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# Methyl N-(4-nitrophenyl)carbamate

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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; T = 298 K; mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å; R factor = 0.074; wR factor = 0.162; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.8.

In the title molecule,  $C_8H_8N_2O_4$ , the nitro and methoxycarbonyl groups are twisted from the plane of aromatic ring by 5.1 (1) and 6.2 (1)°, respectively. In the crystal, intermolecular N-H···O hydrogen bonds link the molecules related by translation along the *b* axis into chains. Weak intermolecular C-H···O interactions link further these chains into sheets parallel to the *bc* plane.

#### **Related literature**

For the preparation of the title compound, see: Wilshire (1990). For a related structure, see: Yakimanski *et al.* (1997).



#### **Experimental**

Crystal data

| $C_8H_8N_2O_4$    |   |
|-------------------|---|
| $M_r = 196.16$    |   |
| Triclinic, P1     |   |
| a = 7.4269 (11) Å | • |

| b = 8.1003 (12)  Å               |
|----------------------------------|
| c = 8.5376 (12) Å                |
| $\alpha = 101.634 \ (2)^{\circ}$ |
| $\beta = 97.914 \ (2)^{\circ}$   |

 $\gamma = 116.660 \ (2)^{\circ}$   $V = 434.04 \ (11) \ \text{\AA}^{3}$  Z = 2Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

#### Data collection

| Bruker SMART APEX         | 1686 independent reflections           |
|---------------------------|--|
| diffractometer            | 1539 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ |
| 4507 measured reflections | $R_{\rm int} = 0.051$                  |
|                           |  |

#### Refinement

$$\begin{split} R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] &= 0.074 & \text{H atoms treated by a mixture of} \\ wR(F^2) &= 0.162 & \text{independent and constrained} \\ S &= 1.26 & \text{refinement} \\ 1686 \text{ reflections} & \Delta\rho_{\text{max}} &= 0.21 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \\ 132 \text{ parameters} & \Delta\rho_{\text{min}} &= -0.32 \text{ e } \text{ Å}^{-3} \end{split}$$

### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

| $D - H \cdots A$  | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$ |
|---|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| $C7 - H7 \cdots O2^{i}$ $C1 - H1B \cdots O4^{ii}$ $N1 - H1 \cdots O3^{iii}$ | 0.93           | 2.57                    | 3.471 (3)    | 163                                  |
|   | 0.96           | 2.53                    | 3.324 (4)    | 140                                  |
|   | 0.82 (3)       | 2.20 (4)                | 3.016 (3)    | 170 (3)                              |

 $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

 $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.04$  mm

T = 298 K

Symmetry codes: (i) x, y, z - 1; (ii) x, y - 1, z + 1; (iii) x, y - 1, z.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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#### Comment

4-Nitrophenylhexyl derivatives are studied in the crystal engineering and design of nonlinear optical (NLO) materials (Yakimanski et al., 1997). Herewith we report the crystal structure of the title compound (I).

In (I) (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles are normal and comparable with those observed in 4-nitrophenyl-hexyl-urethane (Yakimanski et al., 1997). The nitro and methoxycarbonyl groups are twisted from the plane of aromatic ring at 5.1 (1) and 6.2 (1)°, respectively. In the crystal structure, intermolecular N—H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link the molecules related by translation along axis b<1> into chains. Weak intermolecular C—H···O interactions (Table 1) link further these chains into sheets parallel to bc<1> plane.

#### Experimental

The title compound was synthesized according to Wilshire (1990). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown by slow evaporation of a chloroform-methanol (2:1) solution of the title compound under 293 K.

#### Refinement

C-bound H atoms were positioned in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C—H distances in the range 0.93–0.98 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  or  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ . Atom H1 was located on difference map and isotropically refined.

#### **Figures**



Fig. 1. A view of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme, with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

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| Crystal data          |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| $C_8H_8N_2O_4$        | Z = 2  |
| $M_r = 196.16$        | F(000) = 204                                   |
| Triclinic, <i>P</i> T | $D_{\rm x} = 1.501 {\rm ~Mg~m}^{-3}$           |
| Hall symbol: -P 1     | Mo K $\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å |
| a = 7.4269 (11)  Å    | Cell parameters from 2193 reflections          |

b = 8.1003 (12) Å c = 8.5376 (12) Å  $\alpha = 101.634 (2)^{\circ}$   $\beta = 97.914 (2)^{\circ}$   $\gamma = 116.660 (2)^{\circ}$  $V = 434.04 (11) \text{ Å}^{3}$ 

#### Data collection

| 1539 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$                                    |
|---|
| $R_{\rm int} = 0.051$   |
| $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^{\circ}, \ \theta_{\text{min}} = 2.5^{\circ}$ |
| $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$  |
| $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$  |
| $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$  |
|   |

 $\theta = 2.5 - 28.2^{\circ}$ 

 $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 K

Block, yellow

 $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.04 \text{ mm}$ 

#### Refinement

| Refinement on $F^2$             | Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods                                     |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Least-squares matrix: full      | Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map   |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.074$ | Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites   |
| $wR(F^2) = 0.162$               | H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement                             |
| <i>S</i> = 1.26                 | $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.047P)^{2} + 0.2842P]$<br>where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$ |
| 1686 reflections                | $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$  |
| 132 parameters                  | $\Delta \rho_{max} = 0.21 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$  |
| 0 restraints                    | $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.32 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   |

#### Special details

**Geometry**. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

**Refinement**. Refinement of  $F^2$  against ALL reflections. The weighted *R*-factor *wR* and goodness of fit *S* are based on  $F^2$ , conventional *R*-factors *R* are based on *F*, with *F* set to zero for negative  $F^2$ . The threshold expression of  $F^2 > \sigma(F^2)$  is used only for calculating *R*-factors(gt) *etc.* and is not relevant to the choice of reflections for refinement. *R*-factors based on  $F^2$  are statistically about twice as large as those based on *F*, and *R*- factors based on ALL data will be even larger.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

|    | x          | У          | Z          | $U_{\rm iso}*/U_{\rm eq}$ |
|----|------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| C1 | 0.2798 (6) | 0.1171 (5) | 0.4095 (4) | 0.0645 (10)               |

| H1A | 0.4024     | 0.2283     | 0.4846      | 0.097*      |
|-----|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| H1B | 0.2871     | 0.0023     | 0.4122      | 0.097*      |
| H1C | 0.1582     | 0.1095     | 0.4419      | 0.097*      |
| C2  | 0.2591 (4) | 0.2904 (4) | 0.2229 (3)  | 0.0400 (6)  |
| C3  | 0.2433 (4) | 0.4234 (4) | -0.0116 (3) | 0.0351 (6)  |
| C4  | 0.2670 (4) | 0.5997 (4) | 0.0750 (3)  | 0.0391 (6)  |
| H4  | 0.2853     | 0.6318     | 0.1891      | 0.047*      |
| C5  | 0.2633 (4) | 0.7260 (4) | -0.0091 (3) | 0.0399 (6)  |
| H5  | 0.2796     | 0.8445     | 0.0481      | 0.048*      |
| C6  | 0.2355 (4) | 0.6774 (4) | -0.1782 (3) | 0.0377 (6)  |
| C7  | 0.2141 (5) | 0.5042 (4) | -0.2666 (3) | 0.0427 (7)  |
| H7  | 0.1979     | 0.4739     | -0.3804     | 0.051*      |
| C8  | 0.2173 (4) | 0.3786 (4) | -0.1826 (3) | 0.0415 (7)  |
| H8  | 0.2018     | 0.2607     | -0.2405     | 0.050*      |
| N2  | 0.2288 (4) | 0.8111 (4) | -0.2670 (3) | 0.0479 (6)  |
| N1  | 0.2450 (4) | 0.2846 (4) | 0.0624 (3)  | 0.0436 (6)  |
| 01  | 0.2673 (4) | 0.1340 (3) | 0.2437 (2)  | 0.0538 (6)  |
| O2  | 0.2635 (4) | 0.4136 (3) | 0.3310 (2)  | 0.0545 (6)  |
| O3  | 0.2327 (4) | 0.9584 (3) | -0.1911 (3) | 0.0695 (7)  |
| O4  | 0.2176 (4) | 0.7718 (4) | -0.4139 (3) | 0.0733 (8)  |
| H1  | 0.235 (5)  | 0.187 (5)  | 0.001 (4)   | 0.059 (10)* |
|     |            |            |             |             |

# Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

|    | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | U <sup>33</sup> | $U^{12}$    | <i>U</i> <sup>13</sup> | $U^{23}$    |
|----|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| C1 | 0.089 (3)   | 0.073 (2)   | 0.0476 (18)     | 0.045 (2)   | 0.0229 (17)            | 0.0351 (17) |
| C2 | 0.0426 (16) | 0.0416 (16) | 0.0391 (14)     | 0.0211 (13) | 0.0138 (12)            | 0.0152 (13) |
| C3 | 0.0356 (14) | 0.0342 (14) | 0.0388 (14)     | 0.0188 (12) | 0.0108 (11)            | 0.0128 (11) |
| C4 | 0.0481 (16) | 0.0400 (15) | 0.0286 (12)     | 0.0224 (13) | 0.0106 (11)            | 0.0064 (11) |
| C5 | 0.0458 (16) | 0.0310 (14) | 0.0441 (15)     | 0.0224 (13) | 0.0101 (12)            | 0.0061 (11) |
| C6 | 0.0362 (14) | 0.0361 (15) | 0.0429 (14)     | 0.0185 (12) | 0.0089 (11)            | 0.0150 (12) |
| C7 | 0.0567 (18) | 0.0455 (17) | 0.0338 (14)     | 0.0307 (15) | 0.0129 (12)            | 0.0129 (12) |
| C8 | 0.0562 (18) | 0.0350 (15) | 0.0365 (14)     | 0.0271 (14) | 0.0122 (12)            | 0.0051 (11) |
| N2 | 0.0539 (15) | 0.0430 (15) | 0.0545 (15)     | 0.0282 (13) | 0.0137 (12)            | 0.0194 (12) |
| N1 | 0.0675 (17) | 0.0398 (14) | 0.0324 (12)     | 0.0334 (13) | 0.0155 (11)            | 0.0101 (10) |
| 01 | 0.0864 (16) | 0.0512 (13) | 0.0429 (11)     | 0.0426 (12) | 0.0242 (11)            | 0.0254 (10) |
| O2 | 0.0838 (16) | 0.0558 (13) | 0.0366 (11)     | 0.0421 (12) | 0.0224 (10)            | 0.0157 (10) |
| O3 | 0.106 (2)   | 0.0434 (13) | 0.0709 (16)     | 0.0476 (14) | 0.0179 (14)            | 0.0174 (11) |
| 04 | 0.120 (2)   | 0.0758 (17) | 0.0552 (15)     | 0.0635 (17) | 0.0334 (14)            | 0.0378 (13) |

## Geometric parameters (Å, °)

| C1—O1  | 1.444 (3) | C4—H4 | 0.9300    |
|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| C1—H1A | 0.9600    | C5—C6 | 1.378 (4) |
| C1—H1B | 0.9600    | С5—Н5 | 0.9300    |
| C1—H1C | 0.9600    | C6—C7 | 1.379 (4) |
| C2—O2  | 1.200 (3) | C6—N2 | 1.456 (3) |
| C2—O1  | 1.340 (3) | С7—С8 | 1.364 (4) |
| C2—N1  | 1.350 (3) | С7—Н7 | 0.9300    |

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| C3—C4       | 1.390 (4)  | С8—Н8       | 0.9300     |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| C3—C8       | 1.394 (4)  | N2—O4       | 1.211 (3)  |
| C3—N1       | 1.400 (3)  | N2—O3       | 1.223 (3)  |
| C4—C5       | 1.370 (4)  | N1—H1       | 0.82 (3)   |
| O1—C1—H1A   | 109.5      | С6—С5—Н5    | 120.0      |
| O1—C1—H1B   | 109.5      | C5—C6—C7    | 121.6 (2)  |
| H1A—C1—H1B  | 109.5      | C5—C6—N2    | 119.7 (2)  |
| O1—C1—H1C   | 109.5      | C7—C6—N2    | 118.7 (2)  |
| H1A—C1—H1C  | 109.5      | C8—C7—C6    | 118.3 (2)  |
| H1B—C1—H1C  | 109.5      | С8—С7—Н7    | 120.9      |
| O2—C2—O1    | 124.7 (3)  | С6—С7—Н7    | 120.9      |
| O2—C2—N1    | 126.5 (3)  | C7—C8—C3    | 121.3 (2)  |
| O1—C2—N1    | 108.8 (2)  | С7—С8—Н8    | 119.3      |
| C4—C3—C8    | 119.3 (2)  | С3—С8—Н8    | 119.3      |
| C4—C3—N1    | 124.0 (2)  | O4—N2—O3    | 122.3 (3)  |
| C8—C3—N1    | 116.7 (2)  | O4—N2—C6    | 118.9 (2)  |
| C5—C4—C3    | 119.5 (2)  | O3—N2—C6    | 118.9 (2)  |
| С5—С4—Н4    | 120.3      | C2—N1—C3    | 127.9 (2)  |
| C3—C4—H4    | 120.3      | C2—N1—H1    | 116 (2)    |
| C4—C5—C6    | 120.0 (2)  | C3—N1—H1    | 116 (2)    |
| C4—C5—H5    | 120.0      | C2—O1—C1    | 115.7 (2)  |
| C8—C3—C4—C5 | 0.4 (4)    | C5—C6—N2—O4 | 175.4 (3)  |
| N1—C3—C4—C5 | 179.9 (3)  | C7—C6—N2—O4 | -4.5 (4)   |
| C3—C4—C5—C6 | 0.2 (4)    | C5—C6—N2—O3 | -5.3 (4)   |
| C4—C5—C6—C7 | -1.0 (4)   | C7—C6—N2—O3 | 174.8 (3)  |
| C4—C5—C6—N2 | 179.2 (2)  | O2—C2—N1—C3 | 3.5 (5)    |
| C5—C6—C7—C8 | 1.2 (4)    | O1—C2—N1—C3 | -176.5 (3) |
| N2—C6—C7—C8 | -179.0 (2) | C4—C3—N1—C2 | 3.4 (5)    |
| C6—C7—C8—C3 | -0.6 (4)   | C8—C3—N1—C2 | -177.0 (3) |
| C4—C3—C8—C7 | -0.2 (4)   | O2—C2—O1—C1 | 0.8 (4)    |
| N1—C3—C8—C7 | -179.8 (3) | N1-C2-O1-C1 | -179.2 (3) |

## Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

| D—H···A                   | <i>D</i> —Н | H···A    | $D \cdots A$ | $D\!\!-\!\!\mathrm{H}^{\dots}\!A$ |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| C7—H7···O2 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.93        | 2.57     | 3.471 (3)    | 163                               |
| C4—H4…O2                  | 0.93        | 2.30     | 2.892 (3)    | 121                               |
| C1—H1B···O4 <sup>ii</sup> | 0.96        | 2.53     | 3.324 (4)    | 140                               |
| N1—H1···O3 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.82 (3)    | 2.20 (4) | 3.016 (3)    | 170 (3)                           |
|                           |             |          |              |                                   |

Symmetry codes: (i) *x*, *y*, *z*-1; (ii) *x*, *y*-1, *z*+1; (iii) *x*, *y*-1, *z*.



Fig. 1