

## Methyl 4,6-dichlorochroman-2-carboxylate

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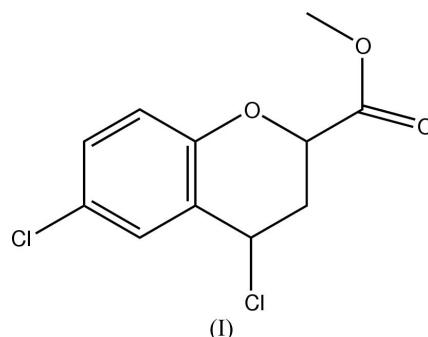
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 283$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.033  
 $wR$  factor = 0.091  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.4For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3$ , the six-membered heterocyclic ring adopts a half-chair conformation. An intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond and  $\pi-\pi$  stacking are observed in the crystal structure.

## Comment

Chroman derivatives exhibit a wide spectrum of biological activity, including antiviral, anticancer and antibiotic properties. The title compound, (I), may be used as a new precursor for obtaining bioactive molecules. In this paper, we present the X-ray crystallographic analysis of (I).



As shown in Fig. 1, the six-membered heterocyclic ring adopts a half-chair conformation. The puckering parameters (Cremer & Pople, 1975) corresponding to the sequence  $\text{O1}-\text{C4}-\text{C5}-\text{C7}-\text{C8}-\text{C9}$  are  $Q = 0.470$  (2) Å,  $\varphi_2 = 88.7$  (2)° and  $\theta_2 = 127.81$  (2)°. The bond lengths and angles in the molecule are normal.

An intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond exists in the crystal structure (Table 1 and Fig. 2), leading to dimerization.

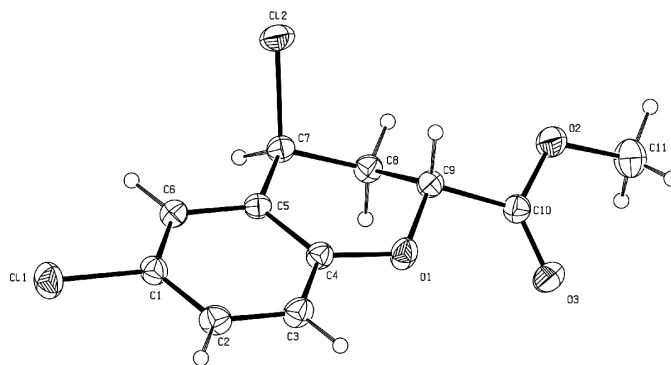
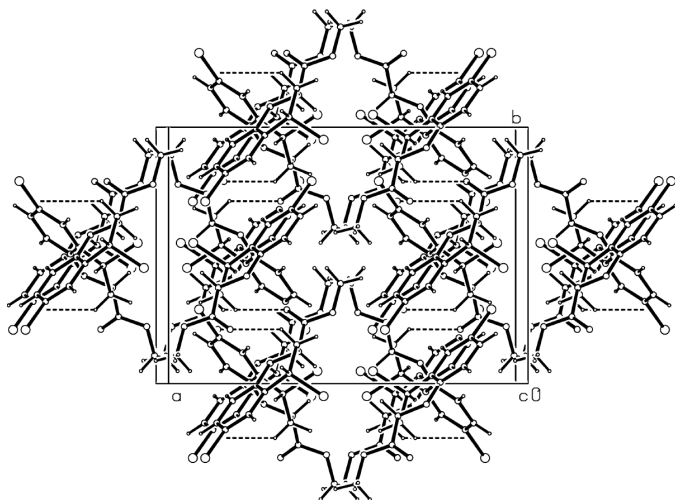


Figure 1

A view of the molecule of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and H atoms are represented by circles of arbitrary size.



**Figure 2**  
The packing of (I), viewed along the *b* axis. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

As a result, a ten-membered ring is formed, the topological motif of which corresponds to the first level graph-set descriptor  $R_2^2(10)$  (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995). The dihedral angle between the two benzene rings of adjacent molecules is  $0.02(2)^\circ$  and the distance between the ring centroids is  $3.892(1) \text{ \AA}$  (Fig. 3). This suggests the existence of a  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interaction.

## Experimental

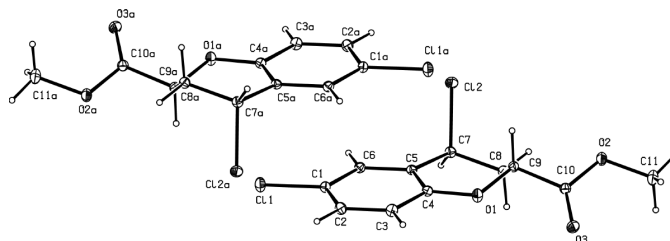
To a solution of 6-chloro-2-hydroxychromen-4-one (2 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 ml) was added a solution of thionyl chloride (2.4 mmol) in dichloromethane (5 ml). The resulting solution was stirred for 4 h at 298 K. The mixture was then purified by column chromatography on silica gel, with dichloromethane-hexane (7:3 v/v) as eluent, to afford compound (I) (yield 55%, m.p. 446 K). Spectroscopic analysis:  $^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz) 7.28 (s, 1H, C5-H), 7.21 (*d*, 1H, C5-H), 6.94 (*d*, 1H, C8-H), 5.20 (*t*, 1H, C4-H), 5.00 (*t*, 1H, C2-H), 3.26 (*s*, 3H,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.44–2.60 (*m*, 2H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ); MS (EI 70 eV) *m/z* (%): 264/260 (10/32), 229/225 (5/13), 201 (28), 131/129 (32/28), 102 (100), 74 (90). Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were grown from acetone at 277 K.

### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{O}_3$	$D_x = 1.556 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 261.09$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cell parameters from 4252 reflections
$a = 19.7026(15) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 2.5\text{--}27.9^\circ$
$b = 11.2427(8) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.57 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 12.2043(9) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 283(2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 124.450(1)^\circ$	Block, colourless
$V = 2229.3(3) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.60 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 8$	

### Data collection

Bruker SMART 4K CCD area-detector diffractometer	2187 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.019$
Absorption correction: none	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.0^\circ$
6401 measured reflections	$h = -17 \rightarrow 24$
2415 independent reflections	$k = -14 \rightarrow 13$
	$l = -15 \rightarrow 14$



**Figure 3**  
Intermolecular  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking between benzene rings. Atoms labelled with the suffix *a* are at symmetry position  $(\frac{1}{2} - x, -\frac{1}{2} - y, 1 - z)$ .

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0513P)^2 + 1.1147P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.092$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.004$
$S = 1.04$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2415 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.24 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
147 parameters	Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i> (Sheldrick, 1997)
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.0017 (4)

**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
$\text{C8--H8A}\cdots\text{O3}^i$	0.97	2.57	3.3173 (19)	134

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

All H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map. The methyl H atoms were then constrained to an ideal geometry, with C–H distances of  $0.98 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ , but each group was allowed to rotate freely about its C–C bond. All other H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range  $0.95\text{--}1.00 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2001); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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