

## $\pi$ -Stacked hydrogen-bonded dimers in 2-(2-nitrophenylaminocarbonyl)-benzoic acid, and hydrogen-bonded sheets in orthorhombic and monoclinic polymorphs of 2-(4-nitrophenylaminocarbonyl)benzoic acid

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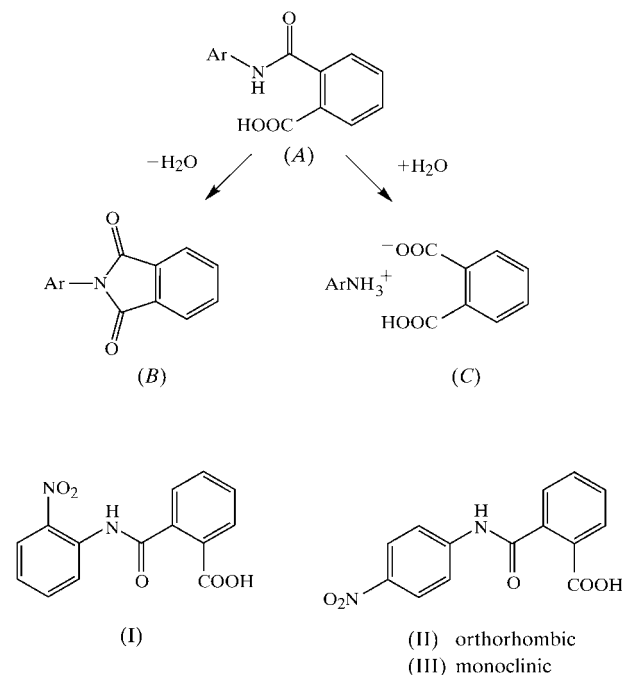
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Molecules of 2-(2-nitrophenylaminocarbonyl)benzoic acid,  $C_{14}H_{10}N_2O_5$ , are linked into centrosymmetric  $R_2^2(8)$  dimers by a single  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bond [ $H\cdots O = 1.78 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $O\cdots O = 2.623(2) \text{ \AA}$  and  $O-H\cdots O = 178^\circ$ ] and these dimers are linked into sheets by a single aromatic  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interaction. The isomeric compound 2-(4-nitrophenylaminocarbonyl)benzoic acid crystallizes in two polymorphic forms. In the orthorhombic form (space group  $P2_12_12_1$  with  $Z' = 1$ , crystallized from ethanol), the molecules are linked into sheets of  $R_4^4(22)$  rings by a combination of one  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bond [ $H\cdots O = 1.96 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $N\cdots O = 2.833(3) \text{ \AA}$  and  $N-H\cdots O = 171^\circ$ ] and one  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bond [ $H\cdots O = 1.78 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $O\cdots O = 2.614(3) \text{ \AA}$  and  $O-H\cdots O = 173^\circ$ ]. In the monoclinic form (space group  $P2_1/n$  with  $Z' = 2$ , crystallized from acetone), the molecules are linked by a combination of two  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds [ $H\cdots O = 2.09$  and  $2.16 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $N\cdots O = 2.873(4)$  and  $2.902(3) \text{ \AA}$ , and  $N-H\cdots O = 147$  and  $141^\circ$ ] and two  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds [ $H\cdots O = 1.84$  and  $1.83 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $O\cdots O = 2.664(3)$  and  $2.666(3) \text{ \AA}$ , and  $O-H\cdots O = 166$  and  $174^\circ$ ] into sheets of some complexity. These sheets are linked into a three-dimensional framework by a single  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bond [ $H\cdots O = 2.45 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $C\cdots O = 3.355(4) \text{ \AA}$  and  $C-H\cdots O = 160^\circ$ ].

### Comment

The reaction of C-substituted anilines with phthalic anhydride initially yields *N*-arylamino-carbonylbenzoic acids, (A) (see scheme). Dehydration of this type of intermediate yields *N*-arylphthalimides, (B), while hydrolysis yields aryl-

ammonium hydrogenphthalates, (C). We have recently reported the supramolecular structure of a type (C) salt, 4-iodoanilinium 3-nitrophthalate(1<sup>-</sup>) (Glidewell *et al.*, 2003), and we report here the molecular and supramolecular structures of two examples of the type (A) intermediate, namely 2-(2-nitrophenylaminocarbonyl)benzoic acid, (I) (Fig. 1), and two polymorphs of 2-(4-nitrophenylaminocarbonyl)benzoic acid, *viz.* orthorhombic, (II) (Fig. 2), and monoclinic, (III) (Fig. 3).



In each of compounds (I)–(III), the central C11–C17(O17)–N1–C21 fragment of the molecule is essentially planar, with a *trans* amide conformation. The C11–C16 and C21–C26 rings are considerably rotated away from this plane, as indicated by the key torsion angles (Tables 1, 3 and 5). In (I), the carboxyl and nitro groups make dihedral angles of  $29.9(2)$  and  $36.5(2)^\circ$ , respectively, with the adjacent aryl rings, and in (II), the corresponding angles are  $12.2(2)$  and  $11.1(2)^\circ$ , respectively. In (III), these dihedral angles are  $7.7(2)$  and  $13.0(2)^\circ$ , respectively, in molecule *A*, and  $10.1(2)$  and  $6.5(1)^\circ$  in molecule *B*. The C–O distances in the carboxyl groups are consistent with the location of the fully ordered carboxyl H atoms, as identified from difference maps. The other bond distances and angles show no exceptional features.

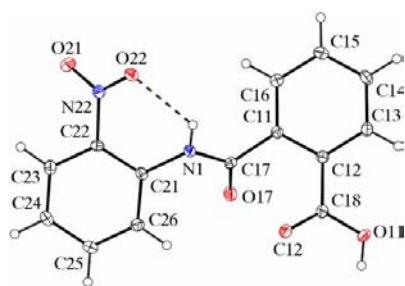
In compound (I) (Fig. 1), there is an intramolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bond forming an  $S(6)$  motif (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). The supramolecular aggregation is dominated by a single  $O-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bond, propagated by aromatic  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions. Carboxyl atom O11 in the molecule at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as hydrogen-bond donor to carboxyl atom O12 in the molecule at  $(1-x, 1-y, 1-z)$ , so generating a centrosymmetric dimer characterized by the usual  $R_2^2(8)$  motif and centred at  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  (Fig. 4).

The  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interaction involves the nitro-substituted ring of the molecule at  $(x, y, z)$ , which is part of the dimer

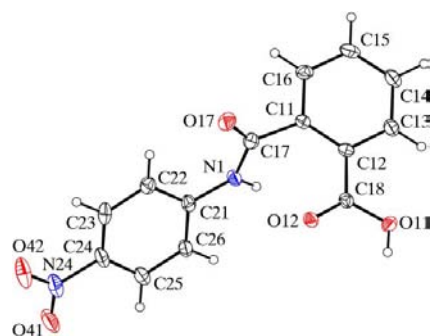
centred at  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ , and the corresponding rings of the molecules at  $(\frac{1}{2} + x, y, \frac{3}{2} - z)$  and  $(x - \frac{1}{2}, y, \frac{3}{2} - z)$ , which themselves are components of the dimers centred at  $(1, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$  and  $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$ , respectively. The interplanar angle between adjacent rings of this type is *ca*  $9.5^\circ$ , with a centroid separation of  $3.793(2) \text{ \AA}$  and an interplanar spacing of *ca*  $3.42 \text{ \AA}$ . Propagation by inversion of this interaction also links the  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  dimer to those centred at  $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$  and  $(1, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ , and hence the  $R_2^2(8)$  dimers are linked into an (010) sheet (Fig. 5).

Whereas the supramolecular structure of (I) is controlled by a combination of  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds and aromatic  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions, with the  $\text{N}-\text{H}$  bond participating only in an intramolecular hydrogen bond, the supramolecular aggregation in polymorphic compounds (II) and (III) is controlled by a combination of  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds. While  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions and  $\text{X}-\text{H}\cdots\pi(\text{arene})$  hydrogen bonds ( $\text{X}$  is C, N or O) are all absent from the structures of (II) and (III), there are two  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds present in (III).

In compound (II), the amidic atom N1 in the molecule at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as hydrogen-bond donor to carboxyl atom O12 in the molecule at  $(x - 1, y, z)$ , so generating by translation a  $C(7)$  chain running parallel to the  $[100]$  direction. At the same time, carboxyl atom O11 at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as hydrogen-bond donor to amidic atom O17 in the molecule at  $(1 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z)$ , so producing a spiral  $C(7)$  chain running parallel to the  $[010]$  direction and generated by the  $2_1$  screw axis along  $(\frac{1}{2}, y, \frac{1}{4})$ . It is noteworthy that the carboxyl group in (II) forms neither of the

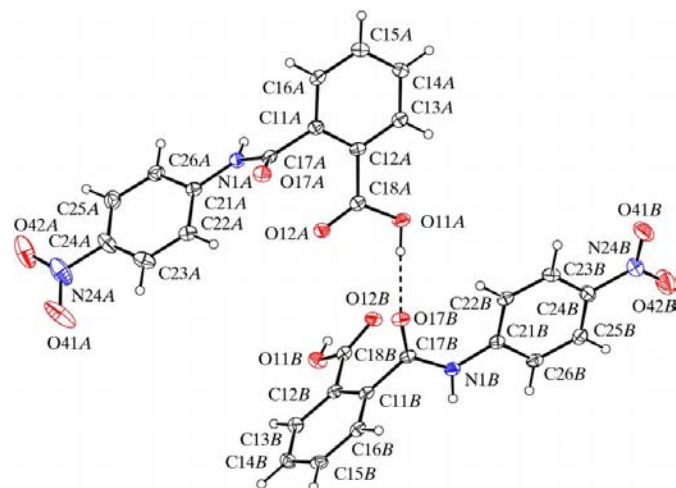


**Figure 1**  
The molecule of compound (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

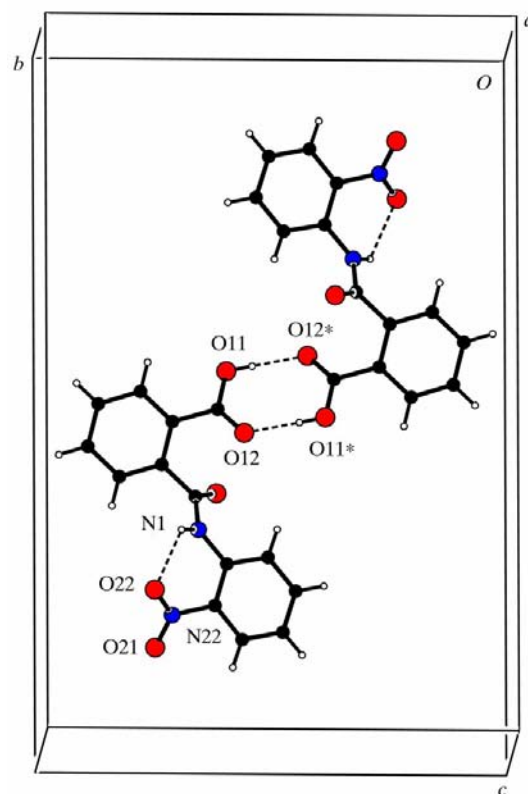


**Figure 2**  
The molecule of compound (II), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

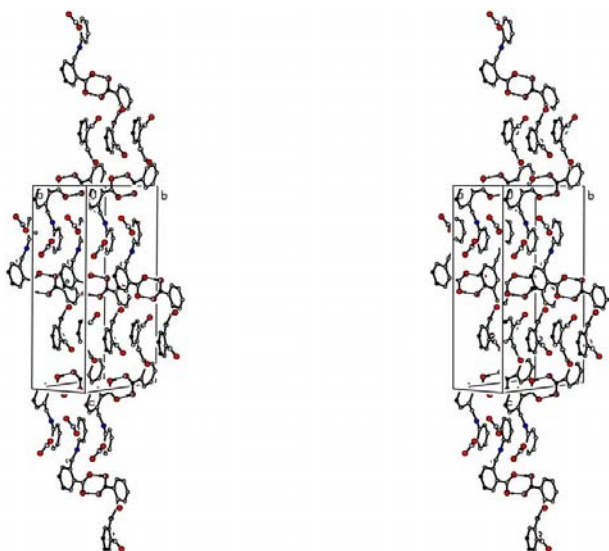
motifs so characteristic of simple carboxylic acids, namely the  $R_2^2(8)$  dimer [*cf.* compound (I)] and the  $C(4)$  chain. Likewise, the amide group in (II) does not form the  $C(4)$  chain often found in simple carboxylic amides, but instead each of the two hydrogen bonds in (II) utilizes a donor and an acceptor from



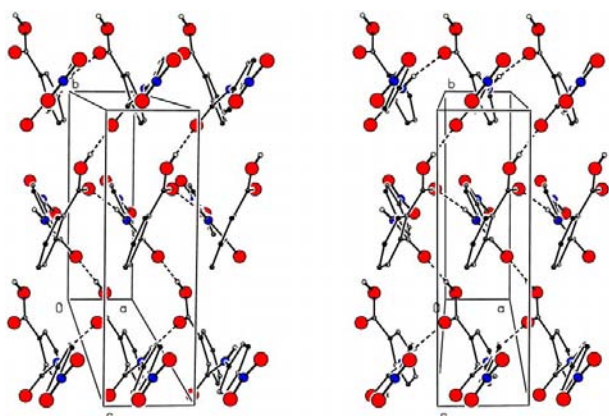
**Figure 3**  
The two independent molecules in compound (III), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



**Figure 4**  
Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the formation of a centrosymmetric  $R_2^2(8)$  dimer. Atoms marked with an asterisk (\*) are at the symmetry position  $(1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z)$ .



**Figure 5**  
Stereoview of part of the crystal structure of (I), showing the linking of the hydrogen-bonded dimers into an (010) sheet by means of aromatic  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C or N atoms have been omitted.



**Figure 6**  
Stereoview of part of the crystal structure of (II), showing the formation of an (001) sheet of  $R_4^2(22)$  rings. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted.

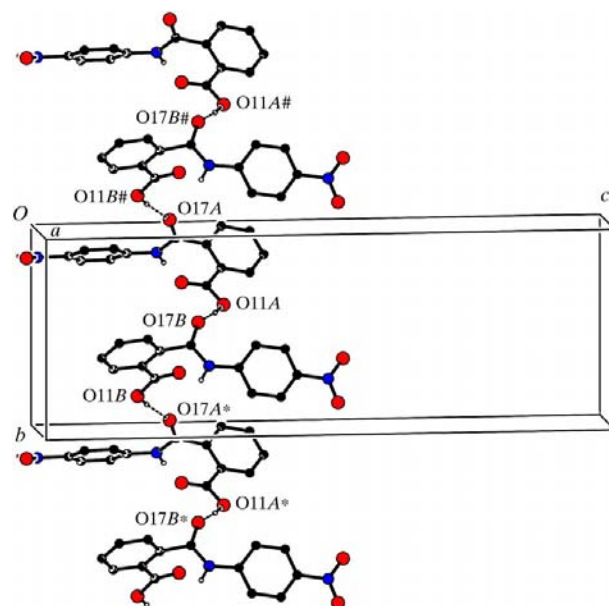
the different functional groups (acid and amide) within the molecule.

The combination of the two  $C(7)$  chains in (II) generates an (001) sheet in the form of a hydrogen-bonded (4,4)-net (Batten & Robson, 1998) built from a single type of  $R_4^2(22)$  ring (Fig. 6). This sheet lies in the domain  $-0.03 < z < 0.53$  and a second such sheet lies in the domain  $0.47 < z < 1.03$ , but there are no direction-specific interactions between adjacent sheets.

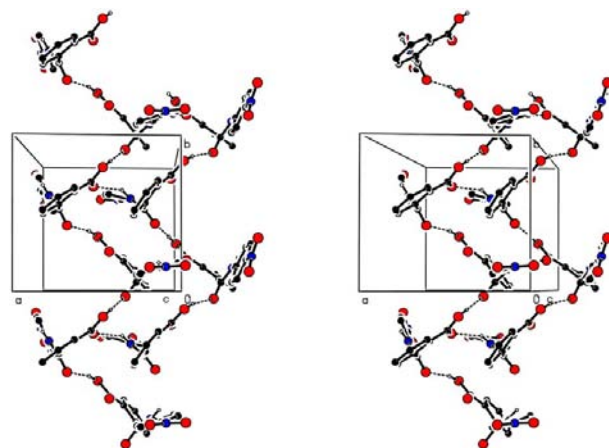
The supramolecular structure of the monoclinic form, (III), consists of sheets generated by a combination of O—H...O and N—H...O hydrogen bonds, linked into a three-dimensional framework by a single rather strong C—H...O hydrogen bond (Table 6). Carboxyl atom O11A acts as hydrogen-bond donor to amidic atom O17B within the

asymmetric unit (Fig. 3) and, in a similar fashion, carboxyl atom O11B in the type B molecule at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as hydrogen-bond donor to amidic atom O17A in the type A molecule at  $(x, 1 + y, z)$ . These two hydrogen bonds thus generate by translation a  $C_2^2(14)$  chain running parallel to the [010] direction (Fig. 7). These translational chains are then linked into (001) sheets by the two N—H...O hydrogen bonds.

Amino atom N1A in the type A molecule at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as hydrogen-bond donor to carboxyl atom O12B in the type B molecule at  $(\frac{1}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z)$ , so producing a second  $C_2^2(14)$



**Figure 7**  
Part of the crystal structure of (III), showing the  $C_2^2(14)$  chain generated by translation. For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted. Atoms marked with an asterisk (\*) or hash (#) are at the symmetry positions  $(x, 1 + y, z)$  and  $(x, y - 1, z)$ , respectively.



**Figure 8**  
Stereoview of part of the crystal structure of (III), showing the  $C_2^2(14)$  chains generated by translation and by the  $2_1$  screw axis along  $(\frac{1}{4}, y, \frac{1}{4})$ . For the sake of clarity, H atoms bonded to C atoms have been omitted.

chain parallel to [010], this time generated by the  $2_1$  screw axis along  $(\frac{1}{4}, y, \frac{1}{4})$  (Fig. 8). Similarly, amino atom N1B at  $(x, y, z)$  acts as hydrogen-bond donor to carboxyl atom O12A at  $(\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z)$ , so producing a third  $C_2^2(14)$  chain, this time generated by the  $2_1$  screw axis along  $(\frac{3}{4}, y, \frac{1}{4})$ .

The combination of these three  $C_2^2(14)$  chains generates an (001) sheet lying in the domain  $-0.02 < z < 0.52$ , and a second such sheet, related to the first by inversion, lies in the domain  $0.48 < z < 1.02$ . The sheet is reinforced by a C—H...O hydrogen bond (Table 6) and adjacent sheets are linked by a second C—H...O hydrogen bond. Atom C23B in the type B molecule at  $(x, y, z)$ , which lies in the  $-0.02 < z < 0.52$  sheet, acts as hydrogen-bond donor to nitro atom O41A in the type A molecule at  $(\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z)$ , which forms part of the sheet in the domain  $0.48 < z < 1.02$ . Propagation of this interaction by the space group then generates a single three-dimensional framework.

## Experimental

Samples of both acids were prepared by heating under reflux chloroform solutions containing equimolar mixtures of phthalic anhydride and the appropriate nitroaniline. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography and, when complete, the mixtures were cooled and the solvent was removed. Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were grown by slow evaporation of solutions in ethanol for (I) and (II), and in acetone for (III). Melting points: for (I), 426–428 K; for (II), 475–477 K, with liberation of water, followed rapidly by re-solidification on formation of *N*-(4-nitrophenyl)phthalimide and subsequent re-melting at 528–531 K; for (III), 471–473 K, with liberation of water, followed rapidly by re-solidification as for (II).

## Compound (I)

### Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{10}N_2O_5$   
 $M_r = 286.24$   
 Orthorhombic,  $Pbca$   
 $a = 7.2761$  (2) Å  
 $b = 14.8881$  (5) Å  
 $c = 23.0407$  (6) Å  
 $V = 2495.94$  (13) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$   
 $D_x = 1.523$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  scans, and  $\omega$  scans with  $\kappa$  offsets  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SORTAV; Blessing, 1995, 1997)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.955$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.975$   
 15 224 measured reflections

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.115$   
 $S = 0.98$   
 2848 reflections  
 191 parameters

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 2848 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.2$ – $27.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.12$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 120$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.36 \times 0.36 \times 0.22$  mm

2848 independent reflections  
 1876 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.072$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -7 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -19 \rightarrow 19$   
 $l = -27 \rightarrow 29$

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0595P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.24$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.29$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (I).

C18—O11	1.312 (2)	C18—O12	1.227 (2)
C12—C11—C17—N1	127.5 (2)	C11—C12—C18—O11	153.6 (2)
C11—C17—N1—C21	177.8 (2)	C21—C22—N22—O21	143.3 (2)
C17—N1—C21—C22	-139.1 (2)		

**Table 2**

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

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
N1—H1...O22	0.88	2.14	2.719 (2)	123
O11—H11...O12 <sup>i</sup>	0.84	1.78	2.623 (2)	178

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

## Compound (II)

### Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{10}N_2O_5$   
 $M_r = 286.24$   
 Orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$   
 $a = 3.9188$  (2) Å  
 $b = 12.6896$  (6) Å  
 $c = 27.7029$  (16) Å  
 $V = 1377.61$  (12) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.380$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 1820 reflections  
 $\theta = 3.2$ – $27.5^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.11$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 120$  (2) K  
 Needle, colourless  
 $0.25 \times 0.08 \times 0.04$  mm

### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  scans, and  $\omega$  scans with  $\kappa$  offsets  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SORTAV; Blessing, 1995, 1997)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.969$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.996$   
 4875 measured reflections

1820 independent reflections  
 1237 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.052$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$   
 $h = -5 \rightarrow 5$   
 $k = -16 \rightarrow 16$   
 $l = -35 \rightarrow 35$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.055$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.123$   
 $S = 1.09$   
 1820 reflections  
 191 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0583P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.21$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 3**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °) for (II).

C18—O11	1.324 (3)	C18—O12	1.219 (3)
C12—C11—C17—N1	-64.8 (5)	C11—C12—C18—O11	171.2 (3)
C11—C17—N1—C21	179.1 (3)	C23—C24—N24—O41	168.8 (4)
C17—N1—C21—C22	17.7 (6)		

**Table 4**

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

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
N1—H1...O12 <sup>i</sup>	0.88	1.96	2.833 (3)	171
O11—H11...O17 <sup>ii</sup>	0.84	1.78	2.614 (3)	173

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (ii)  $2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} - z$ .

Compound (III)

Crystal data

$C_{14}H_{10}N_2O_5$	$D_x = 1.474 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 286.24$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 5503 reflections
$a = 10.2098 (10) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3.0\text{--}27.4^\circ$
$b = 9.3749 (8) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 27.409 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 120 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 100.578 (4)^\circ$	Plate, colourless
$V = 2578.9 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.22 \times 0.18 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 8$	

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD area-detector diffractometer	5503 independent reflections
$\varphi$ scans, and $\omega$ scans with $\kappa$ offsets	2662 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SORTAV; Blessing, 1995, 1997)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.095$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.965$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.989$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.4^\circ$
19 240 measured reflections	$h = -11 \rightarrow 12$
	$k = -12 \rightarrow 11$
	$l = -35 \rightarrow 35$

Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.069$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0716P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.166$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$S = 0.99$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
5503 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.30 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
381 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 5

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for (III).

C18A—O11A	1.321 (3)	C18B—O11B	1.324 (3)
C18A—O12A	1.219 (3)	C18B—O12B	1.213 (3)
C12A—C11A—C17A—N1A	−85.3 (4)	C12B—C11B—C17B—N1B	−88.7 (4)
C11A—C17A—N1A—C21A	172.5 (3)	C11B—C17B—N1B—C21B	176.7 (3)
C17A—N1A—C21A—C22A	−26.3 (4)	C17B—N1B—C21B—C22B	10.8 (5)

Table 6

Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for (III).

$D\text{---}H\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{---}H\cdots A$
N1A—H1A $\cdots$ O12B <sup>i</sup>	0.88	2.09	2.873 (4)	147
N1B—H1B $\cdots$ O12A <sup>ii</sup>	0.88	2.16	2.902 (3)	141
O11A—H11A $\cdots$ O17B	0.84	1.84	2.664 (3)	166
O11B—H11B $\cdots$ O17A <sup>iii</sup>	0.84	1.83	2.666 (3)	174
C23B—H23B $\cdots$ O41A <sup>iv</sup>	0.95	2.45	3.355 (4)	160

Symmetry codes: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (ii)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (iii)  $x, 1 + y, z$ ; (iv)  $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ .

For compounds (I), (II) and (III), the space groups  $Pbca$ ,  $P2_12_12_1$  and  $P2_1/n$ , respectively, were uniquely assigned from the systematic absences. All H atoms were located from difference maps and then treated as riding atoms, with distances C—H = 0.95 Å, N—H = 0.88 Å and O—H = 0.84 Å. In the absence of significant anomalous scattering, the absolute configuration of (II) could not be established. However, this has no chemical significance and the Friedel equiva-

lents were merged. Conventional refinement of (II) led to  $R = 0.095$  with a maximum residual density of  $1.63 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ , and examination of the refined structure of (II) using *PLATON* (Spek, 2003) revealed two voids, each of volume  $ca 89 \text{ \AA}^3$ , centred at approximately  $(0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $(0, \frac{3}{4}, 0)$ . The electron density within these voids could not be interpreted in terms of any sensible model of solvent molecules, and accordingly the reflection data were subjected to the *SQUEEZE* option in *PLATON* before the final refinement. This procedure suggested the presence of only 6–7 electrons per unit cell within the voids. Examination of the refined structure of (III) using *PLATON* also revealed two symmetry-related void spaces per unit cell, each of approximate volume  $63 \text{ \AA}^3$ , centred at  $(0, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$  and  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2})$ , although the residual densities from the refinement were very low. Accordingly, a supernumerary O atom was placed near the centre of the void and its site-occupancy factor was refined, giving a value of 0.045 (6), indicative of negligible electron density within the void.

For all three compounds, data collection: *KappaCCD Server Software* (Nonius, 1997); cell refinement: *DENZO-SMN* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO-SMN*. For compounds (I) and (II), program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997). For compound (III), program(s) used to solve structure: *OSCAIL* (McArdle, 2003) and *SHELXS97*; program(s) used to refine structure: *OSCAIL* and *SHELXL97*. For all three compounds, molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PRPKAPPA* (Ferguson, 1999).

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