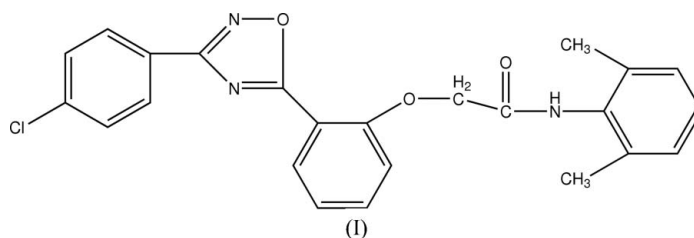


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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å
 R factor = 0.064
 wR factor = 0.160
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.1For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2-{2-[3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl]-
phenoxy}-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamideIn the title compound, $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$, a bifurcated intra-
molecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots(\text{O},\text{N})$ hydrogen bond helps to establish
the molecular conformation.Received 18 September 2006
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Comment

1,2,4-Oxadiazole derivatives possess biological properties such
as intrinsic analgesic (Terashita *et al.*, 2002) and anti-
picornaviral (Romero, 2001) effects. As part of our studies in
this area, we report here the synthesis and crystal structure of
the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1).The geometric parameters for (I) are normal. The dihedral
angles between the C17/C18/N2/N3/O3 ring and its adjacent
benzene rings are 9.78 (19) and 10.77 (18)° for the C11 and
C19 rings, respectively.An intramolecular bifurcated $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots(\text{O},\text{N})$ hydrogen
bond (Table 1) helps to establish the molecular conformation
of (I). A short $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ intermolecular contact is also
present.

Experimental

2-Chloro-*N*-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)acetamide (10 mmol) was dissolved
in acetone (100 ml) and potassium carbonate (15 mmol) was added.
5-(2-Hydroxyphenyl)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,2,4-oxadiazole (10 mmol)
was then added to the reaction. The resulting mixture was refluxed
for 10 h. After cooling and filtering, the crude title compound was
obtained and this was purified by recrystallization from ethyl acetate.
Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow
evaporation of an ethanol solution.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{ClN}_3\text{O}_3$
 $M_r = 433.88$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 $a = 12.498$ (3) Å
 $b = 8.2410$ (16) Å
 $c = 20.996$ (4) Å
 $\beta = 93.21$ (3)°
 $V = 2159.1$ (7) Å³ $Z = 4$
 $D_x = 1.335$ Mg m⁻³
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.21$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
Block, colourless
0.30 × 0.20 × 0.10 mm

Data collection

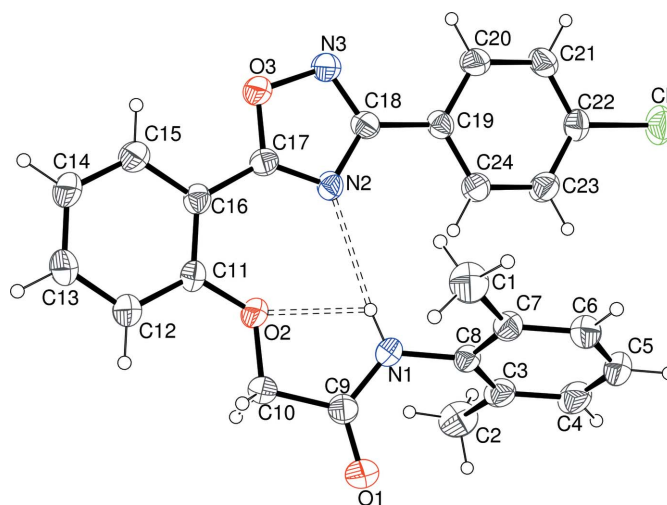
Enraf–Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
Absorption correction: ψ scan
(North *et al.*, 1968)
 $T_{\min} = 0.940$, $T_{\max} = 0.980$
4239 measured reflections

4239 independent reflections
2179 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $\theta_{\max} = 26.0^\circ$
3 standard reflections
every 200 reflections
intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.064$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.160$
 $S = 1.00$
4239 reflections
280 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0613P)^2]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

**Figure 1**

A view of the molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and H atoms are shown as small spheres of arbitrary radii. Dashed lines indicate the hydrogen bonds.

Table 1Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N1-H1A\cdots N2$	0.86	2.40	3.254 (4)	170
$N1-H1A\cdots O2$	0.86	2.13	2.558 (3)	111
$C10-H10B\cdots O1^i$	0.97	2.46	3.159 (5)	128

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

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with $N-H = 0.86$ and $C-H = 0.93-0.96 \text{ \AA}$, and refined as riding, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier})$ or $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{methyl carrier})$.

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: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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