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1-[2-(Carboxymethoxy)phenyl]-N-(4-chlorophenyl)methanimine oxide¹

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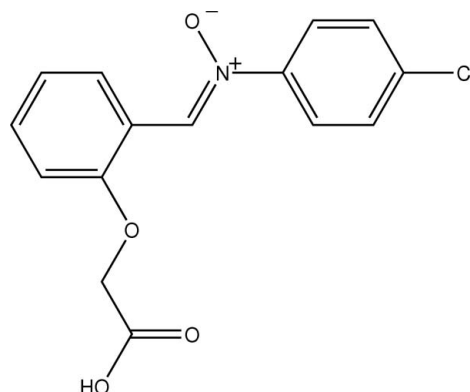
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 120$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å; R factor = 0.038; wR factor = 0.109; data-to-parameter ratio = 16.3.

In the title resonance conformer, $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_4$, the central C–N bond [1.297 (2) Å] has considerable double-bond character and the N–O bond [1.3215 (18) Å] indicates formal negative charge on the oxygen atom. Considerable deviations from coplanarity are evident in the molecule, with both benzene rings twisted out of the central C–C–N–C plane [the dihedral angle formed between the rings = 81.99 (8)°]. Similarly, the carboxylic acid residue occupies a position almost normal to the plane of the benzene ring to which it is connected [C–C–O–C torsion angle = –78.42 (17)°]. The most prominent intermolecular interactions involve the carboxylic acid the N^+-O^- residues with the $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds leading to helical supramolecular chains along the b axis. These chains are connected into layers *via* $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}_{\text{carbonyl}}$ interactions and the layers are consolidated into the crystal structure by $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$ contacts.

Related literature

 For the synthesis, see: Forrester *et al.* (1974).


Experimental

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_4$
 $M_r = 305.72$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 7.6631$ (2) Å
 $b = 19.3034$ (5) Å
 $c = 9.6305$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 107.083$ (1)°

$V = 1361.73$ (7) Å³
 $Z = 4$
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.30$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 120$ K
 $0.26 \times 0.14 \times 0.12$ mm

Data collection

Bruker–Nonius 95mm CCD camera
 on κ -goniostat diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2003)
 $T_{\min} = 0.760$, $T_{\max} = 1.000$

15210 measured reflections
 3113 independent reflections
 2589 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.109$
 $S = 1.10$
 3113 reflections

191 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.40$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.46$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-\text{H}\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}$	$\text{H}\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-\text{H}\cdots A$
$\text{O2}-\text{H2}\cdots\text{O4}^{\text{i}}$	0.84	1.76	2.5834 (17)	167
$\text{C2}-\text{H2a}\cdots\text{O1}^{\text{ii}}$	0.99	2.29	3.205 (2)	154
$\text{C9}-\text{H9}\cdots\text{Cl1}^{\text{iii}}$	0.95	2.71	3.5538 (16)	148

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

Data collection: COLLECT (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and COLLECT; data reduction: DENZO and COLLECT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 2008); molecular graphics: DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 2006); software used to prepare material for publication: publCIF (Westrip, 2009).

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S1. Comment

The title compound (I) and other *N*-(2-carboxymethoxybenzylidene)aniline *N*-oxides are useful precursors of 4-aryl-2*H*-1,4-benzoxazin-3(4*H*)-ones on photolysis in the presence of persulfate.

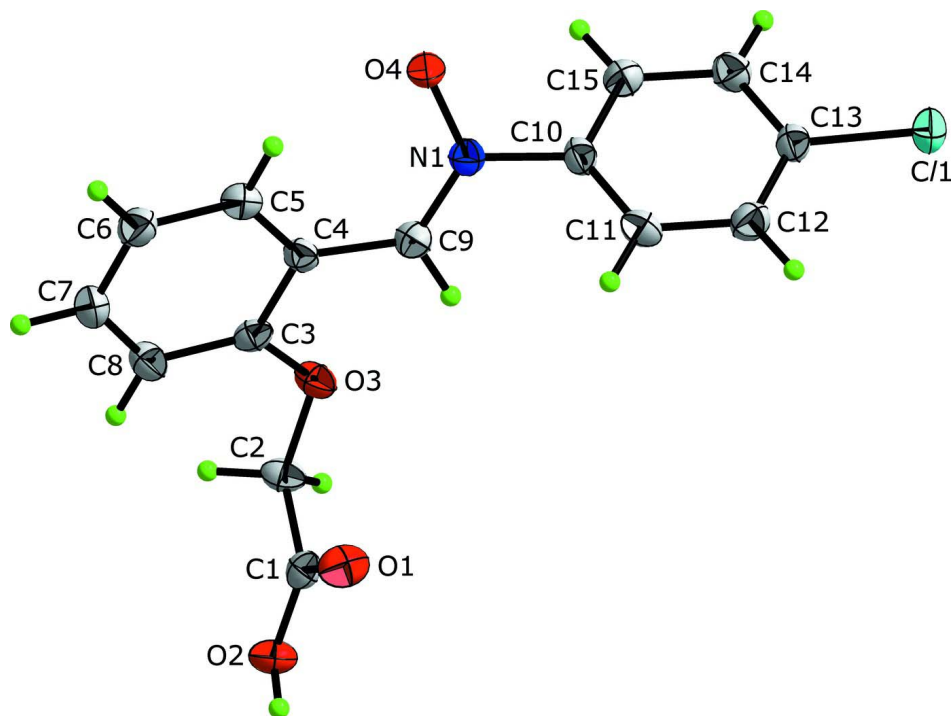
The C9–N1 bond distance of 1.297 (2) Å in (I), Fig. 1, indicates significant double bond character in this bond, and the N1–O4 distance of 1.3215 (18) Å is indicative of significant negative charge on the O4 centre, indicating that (I) exists primarily as a zwitterion. The molecular structure of (I) displays considerable deviations from co-planarity of the various residues. Thus, while the central moiety is planar as seen in the C4/C9/N1/C10 torsion angle of 176.07 (14)°, both phenyl substituents are twisted out of this plane as seen in the N1/C9/C4/C3 and C9/N1/C10/C11 torsion angles of 161.63 (15) and -60.8 (2)°, respectively. The carboxylic acid residue occupies a position approximately normal to the plane of the C3–C8 phenyl ring as seen in the C1/C2/O3/C3 torsion angle of -78.42 (17)°. The most prominent hydrogen bonding interactions are of the type O–H···O and occur between the carboxylic acid-O2–H and N–O[−] atoms. These lead to supramolecular helical chains aligned along the *b* axis, Table 1 and Fig. 2. Connections between chains are afforded by C–H···O2 interactions leading to undulating supramolecular arrays in the *bc* plane, Table 1 and Fig. 3, with the chloride atoms lying to either side. Layers stack along the *a* direction being held in place by C–H···Cl contacts, Table 1 and Fig. 4.

S2. Experimental

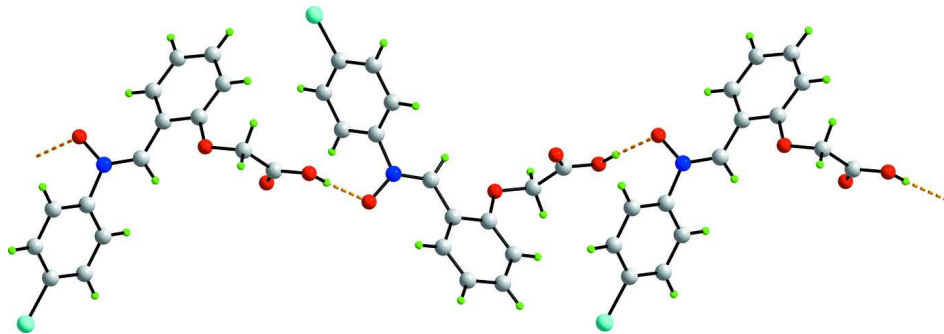
The compound was prepared according to a published procedure (Forrester *et al.*, 1974) from 2-H(O)CC₆H₄OCH₂CO₂H and 4-ClC₆H₄NHOH, m. pt. 484–485 K, lit. value 480–482 K. The sample used in the structure determination was grown from EtOH solution.

S3. Refinement

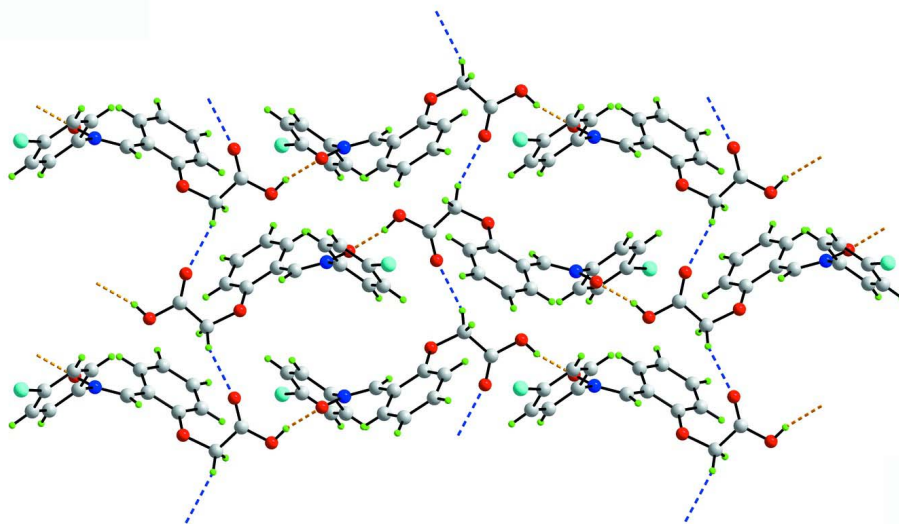
All H atoms were located from a difference map but, were geometrically placed (O–H = 0.84 Å and C–H = 0.95–0.99 Å) and refined as riding with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2–1.5U_{eq}(C, O)$.

**Figure 1**

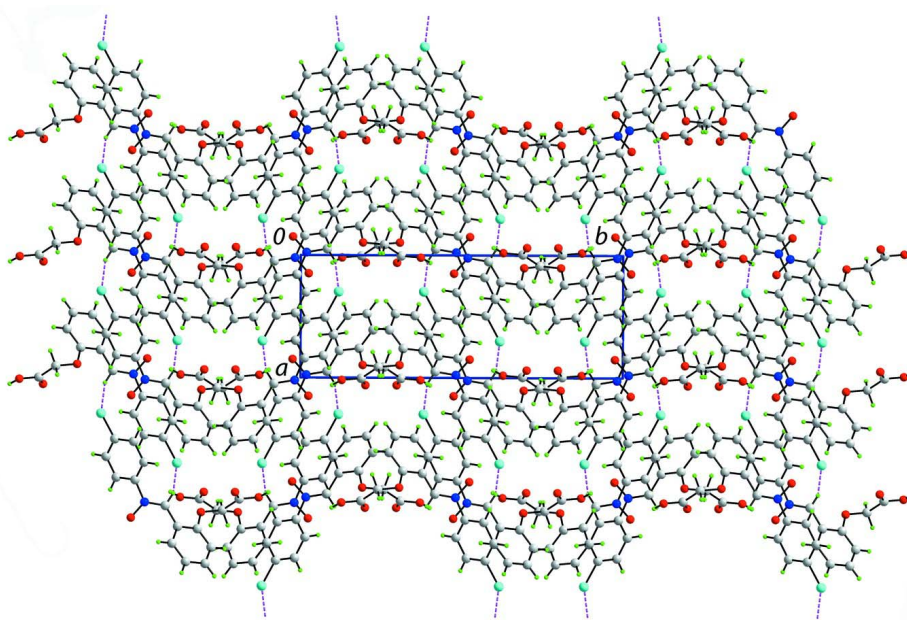
Molecular structure of (I) showing atom-labelling scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 70% probability level.

**Figure 2**

Supramolecular helical chain in (I) aligned along the *b* axis and mediated by O–H...O hydrogen bonds (orange dashed lines). Colour code: C1, cyan; O, red; N, blue; C, grey; and H, green.

**Figure 3**

Supramolecular array in (I) in the *bc* plane whereby the chains illustrated in Fig. 2 are connected by C–H···O contacts (blue dashed lines). Colour code as for Fig. 2.

**Figure 4**

Unit-cell contents for (I) viewed in projection down the *c* axis showing the stacking of the layers, illustrated in Fig. 3, along the *a* direction with the C–H···Cl contacts shown as pink dashed lines. Colour code as for Fig. 2.

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 φ & ω scans
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 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$
 $\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 3.1^\circ$
 $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$
 $k = -24 \rightarrow 24$
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.109$
 $S = 1.10$
 3113 reflections
 191 parameters
 0 restraints
 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
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0552P)^2 + 0.4283P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.40 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.46 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Special details

Geometry. All s.u.'s (except the s.u. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell s.u.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of s.u.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between s.u.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell s.u.'s is used for estimating s.u.'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 $F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$ 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	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
Cl1	0.29830 (5)	0.38201 (2)	0.07891 (5)	0.02112 (14)
O1	0.93820 (17)	0.79845 (6)	0.20859 (13)	0.0221 (3)
O2	0.98035 (17)	0.87208 (6)	0.03948 (13)	0.0188 (3)
H2	0.9383	0.9017	0.0851	0.028*
O3	1.10293 (16)	0.69282 (6)	0.10258 (12)	0.0173 (3)
O4	1.14983 (15)	0.47536 (6)	0.35203 (13)	0.0215 (3)
N1	1.02235 (18)	0.51788 (7)	0.27572 (14)	0.0153 (3)
C1	0.9942 (2)	0.81150 (8)	0.10650 (17)	0.0158 (3)

C2	1.0864 (2)	0.75905 (8)	0.03432 (17)	0.0170 (3)
H2A	1.0148	0.7543	-0.0691	0.020*
H2B	1.2094	0.7762	0.0379	0.020*
C3	1.2385 (2)	0.68188 (8)	0.23022 (17)	0.0145 (3)
C4	1.2202 (2)	0.62054 (8)	0.30478 (17)	0.0137 (3)
C5	1.3572 (2)	0.60303 (9)	0.43187 (18)	0.0165 (3)
H5	1.3471	0.5614	0.4816	0.020*
C6	1.5076 (2)	0.64566 (9)	0.48609 (19)	0.0195 (4)
H6	1.5995	0.6337	0.5729	0.023*
C7	1.5222 (2)	0.70602 (9)	0.41192 (19)	0.0209 (4)
H7	1.6250	0.7353	0.4491	0.025*
C8	1.3896 (2)	0.72460 (9)	0.28434 (19)	0.0191 (4)
H8	1.4021	0.7660	0.2347	0.023*
C9	1.0503 (2)	0.58210 (9)	0.24893 (17)	0.0158 (3)
H9	0.9499	0.6065	0.1867	0.019*
C10	0.8406 (2)	0.48799 (8)	0.21883 (17)	0.0153 (3)
C11	0.6971 (2)	0.51583 (9)	0.25987 (18)	0.0180 (3)
H11	0.7140	0.5563	0.3183	0.022*
C12	0.5272 (2)	0.48347 (9)	0.21402 (18)	0.0185 (4)
H12	0.4265	0.5014	0.2412	0.022*
C13	0.5076 (2)	0.42485 (8)	0.12845 (17)	0.0155 (3)
C14	0.6508 (2)	0.39793 (9)	0.08408 (18)	0.0179 (3)
H14	0.6328	0.3585	0.0225	0.022*
C15	0.8205 (2)	0.42961 (9)	0.13122 (18)	0.0178 (3)
H15	0.9212	0.4117	0.1040	0.021*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
C11	0.0142 (2)	0.0219 (3)	0.0254 (2)	-0.00393 (15)	0.00286 (17)	-0.00054 (16)
O1	0.0261 (7)	0.0237 (7)	0.0188 (6)	0.0052 (5)	0.0103 (5)	0.0049 (5)
O2	0.0244 (6)	0.0137 (6)	0.0191 (6)	0.0040 (5)	0.0076 (5)	0.0017 (5)
O3	0.0220 (6)	0.0128 (6)	0.0153 (6)	-0.0007 (5)	0.0024 (5)	0.0011 (4)
O4	0.0154 (6)	0.0150 (6)	0.0306 (7)	0.0007 (5)	0.0015 (5)	0.0064 (5)
N1	0.0153 (6)	0.0149 (7)	0.0151 (7)	-0.0001 (5)	0.0037 (5)	-0.0002 (5)
C1	0.0129 (8)	0.0178 (9)	0.0141 (8)	0.0003 (6)	0.0000 (6)	0.0007 (6)
C2	0.0227 (8)	0.0133 (8)	0.0145 (8)	0.0019 (7)	0.0047 (7)	0.0029 (6)
C3	0.0153 (8)	0.0147 (8)	0.0142 (7)	0.0033 (6)	0.0053 (6)	-0.0014 (6)
C4	0.0150 (8)	0.0118 (8)	0.0147 (8)	-0.0007 (6)	0.0052 (6)	-0.0024 (6)
C5	0.0185 (8)	0.0146 (8)	0.0168 (8)	0.0014 (6)	0.0057 (7)	0.0004 (6)
C6	0.0164 (8)	0.0192 (9)	0.0208 (8)	0.0020 (7)	0.0021 (7)	-0.0014 (7)
C7	0.0155 (8)	0.0176 (9)	0.0277 (9)	-0.0030 (7)	0.0035 (7)	-0.0015 (7)
C8	0.0204 (8)	0.0143 (8)	0.0232 (9)	-0.0025 (7)	0.0073 (7)	0.0003 (7)
C9	0.0168 (8)	0.0153 (8)	0.0142 (8)	-0.0001 (6)	0.0029 (6)	0.0003 (6)
C10	0.0143 (8)	0.0148 (8)	0.0157 (8)	-0.0029 (6)	0.0028 (6)	0.0021 (6)
C11	0.0214 (8)	0.0146 (8)	0.0179 (8)	-0.0010 (7)	0.0060 (7)	-0.0026 (6)
C12	0.0163 (8)	0.0195 (9)	0.0207 (8)	0.0023 (7)	0.0068 (7)	0.0004 (7)
C13	0.0137 (7)	0.0158 (8)	0.0153 (8)	-0.0017 (6)	0.0015 (6)	0.0033 (6)

C14	0.0187 (8)	0.0171 (8)	0.0174 (8)	-0.0005 (7)	0.0043 (7)	-0.0022 (6)
C15	0.0169 (8)	0.0174 (9)	0.0195 (8)	0.0005 (7)	0.0060 (6)	-0.0008 (6)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

C11—C13	1.7419 (16)	C5—H5	0.9500
O1—C1	1.2095 (19)	C6—C7	1.388 (2)
O2—C1	1.3248 (19)	C6—H6	0.9500
O2—H2	0.8400	C7—C8	1.392 (2)
O3—C3	1.3729 (19)	C7—H7	0.9500
O3—C2	1.4260 (19)	C8—H8	0.9500
O4—N1	1.3215 (18)	C9—H9	0.9500
N1—C9	1.297 (2)	C10—C11	1.382 (2)
N1—C10	1.458 (2)	C10—C15	1.389 (2)
C1—C2	1.515 (2)	C11—C12	1.394 (2)
C2—H2A	0.9900	C11—H11	0.9500
C2—H2B	0.9900	C12—C13	1.382 (2)
C3—C8	1.392 (2)	C12—H12	0.9500
C3—C4	1.413 (2)	C13—C14	1.390 (2)
C4—C5	1.400 (2)	C14—C15	1.387 (2)
C4—C9	1.458 (2)	C14—H14	0.9500
C5—C6	1.387 (2)	C15—H15	0.9500
C1—O2—H2	109.5	C6—C7—H7	119.3
C3—O3—C2	119.48 (13)	C8—C7—H7	119.3
C9—N1—O4	124.48 (14)	C7—C8—C3	119.28 (16)
C9—N1—C10	119.93 (14)	C7—C8—H8	120.4
O4—N1—C10	115.58 (13)	C3—C8—H8	120.4
O1—C1—O2	125.67 (15)	N1—C9—C4	126.52 (15)
O1—C1—C2	123.94 (15)	N1—C9—H9	116.7
O2—C1—C2	110.37 (13)	C4—C9—H9	116.7
O3—C2—C1	112.21 (13)	C11—C10—C15	122.26 (15)
O3—C2—H2A	109.2	C11—C10—N1	119.43 (14)
C1—C2—H2A	109.2	C15—C10—N1	118.20 (14)
O3—C2—H2B	109.2	C10—C11—C12	118.87 (15)
C1—C2—H2B	109.2	C10—C11—H11	120.6
H2A—C2—H2B	107.9	C12—C11—H11	120.6
O3—C3—C8	124.86 (15)	C13—C12—C11	118.92 (15)
O3—C3—C4	114.96 (14)	C13—C12—H12	120.5
C8—C3—C4	120.13 (15)	C11—C12—H12	120.5
C5—C4—C3	119.07 (15)	C12—C13—C14	122.15 (15)
C5—C4—C9	123.98 (14)	C12—C13—C11	118.82 (12)
C3—C4—C9	116.77 (14)	C14—C13—C11	119.01 (13)
C6—C5—C4	120.83 (15)	C15—C14—C13	118.91 (15)
C6—C5—H5	119.6	C15—C14—H14	120.5
C4—C5—H5	119.6	C13—C14—H14	120.5
C5—C6—C7	119.21 (16)	C14—C15—C10	118.85 (15)
C5—C6—H6	120.4	C14—C15—H15	120.6

C7—C6—H6	120.4	C10—C15—H15	120.6
C6—C7—C8	121.47 (16)		
C3—O3—C2—C1	-78.42 (17)	C10—N1—C9—C4	176.07 (14)
O1—C1—C2—O3	-1.2 (2)	C5—C4—C9—N1	-23.3 (3)
O2—C1—C2—O3	-179.58 (13)	C3—C4—C9—N1	161.63 (15)
C2—O3—C3—C8	-15.5 (2)	C9—N1—C10—C11	-60.8 (2)
C2—O3—C3—C4	167.06 (13)	O4—N1—C10—C11	119.82 (16)
O3—C3—C4—C5	176.51 (14)	C9—N1—C10—C15	122.85 (17)
C8—C3—C4—C5	-1.0 (2)	O4—N1—C10—C15	-56.54 (19)
O3—C3—C4—C9	-8.1 (2)	C15—C10—C11—C12	1.2 (3)
C8—C3—C4—C9	174.34 (14)	N1—C10—C11—C12	-174.98 (14)
C3—C4—C5—C6	1.2 (2)	C10—C11—C12—C13	-0.3 (2)
C9—C4—C5—C6	-173.80 (15)	C11—C12—C13—C14	-1.4 (3)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-0.6 (2)	C11—C12—C13—C11	176.80 (12)
C5—C6—C7—C8	-0.1 (3)	C12—C13—C14—C15	2.2 (3)
C6—C7—C8—C3	0.3 (3)	C11—C13—C14—C15	-175.99 (12)
O3—C3—C8—C7	-176.99 (15)	C13—C14—C15—C10	-1.3 (2)
C4—C3—C8—C7	0.3 (2)	C11—C10—C15—C14	-0.4 (3)
O4—N1—C9—C4	-4.6 (2)	N1—C10—C15—C14	175.84 (14)

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O2—H2...O4 ⁱ	0.84	1.76	2.5834 (17)	167
C2—H2a...O1 ⁱⁱ	0.99	2.29	3.205 (2)	154
C9—H9...C11 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.95	2.71	3.5538 (16)	148

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