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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 298\text{ K}$
 Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.038
 wR factor = 0.087
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.2

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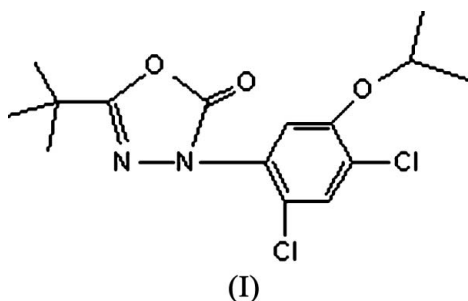
**3-(2,4-Dichloro-5-isopropoxyphenyl)-
 5-tert-butyl-1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-one**

The title compound, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$, is an effective herbicide. The oxadiazolone ring is not coplanar with the benzene ring. Pairs of molecules form centrosymmetric dimers *via* weak $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds.

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Comment

1,3,4-Oxadiazole derivatives exhibit many biological activities, for example antibacterial (Maslat *et al.*, 2002), antifungal (Dubey & Sangwan, 1994) and anti-inflammatory activities (Omar *et al.*, 1996). The title compound, (I) (oxadiazon) is an effective herbicide for controlling weeds and increasing seed yield in soya beans (Dubey *et al.*, 1988).



The structure determination of (I) was carried out in order to determine its molecular conformation. The torsion angles of the atoms in the oxadiazolone ring show that this ring is almost planar. The $\text{C}7-\text{N}1-\text{C}1-\text{C}2$ torsion angle of $-65.8(2)^\circ$ shows that oxadiazolone ring is not coplanar with the benzene ring.

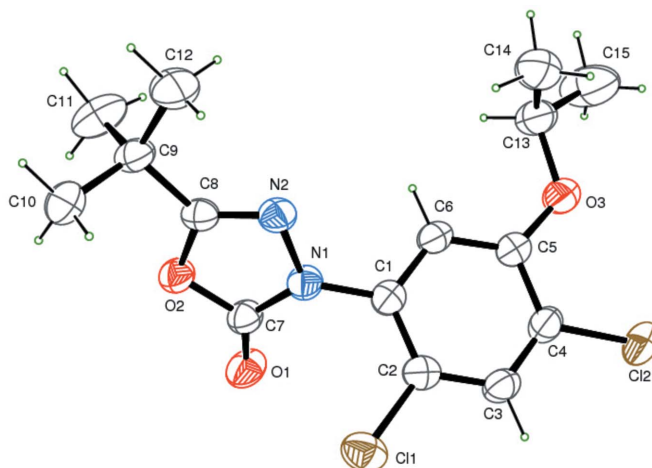


Figure 1
 A view of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 40% probability level.

Pairs of molecules form centrosymmetric dimers *via* weak C—H···O hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2).

Experimental

A solution of 1-trimethylacetyl-2-(2,4-dichloro-5-isopropoxyphenyl)hydriazine (20 mmol) in toluene (20 ml) and a 20% solution of carbonyl chloride in toluene (30 ml) were mixed and heated gradually to about 373–383 K, until the evolution of gas ceased. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature. After concentration of the toluene solution under reduced pressure, the residual solid was recrystallized from ethanol to give the title compound. Diffraction quality crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution at room temperature.

Crystal data

$C_{15}H_{18}Cl_2N_2O_3$	$Z = 4$
$M_r = 345.22$	$D_x = 1.297 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 9.700 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.38 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 11.068 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 298 (1) \text{ K}$
$c = 16.514 (8) \text{ \AA}$	Platelet, colourless
$\beta = 94.135 (19)^\circ$	$0.47 \times 0.40 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1768.2 (13) \text{ \AA}^3$	

Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID diffractometer	16776 measured reflections
ω scans	4042 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)	2237 reflections with $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$
$T_{\min} = 0.830$, $T_{\max} = 0.927$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$
	$\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[0.0002F_o^2 + 1.1\sigma(F_o^2)]/(4F_o^2)$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
$wR(F^2) = 0.087$	$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
$S = 1.01$	$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.39 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
4042 reflections	Extinction correction: Larson (1970)
200 parameters	Extinction coefficient: $6.8 (3) \times 10^2$
H-atom parameters constrained	

All H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions, with C—H distances ranging from 0.93 to 0.98 Å and with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C}_{\text{methyl}})$.

Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/MS, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR97* (Altomare *et*

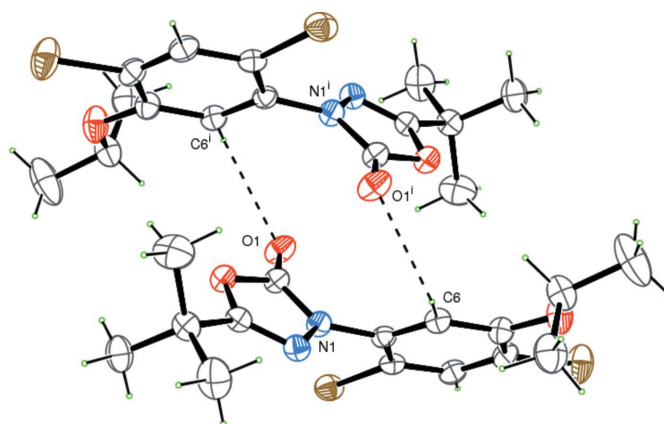


Figure 2

A view of two molecules connected by C—H···O hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) [Symmetry code: (i) $2 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$.]

al., 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: *CRYSTALS* (Betteridge *et al.*, 2003); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *CrystalStructure*.

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