

## 2-Methoxycarbonyl-6-nitrobenzoic acid

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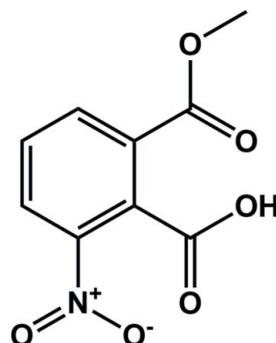
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Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study;  $T = 296\text{ K}$ ; mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$ ;  $R$  factor = 0.027;  $wR$  factor = 0.077; data-to-parameter ratio = 6.7.

In the title compound,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{NO}_6$ , the dihedral angles between the benzene ring and its three substituents are  $29.99(8)^\circ$  for the nitro,  $67.09(8)^\circ$  for the carboxy and  $32.48(10)^\circ$  for the methoxycarbonyl group. In the crystal, one classical  $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and two nonclassical  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  contacts link adjacent molecules, forming a three-dimensional structure.

## Related literature

For the bioactivity of the title compound, see: Xu & He (2010). For related structures, see: Glidewell *et al.* (2003); Wang *et al.* (2006).



## Experimental

## Crystal data

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{NO}_6$ | $V = 970.6(7)\text{ \AA}^3$              |
| $M_r = 225.16$                    | $Z = 4$                                  |
| Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$        | Mo $K\alpha$ radiation                   |
| $a = 7.647(3)\text{ \AA}$         | $\mu = 0.13\text{ mm}^{-1}$              |
| $b = 8.145(3)\text{ \AA}$         | $T = 296\text{ K}$                       |
| $c = 15.583(6)\text{ \AA}$        | $0.27 \times 0.22 \times 0.16\text{ mm}$ |

## Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  
6820 measured reflections  
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.021$

## Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.077$   
 $S = 1.05$   
1010 reflections  
151 parameters  
1 restraint

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.13\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.13\text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

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

| $D-\text{H}\cdots A$              | $D-\text{H}$ | $\text{H}\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-\text{H}\cdots A$ |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| O4—H1 $\cdots$ O5 <sup>i</sup>    | 0.86 (1)     | 1.85 (1)           | 2.706 (2)   | 178 (3)              |
| C9—H9C $\cdots$ O2 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.96         | 2.52               | 3.465 (3)   | 170                  |
| C9—H9B $\cdots$ O3 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.96         | 2.56               | 3.291 (3)   | 133                  |

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

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); 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: *SHELXTL*.

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### S1. Comment

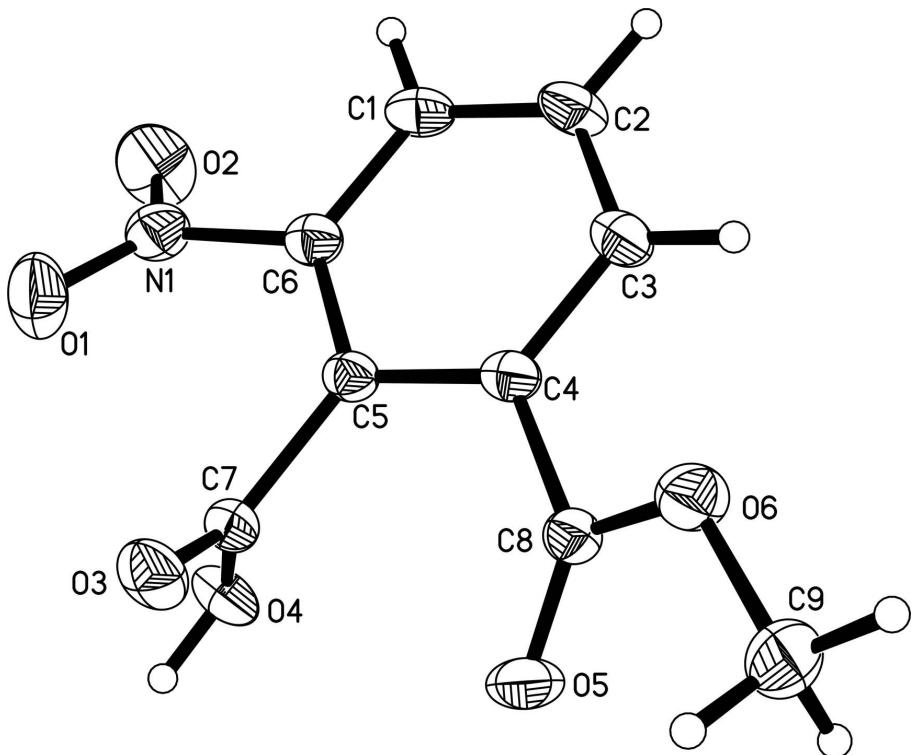
2-(Methoxycarbonyl)-6-nitrobenzoic acid is an important precursor to farm chemicals (Xu & He, 2010). The X-ray structures of 3-nitrophthalic acid (Glidewell *et al.*, 2003) and its organic adduct (Wang *et al.*, 2006) have been determined previously, however, to our knowledge, no structure of the title compound (I) has been reported. In the molecule of (I), Fig. 1, none of three substituents are coplanar with the benzene ring. The dihedral angles between benzene ring and these substituents are 29.99 (8)° for nitro group (N1/O1/O2), 67.09 (8)° for carboxylic acid (C7/O3/O4), and 32.48 (10)° for methoxycarbonyl (C8/O5/O6/C9), substituent respectively. This variation is likely to result from attempts to minimise steric hindrance between adjacent substituents. In the crystal structure, there are three hydrogen bonds, Table 1, one classical O4—H1···O5 and two nonclassical C9—H9B···O3 and C9—H9C···O2 contacts. These link adjacent molecules forming a three dimensional structure, Fig. 2.

### S2. Experimental

A solution of 3-nitrophthalic acid (10.0 g) in acetic anhydride (15 ml) was refluxed for 1 h to obtain 3-nitrophthalic anhydride (8.0 g). Then the product was dissolved in 50 ml anhydrous methanol and stirred at room temperature for 2 h, after which 1 ml concentrated sulfuric acid was dropped into the mixture, refluxed for 24 h, cooled and filtered. The resulting solid was dimethyl 3-nitrophthalate. The filtrate was concentrated and then chromatographed over silica gel (mobile phase: n-hexane:acetone = 1:3). The title compound (I) was collected from mobile phase (1.0 g, m.p. 429–431 K). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of a toluene solution.

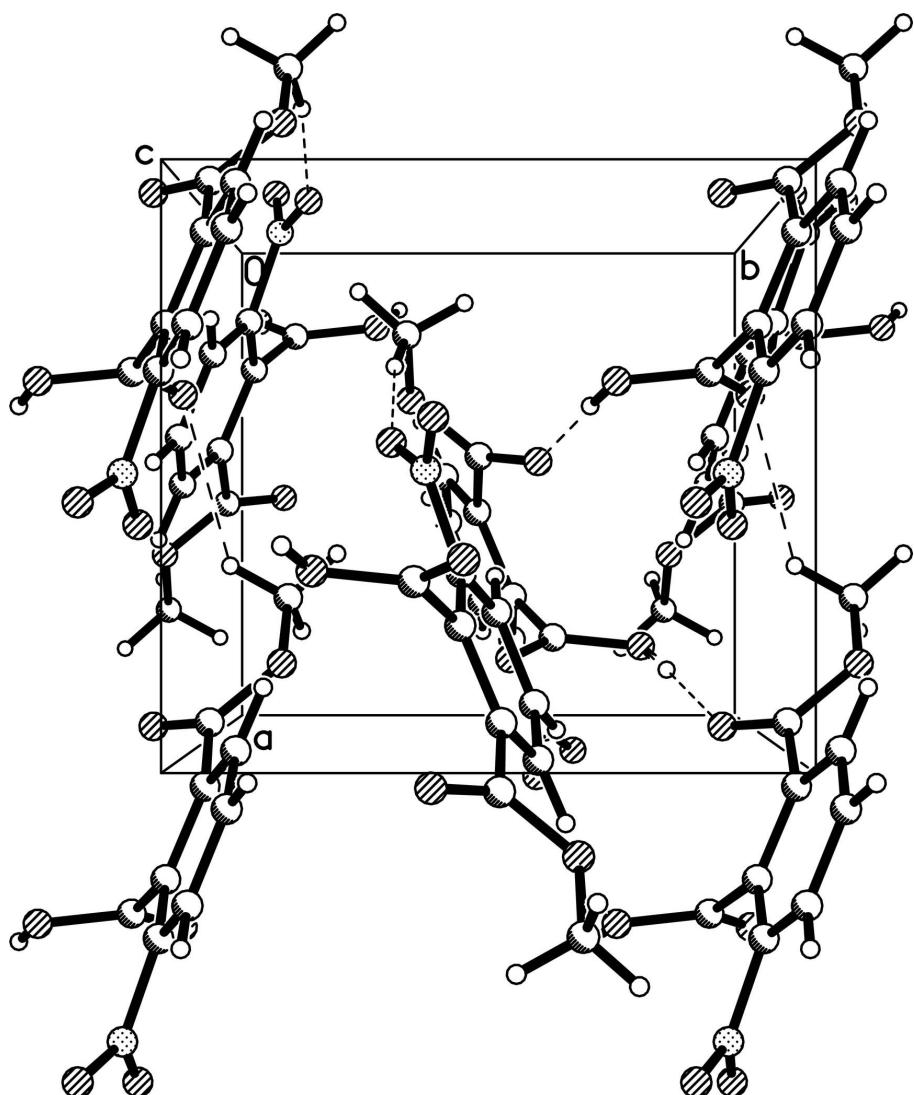
### S3. Refinement

The H atom bonded to O4 was located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely. All other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å and included in the final cycles of refinement using a riding model, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{parent atom})$ . In the absence of significant anomalous dispersion effects, Friedel pairs were averaged.



**Figure 1**

The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing for (I).

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$F(000) = 464$

$D_x = 1.541 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Melting point = 429–431 K

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 6294 reflections

$\theta = 2.6\text{--}27.1^\circ$

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Block, colourless

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982 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
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 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ, \theta_{\text{min}} = 3.0^\circ$   
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $k = -8 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$   
Least-squares matrix: full  
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.077$   
 $S = 1.05$   
1010 reflections  
151 parameters  
1 restraint  
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant  
direct methods  
Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
map

Hydrogen site location: inferred from  
neighbouring sites  
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement  
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0524P)^2 + 0.1444P]$   
where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.13 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.13 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
Extinction correction: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick,  
2008),  $F_c^* = kFc[1 + 0.001xFc^2\lambda^3/\sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$   
Extinction coefficient: 0.058 (7)

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

|     | $x$          | $y$          | $z$          | $U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$ |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| O6  | 1.15166 (19) | 0.64183 (18) | 0.90968 (8)  | 0.0467 (4)                       |
| O5  | 1.0302 (2)   | 0.41107 (19) | 0.95864 (9)  | 0.0504 (4)                       |
| O4  | 0.6725 (2)   | 0.22147 (17) | 0.89827 (8)  | 0.0481 (4)                       |
| O3  | 0.6525 (2)   | 0.4616 (2)   | 0.96756 (9)  | 0.0503 (4)                       |
| C5  | 0.7676 (2)   | 0.4546 (2)   | 0.82508 (10) | 0.0319 (4)                       |
| O2  | 0.4446 (3)   | 0.3360 (3)   | 0.67750 (11) | 0.0790 (6)                       |
| C2  | 0.9167 (3)   | 0.5774 (3)   | 0.67363 (12) | 0.0481 (5)                       |
| H2A | 0.9677       | 0.6167       | 0.6235       | 0.058*                           |
| O1  | 0.4073 (2)   | 0.4102 (3)   | 0.80807 (11) | 0.0694 (5)                       |
| C6  | 0.6778 (2)   | 0.4551 (2)   | 0.74720 (11) | 0.0359 (4)                       |
| N1  | 0.4967 (3)   | 0.3961 (2)   | 0.74398 (12) | 0.0466 (4)                       |
| C8  | 1.0429 (2)   | 0.5175 (2)   | 0.90536 (11) | 0.0343 (4)                       |
| C7  | 0.6900 (2)   | 0.3825 (2)   | 0.90552 (11) | 0.0353 (4)                       |
| C4  | 0.9356 (2)   | 0.5210 (2)   | 0.82510 (10) | 0.0342 (4)                       |
| C9  | 1.2706 (3)   | 0.6459 (3)   | 0.98203 (13) | 0.0532 (6)                       |

|     |            |            |              |            |
|-----|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| H9A | 1.3540     | 0.7327     | 0.9741       | 0.064*     |
| H9B | 1.3310     | 0.5429     | 0.9861       | 0.064*     |
| H9C | 1.2057     | 0.6649     | 1.0338       | 0.064*     |
| C3  | 1.0080 (3) | 0.5825 (3) | 0.74992 (13) | 0.0430 (5) |
| H3A | 1.1197     | 0.6277     | 0.7510       | 0.052*     |
| C1  | 0.7503 (3) | 0.5143 (2) | 0.67198 (11) | 0.0436 (5) |
| H1A | 0.6872     | 0.5112     | 0.6210       | 0.052*     |
| H1  | 0.630 (4)  | 0.178 (3)  | 0.9437 (12)  | 0.078 (9)* |

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

|    | $U^{11}$    | $U^{22}$    | $U^{33}$    | $U^{12}$     | $U^{13}$    | $U^{23}$     |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| O6 | 0.0477 (8)  | 0.0497 (8)  | 0.0428 (7)  | -0.0100 (7)  | -0.0081 (6) | 0.0050 (6)   |
| O5 | 0.0555 (8)  | 0.0542 (8)  | 0.0414 (7)  | -0.0066 (7)  | -0.0148 (7) | 0.0176 (7)   |
| O4 | 0.0640 (9)  | 0.0431 (7)  | 0.0372 (7)  | -0.0043 (7)  | 0.0154 (7)  | 0.0068 (6)   |
| O3 | 0.0594 (9)  | 0.0603 (9)  | 0.0311 (7)  | 0.0006 (8)   | 0.0088 (6)  | -0.0060 (6)  |
| C5 | 0.0369 (8)  | 0.0321 (8)  | 0.0267 (8)  | 0.0043 (7)   | 0.0019 (7)  | 0.0008 (7)   |
| O2 | 0.0743 (11) | 0.1103 (15) | 0.0524 (9)  | -0.0313 (12) | -0.0165 (9) | -0.0122 (10) |
| C2 | 0.0598 (12) | 0.0531 (12) | 0.0314 (9)  | -0.0055 (10) | 0.0045 (9)  | 0.0121 (8)   |
| O1 | 0.0423 (8)  | 0.1073 (15) | 0.0587 (9)  | -0.0063 (10) | 0.0043 (8)  | -0.0097 (10) |
| C6 | 0.0399 (9)  | 0.0363 (9)  | 0.0315 (8)  | 0.0017 (8)   | -0.0011 (8) | 0.0015 (7)   |
| N1 | 0.0461 (8)  | 0.0542 (10) | 0.0396 (8)  | -0.0007 (8)  | -0.0091 (7) | 0.0012 (8)   |
| C8 | 0.0350 (8)  | 0.0374 (9)  | 0.0304 (8)  | 0.0036 (8)   | 0.0021 (7)  | 0.0026 (8)   |
| C7 | 0.0341 (8)  | 0.0443 (10) | 0.0275 (8)  | 0.0014 (8)   | 0.0016 (8)  | 0.0021 (8)   |
| C4 | 0.0397 (9)  | 0.0339 (8)  | 0.0290 (8)  | 0.0022 (8)   | -0.0002 (7) | 0.0042 (7)   |
| C9 | 0.0470 (11) | 0.0652 (13) | 0.0473 (10) | -0.0074 (11) | -0.0104 (9) | -0.0036 (10) |
| C3 | 0.0447 (9)  | 0.0479 (11) | 0.0364 (8)  | -0.0054 (9)  | 0.0029 (7)  | 0.0111 (8)   |
| C1 | 0.0568 (11) | 0.0468 (10) | 0.0271 (8)  | 0.0025 (9)   | -0.0064 (8) | 0.0055 (8)   |

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

|          |             |          |             |
|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| O6—C8    | 1.312 (2)   | C2—H2A   | 0.9300      |
| O6—C9    | 1.449 (2)   | O1—N1    | 1.216 (3)   |
| O5—C8    | 1.204 (2)   | C6—C1    | 1.383 (3)   |
| O4—C7    | 1.323 (3)   | C6—N1    | 1.467 (3)   |
| O4—H1    | 0.856 (10)  | C8—C4    | 1.496 (2)   |
| O3—C7    | 1.197 (2)   | C4—C3    | 1.389 (3)   |
| C5—C4    | 1.394 (3)   | C9—H9A   | 0.9600      |
| C5—C6    | 1.394 (2)   | C9—H9B   | 0.9600      |
| C5—C7    | 1.506 (2)   | C9—H9C   | 0.9600      |
| O2—N1    | 1.213 (2)   | C3—H3A   | 0.9300      |
| C2—C1    | 1.373 (3)   | C1—H1A   | 0.9300      |
| C2—C3    | 1.380 (3)   |          |             |
| C8—O6—C9 | 117.11 (15) | O3—C7—C5 | 123.81 (18) |
| C7—O4—H1 | 112 (2)     | O4—C7—C5 | 110.80 (15) |
| C4—C5—C6 | 116.91 (16) | C3—C4—C5 | 120.48 (17) |
| C4—C5—C7 | 120.96 (15) | C3—C4—C8 | 119.57 (17) |

|             |              |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| C6—C5—C7    | 122.11 (16)  | C5—C4—C8    | 119.86 (15)  |
| C1—C2—C3    | 119.78 (18)  | O6—C9—H9A   | 109.5        |
| C1—C2—H2A   | 120.1        | O6—C9—H9B   | 109.5        |
| C3—C2—H2A   | 120.1        | H9A—C9—H9B  | 109.5        |
| C1—C6—C5    | 122.78 (18)  | O6—C9—H9C   | 109.5        |
| C1—C6—N1    | 117.60 (17)  | H9A—C9—H9C  | 109.5        |
| C5—C6—N1    | 119.58 (16)  | H9B—C9—H9C  | 109.5        |
| O2—N1—O1    | 123.7 (2)    | C2—C3—C4    | 120.93 (19)  |
| O2—N1—C6    | 118.15 (19)  | C2—C3—H3A   | 119.5        |
| O1—N1—C6    | 118.16 (17)  | C4—C3—H3A   | 119.5        |
| O5—C8—O6    | 124.84 (17)  | C2—C1—C6    | 119.08 (18)  |
| O5—C8—C4    | 123.11 (17)  | C2—C1—H1A   | 120.5        |
| O6—C8—C4    | 112.05 (14)  | C6—C1—H1A   | 120.5        |
| O3—C7—O4    | 125.37 (18)  |             |              |
| <br>        |              |             |              |
| C4—C5—C6—C1 | 1.6 (3)      | C6—C5—C4—C3 | -0.7 (3)     |
| C7—C5—C6—C1 | -177.04 (16) | C7—C5—C4—C3 | 177.95 (18)  |
| C4—C5—C6—N1 | -176.33 (16) | C6—C5—C4—C8 | -177.14 (16) |
| C7—C5—C6—N1 | 5.0 (3)      | C7—C5—C4—C8 | 1.5 (2)      |
| C1—C6—N1—O2 | 30.9 (3)     | O5—C8—C4—C3 | -145.9 (2)   |
| C5—C6—N1—O2 | -151.0 (2)   | O6—C8—C4—C3 | 33.4 (2)     |
| C1—C6—N1—O1 | -149.0 (2)   | O5—C8—C4—C5 | 30.5 (3)     |
| C5—C6—N1—O1 | 29.0 (3)     | O6—C8—C4—C5 | -150.10 (16) |
| C9—O6—C8—O5 | 3.2 (3)      | C1—C2—C3—C4 | 1.5 (3)      |
| C9—O6—C8—C4 | -176.16 (16) | C5—C4—C3—C2 | -0.8 (3)     |
| C4—C5—C7—O3 | 67.3 (2)     | C8—C4—C3—C2 | 175.65 (18)  |
| C6—C5—C7—O3 | -114.1 (2)   | C3—C2—C1—C6 | -0.6 (3)     |
| C4—C5—C7—O4 | -111.59 (18) | C5—C6—C1—C2 | -0.9 (3)     |
| C6—C5—C7—O4 | 67.0 (2)     | N1—C6—C1—C2 | 177.02 (18)  |

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

| D—H···A                    | D—H      | H···A    | D···A     | D—H···A |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|
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| C9—H9C···O2 <sup>ii</sup>  | 0.96     | 2.52     | 3.465 (3) | 170     |
| C9—H9B···O3 <sup>iii</sup> | 0.96     | 2.56     | 3.291 (3) | 133     |

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