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3,4-Difluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid

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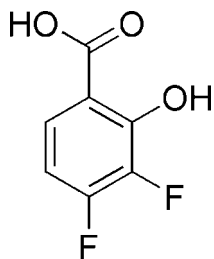
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 296$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.031; wR factor = 0.094; data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0.

In the title compound, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$, an intramolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bond is observed. In the crystal, inversion dimers linked by pairs of $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds generate $R_2^2(8)$ ring motifs. These dimers are linked by $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$ hydrogen bonds, forming sheets lying parallel to $(30\bar{1})$. The sheets are linked by aromatic $\pi-\pi$ stacking interactions [inter-centroid distance = $3.7817(9)$ Å], forming a three-dimensional structure.

Related literature

For antibody and gene-directed enzyme prodrug therapy, see: Springer *et al.* (1994); Davies *et al.* (2005). For the antimicrobial activity of fluorinated benzoic acid derivatives, see: Rajasekhar *et al.* (2013).



Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{F}_2\text{O}_3$
 $M_r = 174.10$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$

$a = 9.4252(8)$ Å
 $b = 6.8145(5)$ Å
 $c = 11.0391(8)$ Å

$\beta = 106.257(5)^\circ$
 $V = 680.67(9)$ Å³
 $Z = 4$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

$\mu = 0.17$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 296$ K
 $0.20 \times 0.16 \times 0.12$ mm

Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2007)
 $T_{\min} = 0.967$, $T_{\max} = 0.980$

6362 measured reflections
 1344 independent reflections
 1045 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.037$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.094$
 $S = 1.09$
 1344 reflections

112 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.19$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.14$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{O3}-\text{H3A}\cdots\text{O1}$	0.82	1.92	2.6231 (14)	144
$\text{O2}-\text{H2}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{i}}$	0.82	1.85	2.6679 (14)	175
$\text{C3}-\text{H3}\cdots\text{O3}^{\text{ii}}$	0.93	2.60	3.5269 (16)	177
$\text{C4}-\text{H4}\cdots\text{F2}^{\text{ii}}$	0.93	2.53	3.2047 (16)	129

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

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2009); cell refinement: APEX2 and SAINT-Plus (Bruker, 2009); data reduction: SAINT-Plus and XPREP (Bruker, 2009); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 2012) and Mercury (Macrae *et al.*, 2008); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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1. Comment

Fluorinated benzoic acids have been used for the preparation of potential prodrugs intended for antibody and gene directed enzyme prodrug therapy (Springer *et al.*, 1994; Davies *et al.*, 2005). Derivatives of fluorinated benzoic acid exhibit antimicrobial activity (Rajasekhar *et al.*, 2013). In particular 3,4-difluoro-2-hydroxybenzoic acid has been used in the synthesis of benzisoxazole containing barbiturate derivatives, which shows prominent anticancer activity (our unpublished results). Hence, the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), C₇H₄F₂O₃, is determined.

In (I), the molecule is planar (r.m.s. deviation in the benzene ring = 0.006 (1) Å with a maximum deviation of 0.009 (1) Å for carbon) (Fig. 1). An intramolecular O3—H3A···O1 hydrogen bond is observed. In the crystal, inversion dimers linked by pairs of O2—H2···O1 hydrogen bonds are formed and generate *R*₂²(8) ring motifs (Fig. 2). Weak C3—H3···O3 and C4—H4···F2 intermolecular interactions and aromatic π - π stacking interactions [centroid-centroid separation = 3.7817 (9) Å] (Fig. 3) are also observed and contribute to packing stability.

2. Experimental

To an ice cooled and stirred solution of 2,3,4-trifluorobenzoic acid (0.028 mmol) in dimethylimidazolidinone (10 ml), solid sodium hydroxide (0.113 mmol) was added in portions, and the mixture was heated to 120°C for 2 h. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After the reaction was completed, the mixture was cooled to room temperature and neutralized (pH 5–6) with 2 N hydrochloric acid (7.5 ml). The title compound was separated out as white solid, filtered, washed with excess of water and dried. Colourless prisms of the title compound were grown in ethanol by slow the evaporation technique.

3. Refinement

The hydroxy H-atoms were located in a difference Fourier map, and were refined isotropically with the O—H distance restrained to 0.82±0.01 Å. H atoms were positioned with idealized geometry using a riding model with C—H = 0.93 Å and were refined with isotropic displacement parameters (set to 1.2 times of the *U*_{eq} of the parent atom).

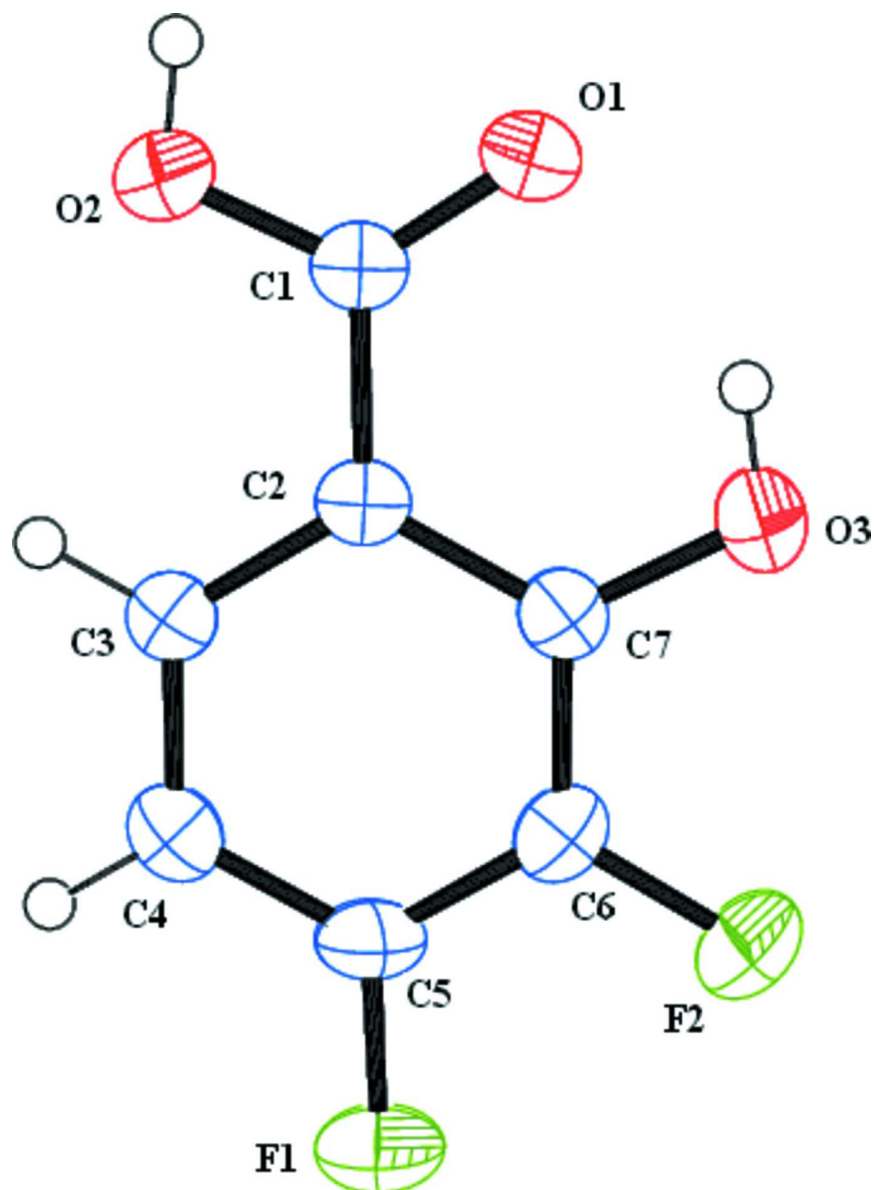
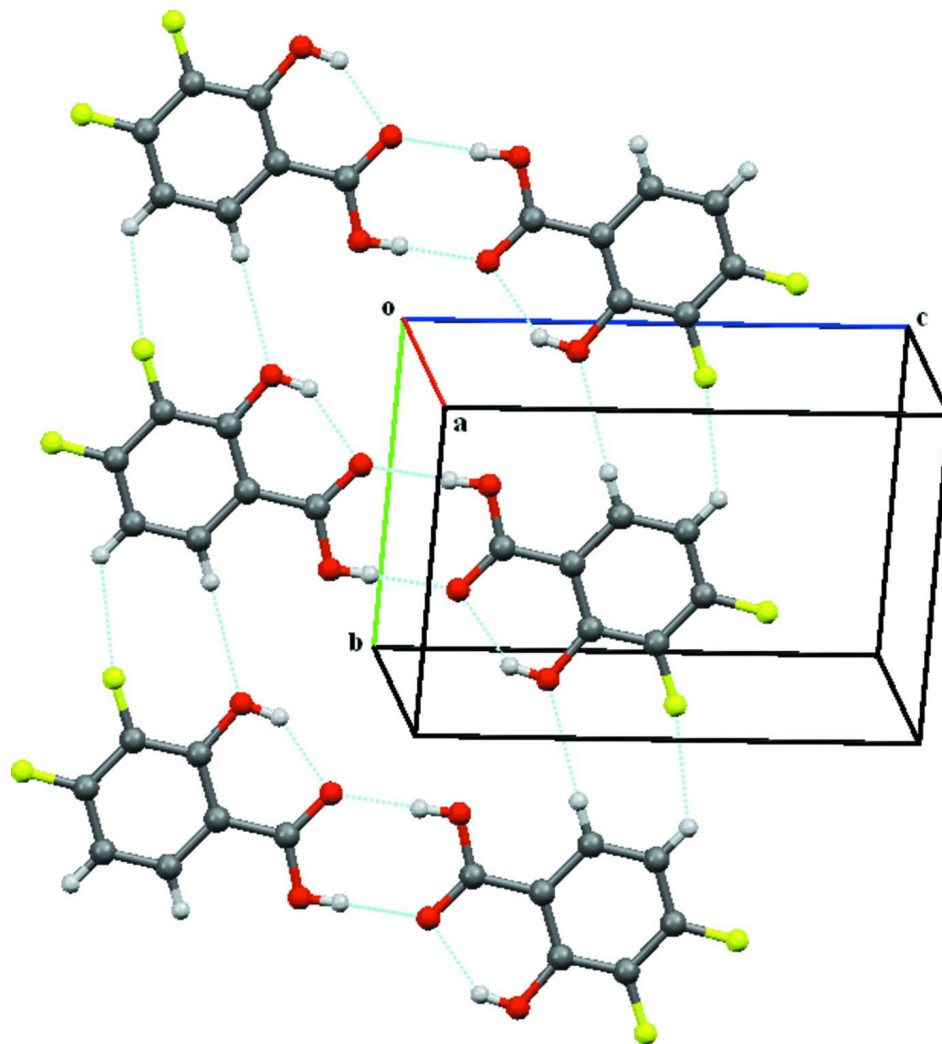
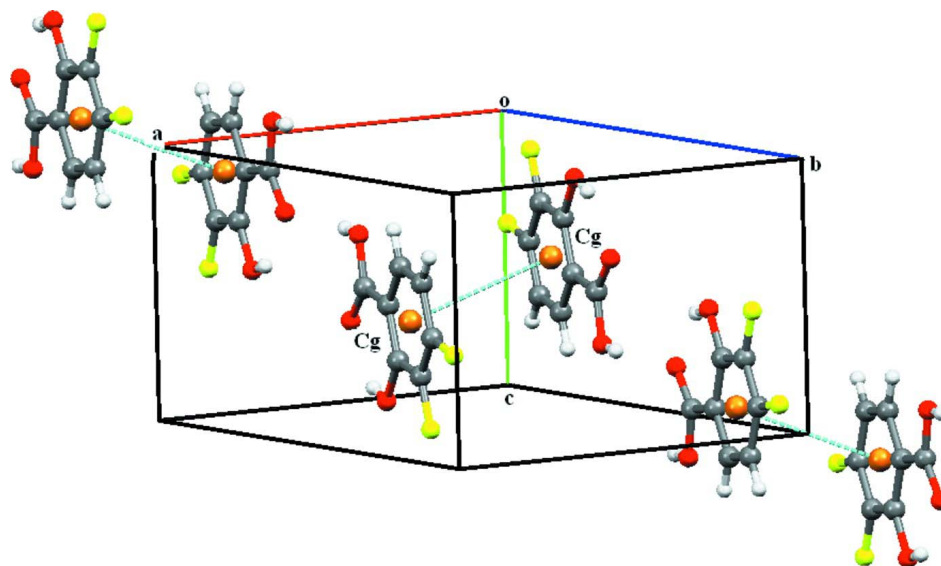


Figure 1

Molecular structure of the title compound, showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level.

**Figure 2**

Molecular packing of the title compound viewed along the *b* axis. Dashed lines indicate O—H...O intramolecular and pairs of O—H...O intermolecular hydrogen bonds forming $R_2^2(8)$ ring motifs and weak C—H...O and C—H...F intermolecular interactions along [010].

**Figure 3**

Molecules displaying weak π - π interactions [centroid-centroid separation = 3.7817 (9) Å].

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$Z = 4$

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Prism

$D_x = 1.699$ Mg m⁻³

Melting point: 448 K

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å

Cell parameters from 1045 reflections

$\theta = 2.3$ – 26.5 °

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Bruker APEXII CCD area-detector
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 1.6 pixels mm⁻¹

phi and ω scans

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$\theta_{\max} = 26.0$ °, $\theta_{\min} = 2.5$ °

$h = -11 \rightarrow 11$

$k = -8 \rightarrow 8$

$l = -13 \rightarrow 13$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$

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$S = 1.09$

1344 reflections

112 parameters

0 restraints

0 constraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant
direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0514P)^2 + 0.0514P]$$

$$\text{where } P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$$

$$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$$

Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 2008), $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001x Fc^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.018 (3)

Special details

Geometry. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds 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 $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ 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 (\AA^2)

	x	y	z	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.55955 (13)	0.54118 (17)	0.18180 (14)	0.0376 (3)
C2	0.60924 (12)	0.57452 (17)	0.31759 (13)	0.0357 (3)
C3	0.64443 (13)	0.41737 (18)	0.40234 (13)	0.0400 (3)
H3	0.6343	0.2897	0.3713	0.046 (4)*
C4	0.69337 (14)	0.44745 (19)	0.52991 (15)	0.0458 (4)
H4	0.7180	0.3420	0.5854	0.065 (5)*
C5	0.70534 (14)	0.63748 (19)	0.57424 (14)	0.0443 (3)
C6	0.67106 (15)	0.79441 (18)	0.49292 (15)	0.0441 (4)
C7	0.62456 (13)	0.76688 (16)	0.36434 (14)	0.0380 (3)
O1	0.53519 (11)	0.67798 (13)	0.10424 (9)	0.0482 (3)
O2	0.54221 (10)	0.35741 (12)	0.14643 (10)	0.0503 (3)
H2	0.5139	0.3516	0.0692	0.075*
O3	0.59795 (11)	0.92951 (13)	0.29161 (10)	0.0543 (3)
H3A	0.5708	0.8976	0.2170	0.081*
F1	0.75075 (11)	0.67350 (13)	0.69839 (8)	0.0676 (3)
F2	0.68666 (12)	0.97767 (11)	0.54053 (10)	0.0686 (3)

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C1	0.0438 (6)	0.0373 (7)	0.0310 (9)	-0.0007 (5)	0.0095 (6)	-0.0010 (5)
C2	0.0417 (6)	0.0361 (7)	0.0292 (9)	-0.0008 (4)	0.0096 (6)	-0.0007 (5)
C3	0.0536 (7)	0.0331 (6)	0.0325 (9)	0.0016 (5)	0.0107 (6)	0.0007 (5)
C4	0.0604 (8)	0.0391 (7)	0.0356 (10)	0.0030 (5)	0.0095 (7)	0.0064 (5)
C5	0.0544 (7)	0.0511 (8)	0.0248 (9)	-0.0034 (5)	0.0065 (6)	-0.0039 (6)
C6	0.0569 (7)	0.0347 (7)	0.0395 (10)	-0.0068 (5)	0.0113 (7)	-0.0071 (5)
C7	0.0470 (7)	0.0337 (6)	0.0323 (10)	-0.0032 (5)	0.0097 (6)	0.0017 (5)
O1	0.0712 (6)	0.0401 (5)	0.0296 (7)	-0.0009 (4)	0.0077 (5)	0.0017 (4)
O2	0.0771 (6)	0.0378 (5)	0.0319 (7)	-0.0016 (4)	0.0087 (5)	-0.0040 (4)
O3	0.0836 (7)	0.0340 (5)	0.0402 (7)	-0.0031 (4)	0.0091 (6)	0.0042 (4)

F1	0.0996 (7)	0.0677 (6)	0.0287 (6)	-0.0032 (5)	0.0065 (5)	-0.0070 (4)
F2	0.1113 (7)	0.0403 (5)	0.0474 (7)	-0.0096 (4)	0.0111 (6)	-0.0140 (4)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C1—O1	1.2429 (15)	C4—H4	0.9300
C1—O1	1.2429 (15)	C5—F1	1.3392 (16)
C1—O2	1.3083 (14)	C5—C6	1.375 (2)
C1—C2	1.458 (2)	C6—F2	1.3469 (14)
C2—C3	1.3994 (18)	C6—C7	1.376 (2)
C2—C7	1.4014 (17)	C7—O3	1.3502 (16)
C3—C4	1.369 (2)	O2—H2	0.8200
C3—H3	0.9300	O3—H3A	0.8200
C4—C5	1.3777 (19)		
O1—C1—O2	121.92 (13)	C5—C4—H4	120.8
O1—C1—O2	121.92 (13)	F1—C5—C6	118.35 (12)
O1—C1—C2	122.39 (11)	F1—C5—C4	120.45 (12)
O1—C1—C2	122.39 (11)	C6—C5—C4	121.21 (14)
O2—C1—C2	115.69 (11)	F2—C6—C5	119.09 (14)
C3—C2—C7	119.27 (13)	F2—C6—C7	119.82 (12)
C3—C2—C1	121.06 (11)	C5—C6—C7	121.06 (12)
C7—C2—C1	119.66 (11)	O3—C7—C6	117.00 (12)
C4—C3—C2	121.45 (12)	O3—C7—C2	124.47 (14)
C4—C3—H3	119.3	C6—C7—C2	118.53 (12)
C2—C3—H3	119.3	C1—O2—H2	109.5
C3—C4—C5	118.46 (13)	C7—O3—H3A	109.5
C3—C4—H4	120.8		
O1—C1—C2—C3	-176.05 (11)	F1—C5—C6—C7	179.65 (11)
O1—C1—C2—C3	-176.05 (11)	C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.5 (2)
O2—C1—C2—C3	3.89 (17)	F2—C6—C7—O3	0.61 (19)
O1—C1—C2—C7	2.86 (17)	C5—C6—C7—O3	-177.90 (11)
O1—C1—C2—C7	2.86 (17)	F2—C6—C7—C2	-179.95 (10)
O2—C1—C2—C7	-177.19 (10)	C5—C6—C7—C2	1.5 (2)
C7—C2—C3—C4	0.05 (18)	C3—C2—C7—O3	178.06 (11)
C1—C2—C3—C4	178.97 (10)	C1—C2—C7—O3	-0.87 (18)
C2—C3—C4—C5	1.03 (19)	C3—C2—C7—C6	-1.33 (18)
C3—C4—C5—F1	179.05 (11)	C1—C2—C7—C6	179.74 (10)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.8 (2)	O2—C1—O1—O1	0.00 (14)
F1—C5—C6—F2	1.1 (2)	C2—C1—O1—O1	0.00 (14)
C4—C5—C6—F2	-178.98 (12)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

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