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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.070 wR factor = 0.211 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.1

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3-(4-Chlorophenyl)-4-(O,O'-diethylphosphono)-2-phenylisoxazolidine

The title compound, C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>P, is a novel heterocyclic compound which can be synthesized by the reaction of a vinyl phosphonate with a nitrone. The phenyl and chlorophenyl rings lie on opposite sides of the isoxazolidine ring, which adopts a twist conformation.

### Comment

In the title compound, (I), the phenyl and chlorophenyl rings lie on opposite sides of the isoxazolidine ring, which adopts a twist conformation. The dihedral angle between the two sixmembered rings is 54.7  $(2)^{\circ}$ .



The geometry of the heterocyclic ring is similar to that found in (+)-(3R,5S)-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-ethoxy-2-phenylisoxazolidine (Simonsen et al., 1999), 5-acetoxy-2,3-diphenylisoxazolidine and 5-acetoxy-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-phenylisoxazolidine (Mukherjee et al., 1999).

The geometry of the phosphonate group has been compared with those found in four other phosphonate structures: diethyl (N-hydroxy-2-methylpyrrolidin-2-yl)phosphonate (Barbati et al., 1997), diethyl 5,6-dihydro-2H-1,3dithiolo[4,5-b][1,4]dithiin-2ylphosphonate (Kelkar et al., 1994), (2'S,3'S,4'R)-5'-O-benzoyl-3'-deoxy-3' $\beta$ -diethylphosphono-2'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyluridine (McEldoon et al., diethyl 1996) and (1-hydroxy-2-butynyl)phosphonate (Sanders et al., 1996). For these four structures, the average bond lengths are: P-C = 1.810 Å, P-O = 1.569 Å and P=O

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= 1.465 Å. The corresponding values in the title compound are markedly different, *viz.* 1.776 (5), 1.544 (4)/1.590(5) and 1.419 (5) Å, respectively. In the title compound, the P atom adopts a distorted tetrahedral configuration, with angles in the range 101.9 (2)–117.0 (3)°.

## Experimental

To a solution of nitrone (0.278g, 1.2 mmol) in 20 ml dried benzene was added vinyl phosphonate (0.164g, 1 mmol) and the resulting solution was heated under an N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere with reflux for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and concentrated under reduced pressure. The title compound was obtained by column chromatography. Recrystallization from hexane and dichloroethane (4:1  $\nu/\nu$ ) afforded colorless crystals. Analysis calculated for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>23</sub>ClNO<sub>4</sub>P: C 57.65, H 5.86, N 3.54%; found: C 57.42, H 5.98, N 3.38%.

 $D_x = 1.286 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation Cell parameters from 684

reflections

 $\theta = 3.2 - 19.3^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.29 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int}=0.070$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^\circ$ 

 $h = -17 \rightarrow 28$ 

 $k = -11 \rightarrow 12$ 

 $l = -19 \rightarrow 16$ 

Block, colorless

 $0.22 \times 0.20 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$ 

3598 independent reflections

1569 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{19}H_{23}\text{CINO}_4\text{P} \\ M_r = 395.80 \\ \text{Monoclinic, } C2/c \\ a = 24.02 \ (2) \\ \text{Å} \\ b = 10.563 \ (9) \\ \text{Å} \\ c = 16.410 \ (14) \\ \text{\AA} \\ \beta = 100.900 \ (18)^\circ \\ V = 4089 \ (6) \\ \text{\AA}^3 \\ Z = 8 \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2001)  $T_{min} = 0.768$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.949$ 9919 measured reflections

#### Refinement

 Refinement on  $F^2$   $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.091P)^2$ 
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.070$  + 2.6884P] 

  $wR(F^2) = 0.211$  where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  

 S = 1.01  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$  

 3598 reflections
  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.57$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

 274 parameters
  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.31$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

 H-atom parameters constrained
 Extinction correction: SHELXL97

 Extinction coefficient: 0.0025 (5)
 (5)

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

P1-O2	1.419 (5)	N1-C1	1.496 (6)
P1-O4	1.544 (4)	O1-C3	1.422 (6)
P1-O3	1.590 (5)	C1-C2	1.550 (6)
P1-C2	1.776 (5)	C2-C3	1.514 (7)
N1-O1	1.447 (5)		
O2-P1-O4	114.4 (2)	C3-O1-N1	105.6 (3)
O2-P1-O3	117.0 (3)	N1-C1-C4	111.1 (3)
O4-P1-O3	102.6 (3)	N1-C1-C2	104.3 (3)
O2-P1-C2	113.9 (3)	C4-C1-C2	115.2 (4)
O4-P1-C2	105.4 (2)	C3-C2-C1	101.0 (4)
O3-P1-C2	101.9 (2)	C3-C2-P1	115.1 (3)
C10-N1-O1	111.5 (3)	C1-C2-P1	114.1 (3)
C10-N1-C1	117.6 (3)	O1-C3-C2	103.4 (4)
O1-N1-C1	107.0 (3)		



#### Figure 1

*ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) plot of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radii. Only the major disorder components are shown.

The H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C–H = 0.93, 0.98, 0.97 or 0.96 Å for phenyl, tertiary, methylene and methyl H atoms, respectively, and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation. For methyl H atoms,  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.5 U_{\rm eq}({\rm carrier} {\rm atom})$ ; for other H atoms  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm carrier} {\rm atom})$ . Both ethyl groups exhibit disorder over two positions, and a split model has been used. The site-occupancy factors have been refined to 0.728 (13):0.272 (13) for C16 and C17, and to 0.537 (14):0.463 (14) for C18 and C19.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2001); cell refinement: *SMART*; data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP*-3 (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2001).

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