

**(Z)-4-(*tert*-Butylamino)-4-oxo-2-butenoic acid**

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**Key indicators**

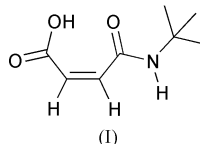
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 296$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.042  
 $wR$  factor = 0.134  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.6

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The title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ , is an amidated maleic acid derivative. There are intramolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and intermolecular step-like  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds, forming zigzag chains along the  $c$  axis.

**Comment**

On deprotonation, a carboxylic acid having a neighboring amide group may form an intramolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond between the carboxylate O atom and the neighboring amide NH group. Previously, we have synthesized various aliphatic carboxylic acids having the neighboring amide group and reported the crystal structures (Takahashi *et al.*, 2003, 2004). In these carboxylic acids, however, only intermolecular hydrogen bonds are observed. In the present study, we synthesized a novel amidated carboxylic acid derivative, (I), from maleic anhydride and *tert*-butylamine.



In (I), there is an  $\text{O}3-\text{H}2\cdots\text{O}1=\text{C}4$  intramolecular hydrogen bond (Fig. 1, Tables 1 and 2). This intramolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$  hydrogen bond is also observed in a chloroform[ $D_1$ ] solution using  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and NOESY spectroscopy (10 mM). There is also an intermolecular  $\text{N}1-\text{H}1\cdots\text{O}2'=\text{C}1'$  [symmetry code: (i)  $x, -\frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{1}{2}+z$ ] hydrogen bond, forming zigzag chains along the  $c$  axis (Fig. 2). This zigzag-chain hydrogen-bonded network results from the bulky *tert*-butyl group and is very rare in comparison with similar half-amidated maleic acid derivatives, as discussed in previous reports (*e.g.* Allen & Kennard, 1973; Prasad *et al.*, 2002; Lynch & McClenaghan, 2002). There is a hydrophobic layer containing *tert*-butyl groups sandwiched between layers of the hydrogen-bonded chains.

**Experimental**

To maleic anhydride (10 g, 0.10 mol), *tert*-butylamine (10 ml, 0.095 mol) was added dropwise over an ice-water bath, without direct sunlight, and the mixed solution was stirred at room temperature. After 12 h, 3.5% aqueous HCl solution was added, yielding a precipitate, which was collected by filtration and washed with water. The product was recrystallized from ethyl acetate to give colorless crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis (yield 71%; m.p. 431–434 K).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $[D_6]$ DMSO at 303 K):  $\delta$  15.1 (1H, *br*), 8.73 (1H, *s*), 6.31 [1H,  $^3J(\text{H},\text{H}) = 12.9$  Hz, *d*], 6.10 [1H,  $^3J(\text{H},\text{H}) = 12.9$  Hz, *d*], 1.23 (9H, *s*). Elemental analysis calculated for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_3$ : C 56.13, H 7.65, N 8.18%; found: C 55.98, H 7.65, N 8.20%.

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## Crystal data

$C_8H_{13}NO_3$   
 $M_r = 171.19$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 9.283$  (4) Å  
 $b = 8.416$  (3) Å  
 $c = 12.680$  (5) Å  
 $\beta = 105.42$  (3)°  
 $V = 955.0$  (7) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.191$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 14.3$ – $15.0$ °  
 $\mu = 0.09$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 296$  K  
 Prism, colorless  
 $0.50 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

## Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5R diffractometer  
 $\omega$ - $2\theta$  scans  
 Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan  
 (North *et al.*, 1968)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.900$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.962$   
 2325 measured reflections  
 2195 independent reflections  
 994 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5$ °  
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 12$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 10$   
 $l = -16 \rightarrow 15$   
 3 standard reflections  
 every 150 reflections  
 intensity decay: 0.4%

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.134$   
 $S = 0.98$   
 2195 reflections  
 112 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.057P)^2 + 0.0332P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.14$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1–C4	1.248 (2)	N1–C4	1.319 (2)
O2–C1	1.216 (3)	N1–C5	1.486 (3)
O3–C1	1.305 (3)	C2–C3	1.329 (3)
C3–C2–C1	131.6 (2)	C2–C3–C4	128.58 (19)
O2–C1–C2–C3	−167.3 (2)	C1–C2–C3–C4	−2.5 (4)
O3–C1–C2–C3	13.6 (4)	C5–N1–C4–C3	−178.40 (18)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1–H1 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.05	2.897 (3)	168
O3–H2 $\cdots$ O1	1.01 (3)	1.46 (3)	2.458 (2)	172 (2)

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

Atom H2 of the carboxylic group was located in a difference map and refined freely. Other H atoms were positioned geometrically and were treated as riding on their parent atoms, with methyl and methylene C–H distances and an amide N–H distance of 0.96 Å, 0.93 Å and 0.86 Å, respectively. Rotating-group refinement was used for the methyl groups and carboxylic acid group.  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  values were set to  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier atom})$ .

Data collection: *MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1991); cell refinement: *MSC/AFC*

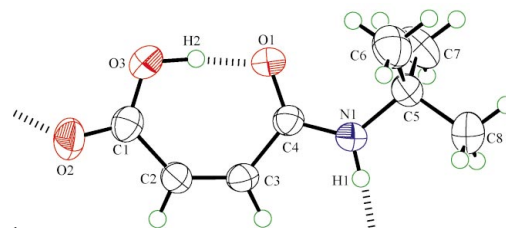


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-labelling scheme and with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

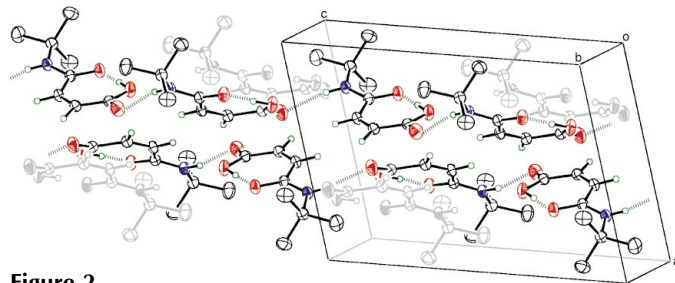


Figure 2

A packing diagram of (I). Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds, and the grey molecules are affiliated with other hydrogen-bonded networks.

*Diffractometer Control Software*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *TEXSAN* and *MERCURY* (Bruno *et al.*, 2002); software used to prepare material for publication: *TEXSAN* and *MERCURY*.

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