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# Crystal structure and Hirshfeld surface analysis of 1-carboxy-2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)ethan-1aminium chloride 2-ammonio-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)propanoate: a new polymorph of L-dopa HCl and isotypic with its bromide counterpart 

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The title molecular salt, $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{NO}_{4}^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Cl}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$, is isotypic with that of the bromide counterpart [Kathiravan et al. (2016). Acta Cryst. E72, 1544-1548]. The title salt is a second monoclinic polymorph of the l-dopa HCl structure reported earlier in the monoclinic space group $P 2_{1}$ [Jandacek \& Earle (1971). Acta Cryst. B27, 841-845; Mostad \& Rømming (1974). Acta Chemica Scand. B28, 11611168]. In the title compound, monoclinic space group $I 2$, one of the dopa molecules has a positive charge with a protonated $\alpha$-amino group and the $\alpha$-carboxylic acid group uncharged, while the second dopa molecule has a neutral charge, the $\alpha$-amino group is protonated and the $\alpha$-carboxylic acid is deprotonated. In the previously reported form, a single dopa molecule is observed in which the $\alpha$-amino group is protonated and the $\alpha$-carboxylic acid group is uncharged. The invariant and variations of various types of intermolecular interactions present in these two forms of dopa HCl structures are discussed with the aid of two-dimensional fingerprint plots.

## 1. Chemical context

The aromatic amino acid enzyme, tyrosine-3-hydroxylase, catalyses the conversion of the amino acid l-tyrosine to L-dopa (L-3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine). After successful conversion, the L-dopa molecule acts as a precursor for neurotransmitter molecules, such as dopamine, norepinephrine and epinephrine. The l-dopa molecule is found to be an effective drug in the symptomatic treatment of Parkinson's disease (Chan et al., 2012). Polymorphism is very common amongst pharamaceutically important molecules and is responsible for differences in many properties (Bernstein, 2002, 2011; Nangia, 2008; Guranda \& Deeva, 2010). The first monoclinic form (I) [space group $P 2_{1}$ and $\mathrm{z}^{\prime}=1$ ] of L -dopa HCl was reported in the 1970s (Jandacek \& Earle, 1971; Mostad \& Rømming, 1974). Herein, we report on the crystal and molecular structure of a second monoclinic polymorph, form (II) (space group I2) of L-dopa HCl . The hydrogen-bonding patterns and the relative contributions of various intermolecular interactions present in forms (I) and (II) are compared.


$\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$

## 2. Structural commentary

The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (II), is illustrated in Fig. 1. It consists of two dopa molecules, and a $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anion located on a twofold rotation axis. As observed in the isotypic L-dopa HBr molecular salt (III) (Kathiravan et al., 2016), one of the dopa molecules is in the zwitterionic form and the other in the cationic form. In the cationic dopa molecule, the $\alpha$-amino group is protonated and carries a positive charge and the hydrogen atom $(\mathrm{H} 4 O)$ of the $\alpha$-carboxylic acid group is located in a general position and was refined with $50 \%$ occupancy.

The crystal structures of L-dopa (Mostad et al., 1971), its hydrochloride form (I) (Jandacek \& Earle, 1971; Mostad \& Rømming, 1974), the hydrobromide form (III) (Kathiravan et al., 2016) and the dihydrate form (André \& Duarte, 2014), have been reported. The dihydrate form of dopa crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ with a single dopa molecule in its zwitterionic form. The free dopa molecule and its hydrochloride form (I) crystallized in the monoclinic space group $P 2_{1}$. In the l-dopa structure, the dopa molecule is in the zwitterionic form, while in the latter the $\alpha$-amino group is protonated and the $\alpha$-carboxylic acid is neutral. As mentioned earlier (Kathiravan et al., 2016), the deposited coordinates of the l-dopa HCl structure belong to the $R$ configuration. Therefore, the L-dopa HCl structure was inverted and the inverted model used for superposition. As shown in Fig. 2, one of the dopa molecules of the title molecular salt (II) is superimposed with the inverted model of L -dopa HCl (I) and one of the dopa molecules of the isotypic Br compound (III). The r.m.s. deviation of the former pair is $0.105 \AA$ while for the latter pair it is calculated to be $0.094 \AA$.

## 3. Supramolecular features

The crystal structure of the title molecular salt (II) displays a network of intermolecular $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-$


Figure 1
The molecular structure of the title molecular salt, (II), showing the atom labelling scheme [symmetry code: $(\$)-x+3, y,-z+1$ ]. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level.

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

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 O \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | 0.82 | 1.98 | $2.746(2)$ | 155 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 O \cdots 1^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | 0.82 | 2.33 | $2.999(2)$ | 140 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 O \cdots 2^{\mathrm{ii}}$ | 0.82 | 2.16 | $2.8730(8)$ | 146 |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 O \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{iii}}$ | $0.90(3)$ | $1.50(3)$ | $2.373(2)$ | $161(8)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 A \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1^{\mathrm{iv}}$ | $0.91(3)$ | $2.35(4)$ | $3.249(2)$ | $167(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 B \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1$ | $0.89(3)$ | $2.31(3)$ | $3.178(2)$ | $166(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 C \cdots \mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{v}}$ | $0.90(3)$ | $1.93(3)$ | $2.7901(19)$ | $160(3)$ |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x-1, y+1, z$; (ii) $-x+\frac{1}{2}, y-\frac{1}{2},-z+\frac{1}{2}$; (iii) $-x+3, y,-z+1$; (iv) $x, y+1, z$; (v) $x-1, y, z$.
$\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), producing a three-dimensional framework (Fig. 3). It is of interest to note that the $\mathrm{N}-$ $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen-bonding geometries in the title compound are slightly different when compared to its isotypic bromide counterpart (III) (Kathiravan et al., 2016). A short intermolecular $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bond links the


Figure 2
Structural superimposition of cationic dopa molecules in (II) (red), bromide counterpart (green) and form (I) L-dopa HCl (blue).


Figure 3
Crystal packing of the title molecular salt, (II), viewed along the $b$ axis. The hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines (see Table 1), and Cbound H atoms have been omitted for clarity.


Figure 4
Part of the crystal structure of (II) showing the $R_{4}^{4}(18)$ motifs formed through $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds (see Table 1 ).
carboxylic acid group of a dopa molecule with the carboxylate group of an adjacent dopa molecule. This interaction produces dopa dimers that are arranged as ribbons propagating along the $b$ axis (Fig. 3). As observed in the bromide counterpart (III), the protonated amino group acts as a threefold donor for three intermolecular hydrogen bonds, two of them with $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$ anions and one with the carbonyl oxygen atom, O3, of the dopa acid group. One of the characteristic features observed



Figure 5
(a) Part of the crystal structure of (II) showing the $R_{2}^{4}(8)$ motif formed by intermolecular $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds (see Table 1 ), and (b) part of the crystal structure of form (I) dopa HCl showing the cyclic motif formed by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds.
in many amino acid-carboxylic acid/metal complexes (Sharma et al., 2006; Selvaraj et al., 2007; Balakrishnan, Ramamurthi \& Thamotharan et al., 2013; Balakrishnan, Ramamurthi, Jeyakanthan et al., 2013; Sathiskumar et al., 2015a,b,c; Revathi et al., 2015) is that the amino acid molecules aggregate in head-to-tail sequences of the type $\cdots \mathrm{NH}_{3}{ }^{+}-\mathrm{CH} R-$ $\mathrm{COO}^{-} \ldots \mathrm{NH}_{3}^{+}-\mathrm{CH} R-\mathrm{COO}^{-} \ldots$ in which $\alpha$-amino and $\alpha$ carboxylate groups are brought into periodic hydrogenbonded proximity in a peptide-like arrangements. Similar arrangements (as layers) are observed in the title compound, in which $\alpha$-amino (atom N 1 ) and $\alpha$-carboxylate (atom O3) groups interact via an $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bond. Adjacent layers are interconnected by strong $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds. The former $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and the latter $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions collectively form an $R_{4}^{4}(18)$ ring motif (Fig. 4). Similar interactions are presented in dopa and the HCl form (I).

As shown in Table 1, the amino group (via $\mathrm{H} 1 A$ and $\mathrm{H} 1 B$ ) of the dopa molecule participates in $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ interactions with two different $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anions. As observed in the bromide counterpart (III), these interactions interconnect the cations and anions into a chain of cyclic motifs that enclose $R_{2}^{4}(8)$ rings and runs parallel to the $b$ axis (Fig. $5 a$ ). Forms (I) and (II) of the dopa HCl structures differ in the formation of cyclic motifs. In form (I), two $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ hydrogen bonds link the cations and anions into a chain. Adjacent chains are interconnected through $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ interactions (carboxylic acid $\cdots \mathrm{Cl})$. Collectively, these interactions generate cyclic motifs (Fig. 5b).

The side-chain hydroxy groups $(\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O})$ of the dopa molecules are involved in $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogenbonding interactions, the former with the carbonyl oxygen atom (O3) and the latter in a bifurcated mode with two different hydroxy (O1 and O2) oxygen atoms of adjacent dopa


Figure 6
Adjacent dopa layers are interlinked by side chain-side chain interactions in (II) through intermolecular $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds (see Table 1).
layers (Fig. 6). These interactions are invariant in the dopa structures reported earlier.

## 4. Hirshfeld surface analysis

The Hirshfeld surfaces (HS) and the decomposed twodimensional fingerprint plots have been generated, using the program CrystalExplorer (Wolff et al., 2012), to investigate the similarities and differences in the crystal packing amongst polymorphs. The two different views of the HS diagram for the complete unit of dopa molecules along with the $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anion and the two-dimensional fingerprint plots are shown in Fig. 7.

The analysis suggests that the $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ contacts contribute more $(41.6 \%)$ to the crystal packing when compared to other contacts with respect to the dopa molecules in the title compound. The relative contributions of $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ contacts are $29,18.6$ and $6.2 \%$, respectively, with respect to the complete unit of dopa molecule. These contacts are nearly identical in the case of the bromide counterpart. The $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ and $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ contacts contributions to the Hirshfeld surface area for the Cl ion are 71.9 and $13.7 \%$, respectively. In the bromide counterpart (III), the corresponding contacts are found to be $64.1(\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Br})$ and $10.2 \%(\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{Br})$. It is clearly seen that these contacts are lower in the bromide counterpart (III) when compared to the title salt (II).

In form (I) of the dopa HCl structure, the relative contributions of $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ contacts are 40.5 , $25.2,17.1$ and $14.1 \%$, respectively, with respect to the cationic dopa molecule. It is worthy to note that $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ and $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ contacts are reduced by $1.1-3.8 \%$ when compared to form (II). The $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ contact is increased by $7.9 \%$ in (I) when compared to (II) of the dopa HCl structure. In (I) anionic $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$, the relative contribution of $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{Cl}$ contacts is found be $90.4 \%$.

This is approximately 18.5 and $26 \%$ higher when compared to (II) and its bromide counterpart (III). These contacts are used to discriminate between forms (I) and (II).

## 5. Synthesis and crystallization

l-dopa and HCl (1:1 molar ratio) were dissolved in doubledistilled water and stirred well for 6 h . The mixture was filtered and the filtrate left to evaporate slowly. Colourless block-shaped crystals of the title molecular salt (II) were obtained after a growth period of 15 days.

## 6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. Since the title molecular salt (I) is isotypic with its bromide counterpart (III) (Kathiravan et al., 2016), it was refined with the coordinates of the dopa molecule of the latter as a starting model. The $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anion was located from a difference Fourier map. The amino and carboxylic acid H atoms were located from a difference Fourier map and freely refined. The OH groups of the dopa side chain and Cbound H atoms were treated as riding atoms and included in geometrically calculated positions: $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.93-0.98$ and $\mathrm{O}-$ $\mathrm{H}=0.82 \AA$, with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$ and $1.5 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{O})$. The carboxylic acid $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{H}$ bond length was restrained to 0.90 (2) Å, using a DFIX option.

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(b)

(c)


Figure 7
(a) Two different views of Hirshfeld surfaces of dimeric dopa molecules along with a $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$anion, (b) two-dimensional fingerprint plots for complete unit of dopa and (c) anionic $\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$. Various types of contacts are indicated.
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Table 2
Experimental details.
Crystal data Chemical formula $M_{\mathrm{r}}$
Crystal system, space group
Temperature ( K )
$a, b, c$ ( $\AA$ )
$\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$
$V\left(\mathrm{~A}^{3}\right)$
Z
Radiation type
$\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$
Crystal size (mm)
Data collection
Diffractometer
Absorption correction
$T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections
$R_{\text {int }}$
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$
Refinement
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$
No. of reflections
No. of parameters
2982
No. of parameters
151
No. of restraints
H -atom treatment
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$
Absolute structure

Absolute structure parameter

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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{NO}_{4}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Cl}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{4} \\
& 430.83 \\
& \text { Monoclinic, } I 2 \\
& 293 \\
& 6.1768(3), 5.4349(3), 28.7651(16) \\
& 98.140(4) \\
& 955.92(9) \\
& 2 \\
& \text { Mo } K \alpha \\
& 0.25 \\
& 0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20
\end{aligned}
$$

Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD
Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker,
2004)
$0.927,0.959$
$14303,2982,2623$
0.024
0.777

$0.035,0.094,1.05$
2982
151
2
H atoms treated by a mixture of
independent and constrained
refinement
$0.57,-0.21$
Flack $x$ determined using 1021
quotients $\left[\left(I^{+}\right)-\left(I^{-}\right)\right] /$
$\left[\left(I^{+}\right)+\left(I^{-}\right)\right]($Parsons et al., 2013)
$0.033(17)$

Computer programs: APEX2, SAINT and XPREP (Bruker, 2004), Mercury (Macrae et al., 2006), SHELXL2014/7 (Sheldrick, 2015) and publCIF (Westrip, 2010). Structure solution - isomorphous replacement.

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## Computing details

Data collection: APEX2 (Bruker, 2004); cell refinement: APEX2/SAINT (Bruker, 2004); data reduction: SAINT/XPREP (Bruker, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: structure solution - isomorphous replacement; program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL2014/7 (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: Mercury (Macrae et al., 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL2014/7 (Sheldrick, 2015) and publCIF (Westrip, 2010).

1-Carboxy-2-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)ethan-1-aminium chloride 2-ammonio-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)propanoate

## Crystal data

$\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{NO}_{4}{ }^{+} \cdot \mathrm{Cl}^{-} \cdot \mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{NO}_{4}$
$F(000)=452$
$M_{r}=430.83$
Monoclinic, $I 2$
$a=6.1768$ (3) A
$b=5.4349$ (3) $\AA$
$c=28.7651(16) \AA$
$\beta=98.140(4)^{\circ}$
$V=955.92(9) \AA^{3}$
$Z=2$

## Data collection

## Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD

diffractometer
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube
$\omega$ and $\varphi$ scan
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Bruker, 2004)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.927, T_{\text {max }}=0.959$
14303 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.035$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.094$
$S=1.05$
2982 reflections
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.497 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 7161 reflections
$\theta=3.8-31.1^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.25 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=293 \mathrm{~K}$
Block, colourless
$0.30 \times 0.25 \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm}$

2982 independent reflections
2623 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.024$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=33.5^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=2.9^{\circ}$
$h=-8 \rightarrow 9$
$k=-7 \rightarrow 7$
$l=-39 \rightarrow 40$

## 151 parameters

2 restraints
Hydrogen site location: mixed
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

# supporting information 

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\begin{aligned}
& w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)+(0.0541 P)^{2}+0.236 P\right] \\
& \quad \text { where } P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3 \\
& (\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }<0.001
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.57 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.21 \mathrm{e}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
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## 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. Refined as a two-component inversion twin

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\hat{A}^{2}$ )

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }}{ }^{*} / U_{\mathrm{eq}}$ | Occ. $(<1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | $0.3951(2)$ | $1.2691(3)$ | $0.33134(6)$ | $0.0290(3)$ |  |
| H1O | 0.4509 | 1.3678 | 0.3510 | $0.044^{*}$ |  |
| O2 | $0.3026(2)$ | $0.9556(3)$ | $0.26334(5)$ | $0.0299(3)$ |  |
| H2O | 0.2767 | 0.8411 | 0.2448 | $0.045^{*}$ |  |
| O3 | $1.4771(2)$ | $0.5509(3)$ | $0.41112(5)$ | $0.0329(4)$ |  |
| O4 | $1.32315(19)$ | $0.6323(4)$ | $0.47766(4)$ | $0.0276(3)$ | $0.07(2)^{*}$ |
| H4O | $1.467(5)$ | $0.623(16)$ | $0.489(3)$ | $0.0192(3)$ |  |
| N1 | $0.9230(2)$ | $0.6219(4)$ | $0.44032(5)$ | $0.038(8)^{*}$ |  |
| H1A | $0.937(4)$ | $0.751(7)$ | $0.4608(11)$ | $0.013(5)^{*}$ |  |
| H1B | $0.933(3)$ | $0.498(5)$ | $0.4608(8)$ | $0.043(7)^{*}$ |  |
| H1C | $0.784(5)$ | $0.629(7)$ | $0.4261(10)$ | $0.0203(4)$ |  |
| C1 | $0.8763(3)$ | $0.8689(4)$ | $0.34670(6)$ | $0.0216(4)$ |  |
| C2 | $0.7324(3)$ | $1.0590(4)$ | $0.35439(7)$ | $0.026^{*}$ |  |
| H2 | 0.7691 | 1.1672 | 0.3793 | $0.0202(4)$ |  |
| C3 | $0.5418(3)$ | $1.0860(3)$ | $0.32596(6)$ | $0.0207(4)$ |  |
| C4 | $0.4932(3)$ | $0.9175(4)$ | $0.29009(6)$ | $0.0237(4)$ |  |
| C5 | $0.6340(3)$ | $0.7289(4)$ | $0.28237(7)$ | $0.028^{*}$ |  |
| H5 | 0.5961 | 0.6194 | 0.2577 | $0.0238(4)$ | $0.029^{*}$ |
| C6 | $0.8254(3)$ | $0.7042(4)$ | $0.31046(7)$ | $0.0231(4)$ | $0.028^{*}$ |
| H6 | 0.9217 | 0.5784 | 0.3056 | $0.028^{*}$ | $0.0170(3)$ |
| C7 | $1.0881(3)$ | $0.8448(4)$ | $0.37635(7)$ | $0.020^{*}$ |  |
| H7A | 1.1137 | 0.9888 | 0.3963 | $0.0193(4)$ |  |
| H7B | 1.2030 | 0.8373 | 0.3566 | $0.40704(6)$ | 0.3866 |
| C8 | $1.0974(2)$ | $0.6136(4)$ | 0.4692 | $0.53384(6)$ |  |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| O1 | $0.0242(7)$ | $0.0254(7)$ | $0.0347(8)$ | $0.0052(6)$ | $-0.0053(6)$ | $-0.0063(6)$ |
| O2 | $0.0210(6)$ | $0.0325(8)$ | $0.0314(8)$ | $0.0000(6)$ | $-0.0127(5)$ | $-0.0043(6)$ |
| O3 | $0.0148(5)$ | $0.0560(11)$ | $0.0263(7)$ | $0.0060(6)$ | $-0.0025(5)$ | $-0.0092(7)$ |
| O4 | $0.0137(5)$ | $0.0486(9)$ | $0.0186(6)$ | $0.0019(7)$ | $-0.0049(4)$ | $-0.0034(7)$ |


| N 1 | $0.0122(6)$ | $0.0258(8)$ | $0.0185(7)$ | $-0.0008(6)$ | $-0.0015(5)$ | $0.0018(8)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C1 | $0.0176(7)$ | $0.0246(9)$ | $0.0175(8)$ | $-0.0016(7)$ | $-0.0022(6)$ | $0.0054(7)$ |
| C2 | $0.0201(7)$ | $0.0237(9)$ | $0.0192(8)$ | $-0.0031(7)$ | $-0.0028(6)$ | $-0.0007(7)$ |
| C3 | $0.0180(7)$ | $0.0205(10)$ | $0.0210(8)$ | $-0.0009(7)$ | $-0.0007(6)$ | $0.0025(7)$ |
| C4 | $0.0178(7)$ | $0.0240(9)$ | $0.0188(8)$ | $-0.0028(7)$ | $-0.0029(6)$ | $0.0025(7)$ |
| C5 | $0.0240(9)$ | $0.0258(10)$ | $0.0197(9)$ | $-0.0012(8)$ | $-0.0021(7)$ | $-0.0029(7)$ |
| C6 | $0.0216(8)$ | $0.0265(10)$ | $0.0224(9)$ | $0.0041(7)$ | $0.0003(7)$ | $0.0007(7)$ |
| C7 | $0.0151(7)$ | $0.0291(10)$ | $0.0233(9)$ | $-0.0042(7)$ | $-0.0038(6)$ | $0.0065(8)$ |
| C8 | $0.0122(6)$ | $0.0215(8)$ | $0.0161(7)$ | $-0.0002(7)$ | $-0.0022(5)$ | $-0.0005(7)$ |
| C9 | $0.0130(6)$ | $0.0237(10)$ | $0.0197(8)$ | $0.0003(7)$ | $-0.0033(5)$ | $-0.0012(7)$ |
| C11 | $0.0677(5)$ | $0.0189(3)$ | $0.0390(4)$ | 0.000 | $-0.0016(4)$ | 0.000 |

Geometric parameters ( $\AA,{ }^{\circ}$ )

| O1-C3 | 1.369 (2) | C1-C7 | 1.463 (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{H1O}$ | 0.8200 | C2-C3 | 1.343 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 4$ | 1.329 (2) | C2-H2 | 0.9300 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}$ | 0.8200 | C3-C4 | 1.380 (3) |
| O3-C9 | 1.269 (2) | C4-C5 | 1.382 (3) |
| O4-C9 | 1.274 (2) | C5-C6 | 1.341 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \mathrm{O}$ | 0.90 (3) | C5-H5 | 0.9300 |
| N1-C8 | 1.540 (2) | C6-H6 | 0.9300 |
| N1-H1A | 0.91 (3) | C7-C8 | 1.532 (3) |
| N1-H1B | 0.89 (3) | C7-H7A | 0.9700 |
| N1-H1C | 0.90 (3) | C7-H7B | 0.9700 |
| C1-C6 | 1.376 (3) | C8-C9 | 1.479 (2) |
| C1-C2 | 1.401 (3) | C8-H8 | 0.9800 |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{O}$ | 109.5 | C6-C5-C4 | 119.90 (18) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O}$ | 109.5 | C6-C5-H5 | 120.0 |
| C9-O4- H 4 O | 103 (5) | C4-C5-H5 | 120.0 |
| C8-N1-H1A | 114.6 (18) | C5-C6-C1 | 118.60 (18) |
| C8-N1-H1B | 113.7 (14) | C5-C6-H6 | 120.7 |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 99 (2) | C1-C6-H6 | 120.7 |
| C8-N1-H1C | 115.1 (18) | C1-C7-C8 | 111.52 (15) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 105 (3) | C1-C7-H7A | 109.3 |
| H1B-N1-H1C | 108 (3) | C8-C7-H7A | 109.3 |
| C6- $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 121.15 (15) | C1-C7-H7B | 109.3 |
| C6-C1-C7 | 118.24 (18) | C8-C7-H7B | 109.3 |
| C2-C1-C7 | 120.58 (17) | H7A-C7-H7B | 108.0 |
| C3-C2-C1 | 120.37 (17) | C9-C8-C7 | 108.25 (15) |
| C3-C2-H2 | 119.8 | C9-C8-N1 | 110.92 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 119.8 | C7-C8-N1 | 111.19 (16) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{O} 1$ | 123.21 (17) | C9-C8-H8 | 108.8 |
| C2-C3-C4 | 117.50 (17) | C7-C8-H8 | 108.8 |
| O1-C3-C4 | 119.29 (15) | N1-C8-H8 | 108.8 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3$ | 114.24 (17) | O3-C9-O4 | 129.22 (14) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | 123.27 (17) | O3-C9-C8 | 117.83 (15) |


| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $122.47(16)$ | $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $112.93(14)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $-0.8(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $0.0(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $177.45(18)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $-178.29(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{O} 1$ | $-179.42(18)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $-69.7(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.3(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8$ | $112.0(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $-179.88(17)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $176.83(16)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 2$ | $0.8(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $-61.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $-1.1(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $170.10(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 3$ | $110.8(2)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 4$ | $-11.4(3)$ |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $\mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{C} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 4$ |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 1$ |  |  |  |

Hydrogen-bond geometry $\left(A,{ }^{\circ}\right)$

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | D-H | $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 O \cdots 3^{\text {i }}$ | 0.82 | 1.98 | 2.746 (2) | 155 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{O}^{1 i}$ | 0.82 | 2.33 | 2.999 (2) | 140 |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{O} \cdots{ }^{2}{ }^{\text {ii }}$ | 0.82 | 2.16 | 2.8730 (8) | 146 |
| $\mathrm{O} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 O \cdots \mathrm{O} 4^{\text {iii }}$ | 0.90 (3) | 1.50 (3) | 2.373 (2) | 161 (8) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 A^{\cdots} \mathrm{Cl}^{\text {iv }}$ | 0.91 (3) | 2.35 (4) | 3.249 (2) | 167 (3) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 B \cdots \mathrm{Cl} 1$ | 0.89 (3) | 2.31 (3) | 3.178 (2) | 166 (2) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 C \cdots{ }^{\text {- }}$ | 0.90 (3) | 1.93 (3) | 2.7901 (19) | 160 (3) |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x-1, y+1, z$; (ii) $-x+1 / 2, y-1 / 2,-z+1 / 2$; (iii) $-x+3, y,-z+1$; (iv) $x, y+1, z$; (v) $x-1, y, z$.

