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 $T = 299$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.037  
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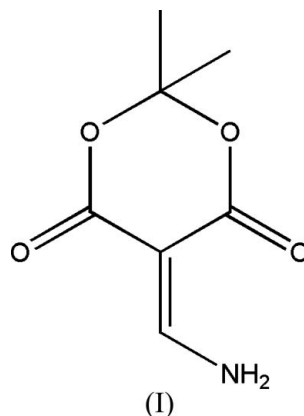
## 5-(Aminomethylene)-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione

In the title compound  $\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{NO}_4$ , the 1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione ring exhibits an envelope conformation. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds connect the molecules into chains. One intramolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bond to a carbonyl O atom is also observed, forming a six-membered ring.

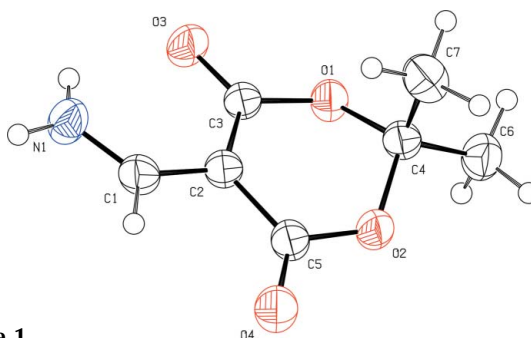
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#### Comment

Meldrum's acid and its derivatives serve as key intermediates for the synthesis of heterocyclic compounds with pharmacological activity (Gaber & McNab, 2001). However, their biological properties have scarcely been investigated (Herzog & Reinshagen, 1976; Lukevics *et al.*, 2003). On the other hand, several X-ray studies with Meldrum's acid have been described (Blake *et al.*, 1995, 2003; Low *et al.*, 2002). In the light of these interests (da Silva *et al.*, 2005a,b), we report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In (I), the 1,3-dioxane-4,6-dione ring exhibits an envelope conformation, with C4 in the flap position. The torsion angle  $\text{N1}-\text{C1}-\text{C2}-\text{C5}$  is  $176.7(2)^\circ$ . One H atom of the  $\text{NH}_2$  group



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

has an intramolecular contact to O3, with a H···O distance of 2.24 (2) Å, forming a six-membered ring. Three intermolecular hydrogen bonds of types N—H···O and C—H···O connect the molecules into chains. Details of the hydrogen bonding are given in Table 2 and shown in Fig. 2.

## Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to the literature procedure of Chen (1991). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray data collection were obtained by recrystallization from methanol.

### Crystal data

$C_7H_9NO_4$	$Z = 8$
$M_r = 171.15$	$D_x = 1.431 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$	Cu $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 9.830 (1) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 1.02 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 9.609 (1) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 299 (2) \text{ K}$
$c = 16.819 (2) \text{ \AA}$	Prism, colourless
$\beta = 90.95 (1)^\circ$	$0.20 \times 0.15 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1588.4 (3) \text{ \AA}^3$	

### Data collection

Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.030$
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 66.9^\circ$
Absorption correction: none	3 standard reflections
1667 measured reflections	frequency: 120 min
1420 independent reflections	intensity decay: 0.5%
1063 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$	

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0544P)^2 + 0.1561P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.103$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.004$
$S = 1.05$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1420 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.13 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
137 parameters	Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i>
Only H-atom coordinates refined	Extinction coefficient: 0.0016 (2)

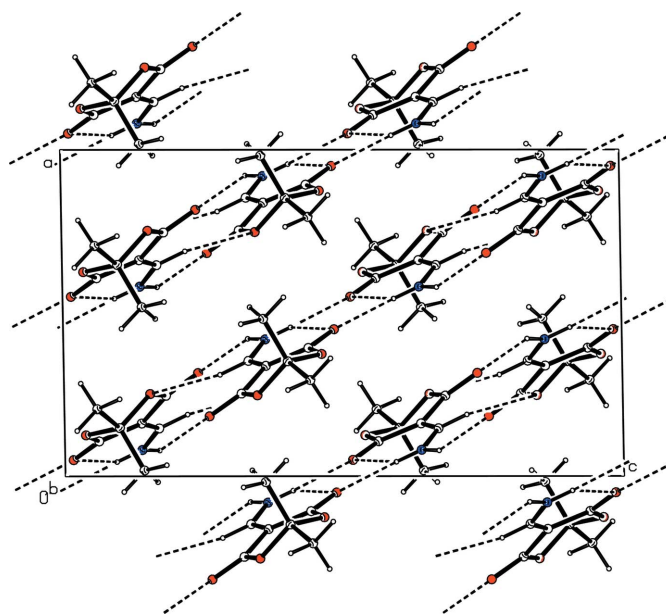
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N1-H11N\cdots O3$	0.84 (2)	2.24 (2)	2.818 (2)	126 (2)
$N1-H11N\cdots O3^i$	0.84 (2)	2.30 (2)	3.045 (2)	146 (2)
$N1-H12N\cdots O4^{ii}$	0.93 (2)	2.12 (2)	2.929 (2)	145 (2)
$C1-H1\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.96 (2)	2.50 (2)	3.398 (2)	156.7 (17)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; (ii)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{3}{2}$ .

The H atoms were located in difference map, and their positional parameters were refined freely [ $N-H = 0.84 (2)$ – $0.93 (2) \text{ \AA}$  and  $C-H = 0.94 (2)$ – $1.01 (2) \text{ \AA}$ ]. Isotropic displacement parameters were set equal to  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}$ (parent atom).



**Figure 2**

The molecular packing of (I), with hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Nonius, 1996); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *REDU4* (Stoe & Cie, 1987); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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