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wanghaibo@njut.edu.cn**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 293$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.060  
 $wR$  factor = 0.150  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.3For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Methyl 2-[3-(2-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-oxa-  
diazol-5-ylmethoxy]phenylacetate**

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_4$ , was synthesized by the reaction of methyl (2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate and 5-chloromethyl-3-(2-chlorophenyl)1,2,4-oxadiazole. In the crystal structure, there are a weak intramolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bond and intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions.

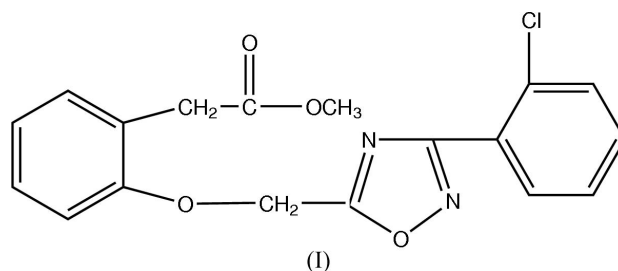
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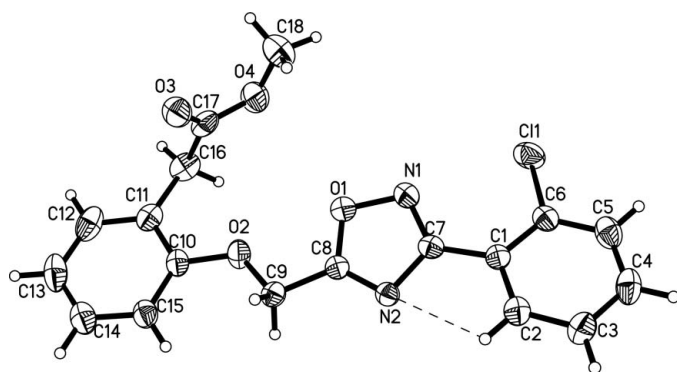
1,2,4-Oxadiazole derivatives are of great interest because of their biological properties. Some derivatives of 1,2,4-oxadiazoles have intrinsic analgesic (Terashita *et al.*, 2002), anti-inflammatory (Nicolaidis *et al.*, 1998) and anti-picornaviral (Romero, 2001) properties and show high efficacy as agonists [*e.g.* for formuscarinic (Macor *et al.*, 1996), adrenergic (Quagliato & Andrae, 2002), and 5-hydroxytryptamine (Gur *et al.*, 2001)] and antagonists [*e.g.* for forangiotensin (Naka & Kubo (1999) and adhesion (Juraszky *et al.*, 1997)] for different receptors. We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The molecular structure of (I) is stabilized by a weak intramolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bond. The molecular packing in the crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$  interactions (Table 2 and Fig. 2).

**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-(2-chlorophenyl)1,2,4-oxadiazole (20 mmol) in acetone (20 ml) was added to this mixture. The resulting mixture was refluxed for 6 h, then concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude compound (I). Pure (I) was obtained by crystallization from ethyl acetate (m.p. 341–343 K). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.92–7.94 (*m*, 1H), 7.53–7.54 (*m*, 1H), 7.42–7.45 (*m*, 1H), 7.37–7.40 (*m*, 1H), 7.23–7.29 (*m*, 2H), 6.99–7.03 (*m*, 2H), 5.39 (*s*, 2H), 3.73 (*s*, 2H), 3.69 (*s*, 3H).

**Figure 1**

A view of the molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.

**Crystal data**

$C_{18}H_{15}ClN_2O_4$   
 $M_r = 358.77$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$   
 $a = 11.314$  (2) Å  
 $b = 7.9510$  (16) Å  
 $c = 19.598$  (4) Å  
 $\beta = 103.08$  (3)°  
 $V = 1717.2$  (6) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.388$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections  
 $\theta = 10$ – $13^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.25$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2$  mm

**Data collection**

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  
 $\omega/2\theta$  scans  
 3191 measured reflections  
 3028 independent reflections  
 1559 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.060$

$\theta_{max} = 25.0^\circ$   
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 13$   
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -23 \rightarrow 22$   
 3 standard reflections  
 frequency: 120 min  
 intensity decay: none

**Refinement**

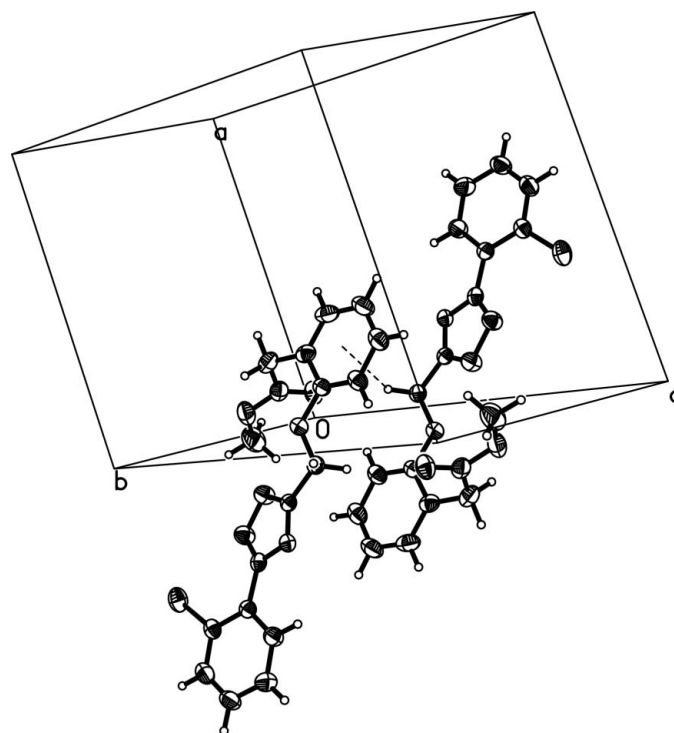
Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.06$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.15$   
 $S = 0.98$   
 3028 reflections  
 227 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0586P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.28$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C1–C7	1.455 (5)	C10–O2	1.381 (4)
C6–C11	1.719 (4)	C11–C16	1.495 (5)
C7–N1	1.303 (4)	C16–C17	1.501 (5)
C7–N2	1.390 (4)	C17–O3	1.211 (4)
C8–N2	1.274 (4)	C17–O4	1.322 (5)
C8–O1	1.327 (4)	C18–O4	1.439 (5)
C8–C9	1.498 (4)	N1–O1	1.420 (4)
C9–O2	1.401 (4)		
C2–C1–C7	118.0 (3)	O2–C10–C15	124.2 (3)
C6–C1–C7	125.2 (3)	O2–C10–C11	114.4 (3)
C5–C6–C11	117.4 (3)	C12–C11–C16	123.7 (4)
C1–C6–C11	122.4 (3)	C10–C11–C16	119.4 (3)
N1–C7–N2	113.2 (3)	C11–C16–C17	113.8 (3)
N1–C7–C1	125.4 (3)	O3–C17–O4	123.2 (4)
N2–C7–C1	121.3 (3)	C7–N1–O1	103.8 (3)
N2–C8–O1	114.9 (3)	C8–N2–C7	102.7 (3)
N2–C8–C9	127.6 (3)	C8–O1–N1	105.3 (2)
O1–C8–C9	117.4 (3)	C10–O2–C9	119.6 (3)
O2–C9–C8	107.1 (3)	C17–O4–C18	116.5 (4)

**Figure 2**

The C–H... $\pi$  interaction in (I), shown as a dashed line.

**Table 2**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
C2–H2...N2	0.93	2.47	2.838 (4)	104
C9–H9B...Cg1 <sup>i</sup>	0.97	2.82	3.588 (4)	137
C15–H15...O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.54	3.349 (5)	146
C18–H18B...O3 <sup>ii</sup>	0.96	2.59	3.541 (6)	172

Symmetry codes: (i)  $2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ ; (ii)  $2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{1}{2} - z$ . Note: Cg1 is the centroid of ring C10–C15

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C–H distances of 0.93–0.97 Å, and included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2$  or  $1.5U_{eq}$  of the carrier atom.

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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