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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 T = 120 K  
 Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ \AA}$   
 R factor = 0.032  
 wR factor = 0.089  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.4

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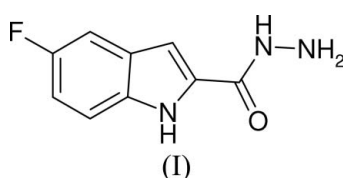
## 5-Fluoro-1*H*-indole-2-carbohydrazide

The geometric parameters for the essentially planar molecule of the title compound,  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_8\text{FN}_3\text{O}$ , are normal. A network of  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds helps to establish the crystal packing.

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### Comment

As part of our ongoing research into indole carboxylic acid derivatives (Harrison *et al.*, 2006), the synthesis and crystal structure of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), are now presented.

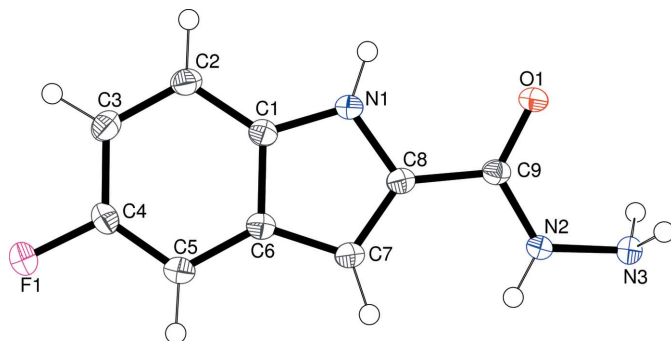


The geometric parameters for (I) fall within their expected ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The indole ring system is essentially flat (r.m.s. deviation from the mean plane = 0.005 Å). The mean plane of atoms C9, O1, N2 and N3 of the carbohydrazide side chain is slightly twisted away from the indole mean plane [dihedral angle = 5.27 (9)°]. The bond angle sum about N2 is 359°, suggesting  $sp^2$ -hybridization for this atom. Conversely, the average bond angle for N3 of 108° suggests  $sp^3$ -hybridization.

The crystal packing in (I) is influenced by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$  and  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds (Table 1). Inversion-generated dimeric pairs of molecules are linked by a pair of  $\text{N}3-\text{H}3\cdots\text{O}1^{\text{iii}}$  hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2). Adjacent molecules are then linked into ribbons by a combination of the  $\text{N}2-\text{H}2\cdots\text{O}1^{\text{ii}}$  and  $\text{N}1\cdots\text{H}1-\text{N}3^{\text{i}}$  bonds. In terms of graph theory (Bernstein *et al.*, 1995) these two hydrogen-bonding motifs result in  $R_2^2(10)$  and  $R_2^2(8)$  loops, respectively. Combining the two results in (001) sheets of molecules. Atom H4, attached to N3, does not participate in hydrogen bonds. A PLATON (Spek, 2003) analysis of (I) indicated a short  $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{F}$  contact that may also help to consolidate the crystal packing. In the packing of (I), a zigzag stacking of molecules with respect to the *c* direction is seen (Fig. 3). Any  $\pi-\pi$  stacking interactions in (I) must be very weak, the shortest intermolecular ring-centroid separation being 4.08 Å.

### Experimental

Methyl-5-fluoroindole-2-carboxylate (2.34 g, 0.01 mol) (Harrison *et al.*, 2006) in 25 ml of absolute ethanol was refluxed with 1.0 ml of hydrazine hydrate for 2 h, with the reaction progress monitored by



**Figure 1**  
View of the molecular structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and arbitrary spheres for the H atoms.

thin-layer chromatography. Upon completion, the mixture was cooled to room temperature. The separated solid was filtered off and washed with cold ethanol; cubes of (I) were recrystallized from ethanol (m.p. 505–507 K). Analysis found (calculated) for  $C_9H_8FN_3O$ : C 55.70 (55.96), H 4.12 (4.17), N 21.65 (21.75)%.

#### Crystal data

$C_9H_8FN_3O$	$Z = 8$
$M_r = 193.18$	$D_x = 1.452 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Orthorhombic, $Pbca$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 10.0451 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.11 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$b = 9.4978 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 120 (2) \text{ K}$
$c = 18.5293 (6) \text{ \AA}$	Cube, colourless
$V = 1767.81 (9) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	11208 measured reflections
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	1733 independent reflections
Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Bruker, 2003)	1497 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$T_{\min} = 0.978$ , $T_{\max} = 0.978$	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.029$
	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.1^\circ$

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0434P)^2 + 0.7328P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.089$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
$S = 1.06$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
1733 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.19 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
140 parameters	Extinction correction: <i>SHELXL97</i>
H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	Extinction coefficient: 0.015 (2)

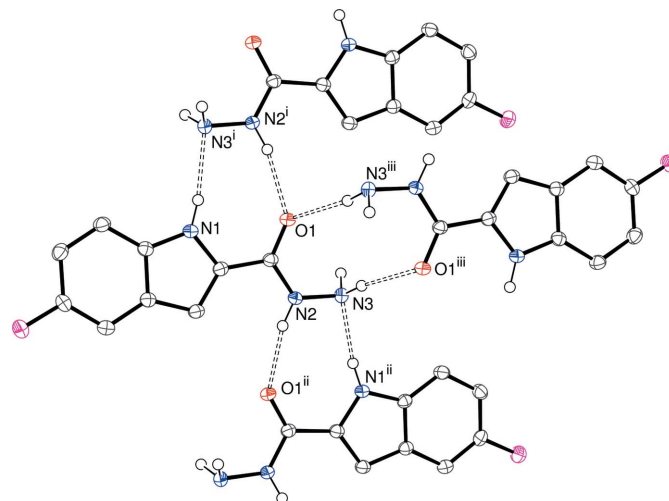
**Table 1**

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

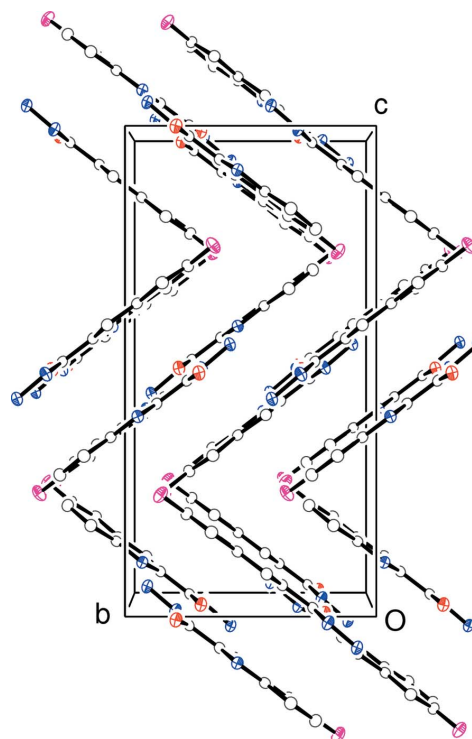
$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
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$C3-H3A\cdots F1^{iv}$	0.95	2.55	3.2082 (15)	127

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

The N-bound H atoms were located in difference maps and their positions were freely refined with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$  set equal to  $1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$ . The



**Figure 2**  
Fragment of the crystal structure of (I), showing the hydrogen-bonding (dashed lines) scheme, with C-bound H atoms omitted for clarity. Symmetry codes as in Table 1.



**Figure 3**  
The packing for (I), with all H atoms omitted for clarity.

C-bound H atoms were placed in idealized locations ( $C-H = 0.95 \text{ \AA}$ ) and refined as riding with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: *HKL SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor 1997); data reduction: *HKL DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor 1997), and *SORTAV* (Blessing, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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$k = -11 \rightarrow 10$

$l = -22 \rightarrow 18$

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$wR(F^2) = 0.089$

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1733 reflections

140 parameters

0 restraints

Primary atom site location: structure-invariant

direct methods

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier

map

Hydrogen site location: difmap (N-H) and geom  
(others)

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent  
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$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$

$\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.25$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

$\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.19$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Extinction correction: SHELXL97,

$F_c^* = kF_c[1 + 0.001x F_c^2 \lambda^3 / \sin(2\theta)]^{-1/4}$

Extinction coefficient: 0.015 (2)

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

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$U_{\text{iso}}^*/U_{\text{eq}}$
C1	0.48589 (12)	0.44387 (13)	0.63425 (6)	0.0181 (3)
C2	0.41098 (13)	0.34193 (14)	0.67046 (7)	0.0217 (3)
H2A	0.3166	0.3410	0.6676	0.026*
C3	0.47908 (13)	0.24262 (14)	0.71057 (7)	0.0228 (3)
H3A	0.4319	0.1713	0.7358	0.027*
C4	0.61805 (13)	0.24800 (13)	0.71369 (7)	0.0216 (3)
C5	0.69439 (13)	0.34626 (13)	0.67917 (7)	0.0211 (3)
H5	0.7887	0.3462	0.6829	0.025*
C6	0.62640 (12)	0.44730 (13)	0.63784 (6)	0.0179 (3)
C7	0.66864 (12)	0.56243 (13)	0.59462 (7)	0.0192 (3)
H7	0.7578	0.5914	0.5863	0.023*
C8	0.55545 (12)	0.62391 (13)	0.56713 (7)	0.0179 (3)
C9	0.54006 (11)	0.74680 (14)	0.51939 (7)	0.0175 (3)
N1	0.44498 (10)	0.55295 (11)	0.59124 (6)	0.0186 (3)
H1	0.3600 (16)	0.5719 (15)	0.5798 (8)	0.022*
N2	0.65387 (10)	0.80349 (11)	0.49559 (6)	0.0208 (3)
H2	0.7311 (16)	0.7653 (16)	0.5037 (8)	0.025*
N3	0.65712 (11)	0.91675 (12)	0.44592 (6)	0.0209 (3)
H3	0.6249 (15)	0.9963 (17)	0.4682 (8)	0.025*
H4	0.6008 (16)	0.8927 (16)	0.4082 (9)	0.025*
O1	0.42915 (8)	0.79502 (10)	0.50288 (5)	0.0217 (2)
F1	0.67988 (8)	0.14679 (8)	0.75401 (4)	0.0297 (2)

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

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
C1	0.0176 (6)	0.0185 (6)	0.0182 (6)	0.0013 (5)	0.0000 (5)	-0.0022 (5)
C2	0.0170 (6)	0.0236 (7)	0.0244 (7)	-0.0007 (5)	0.0022 (5)	-0.0002 (5)
C3	0.0228 (7)	0.0216 (7)	0.0240 (7)	-0.0022 (5)	0.0043 (5)	0.0014 (5)
C4	0.0234 (7)	0.0199 (6)	0.0216 (6)	0.0042 (5)	-0.0017 (5)	0.0022 (5)
C5	0.0168 (6)	0.0237 (7)	0.0229 (6)	0.0013 (5)	-0.0006 (5)	-0.0007 (5)
C6	0.0172 (6)	0.0182 (6)	0.0185 (6)	0.0007 (5)	0.0000 (5)	-0.0029 (5)
C7	0.0154 (6)	0.0205 (6)	0.0216 (6)	-0.0009 (5)	0.0004 (5)	-0.0014 (5)
C8	0.0161 (6)	0.0181 (6)	0.0196 (6)	-0.0007 (5)	0.0008 (5)	-0.0024 (5)
C9	0.0154 (6)	0.0171 (6)	0.0200 (6)	0.0000 (5)	-0.0007 (5)	-0.0035 (5)
N1	0.0139 (5)	0.0197 (6)	0.0223 (6)	0.0003 (4)	0.0001 (4)	0.0013 (4)
N2	0.0139 (5)	0.0206 (6)	0.0280 (6)	0.0011 (4)	-0.0002 (4)	0.0060 (5)
N3	0.0191 (6)	0.0178 (6)	0.0258 (6)	-0.0006 (4)	-0.0007 (4)	0.0039 (5)
O1	0.0140 (4)	0.0213 (5)	0.0297 (5)	0.0008 (3)	-0.0009 (4)	0.0023 (4)
F1	0.0259 (4)	0.0281 (5)	0.0352 (5)	0.0030 (3)	-0.0019 (3)	0.0124 (4)

*Geometric parameters (Å, °)*

C1—N1	1.3702 (17)	C7—C8	1.3759 (17)
C1—C2	1.3978 (18)	C7—H7	0.9500
C1—C6	1.4133 (18)	C8—N1	1.3730 (16)
C2—C3	1.3820 (19)	C8—C9	1.4727 (18)
C2—H2A	0.9500	C9—O1	1.2428 (14)
C3—C4	1.3981 (19)	C9—N2	1.3384 (16)
C3—H3A	0.9500	N1—H1	0.898 (16)
C4—F1	1.3667 (14)	N2—N3	1.4161 (15)
C4—C5	1.3667 (18)	N2—H2	0.870 (16)
C5—C6	1.4050 (17)	N3—H3	0.920 (16)
C5—H5	0.9500	N3—H4	0.927 (17)
C6—C7	1.4203 (17)		
N1—C1—C2	129.90 (12)	C8—C7—C6	106.77 (11)
N1—C1—C6	108.02 (11)	C8—C7—H7	126.6
C2—C1—C6	122.08 (11)	C6—C7—H7	126.6
C3—C2—C1	117.67 (12)	N1—C8—C7	109.83 (11)
C3—C2—H2A	121.2	N1—C8—C9	119.98 (11)
C1—C2—H2A	121.2	C7—C8—C9	130.19 (11)
C2—C3—C4	119.44 (12)	O1—C9—N2	122.44 (12)
C2—C3—H3A	120.3	O1—C9—C8	122.27 (11)
C4—C3—H3A	120.3	N2—C9—C8	115.28 (10)
F1—C4—C5	118.76 (11)	C1—N1—C8	108.54 (10)
F1—C4—C3	116.78 (11)	C1—N1—H1	125.0 (9)
C5—C4—C3	124.46 (12)	C8—N1—H1	126.4 (9)
C4—C5—C6	116.66 (12)	C9—N2—N3	122.64 (10)
C4—C5—H5	121.7	C9—N2—H2	122.5 (10)
C6—C5—H5	121.7	N3—N2—H2	114.1 (10)
C5—C6—C1	119.69 (11)	N2—N3—H3	108.9 (9)
C5—C6—C7	133.47 (12)	N2—N3—H4	106.8 (10)
C1—C6—C7	106.84 (11)	H3—N3—H4	109.0 (14)
N1—C1—C2—C3	179.90 (12)	C1—C6—C7—C8	0.22 (13)
C6—C1—C2—C3	-0.06 (18)	C6—C7—C8—N1	0.14 (14)
C1—C2—C3—C4	0.29 (19)	C6—C7—C8—C9	179.73 (12)
C2—C3—C4—F1	-179.81 (11)	N1—C8—C9—O1	4.26 (19)
C2—C3—C4—C5	-0.1 (2)	C7—C8—C9—O1	-175.31 (13)
F1—C4—C5—C6	179.40 (11)	N1—C8—C9—N2	-176.29 (11)
C3—C4—C5—C6	-0.27 (19)	C7—C8—C9—N2	4.1 (2)
C4—C5—C6—C1	0.49 (17)	C2—C1—N1—C8	-179.38 (12)
C4—C5—C6—C7	-179.26 (13)	C6—C1—N1—C8	0.58 (14)
N1—C1—C6—C5	179.69 (11)	C7—C8—N1—C1	-0.45 (15)
C2—C1—C6—C5	-0.35 (18)	C9—C8—N1—C1	179.90 (11)
N1—C1—C6—C7	-0.49 (13)	O1—C9—N2—N3	-4.4 (2)
C2—C1—C6—C7	179.47 (11)	C8—C9—N2—N3	176.16 (11)
C5—C6—C7—C8	180.00 (13)		

*Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)*

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