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The title compound, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2$, was prepared by reaction of methyl 2,4-dichlorobenzoate with excess NH_2OH in basic solution. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked into a three-dimensional extended network by $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$, $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen-bond interactions.

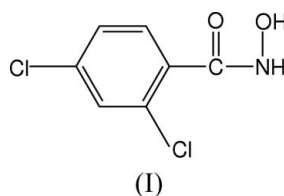
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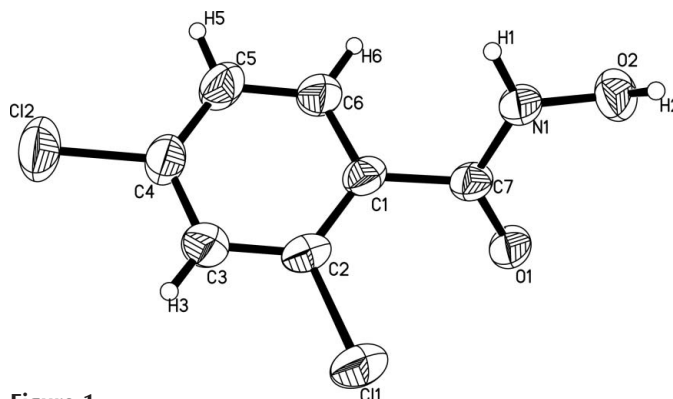
Hydroxamic acid derivatives possess a great variety of biological and pharmaceutical activities (Dobosz *et al.*, 1999). We have synthesized a series of substituted hydroxamic acids, and the crystal structure of one of these, *viz.* the title compound, (I), is reported here.



The atomic numbering scheme adopted is shown in Fig. 1. The angle between the mean planes through $\text{O1}/\text{C7}/\text{N1}/\text{O2}$ and $\text{C1}-\text{C6}$ is $130.7(2)^\circ$. The title molecules are linked *via* $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$, $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 1). These two- or three-center interactions form a three-dimensional extended network (Fig. 2).

Experimental

2,4-Dichlorobenzoic acid (5 g, 0.026 mmol, Acros Organics Company) was added to anhydrous methanol (10 ml), followed by the addition of concentrated hydrochloric acid (2 ml). The mixture

**Figure 1**

The structure of the title compound, showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level.

was refluxed for 7 h and the solution evaporated under vacuum. The oily compound obtained was neutralized by adding saturated Na_2CO_3 . Pure methyl 2,4-dichlorobenzoate (yield 4.1 g, 76.5%) was obtained by column chromatography on silica (petroleum ether/ethyl acetate, 100:5). The title compound was obtained from methyl 2,4-dichlorobenzoate by the well known reaction with excess NH_2OH in basic solution (Summers *et al.*, 1990). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by recrystallization from ethanol.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_7\text{H}_5\text{Cl}_2\text{NO}_2$
 $M_r = 206.02$
 Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
 $a = 4.9893$ (8) Å
 $b = 6.3013$ (10) Å
 $c = 26.790$ (4) Å
 $V = 842.2$ (2) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.625$ Mg m⁻³

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 1332 reflections
 $\theta = 3.0\text{--}21.4^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.72$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 292$ (2) K
 Plate, colorless
 $0.40 \times 0.20 \times 0.08$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.761$, $T_{\max} = 0.944$
 5081 measured reflections

1928 independent reflections
 1607 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -6 \rightarrow 6$
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 6$
 $l = -33 \rightarrow 34$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.100$
 $S = 1.03$
 1928 reflections
 114 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0483P)^2 + 0.0861P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.29$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.22$ e Å⁻³
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), 741 Friedel pairs
 Flack parameter: 0.01 (10)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O2—H2...O2 ⁱ	0.82	2.48	3.095 (3)	132
O2—H2...O1 ⁱ	0.82	2.00	2.735 (3)	149
N1—H1...O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.86 (3)	1.98 (3)	2.787 (3)	157 (2)
C6—H6...O2 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93	2.58	3.355 (3)	142

Symmetry codes: (i) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{5}{2}, -z$; (ii) $x - 1, y, z$; (iii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, -z$.

The H atoms bonded to the benzene ring and atom O2 were placed in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms, with C—H = 0.93 Å, O—H = 0.82 Å, and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ and $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$. The

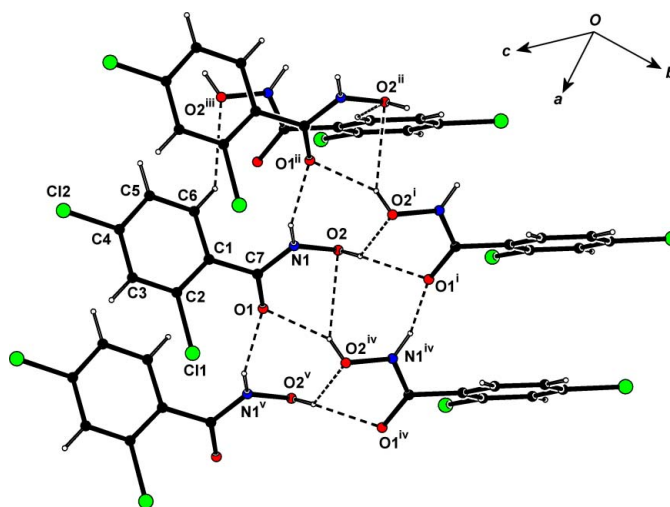


Figure 2

Packing diagram for the title compound, showing the hydrogen-bond interactions as dashed lines. [Symmetry codes: (i) $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} - y, -z$; (ii) $x - 1, y, z$; (iii) $x - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2} - y, -z$; (iv) $\frac{1}{2} + x, \frac{3}{2} - y, -z$; (v) $1 + x, y, z$.]

H atom associated with atom N1 was located in a difference map and refined with an N—H distance restraint of $0.86 > (3) \text{ \AA}$.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2003); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 2003); 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, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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