

## 4-Ethylanilinium 2-carboxyacetate

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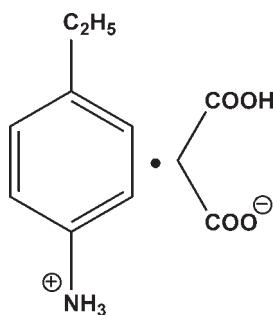
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 291\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004\text{ \AA}$ ;  
 $R$  factor = 0.060;  $wR$  factor = 0.161; data-to-parameter ratio = 17.1.

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{N}^+\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{O}_4^-$ , the hydrogen malonate anions are linked into infinite chains parallel to the  $b$  axis by intermolecular  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds of the type  $\text{COO}^-\cdots\text{HO}_2\text{C}$  in a head-to-tail fashion. The 4-ethylanilinium cations link adjacent anion chains by intermolecular  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds into a two-dimensional network parallel to the  $b$  and  $c$  axes.

### Related literature

For background to molecular-ionic compounds, see: Czupiński *et al.* (2002); Katrusiak & Szafraniński (2006); Chen (2009); Wang (2010).



### Experimental

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{N}^+\cdot\text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{O}_4^-$   
 $M_r = 225.24$   
Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$

$a = 13.439(3)\text{ \AA}$   
 $b = 9.2914(19)\text{ \AA}$   
 $c = 8.8827(18)\text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 99.177(10)^\circ$   
 $V = 1095.0(4)\text{ \AA}^3$   
 $Z = 4$   
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

$\mu = 0.10\text{ mm}^{-1}$   
 $T = 291\text{ K}$   
 $0.36 \times 0.32 \times 0.28\text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Rigaku SCXmini diffractometer  
Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.963$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.971$

11013 measured reflections  
2510 independent reflections  
1995 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.042$

#### Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.161$   
 $S = 1.05$   
2510 reflections

147 parameters  
H-atom parameters constrained  
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.42\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.43\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$              | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| N1—H1A $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.89         | 2.08               | 2.777 (2)   | 134                  |
| N1—H1B $\cdots$ O1 <sup>i</sup>   | 0.89         | 2.57               | 3.200 (3)   | 129                  |
| N1—H1B $\cdots$ O2 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.89         | 2.27               | 2.930 (2)   | 131                  |
| N1—H1C $\cdots$ O3 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.89         | 2.31               | 2.815 (2)   | 116                  |
| N1—H1A $\cdots$ O4 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.89         | 2.28               | 2.885 (2)   | 125                  |
| O4—H4 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>iv</sup>   | 0.91         | 1.64               | 2.532 (2)   | 167                  |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x + 2, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii)  $x, y + 1, z$ ; (iv)  $-x + 2, y - \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2005); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; 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: *SHELXTL*.

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### S1. Comment

Recently much attention has been devoted to simple molecular–ionic crystals containing organic cations and anions due to the tunability of their special structural features and their interesting physical properties (Czupiński *et al.*, 2002; Katrusiak & Szafraniński, 2006). For similar structures, see: Chen, 2009; Wang, 2010. The title compound has been synthesized in our laboratory and its crystal structure is reported here.

The asymmetric unit of the title compound consists of one 4-ethylanilinium cation and one hydrogen malonate anion (Fig 1), in which complete transfer of a single H atom from the acid component to the basic component has occurred. In the crystal structure, the hydrogen malonate anions are linked into one-dimensional infinite chains parallel to *b*-axis by intermolecular O—H···O hydrogen bonds of the type COO···HO<sub>2</sub>C in a "head-to-tail" fashion. The 4-ethylanilinium cations link adjacent anion chains by intermolecular N—H···O hydrogen bonds into a two-dimensional network running parallel to the *b* and *c*-axes .(Fig 2). Hydrogen bonds of intermolecular N—H···O and O—H···O make great contribution to the stability of the crystal structure (Table 1).

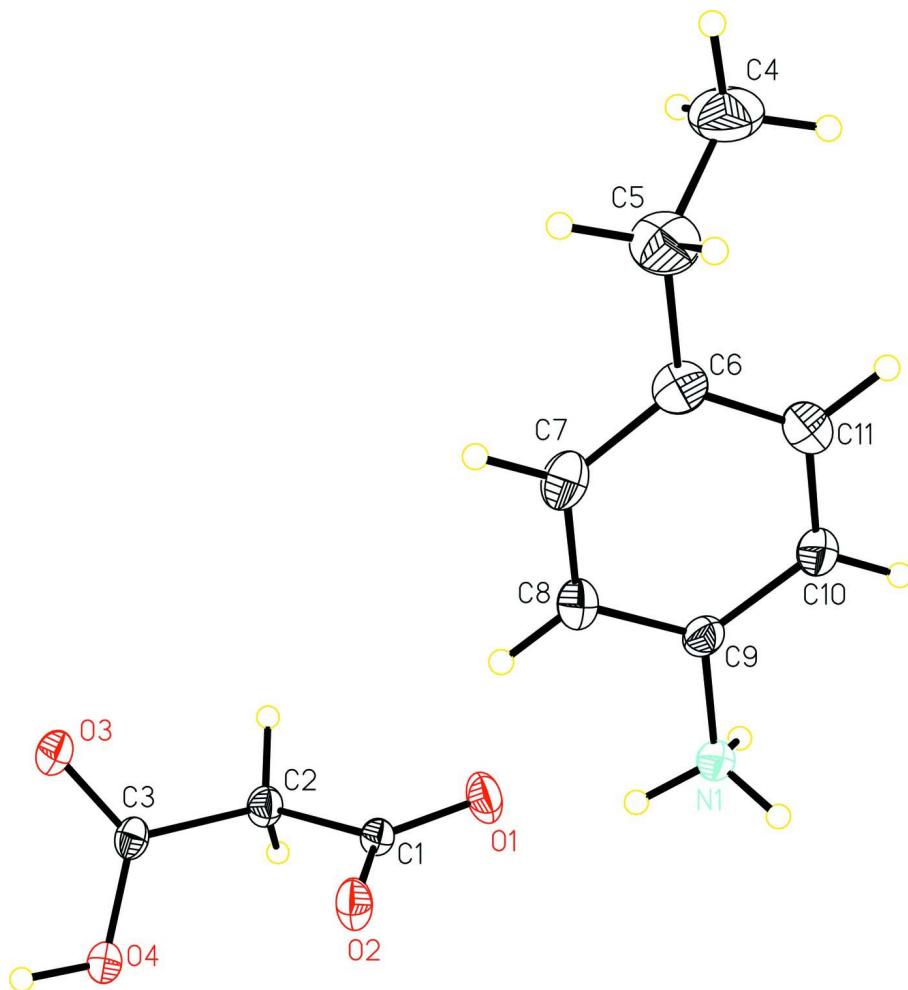
### S2. Experimental

1.04 g (10 mmol) malonic acid hydrate was dissolved in 50 ml ethanol, to which 1.21 g (10 mmol) 4-ethybenzenamine was added to afford a solution without any precipitation under stirring at ambient temperature. Single crystals suitable for X-ray structure analysis were obtained by the slow evaporation of the above solution after 3 days in air.

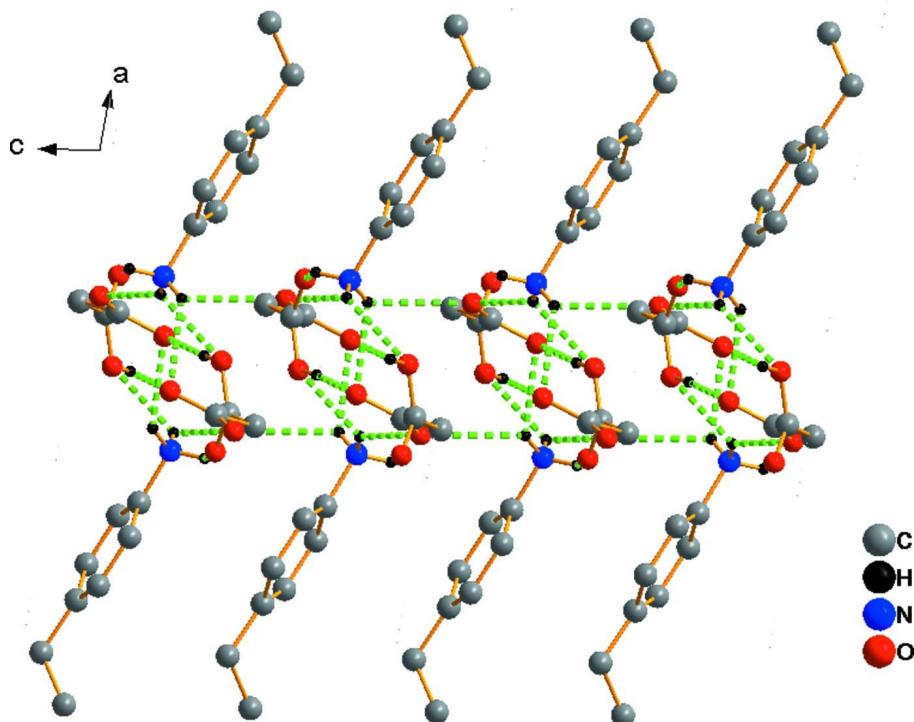
The dielectric constant of the compound as a function of temperature indicates that the permittivity is basically temperature-independent ( $\epsilon = C/(T-T_0)$ ), suggesting that this compound is not ferroelectric or there may be no distinct phase transition occurring within the measured temperature range between 93 K and 362 K (m.p. 99 °C).

### S3. Refinement

H atoms except for H4 were placed in calculated positions (N—H = 0.89 Å; C—H = 0.93 Å for *Csp*<sup>2</sup> atoms and C—H = 0.96 Å and 0.97 Å for *Csp*<sup>3</sup> atoms), assigned fixed *U*<sub>iso</sub> values [*U*<sub>iso</sub> = 1.2*U*<sub>eq</sub>(*Csp*<sup>2</sup>) and 1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(*Csp*<sup>3</sup>,N)] and allowed to ride. The H4 atom bonding with O4 was found with O—H bond distance of 0.9084 Å in the difference electron density map.

**Figure 1**

The molecular structure of the title compound, showing the atomic numbering scheme with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.

**Figure 2**

A view of the packing of the title compound, stacking along the  $b$  axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

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$D_x = 1.366 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

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

Cell parameters from 9421 reflections

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Block, colorless

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$\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 3.1^\circ$

$h = -17 \rightarrow 17$

$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$

$l = -11 \rightarrow 11$

*Refinement*Refinement on  $F^2$ 

Least-squares matrix: full

$$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.060$$

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0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methodsSecondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
mapHydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites

H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0682P)^2 + 0.8364P]$$

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

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

$$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.42 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$$

$$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.43 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$$

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

Extinction coefficient: 0.038 (5)

*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 ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|      | <i>x</i>     | <i>y</i>     | <i>z</i>    | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|------|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| C1   | 0.90859 (14) | 0.4455 (2)   | 0.0928 (2)  | 0.0260 (4)                       |
| C2   | 0.89084 (16) | 0.3160 (2)   | -0.0141 (2) | 0.0290 (5)                       |
| H2A  | 0.8213       | 0.3177       | -0.0645     | 0.035*                           |
| H2B  | 0.9332       | 0.3261       | -0.0923     | 0.035*                           |
| C3   | 0.91163 (15) | 0.1717 (2)   | 0.0613 (2)  | 0.0265 (4)                       |
| C4   | 0.3837 (2)   | 0.7987 (4)   | 0.3598 (4)  | 0.0718 (10)                      |
| H4A  | 0.3281       | 0.7797       | 0.4124      | 0.108*                           |
| H4B  | 0.3704       | 0.7573       | 0.2595      | 0.108*                           |
| H4C  | 0.3926       | 0.9008       | 0.3517      | 0.108*                           |
| C5   | 0.4769 (2)   | 0.7341 (4)   | 0.4458 (3)  | 0.0605 (8)                       |
| H5A  | 0.4657       | 0.6316       | 0.4555      | 0.073*                           |
| H5B  | 0.4877       | 0.7745       | 0.5478      | 0.073*                           |
| C6   | 0.57213 (18) | 0.7548 (3)   | 0.3778 (3)  | 0.0405 (6)                       |
| C7   | 0.63668 (19) | 0.6409 (3)   | 0.3677 (3)  | 0.0442 (6)                       |
| H7A  | 0.6205       | 0.5508       | 0.4025      | 0.053*                           |
| C8   | 0.72484 (18) | 0.6569 (2)   | 0.3073 (3)  | 0.0388 (5)                       |
| H8A  | 0.7669       | 0.5785       | 0.3006      | 0.047*                           |
| C9   | 0.74915 (15) | 0.7901 (2)   | 0.2574 (2)  | 0.0300 (5)                       |
| C10  | 0.68750 (17) | 0.9066 (2)   | 0.2664 (3)  | 0.0388 (5)                       |
| H10A | 0.7046       | 0.9967       | 0.2328      | 0.047*                           |
| C11  | 0.59904 (19) | 0.8877 (3)   | 0.3267 (3)  | 0.0453 (6)                       |
| H11A | 0.5570       | 0.9662       | 0.3327      | 0.054*                           |
| N1   | 0.84388 (13) | 0.80909 (19) | 0.1986 (2)  | 0.0347 (5)                       |

|     |              |              |              |             |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| H1A | 0.8755       | 0.7249       | 0.1992       | 0.052*      |
| H1B | 0.8828       | 0.8714       | 0.2571       | 0.052*      |
| H1C | 0.8311       | 0.8426       | 0.1036       | 0.052*      |
| O1  | 0.88090 (13) | 0.56380 (16) | 0.03767 (19) | 0.0412 (4)  |
| O2  | 0.95091 (12) | 0.42353 (15) | 0.22859 (17) | 0.0352 (4)  |
| O3  | 0.84347 (12) | 0.08947 (16) | 0.0783 (2)   | 0.0413 (4)  |
| O4  | 1.00669 (11) | 0.14348 (15) | 0.10516 (18) | 0.0337 (4)  |
| H4  | 1.0153       | 0.0579       | 0.1549       | 0.105 (14)* |

*Atomic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )*

|     | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$    |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| C1  | 0.0251 (9)  | 0.0210 (9)  | 0.0323 (10) | -0.0010 (7)  | 0.0058 (8)  | 0.0015 (7)  |
| C2  | 0.0335 (11) | 0.0246 (10) | 0.0277 (10) | -0.0018 (8)  | 0.0011 (8)  | 0.0019 (8)  |
| C3  | 0.0333 (11) | 0.0210 (9)  | 0.0261 (10) | -0.0025 (8)  | 0.0072 (8)  | -0.0048 (7) |
| C4  | 0.0498 (17) | 0.083 (2)   | 0.088 (2)   | -0.0032 (16) | 0.0301 (17) | 0.0124 (19) |
| C5  | 0.0609 (18) | 0.071 (2)   | 0.0559 (17) | 0.0003 (15)  | 0.0279 (14) | 0.0118 (15) |
| C6  | 0.0422 (13) | 0.0461 (14) | 0.0340 (11) | -0.0037 (10) | 0.0088 (10) | 0.0026 (10) |
| C7  | 0.0531 (15) | 0.0344 (12) | 0.0463 (14) | -0.0079 (11) | 0.0117 (11) | 0.0074 (10) |
| C8  | 0.0417 (13) | 0.0267 (11) | 0.0481 (13) | -0.0004 (9)  | 0.0074 (10) | 0.0040 (9)  |
| C9  | 0.0277 (10) | 0.0285 (10) | 0.0316 (10) | -0.0039 (8)  | -0.0019 (8) | -0.0002 (8) |
| C10 | 0.0370 (12) | 0.0269 (11) | 0.0514 (14) | -0.0021 (9)  | 0.0037 (10) | 0.0037 (9)  |
| C11 | 0.0422 (13) | 0.0398 (13) | 0.0543 (15) | 0.0065 (10)  | 0.0091 (11) | 0.0003 (11) |
| N1  | 0.0280 (9)  | 0.0244 (9)  | 0.0497 (11) | -0.0017 (7)  | 0.0003 (8)  | 0.0051 (8)  |
| O1  | 0.0511 (10) | 0.0242 (8)  | 0.0454 (9)  | 0.0081 (7)   | -0.0010 (7) | 0.0041 (7)  |
| O2  | 0.0499 (9)  | 0.0225 (7)  | 0.0305 (8)  | 0.0008 (6)   | -0.0021 (7) | -0.0014 (6) |
| O3  | 0.0363 (9)  | 0.0264 (8)  | 0.0626 (11) | -0.0054 (6)  | 0.0118 (8)  | 0.0058 (7)  |
| O4  | 0.0328 (8)  | 0.0222 (7)  | 0.0445 (9)  | -0.0023 (6)  | 0.0010 (6)  | 0.0024 (6)  |

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

|          |           |             |           |
|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| C1—O1    | 1.237 (2) | C6—C7       | 1.381 (4) |
| C1—O2    | 1.265 (2) | C6—C11      | 1.383 (3) |
| C1—C2    | 1.528 (3) | C7—C8       | 1.384 (3) |
| C2—C3    | 1.505 (3) | C7—H7A      | 0.9300    |
| C2—H2A   | 0.9700    | C8—C9       | 1.372 (3) |
| C2—H2B   | 0.9700    | C8—H8A      | 0.9300    |
| C3—O3    | 1.220 (2) | C9—C10      | 1.373 (3) |
| C3—O4    | 1.301 (2) | C9—N1       | 1.462 (3) |
| C4—C5    | 1.485 (5) | C10—C11     | 1.390 (3) |
| C4—H4A   | 0.9600    | C10—H10A    | 0.9300    |
| C4—H4B   | 0.9600    | C11—H11A    | 0.9300    |
| C4—H4C   | 0.9600    | N1—H1A      | 0.8900    |
| C5—C6    | 1.512 (4) | N1—H1B      | 0.8900    |
| C5—H5A   | 0.9700    | N1—H1C      | 0.8900    |
| C5—H5B   | 0.9700    | O4—H4       | 0.9084    |
| O1—C1—O2 |           | 125.59 (19) | C7—C6—C5  |
|          |           |             | 120.6 (2) |

|              |              |               |             |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| O1—C1—C2     | 116.51 (18)  | C11—C6—C5     | 121.8 (2)   |
| O2—C1—C2     | 117.89 (17)  | C6—C7—C8      | 121.9 (2)   |
| C3—C2—C1     | 115.15 (16)  | C6—C7—H7A     | 119.1       |
| C3—C2—H2A    | 108.5        | C8—C7—H7A     | 119.1       |
| C1—C2—H2A    | 108.5        | C9—C8—C7      | 119.0 (2)   |
| C3—C2—H2B    | 108.5        | C9—C8—H8A     | 120.5       |
| C1—C2—H2B    | 108.5        | C7—C8—H8A     | 120.5       |
| H2A—C2—H2B   | 107.5        | C8—C9—C10     | 121.0 (2)   |
| O3—C3—O4     | 123.86 (19)  | C8—C9—N1      | 119.35 (19) |
| O3—C3—C2     | 121.53 (19)  | C10—C9—N1     | 119.61 (19) |
| O4—C3—C2     | 114.60 (17)  | C9—C10—C11    | 119.0 (2)   |
| C5—C4—H4A    | 109.5        | C9—C10—H10A   | 120.5       |
| C5—C4—H4B    | 109.5        | C11—C10—H10A  | 120.5       |
| H4A—C4—H4B   | 109.5        | C6—C11—C10    | 121.6 (2)   |
| C5—C4—H4C    | 109.5        | C6—C11—H11A   | 119.2       |
| H4A—C4—H4C   | 109.5        | C10—C11—H11A  | 119.2       |
| H4B—C4—H4C   | 109.5        | C9—N1—H1A     | 109.5       |
| C4—C5—C6     | 116.2 (2)    | C9—N1—H1B     | 109.5       |
| C4—C5—H5A    | 108.2        | H1A—N1—H1B    | 109.5       |
| C6—C5—H5A    | 108.2        | C9—N1—H1C     | 109.5       |
| C4—C5—H5B    | 108.2        | H1A—N1—H1C    | 109.5       |
| C6—C5—H5B    | 108.2        | H1B—N1—H1C    | 109.5       |
| H5A—C5—H5B   | 107.4        | C3—O4—H4      | 111.3       |
| C7—C6—C11    | 117.6 (2)    |               |             |
| <br>         |              |               |             |
| O1—C1—C2—C3  | -171.71 (18) | C6—C7—C8—C9   | 0.6 (4)     |
| O2—C1—C2—C3  | 9.0 (3)      | C7—C8—C9—C10  | -0.1 (3)    |
| C1—C2—C3—O3  | 108.1 (2)    | C7—C8—C9—N1   | 177.8 (2)   |
| C1—C2—C3—O4  | -72.1 (2)    | C8—C9—C10—C11 | -0.3 (3)    |
| C4—C5—C6—C7  | -134.2 (3)   | N1—C9—C10—C11 | -178.2 (2)  |
| C4—C5—C6—C11 | 47.1 (4)     | C7—C6—C11—C10 | 0.3 (4)     |
| C11—C6—C7—C8 | -0.7 (4)     | C5—C6—C11—C10 | 179.0 (2)   |
| C5—C6—C7—C8  | -179.4 (3)   | C9—C10—C11—C6 | 0.2 (4)     |

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

| D—H···A                    | D—H  | H···A | D···A     | D—H···A |
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| N1—H1A···O1                | 0.89 | 2.08  | 2.777 (2) | 134     |
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| N1—H1C···O3 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.89 | 2.31  | 2.815 (2) | 116     |
| N1—H1A···O4 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.89 | 2.28  | 2.885 (2) | 125     |
| O4—H4···O2 <sup>iv</sup>   | 0.91 | 1.64  | 2.532 (2) | 167     |

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