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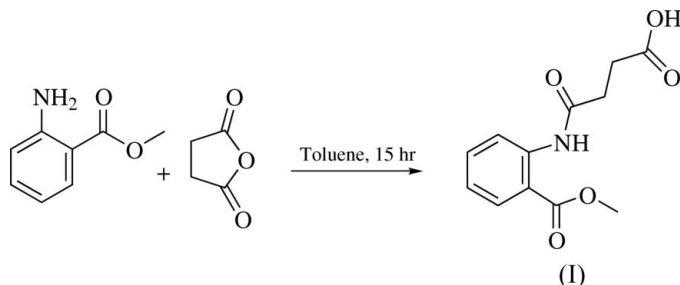
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2-(Methoxycarbonyl)succinanic acid

The title compound, C₁₂H₁₃NO₅, was synthesized by the condensation of methyl anthranilate and succinic anhydride. The dihedral angle between the phenylacetamide and carboxylic acid (–C–COOH) planes is 80.47 (5)°. In the crystal structure, inversion-related molecules form an O–H···O hydrogen-bonded dimer. Adjacent dimers are inter-linked by C–H···O hydrogen bonds to form a chain along [110].

Comment

Methyl(2-methoxycarbonyl)succinate, a natural aromatic amide isolated from the methanolic extract of *Jolyna laminarioides*, has shown potent chymotrypsin inhibitory activity (Atta-ur-Rahman *et al.*, 1997). Therefore, we have synthesized our desired analogue, (I), in 85% yield, by a one-step condensation of methyl anthranilate and succinic anhydride (see scheme). We report here the structure of (I).



Molecules of the title compound, (I), have normal bond lengths (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The C6–N1–C7 bond angle

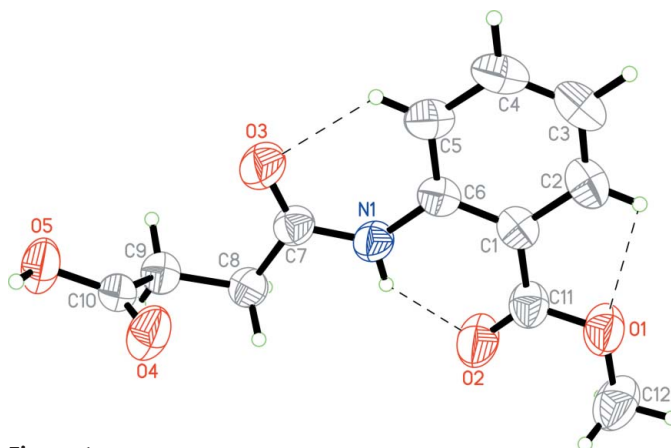


Figure 1
The structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. Dashed lines indicate intramolecular hydrogen bonds.

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[130.13 (11)°] is larger than the value of 126.69 (10)° observed in *N,N'*-diphenylsuccinimide (Anjum *et al.*, 2005). The N1—C7 and C8—C9 bonds are *trans* with respect to the C7—C8 bond for steric reasons, the N1—C7—C8—C9 torsion angle being 175.77 (11)°.

The phenylacetamide moiety is planar to within ± 0.018 (1) Å. The C9—C10—O4—O5 and C11—C12—O1—O2 planes form dihedral angles of 80.47 (5) and 9.38 (9)°, respectively, with the phenylacetamide moiety. This orientation is influenced by intramolecular C—H...O and N—H...O interactions, namely N1—H1N...O2, C5—H5...O3 and C2—H2...O1 (Table 1). As seen in Fig. 1, each of these interactions generates rings of graph-set motif $S(5)$ or $S(6)$ (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995).

In the crystal structure, centrosymmetrically related molecules are linked by O5—H1O5...O4ⁱ intermolecular hydrogen bonds to form a dimeric pair (symmetry code as in Table 1). These hydrogen bonds form an $R_2^2(8)$ ring motif. The adjacent dimers are interlinked by C9—H9B...O2ⁱⁱ hydrogen bonds to form a chain along [110]. These hydrogen bonds form an $R_2^2(18)$ ring motif (Fig. 2). A C—H... π interaction involving atom H8B and the C1—C6 ring is observed, with atom H8B separated from the centroid (Cg1) of the ring by 2.58 Å (Table 1).

Experimental

Succinic anhydride (1.0 g, 0.01 mol) was added to methyl anthranilate (0.5 g, 0.003 mol) in a round-bottomed flask containing dry toluene (50 ml). The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 15 h using a Dean–Stark trap. The reaction mixture was quickly filtered and left for crystallization at room temperature, resulting in colourless crystals of compound (I) (1.01 g, yield 85%, m.p. 539–540 K).

Crystal data

C ₁₂ H ₁₃ NO ₅	$D_x = 1.376 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 251.23$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cell parameters from 5412 reflections
$a = 18.301$ (2) Å	$\theta = 2.0$ – 26.5°
$b = 12.1788$ (15) Å	$\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 10.8967$ (14) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
$\beta = 93.001$ (2)°	Block, colourless
$V = 2425.3$ (5) Å ³	$0.42 \times 0.27 \times 0.24 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 8$	

Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer	2498 independent reflections
ω scans	2230 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.019$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.956$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.975$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.5^\circ$
6736 measured reflections	$h = -22 \rightarrow 22$
	$k = -15 \rightarrow 14$
	$l = -12 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0551P)^2 + 1.0027P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.042$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.113$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
$S = 1.04$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.20 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
2498 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.17 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
169 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997)
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	Extinction coefficient: 0.0070 (10)

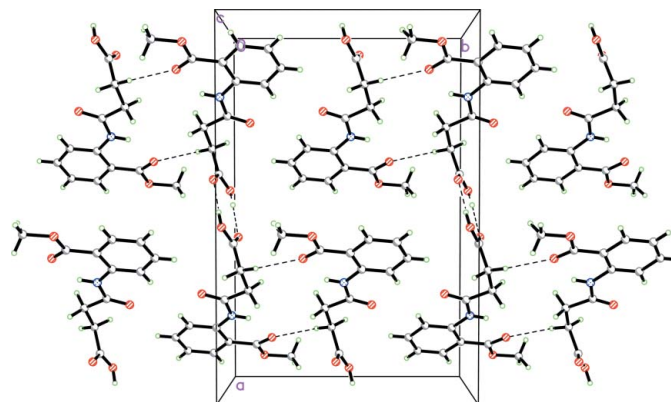


Figure 2
Part of the crystal structure of (I), showing $R_2^2(8)$ and $R_2^2(18)$ ring motifs. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

Cg1 is the centroid of ring C1–C6.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1—H1N...O2	0.86	1.94	2.6534 (17)	139
O5—H1O5...O4 ⁱ	0.87 (2)	1.80 (2)	2.6657 (15)	173 (2)
C2—H2...O1	0.93	2.36	2.700 (2)	101
C5—H5...O3	0.93	2.27	2.881 (2)	123
C9—H9B...O2 ⁱⁱ	0.97	2.42	3.3184 (19)	154
C8—H8B...Cg1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.97	2.58	3.4470 (15)	149

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

Atom H1O5 was located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with N—H = 0.86 Å and C—H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C,N})$. A rotating-group model was used for the methyl group.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1997); cell refinement: SAINT (Siemens, 1997); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXTL; molecular graphics: SHELXTL; software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL, PARST (Nardelli, 1995) and PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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