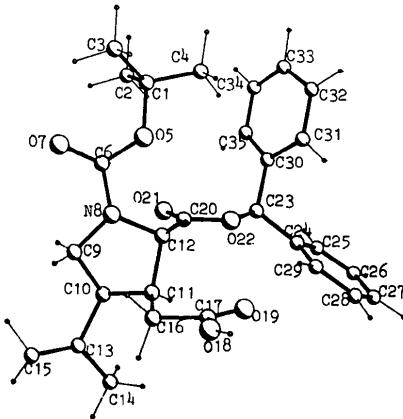


Fig. 1. Perspective view of the molecule with the atomic numbering scheme.

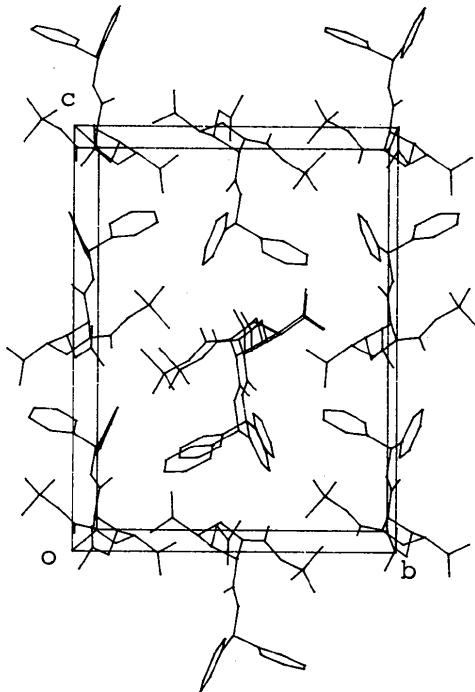


Fig. 2. A view illustrating the packing in the crystal viewed in the  $a$  axis.

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## Structure of *N*-Triphenylmethyl-2-oxa-5-azabicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-3-one

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**Abstract.**  $C_{24}H_{21}NO_2$ ,  $M_r = 355.42$ , orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$ ,  $a = 9.503(2)$ ,  $b = 12.853(3)$ ,  $c = 15.601(4)$  Å,  $V = 1905.5(8)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z = 4$ ,  $D_x = 1.24$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\lambda(Mo\text{ }K\alpha) = 0.7107$  Å,  $\mu = 0.85$  cm<sup>-1</sup>,  $F(000) = 752$ , room temperature,  $R = 0.039$  for 1079 unique observed reflections. The atoms C(24), N(20), C(21) and C(22) of the proline ring [O<sub>2</sub>C—C(24)—N(20)—C(21)—C(22)—C(23)] lie in a plane to within  $\pm 0.06$  Å while C(23) is out of the plane by 0.85 Å. The two planes of the six-membered ring [C(24)—N(20)—C(21)—C(22) and C(24)—C(25)—O(26)—C(22)] form a dihedral angle of 55 (1)<sup>o</sup>. The dihedral angles between the plane of the three C atoms C(22), C(23) and C(24) and the two planes of the six-membered ring are 126 (1) and 71 (1)<sup>o</sup> respectively. Other bond lengths and angles are normal.

**Experimental.** Recrystallization from acetone, m.p. 503–508 K,  $[\alpha]^{25}_{D} = +104.6^\circ$  [CHCl<sub>3</sub>, 1 g dm<sup>-3</sup>]. Plate crystal 0.48 × 0.48 × 0.08 mm, Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer,  $\omega$ -2θ-scan technique for data collection, lattice parameters from 25 reflections in range  $7 < \theta < 10^\circ$ . Index range  $0 < h < 12$ ,  $0 < k < 14$ ,  $-19 < l < 19$  for 5092 measured reflections up to  $2\theta_{\max} = 54^\circ$ . Averaged 2391, mean discrepancy on  $I$  1.7% (for 4890 reflections);  $\omega$ -scan width ( $0.7 = 0.3\tan\theta$ )°, scan rate 1.03–5.49° min<sup>-1</sup>; horizontal aperture (2.4 + 0.9tanθ) mm, max. scan time 60 s; intensities of 004, 102 and 023 remeasured every 2 h,

intensity decrease 2.5%, orientation-control reflections (134, 243, 227) every 500 reflections. 1079 unique observed reflections with  $I > 1.5\sigma(I)$  used for refinement. Final  $R = 0.039$ ,  $wR = 0.043$ ,  $\sum w(\Delta F)^2$  minimized,  $w = 0.1307/[\sigma^2(F) + 0.010869(F)^2]$ , max.  $\Delta/\sigma < 0.7$  in final cycle (for non-H atoms); residual electron density in final difference synthesis between +0.12 and -0.18 e Å<sup>-3</sup>, atomic scattering factors from *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976); no absorption correction applied; heavier atoms refined with anisotropic temperature factors; H atoms positioned geometrically, riding model [C—H = 1.08 Å, overall  $U(H) = 0.069(4)$  Å<sup>2</sup>]. Computer programs used: *MULTAN87* (Debaerdemaeker, Germain, Main, Tate & Woolfson, 1987), *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976) and *PLUTO* (Motherwell & Clegg, 1978). Atomic parameters are given in Table 1,\* bond distances and angles in Table 2. Fig. 1 shows the atom numbering of the molecule.

**Related literature.** For the synthesis of the title and related compounds see Papaioannou, Stavropoulos & Karagiannis (1988), Bowers-Nemia & Joullie

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