

dioxol-5-yl groups in all three molecules have *C2* envelope puckers. In (I), a strong intramolecular hydrogen bond is observed with an *S*(6) motif *via* $N5-H5A \cdots O8$ (Bernstein *et*

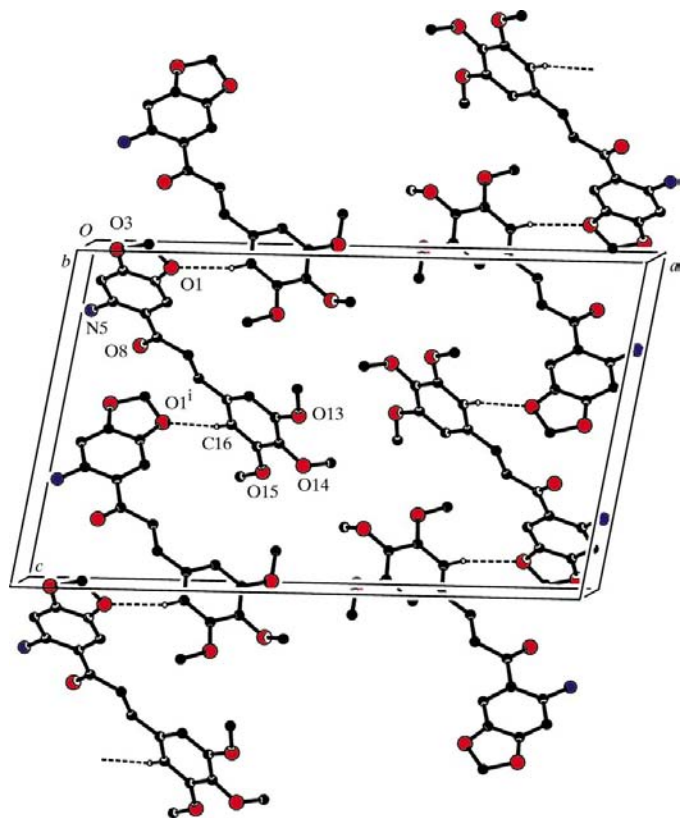


Figure 3
A view of the crystal structure of (I), looking down the *b* axis, showing two anti-parallel *C*(10) chains [symmetry code: (i) $x, -\frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$].

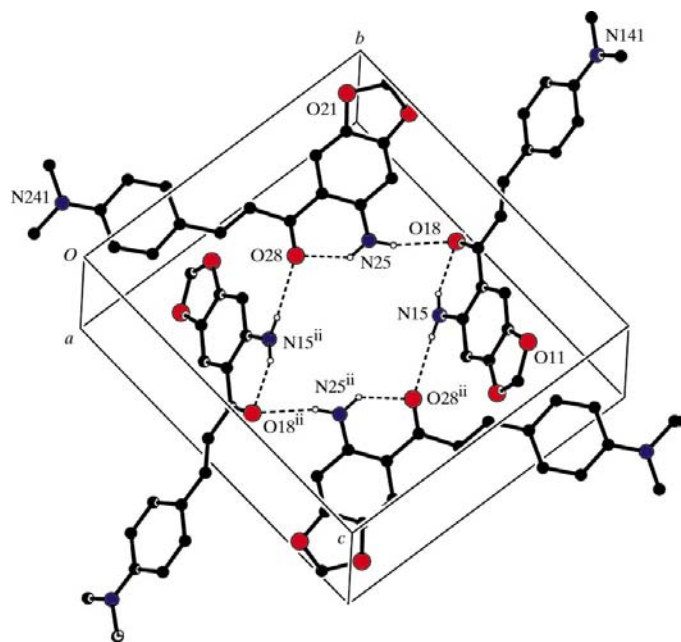


Figure 4
A view of the tetramer formed by the molecules of (II) at (x, y, z) and $(1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted [symmetry code: (ii) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$].

al., 1995) (Fig. 1, Table 1), and likewise in (II) *via* $N15-H15A \cdots O18$ and $N25-H25A \cdots O28$ (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

The supramolecular structures of (I) and (II) are completely different. In (I), a *C*(10) motif is formed *via* $C16-H16 \cdots O1(x, -\frac{1}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2})$, creating a chain which runs parallel to the *c* axis. Two such anti-parallel chains are shown in Fig. 3. Atom H5*B* is not involved in any hydrogen bonding. In (II), however, the equivalent H atoms H15*B* and H25*B* are involved in strong hydrogen bonds *via* $N15-N15B \cdots O28(1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$ and $N25-H25B \cdots O18$, linking molecules 1 and 2 to form a tetramer with an $R_8^4(16)$ motif (Fig. 4). Such motifs occur centred at $(l + \frac{1}{2}, m + \frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2})$, where *l*, *m* and *n* are integers or zero. The weak $C14-H14 \cdots O28(1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$ and $C24-H24 \cdots O18$ hydrogen bonds help to reinforce this tetramer structure. The tetramers are linked to each other by weak hydrogen bonds *via* $C212-H212 \cdots O13(x, y, z - 1)$ and $C212(1 - x, 1 - y, z) - H212(1 - x, 1 - y, z) \cdots O13(1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$, which form bridging $R_4^4(26)$ rings along with the $N15-H15 \cdots O28$ hydrogen bonds of the tetramer (Fig. 5).

In (I), there is π - π stacking between the benzo-1,3-dioxol-5-yl groups, where the rings defined by $O1/C2/O3/C3a/C7a$ and $C3a/C4-C7/C7a$ are stacked such that the distance between the centres of gravity of the rings is 3.7276 (9) Å, the dihedral angle is 3.50°, the perpendicular distance from the centre of gravity of the former ring at (x, y, z) to the latter at $(x, 1 + y, z)$ is 3.368 Å and the perpendicular distance from the centre of gravity of the latter ring at (x, y, z) to the former at

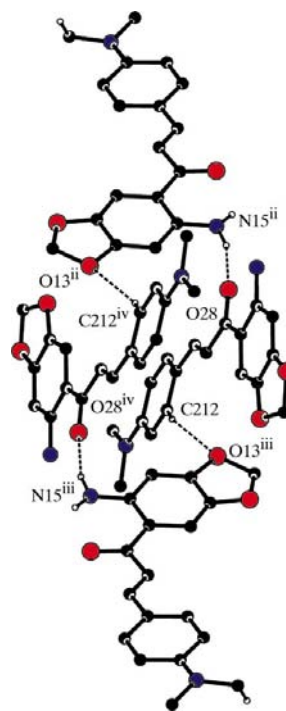


Figure 5
A view of the $R_4^4(26)$ rings which link the tetramers in (II) [symmetry codes: (ii) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$; (iii) $x, y, z - 1$; (iv) $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$]. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C or N atoms and not involved in this motif have been omitted, as has the unit-cell box.

($x, y - 1, z$) is 3.445 Å (Fig. 6). It is worth noting that the dihedral angle between these planes, 3.50°, is in fact the dihedral angle between the two components of the benzo-1,3-dioxol-5-yl group, which is not in itself planar. There is no π - π stacking in (II).

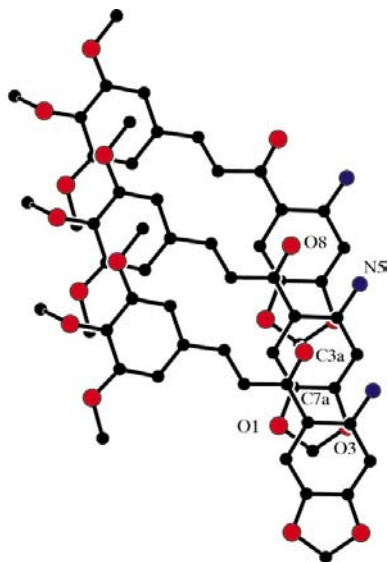


Figure 6
A view of the π - \cdots π stacking in (I). For the sake of clarity the unit-cell box has been omitted.

Experimental

For (I), a mixture of 6'-amino-3',4'-(methylenedioxy)acetophenone (0.50 g, 2.79 mmol), 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzaldehyde (2.79 mmol), ethanol (10 ml) and NaOH (0.5 ml, 20% aq.) was heated to 333–343 K for 10–15 min and the reaction monitored by thin-layer chromatography. After cooling, the solid which formed was filtered off and washed with ethanol to yield pure (I) as orange crystals (93% yield; m.p. 464 K). For (II), a mixture of 6'-amino-3',4'-(methylenedioxy)acetophenone (0.50 g, 2.79 mmol), 4-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)-benzaldehyde (2.79 mmol), ethanol (10 ml) and NaOH (0.5 ml, 20% aq.) was heated to 333–343 K for 10–15 min and the reaction monitored by thin-layer chromatography. After cooling, the solid which formed was filtered off and washed with ethanol to yield pure (II) as purple crystals (46% yield; m.p. 435 K). For (I) and (II), crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were selected directly from the prepared samples.

Compound (I)

Crystal data

$C_{19}H_{19}NO_6$
 $M_r = 357.35$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 23.5477$ (4) Å
 $b = 4.9605$ (1) Å
 $c = 14.2556$ (8) Å
 $\beta = 100.702$ (1)°
 $V = 1636.21$ (10) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.451$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 3622 reflections
 $\theta = 3.1$ – 27.5°
 $\mu = 0.11$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 150$ (1) K
 Block, orange
 $0.4 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$ mm

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 φ and ω scans with κ offsets
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (DENZO-SMN; Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)
 $T_{\min} = 0.958, T_{\max} = 0.989$
 11 152 measured reflections
 3622 independent reflections
 2832 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.048$
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -30 \rightarrow 30$
 $k = -6 \rightarrow 6$
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.044$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.124$
 $S = 1.03$
 3622 reflections
 238 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0675P)^2 + 0.3552P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.26$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.32$ e Å⁻³

Table 1
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (I).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N5—H5A \cdots O8	0.88	2.01	2.651 (2)	129
C16—H16 \cdots O1 ⁱ	0.95	2.51	3.398 (2)	155

Symmetry code: (i) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$.

Compound (II)

Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{18}N_2O_3$
 $M_r = 310.34$
 Triclinic, $P1$
 $a = 9.5849$ (2) Å
 $b = 12.3218$ (4) Å
 $c = 13.3304$ (4) Å
 $\alpha = 83.4617$ (14)°
 $\beta = 80.2411$ (17)°
 $\gamma = 85.7271$ (16)°
 $V = 1539.04$ (8) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.339$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 6884 reflections
 $\theta = 3.1$ – 27.5°
 $\mu = 0.09$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 150$ (1) K
 Block, purple
 $0.22 \times 0.14 \times 0.12$ mm

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 φ and ω scans with κ offsets
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (DENZO-SMN; Otwinowski & Minor, 1997)
 $T_{\min} = 0.980, T_{\max} = 0.989$
 23 078 measured reflections
 6884 independent reflections
 4873 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.085$
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -12 \rightarrow 12$
 $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$
 $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$

Table 2
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °) for (II).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N15—H15A \cdots O18	0.88	2.03	2.6433 (14)	125
N15—H15B \cdots O28 ⁱ	0.88	2.26	3.0867 (13)	157
N25—H25A \cdots O28	0.88	1.94	2.6237 (17)	133
N25—H25B \cdots O18	0.88	2.20	3.0606 (17)	165
C14—H14 \cdots O28 ⁱ	0.95	2.38	3.2067 (18)	145
C24—H24 \cdots O18	0.95	2.52	3.3212 (19)	142
C212—H212 \cdots O13 ⁱⁱ	0.95	2.60	3.4508 (18)	149

Symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$; (ii) $x, y, z - 1$.

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.154$
 $S = 1.02$
 6884 reflections
 419 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0927P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.006$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.30 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.34 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

For both compounds, H atoms were treated as riding, with C—H = 0.95–0.99 Å. In the case of the N—H bonds, the H atoms were initially located on a difference Fourier map. The bond lengths were then *DFIX*ed (*SHELXL97*; Sheldrick, 1997) to 0.88 Å with an s.u. of 0.005 until a value close to 0.88 Å was obtained, at which stage they were *AFIX*ed (*SHELXL97*) and allowed to ride on their parent atoms.

For both compounds, data collection: *KappaCCD Server Software* (Nonius, 1997); cell refinement: *DENZO-SMN* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO-SMN*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PRPKAPPA* (Ferguson, 1999).

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