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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.005 Å R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.103 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.6

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. 4-{5-(Dimethylamino)-2-[4-(dimethylamino)-2-iodo-

phenylmethyl]phenyl}-(3E)-3-buten-2-one

The title compound, $C_{21}H_{25}BrN_2O$, was synthesized by the Heck reaction. Its crystal structure shows that there are π - π -stacking interactions between the two aromatic rings of the two neighboring molecules in the unit cell. The C–I bond distance is 2.108 (4) Å and the butene double-bond distance is 1.311 (4) Å.

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Comment

The title compound, (I), was synthesized by the Heck reaction (Liang *et al.*, 1998). This kind of coupling reaction is very useful for the synthesis of biaryls and stereospecific conjugated enynes, in particular for unsymmetrical cases (Stang & Zhdankin, 1996). The crystal structure of (I) shows that there are π - π -stacking interactions between the two aromatic rings of the two neighboring molecules in the unit cell. The pair of aromatic rings are parallel to each other; the interplanar distance is 3.556 (2) Å. Bond distances and angles are in the expected ranges: the C7–I1 bond distance is 2.108 (4) Å, the C18–C19 double-bond distance is 1.311 (4) Å, C–N bond distances are 1.390 (5)–1.428 (5) Å, C–C bond distances in the aromatic rings are 1.347 (5)–1.420 (4) Å and the other C–C bond distances are 1.456 (5)–1.530 (4) Å.



Experimental

The title compound was prepared by the palladium-catalysed crosscoupling of 3,7-bis(*N*,*N*-dimethylamino)-10*H*-dibenz[*b*,*e*]iodinium with methyl vinyl ketone in the presence of a base, according to previously described procedures (Liang *et al.*, 2000). Yellow single crystals suitable for X-ray determination were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate solution at room temperature. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 80 MHz, p.p.m.): 2.33 (*s*, 3H), 2.91 (*s*, 6H), 2.99 (*s*, 6H), 4.04 (*s*, 2H), 6.55 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 16 Hz), 6.61–7.23 (*m*, 6H), 7.67 (*d*, 1H, *J* = 16Hz). IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3020, 1660, 953 and 975. MS: *m/z* (%) 448 (*M*⁺, 100), 405 (37), 277 (28) and 188 (75). Analysis calculated for C₂₁H₂₅IN₂O: C 56.26, H 5.62, N 6.24%; found: C 56.42, H 5.43, N 5.98%. In ¹H NMR spectroscopy, the vinyl H atoms appear as doublets with a coupling constant of 16 Hz, in accord with the *trans* stereochemistry, which is also proved by the X-ray determination.

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Figure 1

A view of the structure of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme and 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{21}H_{25}IN_{2}O\\ M_{r}=448.33\\ Triclinic, P\overline{1}\\ a=9.168\ (3)\ Å\\ b=10.884\ (1)\ Å\\ c=10.969\ (2)\ Å\\ \alpha=84.83\ (1)^{\circ}\\ \beta=82.21\ (2)^{\circ}\\ \gamma=65.51\ (2)^{\circ}\\ V=986.2\ (4)\ Å^{3} \end{array}$

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (North *et al.*, 1968) $T_{min} = 0.682, T_{max} = 0.721$ 3613 measured reflections 3417 independent reflections 2963 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$ $wR(F^2) = 0.103$ S = 1.073377 reflections 231 parameters H-atom parameters constrained Z = 2 $D_x = 1.510 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K α radiation Cell parameters from 25 reflections $\theta = 0.0-25.0^{\circ}$ $\mu = 1.63 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Plate, brown $0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2 \text{ mm}$

$R_{\rm int} = 0.030$
$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$
$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
$l = 0 \rightarrow 13$
5 standard reflections
every 300 reflections
intensity decay: none

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.02P)^2]$
+ 1.98P]
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.97 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{min} = -0.24 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$



Figure 2 A view of the intermolecular π - π -stacking interactions in (I).

All H atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions, with C–H = 0.93–0.97 Å, and refined as riding atoms, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2-1.5U_{eq}$ (parent atom).

Data collection: *CAD*-4/*PC* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD*-4/*PC*; data reduction: *TEXSAN* (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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