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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 293\text{ K}$

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$

$R$  factor = 0.046

$wR$  factor = 0.150

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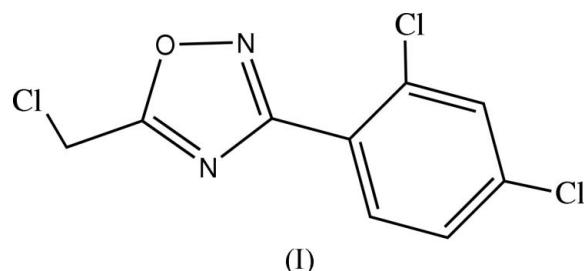
## 5-Chloromethyl-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole

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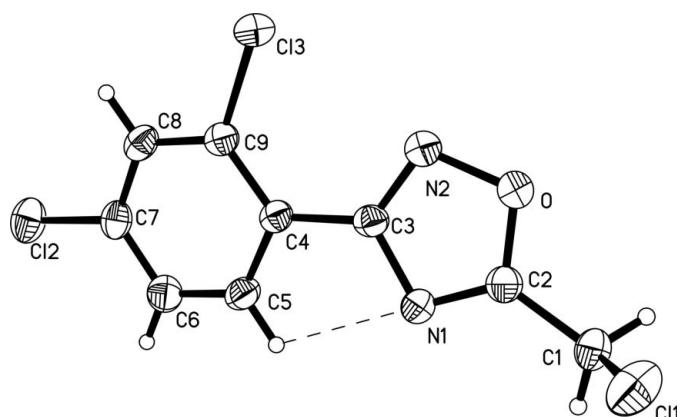
In the title compound,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_5\text{Cl}_3\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , the dihedral angle between the oxadiazole and benzene rings is  $9.0(2)^\circ$ . There are intra- and intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  interactions in the crystal structure.

#### Comment

Some derivatives of 1,2,4-oxadiazoles have intrinsic analgesic (Terashita *et al.*, 2002), anti-inflammatory (Nicolaides *et al.*, 1998) and antipicornaviral (Romero, 2001) properties and are efficient as agonists [*e.g.* for angiotensin (Naka *et al.*, 1999) and adhesion (Juraszyk *et al.*, 1997)] for different receptors.



We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I). The plane of the oxadiazole ring makes a dihedral angle of  $9.0(2)^\circ$  with the C4–C9 benzene ring (Fig. 1). There are intra- and intermolecular  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  interactions in the crystal structure (Table 1).



**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. The dashed line indicates a  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  interaction.

## Experimental

A solution of chloracetyl chloride (14 mmol) in toluene (10 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 2,4-dichlorobenzamidoxime (14 mmol) in toluene (60 ml). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 6 h. After cooling and filtration, crude compound (**I**) was obtained. It was purified by recrystallization from a mixture of ethyl acetate (15 ml) and petroleum ether (7.5 ml) (yield 75.2%). Crystals of (**I**) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.

### Crystal data

|                                |                                           |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| $C_9H_5Cl_3N_2O$               | $Z = 4$                                   |
| $M_r = 263.50$                 | $D_x = 1.651 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$           |
| Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$           | Mo $\text{K}\alpha$ radiation             |
| $a = 7.9010 (16) \text{ \AA}$  | $\mu = 0.84 \text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $b = 14.987 (3) \text{ \AA}$   | $T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$                   |
| $c = 9.7400 (19) \text{ \AA}$  | Block, colourless                         |
| $\beta = 113.20 (3)^\circ$     | $0.40 \times 0.40 \times 0.30 \text{ mm}$ |
| $V = 1060.1 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$ |                                           |

### Data collection

|                                                                 |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer                               | 2068 independent reflections           |
| $\omega/2\theta$ scans                                          | 1624 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| Absorption correction: $\psi$ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968) | $R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$               |
| $T_{\min} = 0.731$ , $T_{\max} = 0.788$                         | $\theta_{\max} = 26.0^\circ$           |
| 2218 measured reflections                                       | 3 standard reflections                 |

### Refinement

|                                 |                                                |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Refinement on $F^2$             | $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2]$           |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$ | where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$                 |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.150$               | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$               |
| $S = 1.05$                      | $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.32 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$  |
| 2068 reflections                | $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.43 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$ |
| 137 parameters                  | Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i>         |
| H-atom parameters constrained   | Extinction coefficient: 0.062 (7)              |

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$                         | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| $\text{Cl}-\text{H}1B\cdots\text{N}2^j$      | 0.97         | 2.51               | 3.468 (4)   | 171                  |
| $\text{C}5-\text{H}5\text{A}\cdots\text{N}1$ | 0.93         | 2.45               | 2.825 (4)   | 104                  |

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

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined in a riding-model approximation, with  $\text{C}-\text{H} = 0.93\text{--}0.97 \text{ \AA}$  and  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

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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