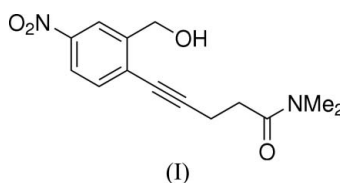


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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 161\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.054
 wR factor = 0.149
Data-to-parameter ratio = 19.6For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.*N,N*-Dimethyl-5-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-4-nitro-
phenyl]pent-4-ynamideMolecules of title compound, $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4$, crystallize as
centrosymmetric dimers, connected by intermolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$
 $\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds.Received 16 December 2005
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Comment

The title compound, (I), was prepared for an investigation of
the addition of nucleophiles to $\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$ triple bonds and the $\text{C}-\text{H}$
activation in the benzylic position by homogeneous gold
catalysts (Hashmi, 2004).

The angle between the planes of the benzene ring and the
nitro group is $3.9(1)^\circ$. The $\text{C}7-\text{O}3$ bond is almost coplanar
with the benzene ring. This conformation results in a contact
distance of 2.33 \AA between atoms $\text{O}3$ and $\text{H}6$. The amide
group is approximately planar. The amide N atom shows no
deviation from planarity; the sum of the three valence angles
about atom $\text{N}2$ is 360.0° . The molecules form centrosymmetric
dimers connected by intermolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen
bonds. The structure of the dimer is shown in Fig. 1 and details

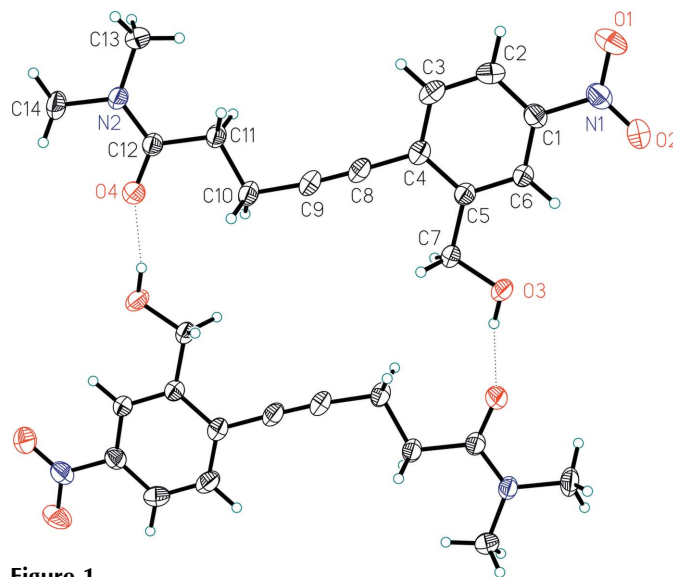


Figure 1

The structure of a centrosymmetric dimer of compound (I), showing the
atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50%
probability level. H atoms are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radius
and hydrogen bonds are shown as dotted lines.

of the hydrogen bonding are given in Table 2. The hydrogen-bond formation results in an approximate coplanarity of the benzene group and the amide group; the angle between the benzene ring and the plane of the *N,N*-dimethylamide group is $8.0(1)^\circ$. A very different conformation has been observed for the corresponding molecule without a nitro group attached to the benzene ring (Bats *et al.*, 2006). Those molecules are arranged in hydrogen-bonded chains, and the angles between the benzene plane and the plane of the *N,N*-dimethylamide group range from $74.6(1)$ to $82.2(1)^\circ$.

The crystal packing is shown in Fig. 2. Neighboring dimers are connected by three different, very weak intermolecular C—H...O interactions, with H...O distances of 2.59, 2.66 and 2.66 Å and O—H...O angles of 144, 160 and 109° . There is also a weak intermolecular C(methyl)—H... π (alkyne) contact, with an H...C_g distance of 2.83 Å and a C—H...C_gⁱⁱ angle of 142° [C_g is the mid-point of the C≡C triple bond; symmetry code: (ii) $x, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$].

Experimental

The title compound was prepared using the Sonogashira coupling of 2-bromo-(5-nitrophenyl)methanol and *N,N*-dimethylpent-4-ynamide (Thorand & Krause, 1998). Single crystals were obtained by evaporation of a solution of (I) in methanol/ethyl acetate (1/1 *v/v*).

Crystal data

C ₁₄ H ₁₆ N ₂ O ₄	$D_x = 1.345 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 276.29$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 119 reflections
$a = 12.877(3) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 3\text{--}23^\circ$
$b = 14.3165(18) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 7.5960(15) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 161(2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 102.934(8)^\circ$	Block, yellow
$V = 1364.8(5) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.26 \times 0.24 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

Data collection

Siemens SMART 1K CCD diffractometer	2205 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
ω scans	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.055$
Absorption correction: none	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 29.5^\circ$
21386 measured reflections	$h = -17 \rightarrow 17$
3663 independent reflections	$k = -19 \rightarrow 19$
	$l = -10 \rightarrow 10$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.06P)^2 + 0.6P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.149$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.003$
$S = 1.03$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.29 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
3663 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
187 parameters	
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	

Table 1

Selected torsion angles ($^\circ$).

C6—C5—C7—O3	6.3(3)	C13—N2—C12—O4	−176.00(18)
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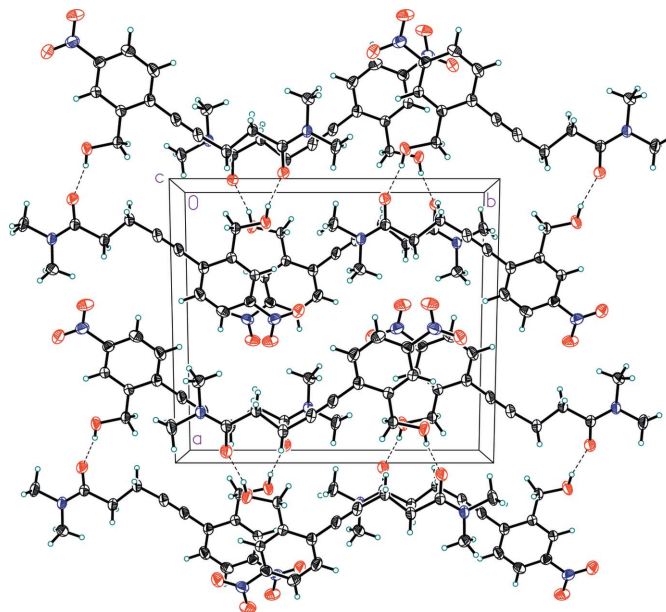


Figure 2

The crystal packing of (I), viewed down *c*. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level and hydrogen bonds are shown as broken lines.

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, $^\circ$).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O3—H3B...O4 ⁱ	0.88(3)	1.85(3)	2.712(2)	164(2)

Symmetry code: (i) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z$.

H atoms attached to C atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding atoms [$Csp^2-H = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$ and secondary $C-H = 0.99 \text{ \AA}$, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$, and methyl $C-H = 0.98 \text{ \AA}$ with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$]. The hydroxyl H atom was located in a difference Fourier map and was refined isotropically.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1995); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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