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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma(\text{C-C}) = 0.005 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.064 wR factor = 0.170 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7

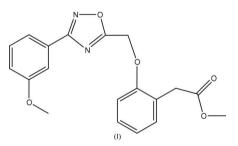
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# Methyl 2-{[3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl]methoxy}phenylacetate

The title compound,  $C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_5$ , was synthesized by the reaction of methyl (2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate and 5-chloromethyl-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole. The plane of the oxadiazole ring forms a small dihedral angle of 15.2 (2)° with the plane of the benzene ring directly bonded to it, whereas the second benzene ring is approximately orthogonal to the oxadiazole plane, the dihedral angle being 79.1 (2)°.

# Comment

1.2.4-Oxadiazole derivatives are of great interest because of their biological properties. Some derivatives of 1,2,4oxadiazoles have intrinsic analgesic (Terashita et al., 2002), anti-inflammatory (Nicolaides et al., 1998) and antipicornaviral (Romero, 2001) properties, and show high efficacy as agonists or antagonists for different receptors [e.g. agonists for muscarinic (Macor et al., 1996), adrenergic (Quagliato & Andrae, 2002), 5-hydroxytryptamine (Gur et al., 2001) and antagonists for angiotensin (Naka & Kubo, 1999) and adhesion (Juraszyk et al., 1997) receptors]. We are focusing our synthetic and structural studies on 1,2,4-oxadiazole derivatives and recently published the structure of methyl {2-[(3-phenyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl)methoxy]phenyl}acetate (Wang et al., 2004). In the present paper, we report the structure of its close analogue, (I), which has a p-methoxyphenyl group instead of an unsubstituted phenyl substituent.



The plane of the oxadiazole ring in (I) (Fig. 1) forms a small dihedral angle of 15.2 (2)° with the plane of the benzene ring (C2–C7) directly bonded to it. The plane of the second benzene ring (C11–C16) is almost orthogonal to the oxadiaole plane, forming a dihedral angle of 79.1 (2)°.

# Experimental

Methyl (2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate (20 mmol) was dissolved in acetone (20 ml). Potassium carbonate (30 mmol) was then added to this solution in one portion. 5-Chloromethyl-3-(3-methoxyphenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (20 mmol) in acetone (20 ml) was added to the mixture which was then refluxed for 6 h and finally concentrated under reduced pressure to afford crude compound (I). Pure

© 2006 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved compound (I) was obtained by recrystallization from ethyl acetate. Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.

 $D_r = 1.329 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 25

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.048$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^\circ$ 

 $h = 0 \rightarrow 11$ 

 $k = 0 \rightarrow 9$ 

 $l = -30 \rightarrow 30$ 

3 standard reflections

every 200 reflections

intensity decay: none

Block, colourless

 $0.40 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \; \mathrm{mm}$ 

 $\begin{aligned} \theta &= 9 \text{--} 12^{\circ} \\ \mu &= 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1} \end{aligned}$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_5\\ M_r = 354.35\\ \text{Monoclinic, } P2_1/n\\ a = 8.9620 \ (18) \ \text{\AA}\\ b = 7.9500 \ (16) \ \text{\AA}\\ c = 25.021 \ (5) \ \text{\AA}\\ \beta = 96.51 \ (3)^\circ\\ V = 1771.2 \ (6) \ \text{\AA}^3\\ Z = 4 \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

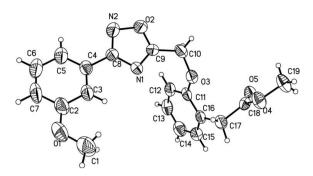
Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  $\omega/2\theta$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  $T_{min} = 0.962, T_{max} = 0.990$ 3695 measured reflections 3465 independent reflections 1935 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.07P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.064$	+ 0.02P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.170$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.03	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
3465 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.22 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
236 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.22 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
	Extinction coefficient: 0.0095 (17)

Table 1			
Selected geometric parameters	(Å.	°).	

O1-C1	1.416 (5)	O4-C18	1.330 (4)
O1-C2	1.357 (4)	O4-C19	1.459 (4)
O2-N2	1.428 (3)	O5-C18	1.188 (3)
O2-C9	1.322 (3)	N1-C8	1.382 (4)
O3-C10	1.413 (3)	N1-C9	1.290 (4)
O3-C11	1.388 (3)	N2-C8	1.297 (4)
C2-O1-C1	118.5 (3)	N1-C8-C4	123.3 (3)
C9-O2-N2	106.3 (2)	N1-C9-O2	114.0 (3)
C11-O3-C10	118.5 (2)	N1-C9-C10	130.3 (3)
C18-O4-C19	115.1 (3)	O2-C9-C10	115.7 (3)
C9-N1-C8	102.3 (2)	O3-C10-C9	112.3 (2)
C8-N2-O2	102.5 (2)	O5-C18-O4	124.4 (3)
N2-C8-N1	114.8 (3)	O5-C18-C17	124.5 (3)
N2-C8-C4	121.9 (3)	O4-C18-C17	111.0 (3)



#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

All H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å. They were refined in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  or  $1.5 U_{\rm eq}({\rm methyl C})$ .

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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