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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.106 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.2

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# 2-Chloro-N-(4-chloro-2-nitrophenyl)acetamide

In the title compound,  $C_8H_6Cl_2N_2O_3$ , molecules are linked into infinite chains along the *c* axis by  $C-H\cdots O$  intermolecular hydrogen bonds. Received 7 September 2006 Accepted 8 September 2006

### Comment

2-Chloro-*N*-phenylacetamide is an important intermediate in organic synthesis, which can used in the synthesis of many derivatives (Zhang *et al.*, 2006). As part of our ongoing studies, the title compound, (I), was synthesized and its structure is reported here.



In (I), the bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987) and are comparable with those in a related compound (Wen *et al.*, 2006). Ring A (atoms C1–C6) and the C6–C8/N1/O3 unit are planar, with a dihedral angle of 9.79 (1)° between them. There are three intramolecular hydrogen bonds, *viz.* N1–H1A···Cl1, N1–H1A···O1 and C1–H1B···O3 (Table 1), forming a five- and two sixmembered rings (Fig. 1), respectively.

In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked into infinite chains along the *c* axis by intermolecular  $C-H\cdots O$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1).



### Figure 1

The molecular structure of the compound (I) showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

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# Experimental

Chloroacetyl chloride (11.3 g, 0.1 mol) was added to a solution of 4chloro-2-nitrophenylamine (17.3 g, 0.1 mol) and triethylamine (10.2 g, 0.1 mol) in benzene (60 ml) over a period of 30 min with cooling in an ice bath; the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. After separation of the triethylamine hydrochloride by filtration, the organic phase was washed three times with water. The benzene layer was removed and evaporated. The title compound was obtained after drying the solid powder at room temperature for 48 h. Yellow single crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate solution over a period of 10 d.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.681 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 0.65 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) KBlock, yellow

 $0.26 \times 0.16 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$ 

5433 measured reflections

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.028$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.1^\circ$ 

1935 independent reflections

1488 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

# Crystal data

$C_8H_6Cl_2N_2O_3$
$M_r = 249.05$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
a = 5.2652 (11)  Å
b = 19.641 (6) Å
c = 9.5770 (19)  Å
$\beta = 96.474 \ (7)^{\circ}$
$V = 984.1 (4) \text{ Å}^3$

## Data collection

Siemens SMART 1000 CCD area-
detector diffractometer
$\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
$T_{\min} = 0.850, T_{\max} = 0.950$

## Refinement

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_{\rm o}^{-2}) + (0.0539P)^2 \\ R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043 & w \mbox{ere} \ P = (F_{\rm o}^{-2} + 2F_{\rm c}^{-2})/3 \\ S = 0.98 & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001 \\ 1935 \ {\rm reflections} & \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.29 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ 136 \ {\rm parameters} & \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.18 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \mbox{H-atom parameters constrained} \\ \end{array}$ 

# Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots A$
N1-H1A···Cl1	0.86	2.47	2.981 (2)	118
$N1 - H1A \cdots O1$	0.86	1.99	2.632 (3)	131
$C1 - H1B \cdots O3$	0.93	2.20	2.826 (3)	124
$C1 - H1B \cdot \cdot \cdot O2^{i}$	0.93	2.50	3.239 (3)	137
$C4-H4A\cdots O3^{ii}$	0.93	2.45	3.342 (4)	160

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

All H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H = 0.93–0.97 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ ; N-H = 0.86 Å,  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$ .





Packing diagram of (I), showing the intermolecular hydrogen bonds (dashed lines).

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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