

# Diethyl phenyl(4-pyridylcarbonylamino)-methylphosphonate

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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 293\text{ K}$

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006\text{ \AA}$

$R$  factor = 0.072

$wR$  factor = 0.207

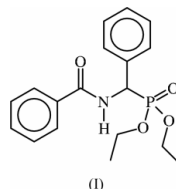
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.3

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Two molecules of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{P}$ , are linked across a center of inversion by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}=\text{P}$  amido-phosphoryl interactions [ $d(\text{N}\cdots\text{O}) = 2.894(3)\text{ \AA}$ ], forming a hydrogen-bonded dimer.

## Comment

The title compound, (I), was synthesized for a study of its cytotoxicity against the KB cancer cell line. The amido-phosphonic acid derivative was found to be moderately cytotoxic with an  $\text{IC}_{50}$  value of  $95\text{ }\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ . The compound exists as a centrosymmetric hydrogen-bonded dimer (Fig. 1); the amido N atom interacts with the doubly bonded phosphoryl O atom (Table 2). The  $\text{P1}=\text{O5}$  double bond is significantly shorter than the  $\text{P1}-\text{O3}$  and  $\text{P1}-\text{O4}$  single bonds (Table 1).



There are only a few related crystal structures having the  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O})_2\text{P}(\text{O})-$  fragment that can be used for comparison; one is 3-hydroxy-3-diethoxyphosphoryl-2-oxoindolinone, which is the alcoholysis product of 1,3,2-dioxaphospholanes having the 2-oxoindolinone unit (Gurevich *et al.*, 1998). The amide unit is also involved in hydrogen-bonding interactions with the phosphoryl O atom of a neighboring molecule [ $d(\text{N}\cdots\text{O}) = 2.824(3)\text{ \AA}$ ], but for this compound the hydroxy group is also involved in hydrogen bonding.

## Experimental

The hydrochloride of the  $\alpha$ -aminophosphonate,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3)_2$ , was prepared according to the literature procedure of Takahashi *et al.* (1994). The reagent (2.79 g, 10 mmol) was dissolved in 1,2-dichloroethane (90 ml) to which triethylamine (4 ml) was added, and the solution was added dropwise to isonicotinic acid (1.23 g, 10 mmol) in the same solvent. After completion of the reaction, the solvent was removed to give the crude product, which was purified by recrystallization from a 1:1 mixture of hexane and dichloroethane. CHN analysis, calculated for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{P}$ : C 58.62, H 6.08, N 8.04%; found: C 58.44, H 6.10 N 7.95%.

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## Crystal data

$C_{17}H_{21}N_2O_4P$   
 $M_r = 348.33$   
 Monoclinic,  $C2/c$   
 $a = 23.714$  (1) Å  
 $b = 8.0928$  (4) Å  
 $c = 20.012$  (1) Å  
 $\beta = 110.325$  (1)°  
 $V = 3601.4$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 8$

$D_x = 1.285$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 4335 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.3$ – $27.5$ °  
 $\mu = 0.18$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 293$  (2) K  
 Block, colorless  
 $0.35 \times 0.27 \times 0.26$  mm

## Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: none  
 12057 measured reflections  
 3162 independent reflections

2774 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{int} = 0.022$   
 $\theta_{max} = 25.0$ °  
 $h = -28 \rightarrow 28$   
 $k = -9 \rightarrow 9$   
 $l = -23 \rightarrow 23$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.072$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.207$   
 $S = 1.05$   
 3162 reflections  
 221 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1172P)^2 + 6.3036P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.95$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.32$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

P1—O3	1.559 (3)	N2—C6	1.330 (4)
P1—O4	1.565 (3)	N2—C7	1.447 (4)
P1—O5	1.448 (2)	O2—C6	1.210 (4)
P1—C7	1.819 (3)	O3—C14	1.425 (5)
N1—C3	1.314 (6)	O4—C16	1.407 (5)
N1—C4	1.314 (7)		
O3—P1—O4	107.1 (2)	O5—P1—C7	113.2 (1)
O3—P1—O5	116.0 (2)	C3—N1—C4	115.9 (4)
O3—P1—C7	103.2 (2)	C6—N2—C7	121.6 (3)
O4—P1—O5	108.6 (2)	C14—O3—P1	126.8 (3)
O4—P1—C7	108.3 (1)	C16—O4—P1	125.9 (3)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N2—H1 <sup>i</sup> ⋯O5 <sup>i</sup>	0.84 (1)	2.06 (1)	2.894 (3)	173 (3)

 Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .

The H atoms were positioned geometrically [ $C-H = 0.93$  (aromatic),  $0.93$  (methine),  $0.96$  (methylene) and  $0.97$  Å (methyl)] and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation. The displacement parameters were set to  $1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for the

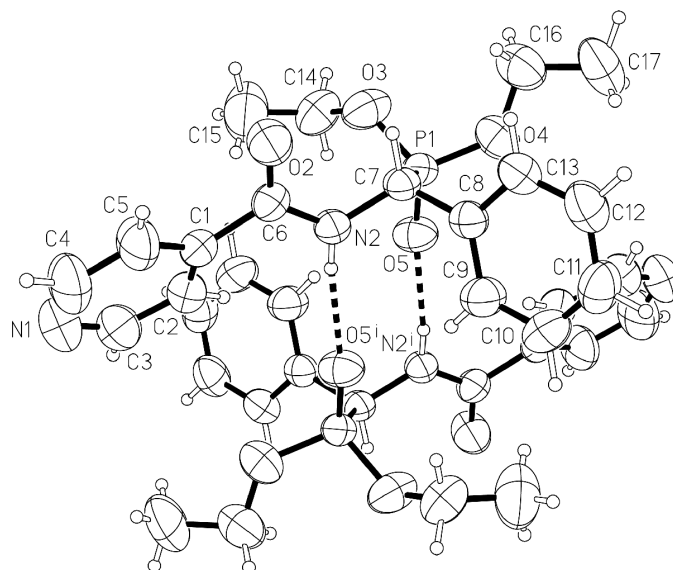


Figure 1

View of the hydrogen-bonded dimer in (I) (30% displacement ellipsoids). H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. [Symmetry code: (i)  $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$ .]

methyl H atoms and to  $1.2U_{eq}$  for the other H atoms. The amido H atom was located and refined with an N—H distance restraint of  $0.85$  (1) Å.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: SMART; data reduction: SAINT (Bruker, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEPII (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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