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# Methyl *N*-{(1*R*)-2-[(methoxycarbonyl)oxy]-1-phenylethyl}carbamate

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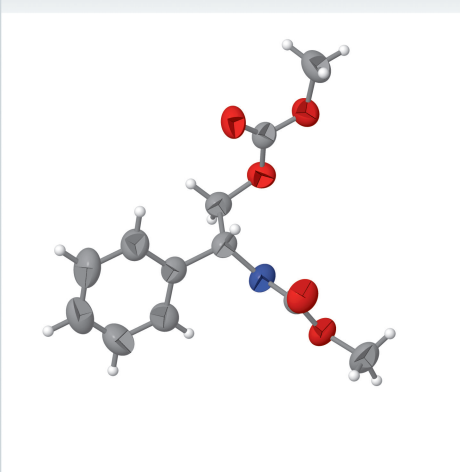
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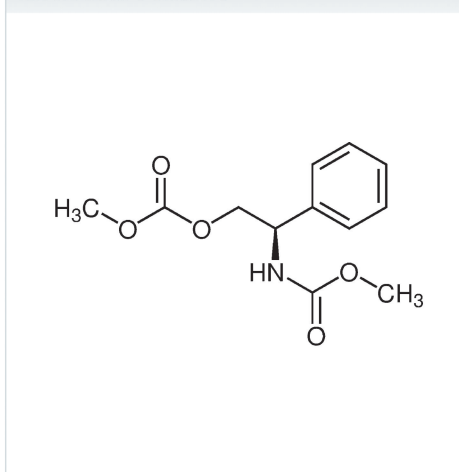
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The title molecule, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, is a methyl carbamate derivative obtained by reacting (*R*)-2-phenylglycinol and methyl chloroformate, with calcium hydroxide as heterogeneous catalyst. Supramolecular chains are formed in the [100] direction, based on N—H···O hydrogen bonds between the amide and carboxylate groups. These chains weakly interact in the crystal, and the phenyl rings do not display significant  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interactions.

## 3D view



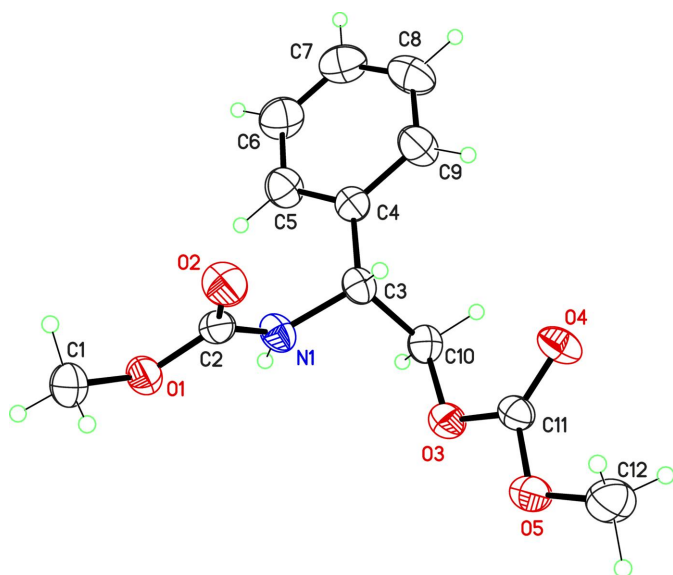
## Chemical scheme



## Structure description

Methyl carbamate, Me(O)CONH<sub>2</sub>, the methyl ester of carbamic acid, is an important intermediate in the manufacture of carbamate-based resins used in the textile and polymer industries. On a smaller scale, it is also a pharmaceutical intermediate. The primary amine group can be functionalized, in the same way as for primary amides. From another point of view, the formation of a carbamate *via* a *N*-methyloxycarbonylation reaction can also be considered as a useful protection of a primary amine (Sartori *et al.*, 2004). Finally, alternative routes allow both the formation of the carbamate and the *N*-functionalization. The title compound, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>5</sub>, resulted from such a reaction, between methyl chloroformate and a chiral amino alcohol, namely (*R*)-2-phenylglycinol, under basic conditions, and using Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> as a heterogeneous catalyst.

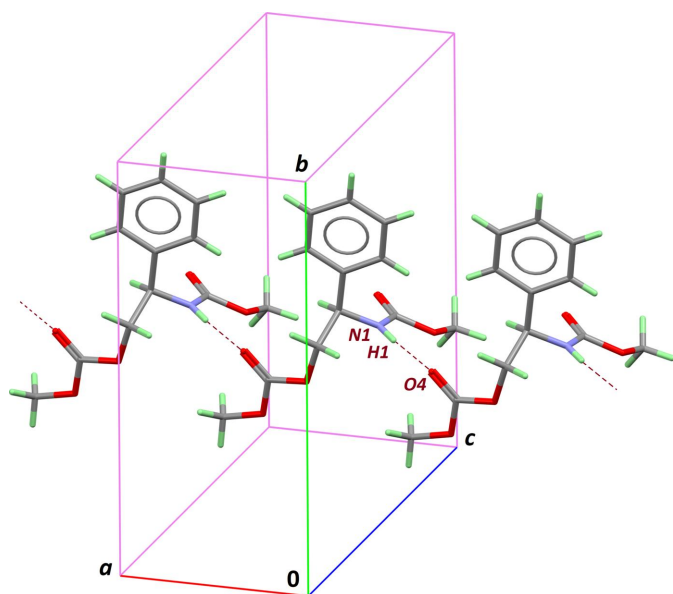
We assumed that the *R* absolute configuration of the starting material was retained during the reaction, affording an enantiomerically pure compound, which crystallized in the Sohncke space group *P*2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>2<sub>1</sub>. Molecular dimensions are as expected, and the amide group displays a geometry quite different from that of the carboxylate group, with bond lengths C2–N1 = 1.333 (3) and C10–O3 = 1.445 (3) Å (Fig. 1). The geometry of the



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of the title compound (50% probability ellipsoids).

carbamate group is virtually identical to that observed in the closely related chiral compound methyl(1*S*-phenylethyl) carbamate, which crystallizes with four independent molecules in the asymmetric unit (Thakar *et al.*, 2018).

In the extended structure, the amide NH group serves as a donor, forming an intermolecular hydrogen bond with the carboxylate group C11=O4 of a neighbouring molecule (Table 1). Infinite chains are then formed in the crystal, running along the short *a* axis (Fig. 2). Molecules are further connected through weak C–H···O contacts involving the methyl group of the carbamate moiety as donor. Chains are



**Figure 2**  
Supramolecular chains formed in the [100] direction, based on amide-carboxylate N–H···O hydrogen bonds (dashed bonds).

**Table 1**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

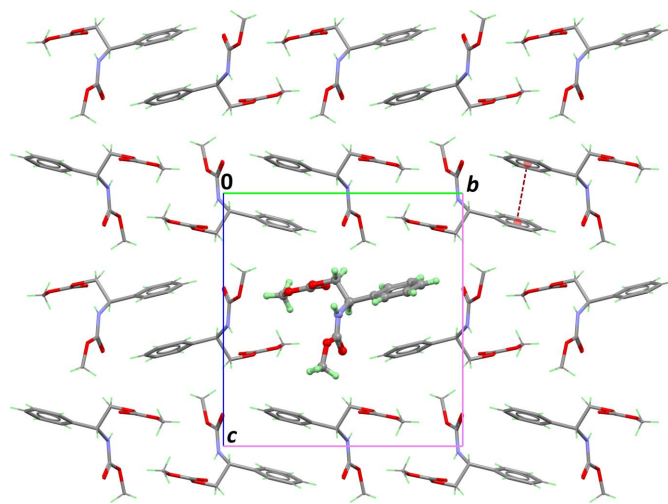
<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H	H··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ··· <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> –H··· <i>A</i>
N1–H1···O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.82 (3)	2.10 (3)	2.917 (2)	175 (2)
C1–H1 <i>B</i> ···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.96	2.59	3.494 (3)	158
C1–H1 <i>C</i> ···O5 <sup>iii</sup>	0.96	2.62	3.332 (4)	131

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

arranged in the crystal with two neighbouring chains having the phenyl rings facing upwards (Fig. 3). However, no significant  $\pi$ – $\pi$  contacts are observed: the distance separating two rings is large [4.6763 (17) Å] and the dihedral angle between corresponding mean planes is 21.84 (13)°. Aside from the weak C–H···O bonds mentioned above and van der Waals contacts, no other significant interactions between the supramolecular chains are present in the crystal structure. As a consequence, the Kitaigorodskii packing index of 67.8% is rather low for this small organic molecule (Spek, 2020).

### Synthesis and crystallization

(*R*)-2-Phenylglycinol (100 mg, 0.73 mmol) was dissolved in dry THF. The catalyst, Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> (10%), and methyl chloroformate (0.56 ml, 7.2 mmol) were added, and the mixture was refluxed (333 K) under a nitrogen atmosphere. After completion (TLC), the catalyst was separated by filtration, and the crude product recovered by elimination of the solvent under reduced pressure. The crude product was recrystallized from a mixture of solvents (hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 4:1 *v:v*), affording single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  3.66 (*s*, 3H), 3.76 (*s*, 3H), 4.35 (*s*, 2H), 5.05 (*broad*, 1H), 5.64 (*broad*, 1H), 7.29–7.37 (*m*, 5H) p.p.m. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  52.33, 54.2, 55.06, 69.66, 126.59, 128.06, 128.80, 138.20, 155.68, 156.41 p.p.m.



**Figure 3**  
Part of the crystal structure of the title compound, viewed down the crystallographic *a* axis. The asymmetric unit is shown as a ball and stick model, and the dashed line represents the weak  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interaction between phenyl rings.

## Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 2. The amide H atom (H1) was refined with free coordinates and isotropic displacement parameter. Other H atoms are in calculated positions. The absolute configuration was inferred from the synthesis.

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**Table 2**

Experimental details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>15</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	253.25
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Temperature (K)	295
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	6.2497 (2), 13.8633 (6), 14.6254 (5)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1267.17 (8)
<i>Z</i>	4
Radiation type	Mo <i>K</i> α
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.10
Crystal size (mm)	0.67 × 0.29 × 0.16
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Xcalibur, Atlas, Gemini
Absorption correction	Multi-scan ( <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> ; Rigaku OD, 2022)
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.967, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	24119, 3859, 2841
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.035
(sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.714
Refinement	
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.046, 0.118, 1.03
No. of reflections	3859
No. of parameters	169
H-atom treatment	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.14, −0.16
Computer programs: <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> (Rigaku OD, 2022), <i>SHELXT2018/2</i> (Sheldrick, 2015a), <i>SHELXL2018/3</i> (Sheldrick, 2015b), <i>XP</i> in <i>SHELXTL-Plus</i> (Sheldrick, 2008), <i>Mercury</i> (Macrae et al., 2020) and <i>pubCIF</i> (Westrip, 2010).	

## full crystallographic data

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$C_{12}H_{15}NO_5$

$M_r = 253.25$

Orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$

$a = 6.2497$  (2) Å

$b = 13.8633$  (6) Å

$c = 14.6254$  (5) Å

$V = 1267.17$  (8) Å<sup>3</sup>

$Z = 4$

$F(000) = 536$

$D_x = 1.327$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Melting point: 345 K

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

Cell parameters from 4907 reflections

$\theta = 3.3$ – $26.1^\circ$

$\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>

$T = 295$  K

Block, colourless

$0.67 \times 0.29 \times 0.16$  mm

*Data collection*

Xcalibur, Atlas, Gemini  
diffractometer

Radiation source: fine-focus sealed X-ray tube,  
Enhance (Mo) X-ray Source

Graphite monochromator

Detector resolution: 10.5564 pixels mm<sup>-1</sup>

$\omega$  scans

Absorption correction: multi-scan  
(CrysAlisPro; Rigaku OD, 2022)

$T_{\min} = 0.967$ ,  $T_{\max} = 1.000$

24119 measured reflections

3859 independent reflections

2841 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.035$

$\theta_{\max} = 30.5^\circ$ ,  $\theta_{\min} = 2.9^\circ$

$h = -8 \rightarrow 8$

$k = -19 \rightarrow 19$

$l = -20 \rightarrow 20$

*Refinement*

Refinement on  $F^2$

Least-squares matrix: full

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$

$wR(F^2) = 0.118$

$S = 1.03$

3859 reflections

169 parameters

0 restraints

0 constraints

Primary atom site location: dual

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier  
map

Hydrogen site location: mixed

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0587P)^2 + 0.052P]$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

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

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.14$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.16$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

*Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
O1	-0.2085 (3)	0.43365 (12)	0.59140 (10)	0.0598 (4)
O2	0.1160 (3)	0.49818 (13)	0.62348 (10)	0.0670 (5)

O3	0.2905 (2)	0.37368 (12)	0.36207 (12)	0.0607 (4)
O4	0.6279 (2)	0.42897 (11)	0.36564 (11)	0.0597 (4)
O5	0.5449 (3)	0.27357 (12)	0.38930 (13)	0.0668 (5)
N1	-0.0043 (3)	0.48073 (14)	0.47814 (11)	0.0527 (4)
H1	-0.105 (4)	0.4625 (18)	0.4474 (16)	0.053 (6)*
C1	-0.2419 (5)	0.4127 (2)	0.68630 (17)	0.0769 (8)
H1A	-0.387398	0.392701	0.695569	0.115*
H1B	-0.213777	0.469417	0.721969	0.115*
H1C	-0.147035	0.361905	0.704931	0.115*
C2	-0.0183 (3)	0.47379 (15)	0.56885 (13)	0.0475 (4)
C3	0.1699 (3)	0.52669 (16)	0.43010 (13)	0.0473 (5)
H3	0.297760	0.524175	0.468833	0.057*
C4	0.1259 (4)	0.63165 (16)	0.40547 (13)	0.0492 (5)
C5	-0.0757 (4)	0.6723 (2)	0.41155 (19)	0.0678 (7)
H5	-0.190104	0.634538	0.430815	0.081*
C6	-0.1102 (5)	0.7682 (2)	0.3895 (2)	0.0834 (8)
H6	-0.246934	0.794183	0.394150	0.100*
C7	0.0544 (6)	0.8242 (2)	0.36108 (19)	0.0790 (8)
H7	0.030618	0.888693	0.346652	0.095*
C8	0.2556 (6)	0.7862 (2)	0.3536 (2)	0.0868 (9)
H8	0.368411	0.824713	0.333876	0.104*
C9	0.2916 (5)	0.6898 (2)	0.37548 (19)	0.0725 (7)
H9	0.428547	0.664215	0.369869	0.087*
C10	0.2142 (4)	0.46992 (18)	0.34271 (14)	0.0541 (5)
H10A	0.083947	0.465903	0.306877	0.065*
H10B	0.320390	0.503898	0.306596	0.065*
C11	0.5013 (4)	0.36477 (15)	0.37178 (13)	0.0492 (4)
C12	0.7676 (4)	0.2503 (2)	0.4027 (2)	0.0787 (8)
H12A	0.850042	0.275381	0.352705	0.118*
H12B	0.784356	0.181520	0.405485	0.118*
H12C	0.816598	0.278478	0.458896	0.118*

*Atomic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>)*

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
O1	0.0627 (9)	0.0623 (9)	0.0543 (8)	-0.0127 (8)	0.0094 (7)	-0.0026 (7)
O2	0.0727 (10)	0.0791 (12)	0.0492 (8)	-0.0157 (9)	-0.0091 (8)	-0.0040 (8)
O3	0.0484 (8)	0.0545 (9)	0.0791 (10)	-0.0078 (7)	0.0020 (8)	-0.0061 (8)
O4	0.0521 (8)	0.0539 (9)	0.0732 (10)	-0.0146 (7)	-0.0156 (8)	0.0141 (8)
O5	0.0597 (9)	0.0467 (9)	0.0940 (12)	-0.0059 (7)	0.0045 (8)	0.0026 (8)
N1	0.0464 (9)	0.0661 (11)	0.0457 (9)	-0.0137 (9)	-0.0059 (8)	0.0020 (8)
C1	0.098 (2)	0.0742 (19)	0.0583 (13)	-0.0119 (15)	0.0262 (14)	-0.0041 (12)
C2	0.0533 (11)	0.0412 (10)	0.0479 (10)	0.0005 (9)	-0.0004 (9)	-0.0013 (8)
C3	0.0395 (9)	0.0585 (12)	0.0439 (9)	-0.0055 (9)	-0.0062 (7)	0.0019 (8)
C4	0.0512 (11)	0.0560 (12)	0.0403 (9)	-0.0038 (10)	-0.0048 (9)	-0.0002 (9)
C5	0.0576 (14)	0.0716 (17)	0.0742 (15)	0.0022 (12)	-0.0028 (11)	0.0071 (14)
C6	0.0823 (19)	0.0727 (19)	0.095 (2)	0.0178 (16)	-0.0093 (17)	0.0056 (15)
C7	0.107 (3)	0.0602 (15)	0.0697 (16)	0.0062 (16)	-0.0161 (15)	0.0083 (13)

C8	0.102 (2)	0.069 (2)	0.0893 (19)	-0.0242 (17)	-0.0026 (18)	0.0189 (15)
C9	0.0614 (14)	0.0686 (16)	0.0873 (17)	-0.0081 (12)	0.0014 (14)	0.0136 (14)
C10	0.0488 (10)	0.0626 (14)	0.0508 (10)	0.0009 (10)	-0.0021 (9)	0.0004 (10)
C11	0.0524 (11)	0.0489 (11)	0.0464 (10)	-0.0090 (10)	-0.0008 (10)	-0.0009 (9)
C12	0.0703 (16)	0.0606 (16)	0.105 (2)	0.0071 (12)	-0.0097 (17)	0.0120 (15)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

O1—C2	1.353 (3)	C4—C5	1.383 (3)
O1—C1	1.433 (3)	C4—C9	1.384 (3)
O2—C2	1.207 (2)	C5—C6	1.385 (4)
O3—C11	1.331 (3)	C5—H5	0.9300
O3—C10	1.445 (3)	C6—C7	1.355 (4)
O4—C11	1.194 (2)	C6—H6	0.9300
O5—C11	1.318 (3)	C7—C8	1.368 (5)
O5—C12	1.442 (3)	C7—H7	0.9300
N1—C2	1.333 (3)	C8—C9	1.392 (4)
N1—C3	1.444 (3)	C8—H8	0.9300
N1—H1	0.82 (3)	C9—H9	0.9300
C1—H1A	0.9600	C10—H10A	0.9700
C1—H1B	0.9600	C10—H10B	0.9700
C1—H1C	0.9600	C12—H12A	0.9600
C3—C4	1.524 (3)	C12—H12B	0.9600
C3—C10	1.526 (3)	C12—H12C	0.9600
C3—H3	0.9800		
C2—O1—C1	116.6 (2)	C7—C6—C5	120.3 (3)
C11—O3—C10	115.66 (17)	C7—C6—H6	119.9
C11—O5—C12	116.11 (19)	C5—C6—H6	119.9
C2—N1—C3	124.45 (18)	C6—C7—C8	120.1 (3)
C2—N1—H1	118.4 (17)	C6—C7—H7	120.0
C3—N1—H1	116.9 (17)	C8—C7—H7	120.0
O1—C1—H1A	109.5	C7—C8—C9	120.0 (3)
O1—C1—H1B	109.5	C7—C8—H8	120.0
H1A—C1—H1B	109.5	C9—C8—H8	120.0
O1—C1—H1C	109.5	C4—C9—C8	120.7 (3)
H1A—C1—H1C	109.5	C4—C9—H9	119.6
H1B—C1—H1C	109.5	C8—C9—H9	119.6
O2—C2—N1	126.4 (2)	O3—C10—C3	111.83 (17)
O2—C2—O1	124.37 (19)	O3—C10—H10A	109.2
N1—C2—O1	109.27 (18)	C3—C10—H10A	109.2
N1—C3—C4	113.60 (18)	O3—C10—H10B	109.2
N1—C3—C10	108.46 (18)	C3—C10—H10B	109.2
C4—C3—C10	109.09 (17)	H10A—C10—H10B	107.9
N1—C3—H3	108.5	O4—C11—O5	126.4 (2)
C4—C3—H3	108.5	O4—C11—O3	125.3 (2)
C10—C3—H3	108.5	O5—C11—O3	108.30 (18)
C5—C4—C9	117.7 (2)	O5—C12—H12A	109.5

C5—C4—C3	122.6 (2)	O5—C12—H12B	109.5
C9—C4—C3	119.8 (2)	H12A—C12—H12B	109.5
C4—C5—C6	121.2 (3)	O5—C12—H12C	109.5
C4—C5—H5	119.4	H12A—C12—H12C	109.5
C6—C5—H5	119.4	H12B—C12—H12C	109.5
C3—N1—C2—O2	-5.4 (4)	C5—C6—C7—C8	0.4 (5)
C3—N1—C2—O1	175.16 (19)	C6—C7—C8—C9	-0.2 (5)
C1—O1—C2—O2	-5.0 (3)	C5—C4—C9—C8	0.9 (4)
C1—O1—C2—N1	174.4 (2)	C3—C4—C9—C8	-179.3 (2)
C2—N1—C3—C4	-95.0 (2)	C7—C8—C9—C4	-0.4 (5)
C2—N1—C3—C10	143.5 (2)	C11—O3—C10—C3	-88.4 (2)
N1—C3—C4—C5	-12.6 (3)	N1—C3—C10—O3	-65.0 (2)
C10—C3—C4—C5	108.5 (2)	C4—C3—C10—O3	170.79 (16)
N1—C3—C4—C9	167.6 (2)	C12—O5—C11—O4	0.4 (4)
C10—C3—C4—C9	-71.3 (3)	C12—O5—C11—O3	-179.5 (2)
C9—C4—C5—C6	-0.8 (4)	C10—O3—C11—O4	-0.1 (3)
C3—C4—C5—C6	179.4 (2)	C10—O3—C11—O5	179.81 (17)
C4—C5—C6—C7	0.2 (5)		

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N1—H1 $\cdots$ O4 <sup>i</sup>	0.82 (3)	2.10 (3)	2.917 (2)	175 (2)
C1—H1B $\cdots$ O4 <sup>ii</sup>	0.96	2.59	3.494 (3)	158
C1—H1C $\cdots$ O5 <sup>iii</sup>	0.96	2.62	3.332 (4)	131

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