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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.048 wR factor = 0.087 Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.0

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# Methyl (E)-2-acetyl-3-amino-2-pentenoate

The structure of the title compound,  $C_8H_{13}NO_3$ , refined in space group *Pna2*<sub>1</sub>, which was chosen over *Pnam* as the space group because of the lack of mirror or inversion symmetry. An  $N-H\cdots O$  intermolecular hydrogen bond is observed.

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## Comment

The title compound, (I), is one of the by-products obtained during the synthesis of methyl 3-acetamido-2-pentenoate from the reaction of methyl 3-amino-2-pentenoate refluxed with acetic anhydride in THF for 24 h (Hackler & Wickiser, 1985; Lubell *et al.*, 1991; Yasutake *et al.*, 2001). The structure determination of (I) was conducted in order to obtain more stereochemical information.



In the crystal structure of (I) (Fig. 1), the N1-C1-C2-C5, C1-C2-C5-O3 and C1-C2-C5-C6 torsion angles are -2.0 (4), -1.1 (4) and 179.4 (3)°, respectively. This shows that atoms N1/C1/C2/C5/O3/C6 are almost coplanar and the C1=C2 and C5=O3 double bonds form a conjugated system (Table 1). The molecules in the crystal structure are interconnected by N-H···O hydrogen bonding (Table 2). As shown in the packing diagram (Fig. 2), the hydrogen bonds links the molecules along the *c* axis.

#### Experimental

The title compound, (I), was synthesized according a literature procedure (Zhu *et al.*, 1999). A crystal suitable for X-ray analysis was grown slowly from a mixed solution in ethyl acetate and hexane (1:5) at room temperature.

Crystal data	
$C_8H_{13}NO_3$ $M_r = 171.19$ Orthorhombic, $Pna2_1$ a = 23.998 (7) Å b = 4.2785 (13) Å c = 8.944 (3) Å V = 918.3 (5) Å <sup>3</sup> Z = 4 $D_x = 1.238 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation Cell parameters from 1585 reflections $\theta = 1-27.5^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 294 (2) K Block, colorless $0.50 \times 0.40 \times 0.38 \text{ mm}$
Siemens SMART CCD area- detector diffractometer $\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans Absorption correction: multi-scan ( <i>SADABS</i> ; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{\rm min} = 0.954, T_{\rm max} = 0.965$ 5793 measured reflections	2037 independent reflections 903 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.069$ $\theta_{max} = 27.6^{\circ}$ $h = -27 \rightarrow 31$ $k = -5 \rightarrow 5$ $l = -11 \rightarrow 10$

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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing ellipsoids at the 50% probability level (Siemens, 1995).

#### Refinement

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Refinement on } F^2 & (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048 & \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.15 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ wR(F^2) = 0.088 & \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.14 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ S = 1.03 & Extinction \ correction: $SHELXL97$ \\ 2037 \ reflections & Extinction \ coefficient: 0.0098 \ (18) \\ 113 \ parameters & Absolute \ structure: \ Flack \ (1983) \\ H-atom \ parameters \ constrained \\ w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.015P)^2] \\ where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \end{array}$ 

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C3	1.196 (4)	C1-C2	1.393 (4)
O2-C3	1.339 (3)	C2-C5	1.440 (4)
O3-C5	1.247 (3)	C5-C6	1.499 (4)
N1-C1	1.311 (3)	C7-C8	1.521 (4)
N1-C1-C2	122.5 (3)	C1-C2-C5	121.4 (3)
N1-C1-C7	114.4 (3)	C1-C2-C3	117.1 (2)
N1-C1-C2-C5	-2.0(4)	C7-C1-C2-C3	-11.7 (4)
C7-C1-C2-C5	172.4 (3)	C1-C2-C5-O3	-1.1(4)
N1-C1-C2-C3	173.9 (3)	C1-C2-C5-C6	179.4 (3)

### Table 2

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Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).
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$N1-H1A\cdots O3$ 0.86 1.95 2.597 (3) 131 $N1-H1B\cdots O3$ 0.86 2.04 2.890 (3) 173	$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
	$\overline{N1 - H1A \cdots O3}$ $N1 - H1B \cdots O3$	0.86 0.86	1.95 2.04	2.597 (3) 2.890 (3)	131 173

Symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{1}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .





Packing diagram for (I). The hydrogen bonds are indicated by dashed lines.

H atoms were included in the riding-model approximation, with  $U_{\rm iso}$  values equal to  $U_{\rm eq}$  of the atom to which they are bonded. The Flack (1983) parameter is indeterminate in the absence of significant anomalous scattering.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1995); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* and *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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