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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 273 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.057 wR factor = 0.177 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0

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## *n*-Butyl 3,5-dinitrobenzoate

The molecule of the title compound,  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_6$ , is essentially planar except for the alkyl chain, which has a non-extended conformation.

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## Comment

Ninitrobenzoate derivatives are of interest because of their biological activities. A series of 3,5-dinitrobenzoic acid ester had been synthesized and demonstrated promising antic-reatinine effects (Yu & Yang, 2002). Dinitrobenzoic acid derivatives are also effective as radiation sensitizers in tumor treatment (Kagitani *et al.*, 1984). Furthermore, some synthetic dinitrobenzoate compounds have shown useful properties in DNA and oligosaccharide synthesis (Olive, 1979; Huang *et al.*, 2004). As part of our ongoing studies (Jin & Xiao, 2005), we report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The bond lengths and angles in (I) show normal values (Table 1). Except for atoms C9, C10 and C11, all non-H atoms lie in a plane with an r.m.s deviation of 0.0792 Å. The alkyl chain lies out of this plane and has a non-extended conformation, with torsion angles of  $64.4 (3)^{\circ}$  for O1-C8-C9-C10 and  $176.2 (3)^{\circ}$  for C8-C9-C10-C11. There are no unusual intermolecular interactions.

### **Experimental**

The title compound, (I), was synthesized according to a literature procedure (Bartlett & Trachtenberg, 1958). Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown from a methanol solution at room temperature by slow evaporation.

Crystal data

 $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_6$   $M_r = 268.23$ Monoclinic,  $P_{21}/n$  a = 9.681 (3) Å b = 5.8632 (17) Å c = 22.164 (6) Å  $\beta = 90.826$  (5)° V = 1257.9 (6) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.416 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 1716 reflections  $\theta = 2.3-23.6^{\circ}$   $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 273 (2) KPrism, colorless  $0.56 \times 0.24 \times 0.03 \text{ mm}$ 

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Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector	24
diffractometer	17
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm i}$
Absorption correction: multi-scan	$\theta_{n}$
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	h
$T_{\min} = 0.937, \ T_{\max} = 0.997$	k
6678 measured reflections	<i>l</i> =

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$   $wR(F^2) = 0.177$  S = 1.082417 reflections 173 parameters H-atom parameters constrained 2417 independent reflections I724 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.038$   $m_{max} = 26.0^{\circ}$   $a = -11 \rightarrow 8$   $c = -7 \rightarrow 7$  $= -27 \rightarrow 27$ 

$$\begin{split} w &= 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.086P)^2 \\ &+ 0.3114P] \\ \text{where } P &= (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} &< 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} &= 0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} &= -0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

1.494 (3)	C7-O2	1.205 (3)
1.477 (3)	C7-O1	1.318 (3)
1.461 (3)	C8-O1	1.459 (3)
124.8 (2)	O4-N1-O3	124.6 (2)
113.0 (2)	O6-N2-O5	123.2 (2)
108.0 (2)	C7-O1-C8	115.6 (2)
4.8 (4)	C8-C9-C10-C11	176.2 (3)
6.9 (3)	O2-C7-O1-C8	-2.1(4)
64.3 (3)	C1-C7-O1-C8	178.9 (2)
	$\begin{array}{c} 1.494\ (3)\\ 1.477\ (3)\\ 1.461\ (3)\\ 124.8\ (2)\\ 113.0\ (2)\\ 108.0\ (2)\\ 4.8\ (4)\\ 6.9\ (3)\\ 64.3\ (3)\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

All H atoms were included in the riding-model approximation, with C–H distances of 0.93 Å (aromatic), 0.97 Å (CH<sub>2</sub>) and 0.96 Å (CH<sub>3</sub>) and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for the aromatic H and CH<sub>2</sub> and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for CH<sub>3</sub>.

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

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### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.



Figure 2 Packing diagram for (I).

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