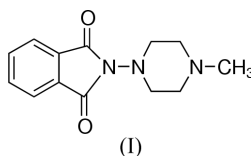


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guomlin@public.tpt.tj.cn**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.041
 wR factor = 0.114
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.2For details of how these key indicators were
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The title compound, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$, (I), crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $P2_1/m$. The phthalimide rings lie in crystallographic mirror planes. Molecules are associated into columns parallel to the b -axis direction, and linked together along the a -axis direction by a two-dimensional network of hydrogen bonds involving $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ interactions. The molecular packing in the crystal is stabilized by the weak intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds and van der Waals forces.

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Online 30 January 2004**Experimental**

The title compound was prepared by the reaction of phthalic anhydride (6.4 g) with 1-amino-4-methylpiperazine (5.0 g) under microwave irradiation for 10 min. The resulting product was heated and dissolved in ethanol (60 ml). The homogeneous solution was allowed to stand at room temperature for 12 h, after which 7.0 g of the colorless crystalline product was separated by filtration. Pure *N*-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)phthalimide (1.5 g) was dissolved in ethanol (20 ml). A single crystal was obtained by evaporation for 10 h at room temperature.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_2$	$D_x = 1.331$ Mg m $^{-3}$
$M_r = 245.28$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/m$	Cell parameters from 853 reflections
$a = 8.364$ (3) Å	$\theta = 2.8$ – 26.4°
$b = 6.816$ (3) Å	$\mu = 0.09$ mm $^{-1}$
$c = 10.972$ (5) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
$\beta = 101.980$ (6) $^\circ$	Prism, colorless
$V = 611.9$ (4) Å 3	$0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.16$ mm
$Z = 2$	

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	1372 independent reflections
φ and ω scans	1064 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.021$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.976$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.985$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.4^\circ$
3540 measured reflections	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
	$k = -8 \rightarrow 8$
	$l = -8 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0616P)^2 + 0.071P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.114$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
$S = 1.08$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.22$ e Å $^{-3}$
1372 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.14$ e Å $^{-3}$
112 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	Extinction coefficient: 0.30 (2)

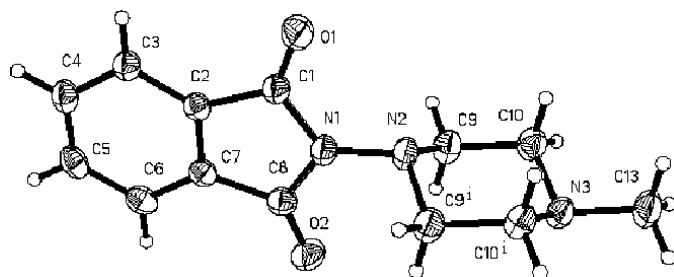


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids. [Symmetry code: (i) $x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$.]

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

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$C5-H5 \cdots O1^{ii}$	0.93	2.36	3.249 (3)	161
$C5-H5 \cdots O1^{iii}$	0.93	2.36	3.249 (3)	161

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

H atoms were treated as riding, with C–H distances of 0.93–0.97 Å. For the H atoms attached to atom C13, $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C13)$; all other $U_{iso}(H)$ values were refined.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2001); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

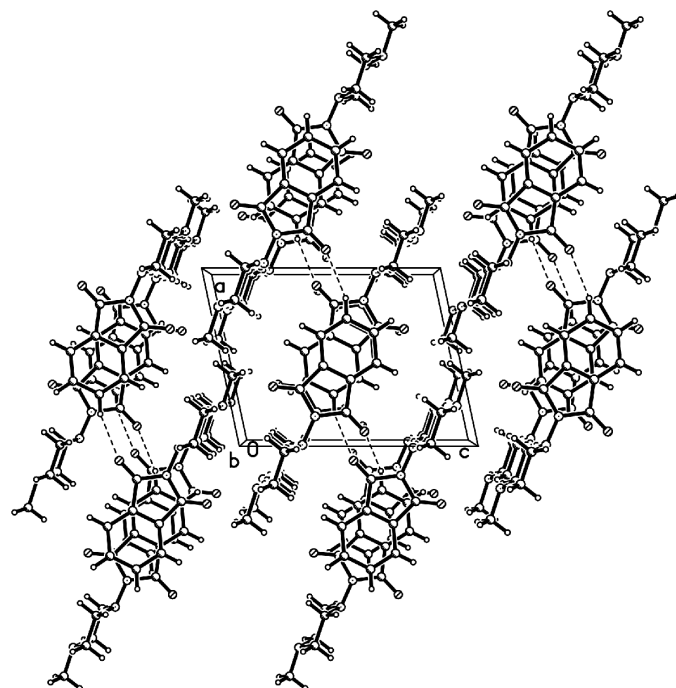


Figure 2
Packing diagram showing C–H \cdots O interactions, viewed down the b axis.

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