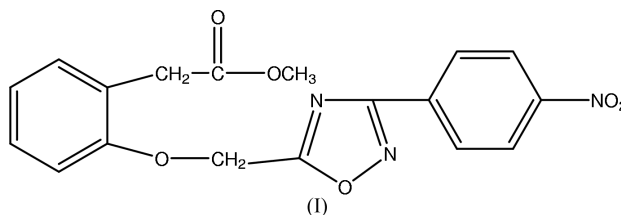
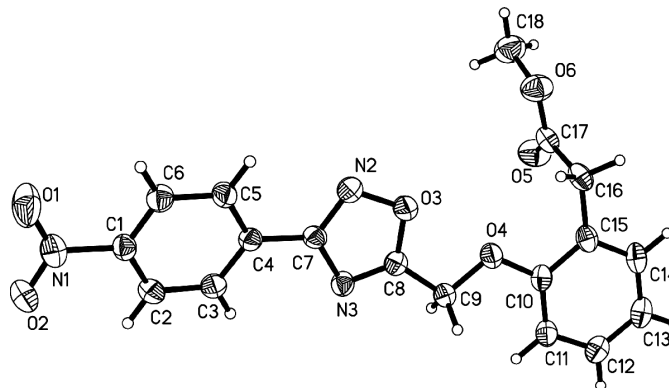


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wanghaibo@njut.edu.cn**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.054
 wR factor = 0.190
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.6For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Methyl 2-[[3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl]-
methoxy]phenylacetate**The title compound, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$, was synthesized by the
reaction of methyl (2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate and 5-chloro-
methyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole. In the crystal
structure, there are intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$
interactions.

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Comment1,2,4-Oxadiazoles represent an important class of five-
membered heterocycles. Some derivatives of 1,2,4-oxadiazoles
have intrinsic analgesic (Terashita *et al.*, 2002), anti-inflam-
matory (Nicolaides *et al.*, 1998) and antipicornaviral (Romero,
2001) properties and are efficient as agonists [*e.g.* for angio-
tension (Naka & Kubo, 1999) and adhesion (Juraszyk *et al.*,
1997)] for different receptors. We report here the crystal
structure of the title compound, (I).The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Selected
bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. In the crystal
structure, molecules are linked by $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds
and there is also an intermolecular contact which indicates a
weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interaction. Full details of the hydrogen
bonding are given in Table 2 (see also Figs. 2 and 3). The
combination of the two types of weak interaction generates a
three-dimensional network.**Figure 1**A view of the molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids
are drawn at the 30% probability level

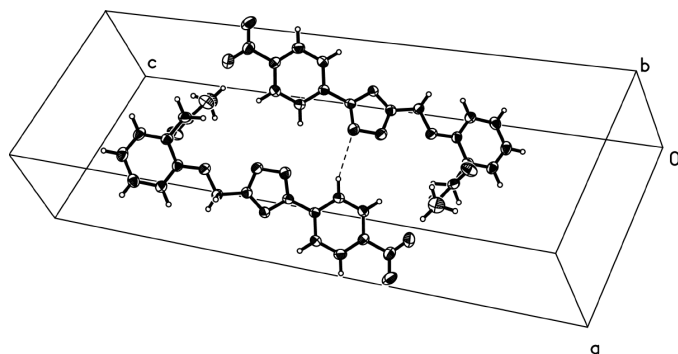


Figure 2
The short C—H...N contact (dashed line) in the crystal structure of (I).

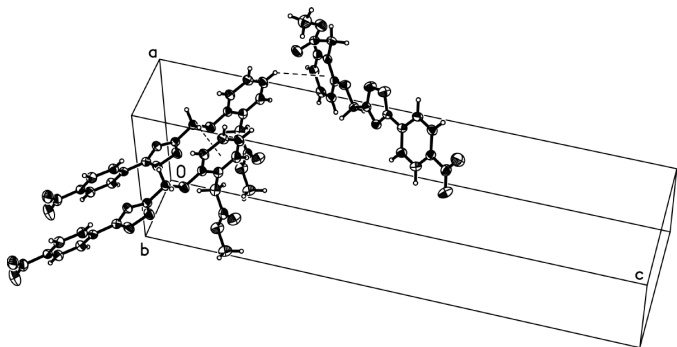


Figure 3
The C—H... π interactions in (I), shown as dashed lines.

Experimental

Methyl (2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate (20 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (20 ml) and potassium carbonate (30 mmol) was added in one portion. 5-Chloromethyl-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (20 mmol) in acetone (20 ml) was added to this mixture. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 6 h. The mixture was filtered and the filtrate concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude compound (I). Pure compound (I) was obtained by crystallization from ethyl acetate. Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): δ 8.37–8.39 (*m*, 2H), 8.31–8.32 (*m*, 2H), 7.30–7.32 (*m*, 1H), 7.27–7.28 (*m*, 2H), 7.06–7.07 (*m*, 1H), 5.42 (*s*, 2H), 3.76 (*s*, 2H), 3.73 (*s*, 3H).

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}_3\text{O}_6$
 $M_r = 369.33$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 10.436$ (2) Å
 $b = 5.180$ (1) Å
 $c = 31.560$ (6) Å
 $\beta = 92.94$ (3)°
 $V = 1703.8$ (6) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.440$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 25 reflections
 $\theta = 9$ –13°
 $\mu = 0.11$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
Block, colourless
0.3 × 0.2 × 0.1 mm

Data collection

Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
Absorption correction: none
3538 measured reflections
3344 independent reflections
1728 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.045$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 12$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 6$
 $l = -38 \rightarrow 38$
3 standard reflections every 200 reflections
intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.190$
 $S = 1.04$
3344 reflections
245 parameters
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.26$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.23$ e Å⁻³
Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*
Extinction coefficient: 0.007 (2)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O3—C8	1.333 (3)	N3—C8	1.293 (4)
O3—N2	1.414 (3)	N3—C7	1.376 (4)
O4—C9	1.410 (3)	C4—C7	1.463 (4)
O4—C10	1.386 (4)	C7—N2	1.302 (4)
O6—C17	1.332 (4)	C8—C9	1.487 (4)
O6—C18	1.440 (4)	C15—C16	1.504 (4)
N1—O1	1.218 (4)	C17—O5	1.191 (4)
N1—O2	1.224 (4)	C17—C16	1.509 (4)
N1—C1	1.474 (4)		
C8—O3—N2	105.8 (2)	N3—C7—C4	123.7 (3)
C10—O4—C9	116.9 (2)	N3—C8—O3	113.7 (3)
C17—O6—C18	116.8 (3)	N3—C8—C9	126.6 (3)
O1—N1—O2	124.1 (3)	O3—C8—C9	119.5 (3)
O1—N1—C1	117.8 (3)	O4—C9—C8	107.7 (2)
O2—N1—C1	118.0 (3)	C11—C10—O4	123.8 (3)
C7—N2—O3	103.7 (2)	O4—C10—C15	114.6 (3)
C8—N3—C7	102.8 (2)	C15—C14—C13	121.9 (3)
C2—C1—N1	119.1 (3)	C14—C15—C16	122.2 (3)
C6—C1—N1	119.1 (3)	C10—C15—C16	120.3 (3)
C3—C4—C7	119.1 (3)	C15—C16—C17	114.7 (3)
C5—C4—C7	121.8 (3)	O5—C17—O6	123.3 (3)
N2—C7—N3	113.9 (3)	O5—C17—C16	126.0 (3)
N2—C7—C4	122.3 (3)	O6—C17—C16	110.7 (3)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{—}H\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H\cdots A$
$\text{C5—H5A}\cdots\text{N2}^i$	0.93	2.54	3.436 (4)	161
$\text{C13—H13A}\cdots\text{Cg3}^{ii}$	0.93	3.02	3.755	137

Symmetry codes: (i) $1 - x, 2 - y, -z$; (ii) $2 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$. Cg3 is the centroid of the C10–C15 ring.

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H distances of 0.93–0.97 Å and included in the refinement using a riding model, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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