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# Z-Ala-Ile-OH, a dipeptide building block suitable for the formation of orthorhombic microtubes 

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Self-assembling dipeptides have emerged in the last two decades as promising building blocks for the development of novel biomaterials. Among the various classes of dipeptides, aromatic dipeptides and especially diphenylalanine (PhePhe), which forms hexagonal nanotubes, have been the most extensively studied. However, aliphatic peptides or mixed aromatic-aliphatic dipeptides seem just as promising, exhibiting various structures ranging from amyloid fibrils to microtubes. Herein we report the single-crystal structure of an aliphatic dipeptide, alanine-isoleucine (Ala-Ile), $\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$, protected with a benzyloxycarbonyl $(Z)$ group at the N -terminus. The protected dipeptide crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ and forms hollow microtubes with orthorhombic symmetry upon evaporation on glass surfaces, as shown by field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM). These findings provide an increased understanding of the correlation between the single-crystal structure of the peptide building block and its self-assembly mechanism, and expand the library of available building blocks for microtechnological applications.

## 1. Introduction

Self-assembling peptides tend to undergo spontaneous assembling into ordered biocompatible nano- to microstructures under mild conditions through weak, yet powerful, secondary or noncovalent interactions.

Due to the chemical variety provided by the 20 standard amino acids acting as structural building blocks, the resulting supramolecular structures range from nanofibers and rods to spheres and ribbons (Gilead \& Gazit, 2005). Studying the properties of self-organization has led to an increasing number of applications in various fields, such as biomedicine, bio/ microtechnology and materials science (Adler-Abramovich \& Gazit, 2014). In order to decipher the mechanisms behind selfassembly, one must link the effect of the solvent and conditions of the system (Mason et al., 2014; Rissanou et al., 2013), as well as the nature of the peptide (termini, side chains), order and types of interactions, to the obtained morphologies (Tao et al., 2016). As such, the challenging task of correlating both the nature and outcome of the self-assembly process to the information encoded in each molecular building block requires crystal structure information at the atomic level (Görbitz, 2001, 2003, 2007, 2010, 2018). Among the various kinds of peptides, aromatic peptides are the most extensively studied; the reason lies in the conjugated $\pi$-electron system contained in aromatic dipeptides that stabilizes $\pi-\pi^{*}$ stacking interactions and promotes self-assembly, while hydrogen-bond formation also constitutes a strong driving force for the formed structures (Rissanou et al., 2013). The diphenylalanine
dipeptide crystallizes in the hexagonal space group $P 6_{1}$ (Görbitz, 2001) and forms hollow nanotubes with hexagonal symmetry that can be used as molds for inorganic nanowires (Reches \& Gazit, 2003) and which display a series of interesting physical properties (Rosenman et al., 2011). Despite phenylalanine-rich peptides, especially diphenylalanine (PhePhe), being the most studied of the aromatic category (Reches \& Gazit, 2006a,b), due to their impressive condition-dependent array of self-assembling formations, aliphatic peptides or mixed aromatic-aliphatic dipeptides seem just as promising, exhibiting various adopted conformations ranging from amyloid fibrils to microtubes. Recently, a detailed investigation of the structural and conformational properties of the unprotected alanine-isoleucine (Ala-Ile) and isoleucineisoleucine (Ile-Ile) dipeptides in aqueous solutions using a combination of all-atom molecular dynamics (MD) simulations and experiments showed that the Ala-Ile dipeptide can form microtubes with hexagonal symmetry upon evaporation on glass surfaces (Rissanou et al., 2020). This dipeptide also crystallizes in the hexagonal space group $P 6_{1}$ (Görbitz, 2003). The Leu-Leu dipeptide crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ (Görbitz, 2001) and a report has appeared showing the formation of nanotubes with orthorhombic symmetry (Handelman et al., 2016). It seems, therefore, that a correlation exists between the space group of crystallization and the geometrical features of the formed nano- or microtubes. Of note, the hollow peptide nanotubes, regardless of their symmetry, display very interesting optical properties with applications ranging from waveguiding to biochips (Apter et al., 2018).

Protecting groups, especially at the N -termini, such as $t$-Boc (tert-butoxycarbonyl), Fmoc (fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl) and Z [ $N$-(benzyloxycarbonyl)], influence the outcome of the selfassembly process. For example, the Fmoc group is an excellent gelator moiety and the Fmoc-Phe-Phe peptides form hydrogels that support cell attachment and proliferation and can be used as scaffolds in tissue engineering applications (Jayawarna et al., 2006; Orbach et al., 2009). The Z-Phe-Phe-protected dipeptide, when dissolved in various solvents and at various concentrations, can form a variety of nanostructures, including nanowires, fibers and nanospheres (Brown et al., 2018).

Moreover, in a two-solvent system, hydrogels are formed when the water content exceeds $75 \%$. Crystals were grown by slow evaporation from methanol and X-ray crystallography revealed a structure arrangement with a space group symmetry of $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$. No microtubes were reported among the adopted nanostructures (Brown et al., 2018).


Z-Ala-Ile-OH Scheme 1

Here we focus on the crystal structure determination and the microstructure formation of an aliphatic dipeptide, ala-nine-isoleucine, protected with a Z group at the N-terminus. The protected dipeptide crystallizes in the orthorhombic space group $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ and forms hollow microtubes with orthorhombic symmetry upon evaporation on the surfaces, as shown by field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM) (Fig. 1). The change in the single-crystal structure compared to that adopted by the unprotected dipeptide, as well as the change in the symmetry of the self-assembled microtubes, illustrate the point that protecting groups can enable the generation of microtubes with a different symmetry from that of the original dipeptide building block.

## 2. Experimental

Z-(L)Ala-(L)Ile-OH [ $N$-(benzyloxycarbonyl)-L-alanyl-L-isoleucine] was purchased from Bachem (Bubendorf, Switzerland) in the form of the lyophilized powder.

### 2.1. Microstructure formation

The peptide powder was dissolved in ultrapure water with the alternating use of an ultrasonic water bath and strong vortex agitation. More specifically, the peptide-water-


Figure 1
FESEM images of the Z-Ala-Ile microtube assemblies after incubation in aqueous solution for 24 h and subsequent deposition on a glass slide. (a) Hollow microtubes emanate from the surface, $(b)$ higher resolution image of a hollow microtube tip shows a layered substructure and ( $c$ ) a view of a full microtube.

Table 1
Experimental details.
Crystal data
Chemical for
$M_{\mathrm{r}}$
Crystal system, space group
Temperature (K)
$a, b, c$ ( $\AA$ )
$V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$
Z
Radiation type
$\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$
Crystal size (mm)
Data collection
Diffractometer
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections $R_{\text {int }}$
$\theta_{\text {max }}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\max }\left(\AA^{-1}\right)$
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
H -atom treatment
$\Delta \rho_{\max }, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$
Absolute structure
$\mathrm{C}_{17} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$
336.38
Orthorhombic, $P 2_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$
100
$4.820(1), 19.110$ (4), 19.280 (4)
$1775.9(6)$
4
Synchrotron, $\lambda=0.97625 \AA$
0.2
$0.2 \times 0.05 \times 0.05$

ESRF beamline ID30B
22019, 1887, 1663
0.154
30.5
0.520
$0.060,0.174,1.10$
1887
221
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
$0.30,-0.28$
Set to match the known absolute configuration of Z-(L)Ala( L )Ile-OH

Computer programs: AIMLESS (Evans \& Murshudov, 2013), SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 2008), SHELXL2014 (Sheldrick, 2015), COOT (Emsley et al., 2010), SwissPDBViewer (Guex \& Peitsch, 1997), CHEMDRAW (Mills, 2006), ORTEPIII (Burnett \& Johnson, 1996), ORTEP-3 for Windows (Farrugia, 2012) and POV-RAY (Cason, 2004).
containing vial was initially transferred to the ultrasonic water bath for a duration of 30 s , at a temperature of $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, and vigorous vortexing was subsequently carried out. This process was repeated until complete dissolution of the peptide powder was observed. Finally, the solution was incubated for 24 h at room temperature. Aliquots of the samples prepared for microstructure formation ( $10 \mu \mathrm{l}$ ) were deposited onto glass slides and left to dry in air.

### 2.2. FESEM observation

Dried samples were sputter-coated with a 15 nm thick film of gold or gold/palladium (Baltec SCD 050) and imaged using a Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope (JEOL IT700HRJ) operating at 15 and 20 kV . These experiments were conducted at the Electron Microscopy Facility at the Department of Biology of the University of Crete.

### 2.3. Crystallization

The peptide powder was disolved in water $\left(T=55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ at a concentration of $1.34 \mathrm{mg} \mathrm{ml}^{-1}$ under permanent sonication in a waterbath. $100 \mu \mathrm{l}$ drops were set up directly on siliconized glass cover slides (Hampton Research), which were placed inside plastic Petri dishes that were left open, partially open and closed in a room regulated at $19-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, where evaporation took place. The best crystals were obtained in partially
open and/or closed plates after overnight to 2 d of evaporation.

### 2.4. Measurement

Single needle-shaped crystals of approximately 200-300 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ length were mounted on cryoloops fixed at their base by a tiny amount of silicone vacuum grease. Three data sets were collected from three different crystals at the ESRF microfocus automated beamline ID30B (McCarthy et al., 2018) equipped with an MD2-S microdiffractometer, a FlexHCD sample changer and an Eiger $2 \times 6 \mathrm{M}$ detector (Dectris). The data collection hardware was configured with a canted undulator of -2.2 mrad, an $\mathrm{Si}[111]$ monochromator, secondary slits and a compound refractive lens (CRL) transfocator for vertical focusing. All three data sets were collected with very high redundancy, total transmissions of 10 (for two data sets) and $38.4 \%$ (for one data set), and a starting flux between $3.74 \mathrm{e}+12$ and $1.85 \mathrm{e}+13 \mathrm{ph} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$. For the three individual data sets, the space group and processing were calculated automatically by the different software pipelines available in the beamline [XDSAPP (Krug et al., 2012) and XIA2-DIALS (Winn et al., 2011)]. However, data collections were integrated again manually using XDS, merged with XSCALE (Kabsch, 2010) and scaled with AIMLESS (Evans \& Murshudov, 2013).

### 2.5. Structure solution and refinement

All non-H atoms were detected as the highest peaks with the TREF (direct methods with tangent formula phase refinement) option in SHELXS (Sheldrick, 2008). Anisotropic refinement gave an $R$ value of 0.0661 and an $R_{\text {free }}$ value of 0.0816 for all data. All H atoms were located as the highest peaks in difference Fourier syntheses and refined freely. Due to their unlikely geometry and unreliable displacement parameters, 21 H atoms were included at a later stage in the refinement with riding-atom positions and riding displacement parameters associated with the attached non-H-atom, while for the three H atoms participating in hydrogen bonding, the atom positions were included with the riding model and the displacement parameters were refined freely.

## 3. Results and discussion

After incubation of Z-Ala-Ile in aqueous solutions for 24 h and deposition on glass slides, FESEM images showed hollow microtubes emanating from the surface with openings ranging from the micrometer to the submicrometer range [Fig. 1(a)]. Higher magnification images revealed layered substructures at the microtube tips [Fig. 1(b)]. Filled microtubes with crystal edges were also observed with dimensions similar to the hollow microtubes [Fig. 1(c)]. In the molecular structure of Z-Ala-Ile (Fig. 2), Ala1 adopts an extended conformation, with torsion angles of $\varphi=-145.1(1)^{\circ}$ and $\psi=123.2(5)^{\circ}$ (Richardson \& Richardson, 1989). Ile2 also adopts an extended conformation, with torsion angles of $\varphi=-133.4$ (5) ${ }^{\circ}$ and $\psi=144.6(4)^{\circ}$, by taking into account the fourth atom as O1 of the C-terminal OH group, and torsion angles of $\varphi=$


Figure 2
The molecular structure of Z-Ala-Ile-OH, showing $50 \%$ probability displacement ellipsoids (Farrugia, 2012). For clarity, the residue abbreviations Z, Ala and Ile are also included.
$-133.4(5)^{\circ}$ and $\psi=-35.4(7)^{\circ}$ with O 2 , the carbonyl oxygen, as the fourth atom. The extended conformations adopted by Ala1 and Ile2 diverge significantly from the fully extended conformation $(\varphi, \psi)=\left(-180^{\circ}, 180^{\circ}\right)$ and lie in the energetically preferred region of the Ramachandran plot for proteins in $\beta$-strands (Voet \& Voet, 2004).

The assembling of the symmetry-related molecules is shown in Fig. 3. Two molecules [symmetry codes $(x, y, z)$ and $(-x$, $\left.\left.y+\frac{1}{2},-z+\frac{1}{2}\right)\right]$, along with their $a$-axis-translated counterparts, show the network of hydrogen bonds. There is a tail-to-head hydrogen bond between the OH group of Ile and the carboxyl group of the Z-protection group of the symmetry-related molecule, with a distance of 2.713 (5) $\AA$, while along the $a$ axis, two molecules are hydrogen bonded twice, namely, N [Ala; at


Figure 3
Hydrogen bonding of Z-Ala-Ile-OH, viewed approximately along the $a$ axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines in cyan with the donoracceptor distances $(D \cdots A)$ in $\AA$.
$(x+1, y, z)]$ to the carboxyl group of the Z-protection group [at $(x, y, z)$ ], with a distance of 3.049 (6) $\AA$, and N [Ile; at $(x, y$, $z)]$ to O [Ala; at $(x+1, y, z)]$, with a distance of 2.915 (6) A. Thus, planes of hydrogen-bonded molecules are formed parallel to the $a b$ plane.

Fig. 4 shows the packing in the crystal. 16 molecules of four unit cells are shown twice, translated along the short $a$ axis, thus showing a $2 \times 2 \times 2$ assembly of molecules. Different symmetry equivalents are shown in different colours. Yellow

Figure 4


Wall-eyed stereoview of the crystal packing of Z-Ala-Ile-OH, viewed approximately along the $a$ axis. Different colours denote molecules related by space-group symmetry. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines in cyan.
$(x, y, z)$ and green $\left(-x, y+\frac{1}{2},-z+\frac{1}{2}\right)$ are tail-to-head hydrogen bonded, and form horizontal planes parallel to the $a b$ plane. In the same way, blue $\left(-x+\frac{1}{2},-y, z+\frac{1}{2}\right)$ and red $\left(x+\frac{1}{2},-y+\frac{1}{2}\right.$, $-z$ ) molecules also form horizontal planes parallel to the $a b$ plane. The yellow-green and the antiparallel blue-red planes stack together via hydrophobic interactions. Equivalent arenering atoms of the Z-protection groups of the same colour have an $a$ axis distance of $4.820(1) \AA$, and the shortest distance between these parallel neighbouring arene-ring atoms is 3.541 (9) $\AA$, with parallel $\pi-\pi$ stacking. In contrast, the arene rings of the Z-protection groups of the non-hydrogen-bonded green-and-blue and yellow-and-red molecules have an angle of about $90^{\circ}$ (in Fig. 4, the green and blue are above, and also the yellow and red are above in the middle of the figure), with a closest distance of 3.644 (9) $\AA$ between the C atoms of neighbouring rings. In this way, a $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ attractive force (Janiak, 2000) exists in the $b$ direction between the non-hydrogen-bonded planes. Since one ring has this attractive force with two rings of symmetry-related molecules which are translated along the small $a$ axis, this force acts also along the smallest crystal axis $a$. All these interactions between the Z-protection groups might stabilize further the crystal formation and increase stability. The presence of the Z-protection group in the Z-Ala-Ile dipeptide would also influence the three-dimensional arrangement observed in the Z-Ala-Ile dipeptide microtubes which differ in comparison to the arrangement observed by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) for the unprotected Ala-Ile dipeptide where hexameric microstructures were observed under similar conditions (Rissanou et al., 2020). This observation shows that the protection groups might have a strong influence on the selfassembly of dipeptides and could be used to introduce a new level of controlled variability. In addition, the $a b$ planes stack together in the $c$ direction via apolar contacts in such a way that the bulky Ile side chains fit in the bent backbone of the peptide. These interactions enhance a close packing of the molecules, which is reflected by the relatively high crystal density of $1.258 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$ in comparison with other peptide structures without cocrystallized solvent molecules. A relationship between close packing, high crystal density and suitable crystal size for X-ray analysis was observed recently (Gessmann et al., 2020). A search for related structures and their ability to form nanoparticles in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD; Groom et al., 2016) revealed the Ala-GlyOH , Ala-Ala-OH and Ala-Val-OH dipeptides (Houton et al., 2012). The five available structures are N-terminal protected with a naphthalene group and the connection to the peptide is attached either at position 1 or 2 of the naphthalene doublering system. The different peptides form crystals, clear gels or turbid gels. The naphthalene-protected Ala-Gly-OH and Ala-Ala-OH dipeptides form orthorhombic crystals, while the naphthalene-protected Ala-Val-OH dipeptide crystals are monoclinic. The backbone conformation (from the $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ group of the protection group to the C -terminal C atom) comprises nine main-chain atoms and is similar to the backbone conformation of the herein described Z-Ala-Ile-OH dipeptide, with average r.m.s. deviations of less than $1 \AA$.

Crystals and microtubes are produced in almost the same way. The two smaller dimensions of the single crystal used for X-ray analysis are about 0.05 mm or $50 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ (Table 1), and the rectangular basis of the microtubes is about $0.8 \mu \mathrm{~m} \times 0.8 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ to $2 \mu \mathrm{~m} \times 2 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ [Fig. 1(a)]. Thus, the dimensions differ by factors of only about 62 to 25 , pointing to a similar way of growing. One could speculate that the microtubes have the same packing as the crystal and that the 'walls' of the microtube should be the hydrogen-bonded crystal dimensions $a$ and $b$. Also, the shape of the crystal needles resembles the shape of the microtubes, suggesting that a multi-step hierarchically oriented crystallization model might be operating, where the basic molecular building blocks self-assemble, as a result of attractive depletion and entropic ordering, into primary bundles with the subsequent emergence of hollow tubes with crystal faces following a final conversion into crystals as proposed (Yuan et al., 2019). Although the exact mechanism that relates the peptide building block structure to the microtubular assemblies remains to be elucidated, it appears that at least a correlation can be established between the highly ordered multilayer substructures and the final crystal packing and structure. Elucidation of the exact mechanisms in the future may enable the rational design of molecular building blocks that could self-assemble into predictable supramolecular geometries and expand the library of available building blocks for nanotechnological applications.

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## Computing details

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$N$-[(Benzyloxycarbonyl)alanyl]isoleucine

## Crystal data

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$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.258 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Synchrotron radiation, $\lambda=0.97625 \AA$
Cell parameters from 22019 reflections
$\theta=30.5-35.9^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.2 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
Needle, colorless
$F(000)=720$

## Data collection

ESRF beamline ID30B
diffractometer
$\varphi$-scans
22019 measured reflections
1887 independent reflections
1663 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.060$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.174$
$S=1.10$
1887 reflections
221 parameters
0 restraints
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods

## 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.

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

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }} * / U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C1 | 1.1233 (12) | 0.5918 (3) | 0.0587 (3) | 0.0519 (15) |
| C2 | 0.9734 (14) | 0.6372 (3) | 0.0995 (4) | 0.0656 (17) |
| H2 | 1.0076 | 0.6390 | 0.1479 | 0.079* |
| C3 | 0.7744 (15) | 0.6801 (3) | 0.0708 (4) | 0.0710 (19) |
| H3 | 0.6689 | 0.7105 | 0.0995 | 0.085* |
| C4 | 0.7302 (15) | 0.6785 (3) | 0.0011 (5) | 0.080 (2) |
| H4 | 0.5918 | 0.7079 | -0.0185 | 0.096* |
| C5 | 0.8833 (15) | 0.6350 (3) | -0.0416 (4) | 0.071 (2) |
| H5 | 0.8536 | 0.6350 | -0.0903 | 0.085* |
| C6 | 1.0797 (14) | 0.5916 (3) | -0.0124 (4) | 0.0632 (17) |
| H6 | 1.1859 | 0.5614 | -0.0411 | 0.076* |
| C7 | 1.3288 (14) | 0.5431 (3) | 0.0910 (3) | 0.0589 (16) |
| H71 | 1.4762 | 0.5308 | 0.0574 | 0.071* |
| H72 | 1.4157 | 0.5650 | 0.1322 | 0.071* |
| O1 | 1.1711 (9) | 0.48042 (16) | 0.11128 (19) | 0.0534 (10) |
| C8 | 1.2966 (13) | 0.4364 (3) | 0.1546 (3) | 0.0450 (14) |
| O8 | 1.5388 (9) | 0.44203 (17) | 0.1736 (2) | 0.0510 (11) |
| N_1 | 1.1287 (9) | 0.3844 (2) | 0.1739 (2) | 0.0430 (12) |
| H_1 | 0.9642 | 0.3811 | 0.1544 | 0.064 (17)* |
| CA_1 | 1.2055 (12) | 0.3336 (3) | 0.2251 (3) | 0.0474 (14) |
| HA_1 | 1.4123 | 0.3292 | 0.2257 | 0.057* |
| CB_1 | 1.1078 (16) | 0.3555 (3) | 0.2972 (3) | 0.0637 (18) |
| HB1_1 | 1.1630 | 0.3199 | 0.3311 | 0.096* |
| HB2_1 | 1.1923 | 0.4004 | 0.3095 | 0.096* |
| HB3_1 | 0.9053 | 0.3601 | 0.2972 | 0.096* |
| C_1 | 1.0810 (12) | 0.2632 (3) | 0.2054 (3) | 0.0429 (14) |
| O_1 | 0.8275 (9) | 0.25860 (17) | 0.1973 (2) | 0.0583 (11) |
| N_2 | 1.2540 (9) | 0.21027 (19) | 0.1981 (2) | 0.0441 (12) |
| H22 | 1.4322 | 0.2184 | 0.2038 | 0.061 (18)* |
| CA_2 | 1.1683 (12) | 0.1390 (2) | 0.1812 (3) | 0.0475 (14) |
| HA_2 | 0.9639 | 0.1345 | 0.1888 | 0.057* |
| CB_2 | 1.2362 (13) | 0.1198 (2) | 0.1052 (3) | 0.0553 (15) |
| HB_2 | 1.4423 | 0.1219 | 0.0997 | 0.066* |
| CG1_2 | 1.1110 (16) | 0.1717 (3) | 0.0548 (3) | 0.0678 (19) |
| HG11_2 | 1.1644 | 0.2195 | 0.0693 | 0.081* |
| HG12_2 | 0.9064 | 0.1683 | 0.0576 | 0.081* |
| CD1_2 | 1.1987 (19) | 0.1609 (4) | -0.0202 (3) | 0.082 (2) |
| HD1_2 | 1.1096 | 0.1963 | -0.0495 | 0.123* |
| HD2_2 | 1.4007 | 0.1654 | -0.0239 | 0.123* |


| HD3_2 | 1.1423 | 0.1142 | -0.0356 | $0.123^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CG2_2 | $1.146(2)$ | $0.0455(3)$ | $0.0892(4)$ | $0.091(3)$ |
| HG21_2 | 1.2304 | 0.0133 | 0.1227 | $0.136^{*}$ |
| HG22_2 | 0.9434 | 0.0422 | 0.0923 | $0.136^{*}$ |
| HG23_2 | 1.2057 | 0.0329 | 0.0422 | $0.136^{*}$ |
| C_2 | $1.3188(13)$ | $0.0900(3)$ | $0.2301(3)$ | $0.0480(15)$ |
| O1_2 | $1.1714(9)$ | $0.0352(2)$ | $0.2488(2)$ | $0.0617(12)$ |
| HH_2 | 1.2605 | 0.0118 | 0.2782 | $0.09(3)^{*}$ |
| O2_2 | $1.5537(9)$ | $0.1002(2)$ | $0.2501(2)$ | $0.0686(13)$ |

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

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{33}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C1 | $0.040(4)$ | $0.037(3)$ | $0.078(4)$ | $-0.006(3)$ | $-0.003(3)$ | $0.007(3)$ |
| C2 | $0.055(4)$ | $0.049(4)$ | $0.093(4)$ | $-0.011(4)$ | $0.013(4)$ | $0.003(3)$ |
| C3 | $0.057(5)$ | $0.038(4)$ | $0.117(6)$ | $-0.002(3)$ | $0.007(4)$ | $0.000(3)$ |
| C4 | $0.049(4)$ | $0.042(4)$ | $0.150(7)$ | $-0.001(3)$ | $-0.017(5)$ | $0.020(4)$ |
| C5 | $0.065(5)$ | $0.057(4)$ | $0.091(4)$ | $-0.013(4)$ | $-0.021(4)$ | $0.014(4)$ |
| C6 | $0.052(4)$ | $0.049(4)$ | $0.088(5)$ | $-0.006(3)$ | $-0.007(3)$ | $0.007(3)$ |
| C7 | $0.053(4)$ | $0.036(3)$ | $0.088(4)$ | $-0.010(3)$ | $0.003(3)$ | $0.007(3)$ |
| O1 | $0.046(2)$ | $0.032(2)$ | $0.082(2)$ | $-0.0052(19)$ | $-0.0079(19)$ | $0.0105(19)$ |
| C8 | $0.039(4)$ | $0.029(3)$ | $0.067(3)$ | $-0.004(3)$ | $0.003(3)$ | $-0.003(3)$ |
| O8 | $0.034(2)$ | $0.035(2)$ | $0.084(2)$ | $-0.0043(17)$ | $-0.004(2)$ | $-0.0015(17)$ |
| N_1 | $0.033(3)$ | $0.026(2)$ | $0.071(3)$ | $-0.003(2)$ | $-0.004(2)$ | $0.001(2)$ |
| CA_1 | $0.037(3)$ | $0.035(3)$ | $0.070(3)$ | $0.000(3)$ | $-0.003(3)$ | $-0.004(2)$ |
| CB_1 | $0.077(5)$ | $0.042(3)$ | $0.073(4)$ | $0.005(3)$ | $-0.001(3)$ | $-0.009(3)$ |
| C_1 | $0.023(4)$ | $0.034(3)$ | $0.071(4)$ | $0.000(2)$ | $0.000(3)$ | $0.003(3)$ |
| O_1 | $0.036(3)$ | $0.035(2)$ | $0.104(3)$ | $-0.0007(19)$ | $0.000(2)$ | $0.002(2)$ |
| N_2 | $0.023(3)$ | $0.028(2)$ | $0.081(3)$ | $0.001(2)$ | $0.002(2)$ | $-0.001(2)$ |
| CA_2 | $0.036(3)$ | $0.030(3)$ | $0.077(3)$ | $-0.003(3)$ | $0.003(3)$ | $0.000(3)$ |
| CB_2 | $0.055(4)$ | $0.029(3)$ | $0.082(4)$ | $-0.001(3)$ | $-0.001(3)$ | $-0.006(3)$ |
| CG1_2 | $0.068(5)$ | $0.058(4)$ | $0.078(4)$ | $-0.002(4)$ | $-0.001(4)$ | $-0.004(3)$ |
| CD1_2 | $0.096(6)$ | $0.079(4)$ | $0.071(4)$ | $-0.011(5)$ | $0.006(4)$ | $-0.006(3)$ |
| CG2_2 | $0.135(8)$ | $0.050(4)$ | $0.088(4)$ | $-0.011(5)$ | $0.000(5)$ | $-0.010(3)$ |
| C_2 | $0.039(4)$ | $0.025(3)$ | $0.079(4)$ | $-0.003(3)$ | $0.011(3)$ | $0.008(2)$ |
| O1_2 | $0.054(2)$ | $0.038(2)$ | $0.093(3)$ | $0.000(2)$ | $-0.005(2)$ | $0.014(2)$ |
| O2_2 | $0.042(3)$ | $0.055(3)$ | $0.109(3)$ | $-0.004(2)$ | $-0.008(2)$ | $0.025(2)$ |

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

| C1—C2 | $1.376(8)$ | CB_1—HB2_1 | 0.9800 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C1—C6 | $1.386(9)$ | CB_1—HB3_1 | 0.9800 |
| C1—C7 | $1.495(8)$ | C_1—O_1 | $1.235(7)$ |
| C2—C3 | $1.377(10)$ | C_1—N_2 | $1.319(6)$ |
| C2—H2 | 0.9500 | N_2-CA_2 | $1.460(6)$ |
| C3—C4 | $1.360(10)$ | N_2—H_2 | 0.8800 |
| C3—H3 | 0.9500 | CA_2—C_2 | $1.515(8)$ |
| C4—C5 | $1.384(10)$ | CA_2—CB_2 | $1.545(8)$ |


| C4-H4 | 0.9500 |
| :---: | :---: |
| C5-C6 | 1.379 (9) |
| C5-H5 | 0.9500 |
| C6-H6 | 0.9500 |
| C7-O1 | 1.471 (6) |
| C7-H71 | 0.9900 |
| C7-H72 | 0.9900 |
| O1-C8 | 1.331 (7) |
| C8-08 | 1.228 (7) |
| C8-N_1 | 1.335 (6) |
| N_1-CA_1 | 1.433 (7) |
| N_1-H_1 | 0.8800 |
| CA_1-C_1 | 1.520 (7) |
| CA_1-CB_1 | 1.525 (8) |
| CA_1-HA_1 | 1.0000 |
| CB_1-HB1_1 | 0.9800 |
| C2-C1-C6 | 119.1 (6) |
| C2-C1-C7 | 120.2 (6) |
| C6- $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 7$ | 120.7 (6) |
| C1-C2-C3 | 120.8 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 119.6 |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2$ | 119.6 |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 119.5 (6) |
| C4-C3-H3 | 120.3 |
| C2-C3-H3 | 120.3 |
| C3-C4-C5 | 121.1 (7) |
| C3-C4-H4 | 119.4 |
| C5-C4-H4 | 119.4 |
| C6-C5-C4 | 119.0 (7) |
| C6-C5-H5 | 120.5 |
| C4-C5-H5 | 120.5 |
| C5-C6-C1 | 120.4 (7) |
| C5-C6-H6 | 119.8 |
| C1-C6-H6 | 119.8 |
| O1-C7-C1 | 105.9 (5) |
| O1-C7-H71 | 110.5 |
| C1-C7-H71 | 110.5 |
| O1-C7-H72 | 110.5 |
| C1-C7-H72 | 110.5 |
| H71-C7-H72 | 108.7 |
| C8-O1-C7 | 116.5 (4) |
| O8-C8-O1 | 124.4 (5) |
| O8-C8-N_1 | 123.9 (5) |
| O1-C8-N_1 | 111.7 (5) |
| C8-N_1-CA_1 | 122.7 (5) |
| C8-N_1-H_1 | 118.7 |
| CA_1-N_1-H_1 | 118.7 |


| CA_2-HA 2 | 1.0000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| CB_2-CG2_2 | 1.514 (9) |
| CB_2-CG1_2 | 1.518 (8) |
| CB_2-HB_2 | 1.0000 |
| CG1_2-CD1_2 | 1.521 (9) |
| CG1_2-HG11_2 | 0.9900 |
| CG1_2-HG12_2 | 0.9900 |
| CD1_2—HD1_2 | 0.9800 |
| CD1_2-HD2_2 | 0.9800 |
| CD1_2-HD3_2 | 0.9800 |
| CG2_2-HG21_2 | 0.9800 |
| CG2_2-HG22_2 | 0.9800 |
| CG2_2-HG23_2 | 0.9800 |
| C_2-O2_2 | 1.212 (7) |
| C -2-O1_2 | 1.316 (6) |
| O1_2—HH_2 | 0.8400 |
| HB2_1-CB_1-HB3_1 | 109.5 |
| O_1-C_1-N_2 | 123.8 (5) |
| O_1-C_1-CA_1 | 119.0 (5) |
| N_2-C_1-CA_1 | 117.1 (5) |
| C_1-N_2-CA_2 | 124.1 (4) |
| C_1-N_2-H_2 | 117.9 |
| CA_2-N_2-H_2 | 117.9 |
| N_2-CA_2-C_2 | 107.6 (5) |
| N_2-CA_2-CB_2 | 112.0 (4) |
| C_2-CA_2-CB_2 | 110.0 (4) |
| N_2-CA_2-HA_2 | 109.1 |
| C_2-CA_2-HA_2 | 109.1 |
| CB_2-CA_2-HA_2 | 109.1 |
| CG1_2-CB_2-CG2_2 | 111.6 (5) |
| CG1_2-CB_2-CA_2 | 111.6 (5) |
| CG2_2-CB_2-CA_2 | 110.8 (5) |
| CG1_2-CB_2-HB_2 | 107.5 |
| CG 2 2-CB_2-HB_2 | 107.5 |
| CA_2-CB_2-HB_2 | 107.5 |
| CB_2-CG1_2-CD1_2 | 114.3 (6) |
| CB_2-CG1_2-HG11_2 | 108.7 |
| CD1_2-CG1_2-HG11_2 | 108.7 |
| CB_2-CG1_2-HG12_2 | 108.7 |
| CD1_2-CG1_2-HG12_2 | 108.7 |
| HG11_2-CG1_2-HG12_2 | 107.6 |
| CG1_2-CD1_2-HD1_2 | 109.5 |
| CG1_2-CD1_2-HD2_2 | 109.5 |
| HD1_2-CD1_2-HD2_2 | 109.5 |
| CG1_2-CD1_2-HD3_2 | 109.5 |
| HD1_2-CD1_2-HD3_2 | 109.5 |
| $\mathrm{HD} 2 \_2-\mathrm{CD} 1$ _2-HD3_2 | 109.5 |

## supporting information

| N_1-CA_1-C_1 | 108.9 (4) |
| :---: | :---: |
| N_1-CA_1-CB_1 | 111.2 (4) |
| C_1-CA_1-CB_1 | 110.4 (5) |
| N_1-CA_1-HA_1 | 108.8 |
| C_1-CA_1-HA_1 | 108.8 |
| CB_1-CA_1-HA_1 | 108.8 |
| CA_1-CB_1-HB1_1 | 109.5 |
| CA_1-CB_1-HB2_1 | 109.5 |
| HB1_1-CB_1-HB2_1 | 109.5 |
| CA_1-CB_1-HB3_1 | 109.5 |
| HB1_1-CB_1-HB3_1 | 109.5 |


| CB_2-CG2_2-HG21_2 | 109.5 |
| :---: | :---: |
| CB_2-CG2_2-HG22_2 | 109.5 |
| HG21_2-CG2_2-HG22_2 | 109.5 |
| CB_2-CG2_2-HG23_2 | 109.5 |
| HG21_2-CG2_2-HG23_2 | 109.5 |
| HG22_2-CG2_2-HG23_2 | 109.5 |
| O 2 2- C _2-O1_2 | 123.0 (5) |
| O 2 _2-C_2-CA_2 | 123.1 (5) |
| $\mathrm{O} 1 \_2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{CA} 2$ | 113.9 (5) |
| C_2-O1_2-HH_2 | 109.5 |

