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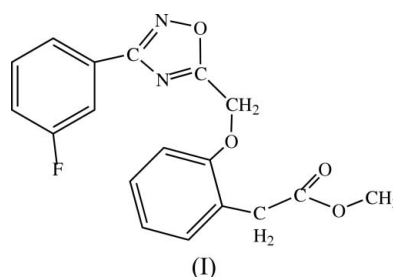
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.010$ Å
 R factor = 0.109
 wR factor = 0.209
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.0For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Methyl 2-[3-(4-bromophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl-
methoxy]phenylacetateThe title compound, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$, was synthesized by the
reaction of methyl (2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate and 3-(4-
bromo)phenyl-5-chloromethyl-1,2,4-oxadiazole. Weak intra-
molecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds are observed in the
crystal structure.

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Comment

1,2,4-Oxadiazole derivatives are of great interest because of
their biological properties. Some derivatives of 1,2,4-
oxadiazoles have intrinsic analgesic (Terashita *et al.*, 2002),
anti-inflammatory (Nicolaidis *et al.*, 1998) and anti-
picornaviral (Romero, 2001) properties and show high efficacy
as agonists [*e.g.* for muscarinic (Macor *et al.*, 1996), adrenergic
(Quagliato & Andrae, 2002) and 5-hydroxytryptamine
receptors (Gur *et al.*, 2001)] and antagonists [*e.g.* for angio-
tensin (Naka & Kubo, 1999) and adhesion receptors (Juraszek
et al., 1997)]. We report here the crystal structure of the title
compound, (I).The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. Bond
lengths and angles are given in Table 1.

Experimental

Methyl (2-hydroxyphenyl)acetate (20 mmol) was dissolved in
acetone (20 ml) and potassium carbonate (30 mmol) was added in
one portion. 3-(4-Fluorophenyl)-5-chloromethyl-1,2,4-oxadiazole
(20 mmol) in acetone (20 ml) was added to this mixture. The resulting
mixture was refluxed for 6 h and then concentrated under reduced
pressure to afford crude compound (I). Pure compound (I) was
obtained by recrystallization from ethyl acetate. Crystals of (I)
suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of
an ethanol solution.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{15}\text{FN}_2\text{O}_4$
 $M_r = 342.32$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 11.603$ (2) Å
 $b = 9.0170$ (18) Å
 $c = 15.692$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 96.90$ (3)°
 $V = 1629.9$ (6) Å³ $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.395$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.11$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
Block, colourless
0.30 × 0.20 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
Absorption correction: ψ scan
(North *et al.*, 1968)
 $T_{\min} = 0.969$, $T_{\max} = 0.989$
3165 measured reflections

3165 independent reflections
1291 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.000$
 $\theta_{\max} = 26.0^\circ$
3 standard reflections
every 200 reflections
intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.109$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.209$
 $S = 1.05$
3165 reflections
226 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.01P)^2 + 5P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.68 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.45 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

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|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| F–C16 | 1.378 (7) | O4–C11 | 1.345 (7) |
| O1–C2 | 1.338 (6) | O4–N1 | 1.403 (6) |
| O1–C1 | 1.430 (6) | N1–C12 | 1.315 (8) |
| O2–C2 | 1.200 (6) | N2–C11 | 1.295 (6) |
| O3–C9 | 1.408 (7) | N2–C12 | 1.355 (7) |
| O3–C10 | 1.445 (8) | | |
| C2–O1–C1 | 116.3 (4) | O3–C10–C11 | 112.3 (6) |
| C9–O3–C10 | 116.0 (5) | N2–C11–O4 | 111.1 (5) |
| C11–O4–N1 | 107.6 (5) | N2–C11–C10 | 134.6 (6) |
| C12–N1–O4 | 102.6 (5) | O4–C11–C10 | 114.1 (6) |
| C11–N2–C12 | 104.6 (5) | N1–C12–N2 | 114.1 (5) |
| O2–C2–O1 | 122.5 (5) | N1–C12–C13 | 122.0 (6) |
| O2–C2–C3 | 124.6 (5) | N2–C12–C13 | 123.9 (6) |
| O1–C2–C3 | 112.7 (5) | C17–C16–F | 117.7 (9) |
| C8–C9–O3 | 126.4 (7) | F–C16–C15 | 118.2 (8) |
| C4–C9–O3 | 111.1 (6) | | |

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

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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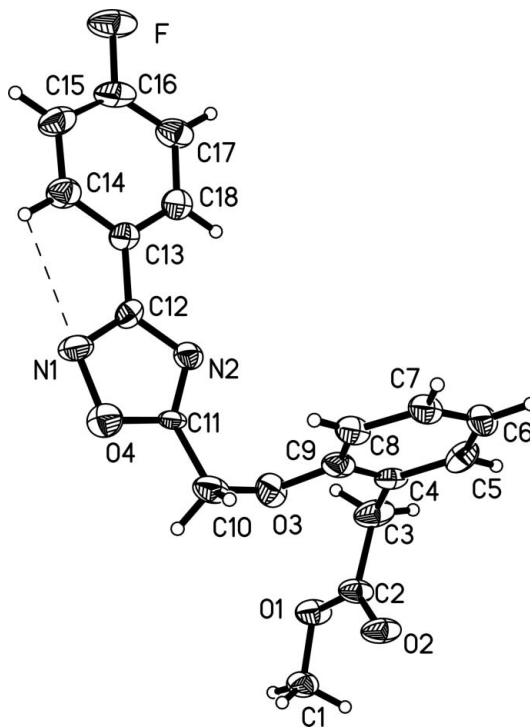


Figure 1

A view of the molecular structure of (I). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. The dashed line indicates the intramolecular C–H...N hydrogen bond.

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