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 5-Fluoro-1*H*-indole-3-carboxylic acid

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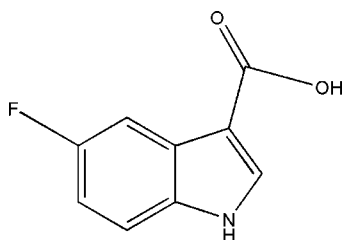
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 Key indicators: single-crystal X-ray study; $T = 293$ K; mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å; R factor = 0.054; wR factor = 0.137; data-to-parameter ratio = 14.5.

In the title compound, $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{FNO}_2$, the carboxyl group is twisted slightly away from the indole-ring plane [dihedral angle = $7.39(10)^\circ$]. In the crystal, carboxyl inversion dimers linked by pairs of $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds generate $R_2^2(8)$ loops and $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds connect the dimers into $(10\bar{1})$ sheets.

Related literature

 For background to indoles as pharmaceuticals, see: Lang *et al.* (2011).


Experimental

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{FNO}_2$
 $M_r = 179.15$

 Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 $a = 4.4176(9)$ Å

 $b = 11.073(2)$ Å
 $c = 16.014(3)$ Å
 $\beta = 96.63(3)^\circ$
 $V = 778.1(3)$ Å³
 $Z = 4$

 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

 $\mu = 0.13$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ K

 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ mm

Data collection

 Rigaku SCXmini CCD diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)
 $T_{\min} = 0.982$, $T_{\max} = 0.993$

 7874 measured reflections
 1788 independent reflections
 1153 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.068$

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.137$
 $S = 1.02$
 1788 reflections
 123 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.18$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.26$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$\text{O1}-\text{H1}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{i}}$	0.82	1.86	2.669 (2)	171
$\text{N1}-\text{H1B}\cdots\text{O2}^{\text{ii}}$	0.89 (3)	2.18 (3)	3.026 (2)	159 (2)

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

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: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg & Putz, 2005); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

Supplementary data and figures for this paper are available from the IUCr electronic archives (Reference: HB6548).

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S1. Experimental

A commercial sample of the title compound was obtained. Colourless prisms were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution over a period of seven days.

S2. Refinement

All H atoms attached to C atoms and O atoms were fixed geometrically and treated as riding with C—H = 0.93 Å (CH), N—H = 0.86 Å and O—H = 0.86 Å with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{CH})$, $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.3U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{O})$.

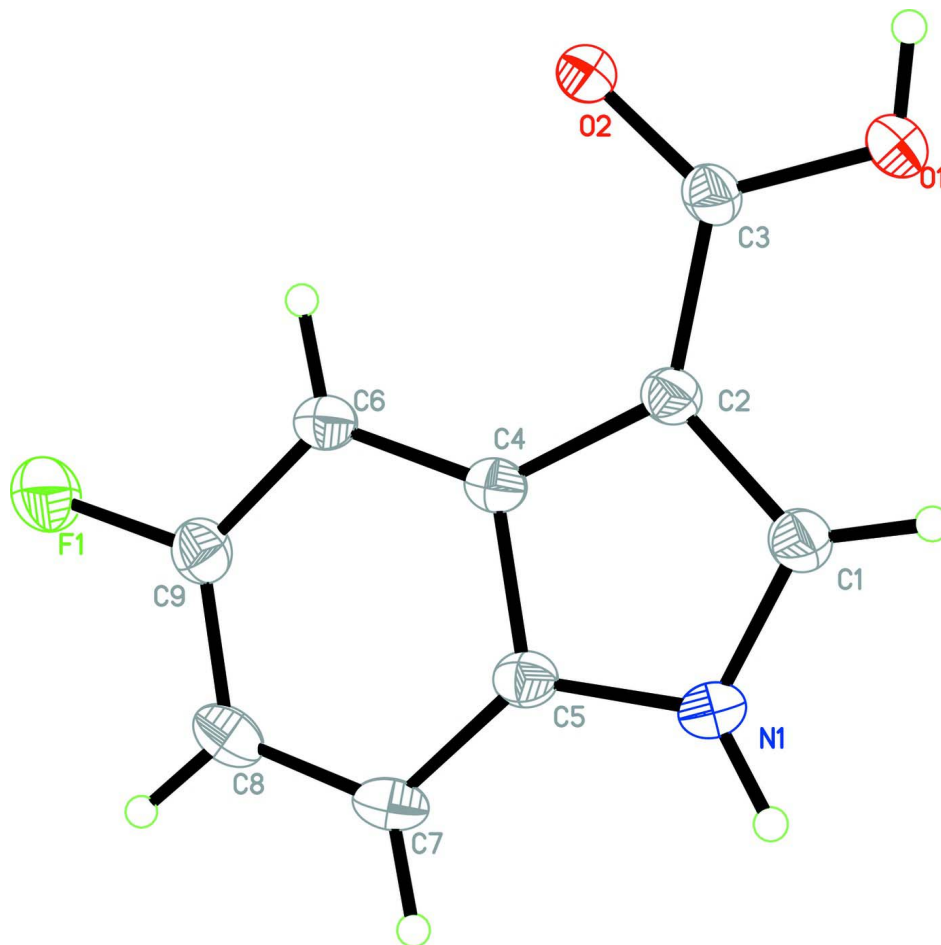
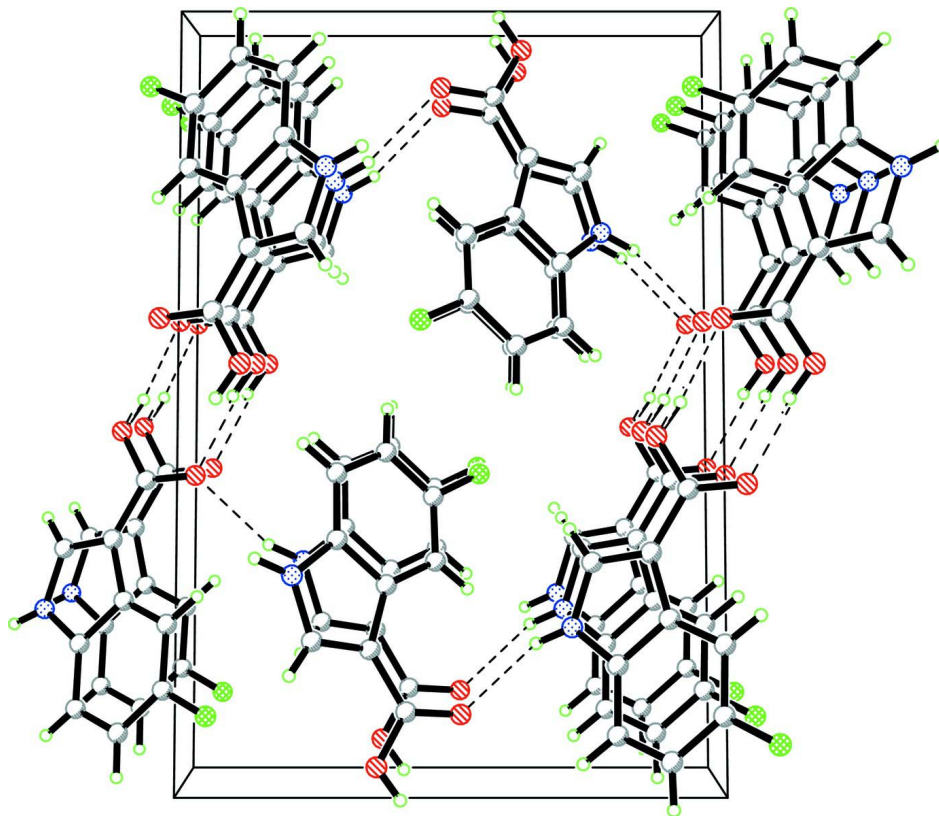


Figure 1

The molecular structure of the title compound with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Figure 2**

A packing view down the *a* axis showing hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

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 $a = 4.4176$ (9) Å
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 $\beta = 96.63$ (3)°
 $V = 778.1$ (3) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$F(000) = 368$
 $D_x = 1.529$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å
 Cell parameters from 1954 reflections
 $\theta = 3.2$ – 25.0 °
 $\mu = 0.13$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ K
 Prism, colourless
 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ mm

Data collection

Rigaku SCXmini CCD
 diffractometer
 Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube
 Graphite monochromator
 Detector resolution: 13.6612 pixels mm⁻¹
 CCD profile-fitting scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (*CrystalClear*; Rigaku, 2005)
 $T_{\min} = 0.982$, $T_{\max} = 0.993$
 7874 measured reflections
 1788 independent reflections
 1153 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.068$

$\theta_{\max} = 27.5^\circ$, $\theta_{\min} = 3.2^\circ$
 $h = -5 \rightarrow 5$

$k = -14 \rightarrow 14$
 $l = -20 \rightarrow 20$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 Least-squares matrix: full
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.137$
 $S = 1.02$
 1788 reflections
 123 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 atoms treated by a mixture of independent
 and constrained refinement
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0575P)^2 + 0.142P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.26 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

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 (\AA^2)

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O2	1.0621 (4)	0.51786 (13)	0.89866 (9)	0.0431 (4)
F1	1.4484 (3)	0.55381 (14)	0.59940 (9)	0.0624 (5)
N1	0.7010 (4)	0.21726 (17)	0.71693 (12)	0.0388 (5)
C4	1.0013 (4)	0.38262 (17)	0.73456 (12)	0.0295 (5)
C7	0.9558 (5)	0.2922 (2)	0.59302 (14)	0.0410 (6)
H7	0.8767	0.2328	0.5556	0.049*
O1	0.8085 (4)	0.36747 (14)	0.95496 (9)	0.0544 (5)
H1	0.8432	0.4097	0.9970	0.082*
C5	0.8845 (5)	0.29428 (17)	0.67573 (14)	0.0322 (5)
C3	0.9254 (5)	0.41935 (19)	0.89110 (13)	0.0341 (5)
C6	1.1989 (4)	0.47175 (18)	0.70871 (13)	0.0333 (5)
H6	1.2837	0.5308	0.7456	0.040*
C2	0.8776 (5)	0.35426 (18)	0.81256 (13)	0.0320 (5)
C1	0.6979 (5)	0.25319 (19)	0.79748 (14)	0.0367 (5)
H1A	0.5906	0.2154	0.8368	0.044*
C9	1.2604 (5)	0.4674 (2)	0.62638 (14)	0.0387 (5)
C8	1.1466 (5)	0.3805 (2)	0.56824 (14)	0.0441 (6)
H8	1.1984	0.3819	0.5136	0.053*
H1B	0.599 (5)	0.154 (2)	0.6945 (16)	0.052 (7)*

Atomic displacement parameters (\AA^2)

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	U^{23}
O2	0.0677 (11)	0.0344 (9)	0.0267 (8)	-0.0101 (8)	0.0033 (8)	-0.0006 (6)
F1	0.0725 (10)	0.0703 (10)	0.0478 (9)	-0.0232 (8)	0.0220 (8)	0.0004 (7)
N1	0.0464 (11)	0.0336 (10)	0.0360 (11)	-0.0070 (9)	0.0027 (9)	-0.0069 (8)
C4	0.0299 (10)	0.0297 (11)	0.0280 (11)	0.0059 (8)	-0.0011 (9)	-0.0021 (9)
C7	0.0449 (13)	0.0454 (14)	0.0320 (13)	0.0019 (11)	0.0012 (10)	-0.0135 (10)
O1	0.0903 (14)	0.0477 (10)	0.0262 (9)	-0.0222 (9)	0.0116 (9)	-0.0019 (7)
C5	0.0328 (11)	0.0304 (11)	0.0326 (12)	0.0038 (9)	0.0005 (9)	-0.0034 (9)
C3	0.0436 (12)	0.0324 (11)	0.0253 (11)	0.0029 (10)	0.0004 (9)	0.0039 (9)
C6	0.0339 (11)	0.0332 (11)	0.0318 (12)	0.0017 (9)	-0.0002 (9)	-0.0039 (9)
C2	0.0383 (11)	0.0298 (11)	0.0270 (11)	0.0016 (9)	0.0006 (9)	-0.0002 (9)
C1	0.0449 (12)	0.0331 (11)	0.0322 (12)	0.0008 (10)	0.0046 (10)	0.0006 (9)
C9	0.0378 (12)	0.0425 (13)	0.0372 (13)	-0.0015 (10)	0.0099 (10)	0.0018 (10)
C8	0.0489 (14)	0.0565 (15)	0.0281 (12)	0.0038 (12)	0.0092 (11)	-0.0048 (11)

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

O2—C3	1.246 (2)	C7—H7	0.9300
F1—C9	1.369 (2)	O1—C3	1.328 (2)
N1—C1	1.351 (3)	O1—H1	0.8200
N1—C5	1.394 (3)	C3—C2	1.444 (3)
N1—H1B	0.89 (3)	C6—C9	1.378 (3)
C4—C5	1.414 (3)	C6—H6	0.9300
C4—C6	1.411 (3)	C2—C1	1.377 (3)
C4—C2	1.454 (3)	C1—H1A	0.9300
C7—C8	1.378 (3)	C9—C8	1.392 (3)
C7—C5	1.397 (3)	C8—H8	0.9300
C1—N1—C5	110.02 (18)	C9—C6—C4	116.95 (19)
C1—N1—H1B	123.9 (16)	C9—C6—H6	121.5
C5—N1—H1B	126.1 (16)	C4—C6—H6	121.5
C5—C4—C6	118.62 (19)	C1—C2—C3	125.57 (19)
C5—C4—C2	106.17 (18)	C1—C2—C4	106.92 (18)
C6—C4—C2	135.20 (19)	C3—C2—C4	127.49 (19)
C8—C7—C5	118.3 (2)	N1—C1—C2	109.7 (2)
C8—C7—H7	120.9	N1—C1—H1A	125.1
C5—C7—H7	120.9	C2—C1—H1A	125.1
C3—O1—H1	109.5	F1—C9—C6	118.10 (19)
C7—C5—N1	130.24 (19)	F1—C9—C8	117.23 (19)
C7—C5—C4	122.58 (19)	C6—C9—C8	124.7 (2)
N1—C5—C4	107.18 (18)	C7—C8—C9	118.9 (2)
O2—C3—O1	122.08 (19)	C7—C8—H8	120.6
O2—C3—C2	122.83 (19)	C9—C8—H8	120.6
O1—C3—C2	115.09 (19)		

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

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