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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=294 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.004 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.054$
$w R$ factor $=0.082$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=19.9$

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## $N$-[3-Acetamido-1,3-bis(4-ethylphenyl)butenyl]acetamide

Both intra- and intermolecular $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ hydrogen bonds are found in the structure of the title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$. Molecules are assembled into chains, along the $b$ axis, via intermolecular interactions.

## Comment

The title compound, $N$-[3-acetamido-1,3-bis(4-ethylphenyl)butenyl]acetamide, (I), is one of the by-products obtained during the synthesis of $N$-[1-(4-ethylphenyl)ethenyl]acetamide (Burk et al., 1998). In this study, the structure determination of (I) was conducted in order to obtain more knowledge about enamide compounds.

(I)

In the crystal structure (Fig. 1), the $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14$ bond distance of 1.336 (3) $\AA$ is indicative of double-bond character. The $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 17-\mathrm{C} 22, \mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 17$ and $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{N} 2-$ $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 13$ torsion angles are 23.8 (4), 63.2 (3) and -124.7 (3) ${ }^{\circ}$, suggesting little conjugation in this residue, although the C3$\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 17$ torsion angle is $177.0(2)^{\circ}$. Atom $\mathrm{H} 2 A$ of amine-N2 forms an intramolecular hydrogen bond with O1 (Table 1). Atom $\mathrm{H} 1 A$ of amine-N1 forms an intermolecular hydrogen bond with $\mathrm{O} 2 A$ of another molecule ( $x$, $1 / 2-y, z-1 / 2)$. As illustrated in Fig. 2, these interactions link the molecules in chains along the $b$ axis.

## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized according to the literature method of Burk et al. (1998). A crystal suitable for X-ray analysis was slowly grown from a mixed solvent (ethyl acetate/hexane $=1: 5$ ) at room temperature. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, Varian): $\delta$ 1.18-1.22 $(m, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.35(s, 3 \mathrm{H}), 1.63(s, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.09(s, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.59-2.63(m, 4 \mathrm{H}), 5.37$ $(s, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.02(s, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.12-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 7.35(d, J=8.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.97$ ( $s, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ).

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The molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids at the $30 \%$ probability level (Siemens, 1995).

Crystal data
$\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$
$M_{r}=378.50$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$
$a=20.773(4) \AA$
$b=6.5109(10) \AA$
$c=17.063(3) \AA$
$\beta=101.918(4)^{\circ}$
$V=2258.0(6) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$
$D_{x}=1.113 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
$M_{r}=378.50$
Monoclinic, $P 2_{\mathrm{d}} / c$
$a=20.773$ (4) A
$c=17.063$ (3) A
$\beta=101.918$ (4) ${ }^{\circ}$
$Z=4$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation
Cell parameters from 1867 reflections
$\theta=1-27.5^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.07 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=294$ (2) K
Prism, colorless
$0.28 \times 0.23 \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm}$

## Data collection

Bruker CCD area-detector diffractometer
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{\text {min }}=0.981, T_{\text {max }}=0.986$
11299 measured reflections

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2} \quad \mathrm{H}$-atom parameters constrained
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.054$
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{o}^{2}\right)+(0.005 P)^{2}\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{o}{ }^{2}+2 F_{c}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.17 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.18 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.082$
$S=0.91$
5141 reflections
258 parameters


Figure 2
Packing diagram for (I). Hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

H atoms were included in the riding-model approximation, with $U_{\text {iso }}$ equal to $U_{\text {eq }}$ of the atom to which they were bound.

Data collection: SMART (Siemens, 1995); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SHELXTL-NT (Siemens, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: $S H E L X T L-N T$; software used to prepare material for publication: $S H E L X T L-N T$.

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