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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 193 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C-C}) = 0.005 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.038 wR factor = 0.095 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.6

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# N-Ferrocenoyl-labelled glutamate diethyl ester

Diethyl *N*-(ferrocenylcarbonyl)glutamate or *N*-ferrocenoylglutamate-(OEt)<sub>2</sub>, [Fe(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)(C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>5</sub>N)], (I), is a derivative of *N*-ferrocenoylglutamate-(OBz)<sub>2</sub>, the corresponding benzyl ester derivative published previously [Kraatz, Lusztyk & Enright (1997). *Inorg. Chem.* **36**, 2400–2405]. These redoxlabeled amino acid structures exhibit intermolecular hydrogen bonding that leads to extended networks in the solid state and exhibit typical ferrocene one-electron reversible electrochemical responses. The asymmetric unit of the structure contains two independent molecules, in which the most notable difference is in the conformations of the diethyl ester groups.



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### **Experimental**

The title compound was prepared by the addition of solid EDC [1ethyl-3-(3-dimethyaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride] to a stirred mixture of FcCOOH and HOBt (1-hydroxybenzotriazole) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature, which caused the orange slurry to change slowly into a clear solution. In a separate flask, H-Glu-OEt·HCl was dissolved in CH2Cl2 and Et3N and then added to the stirred reaction mixture. After stirring overnight, the reaction solution was washed consecutively with aqueous solutions of saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, 10% citric acid, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and finally distilled water. The organic phase was dried by anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure, giving the crude orange product. The product was purified by column chromatography  $(R_F = 0.5;$  hexane/EtOAc/CHCl<sub>3</sub> 1:1:2), giving an orange solid. Suitable crystals of the title compound were obtained by a slow diffusion of layered hexane into a solution of the compound in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. Yellow crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were deposited after a few days.

Crystal data	
$[Fe(C_5H_5)(C_{15}H_{20}NO_5)]$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$M_r = 415.26$	Cell parameters from 4477
Trigonal, P3 <sub>1</sub>	reflections
a = 11.4140(3)  Å	$\theta = 2.2-25.7^{\circ}$
c = 26.7688 (17)  Å	$\mu = 0.78 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
V = 3020.2 (2) Å <sup>3</sup>	T = 193 (2) K
Z = 6	Prism, orange
$D_x = 1.370 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	$1.00 \times 0.23 \times 0.22 \text{ mm}$

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#### Data collection

Bruker PLATFORM /SMART 1000	8093 independent reflections
CCD area-detector	7430 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
diffractometer	$R_{\rm int} = 0.025$
$\omega$ scans	$\theta_{\rm max} = 26.4^{\circ}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$h = -14 \rightarrow 14$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$k = -12 \rightarrow 14$
$T_{\min} = 0.510, \ T_{\max} = 0.847$	$l = -33 \rightarrow 32$
16 410 measured reflections	

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0498P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$	+ 0.5792P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.095$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.04	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.002$
8093 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.46 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
487 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.37 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	Absolute structure: Flack (1983)
	4131 Friedel pairs
	Flack parameter $= 0.010(12)$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
	0.88	1.97	2.822 (3)	163
	0.88	2.01	2.861 (3)	162

Symmetry code: (i) -x + y, 1 - x,  $z - \frac{1}{3}$ .

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C–H distances ranging from 0.98 to 1.00 Å, and N–H distances of 0.88 Å. They were included in the refinement in a riding-model approximation, with  $U_{\rm iso} = 1.2U_{\rm eq}$  of the carrier atom.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1997); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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#### Figure 1

View of molecule 1 of (I), with the crystallographic labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



#### Figure 2

View of molecule 2 of (I), with the crystallographic labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level

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