

## 5-Fluorouracil–1,4-dioxane (4/1)

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A solvate of 5-fluorouracil with 1,4-dioxane,  $4C_4H_3FN_2O_2 \cdot C_4H_8O_2$ , is reported. It crystallizes in the triclinic space group  $P\bar{1}$ . Two molecules of 5-fluorouracil are present in the asymmetric unit, together with one-half molecule of 1,4-dioxane, which lies on a centre of symmetry. In the crystal structure, ribbons of 5-fluorouracil molecules are joined by 1,4-dioxane-mediated interactions, forming sheets parallel to the  $(2\bar{1}1)$  planes.

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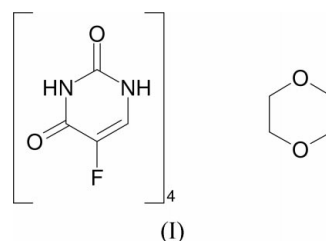
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 150$  K  
 Mean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.052  
 $wR$  factor = 0.114  
 Data-to-parameter ratio = 11.9

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## Comment

In the course of a polymorph screen performed on 5-fluorouracil, three solvates were discovered; the crystal structure of one of these solvates is reported here.



The title compound, (I), crystallizes in the space group  $P\bar{1}$  with two molecules of 5-fluorouracil and one-half molecule of 1,4-dioxane in the asymmetric unit (Fig. 1). The 1,4-dioxane molecule is located on a crystallographic centre of symmetry.

Four distinct  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds occur in the crystal structure (Table 1). Both the crystallographically independent 5-fluorouracil molecules are present as centrosymmetric hydrogen-bonded dimers. One dimer contains the hydrogen bond  $N3-H3 \cdots O7^{ii}$  (symmetry codes are given in Table 1), with a donor–acceptor distance of 2.857 (2) Å, while the other dimer contains the hydrogen bond  $N13-H13 \cdots O18^{iii}$  [2.824 (2) Å]. These dimers are linked, forming ribbon-like structures, by  $N1-H1 \cdots O17^i$  hydrogen bonds. Adjacent

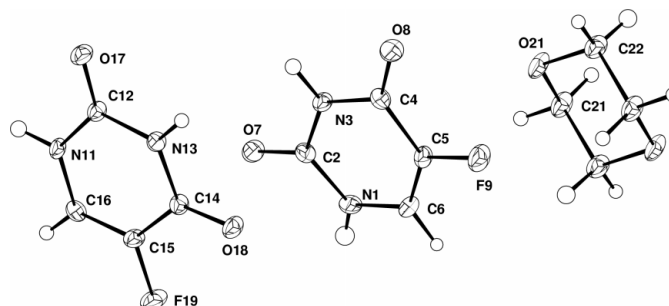


Figure 1

View (Watkin *et al.*, 1996) of the asymmetric unit of the title compound and the other half of the dioxane molecule, with atomic numbering. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

ribbons of 5-fluorouracil molecules are linked, forming sheets parallel to the (211) planes *via* 1,4-dioxane molecules which act as N11—H11...O21 [N...O = 2.746 (2) Å] hydrogen-bond bridges (Fig. 2).

### Experimental

5-Fluorouracil was obtained from the Aldrich Chemical Company Inc. The crystals were grown by solvent evaporation of a saturated solution of 5-fluorouracil in 1,4-dioxane.

#### Crystal data

4C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>3</sub> FN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ·C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	Z = 1
M <sub>r</sub> = 608.44	D <sub>x</sub> = 1.705 Mg m <sup>-3</sup>
Triclinic, P1̄	Mo Kα radiation
a = 7.0847 (11) Å	Cell parameters from 1082 reflections
b = 8.4733 (13) Å	θ = 2.5–26.7°
c = 10.2291 (15) Å	μ = 0.16 mm <sup>-1</sup>
α = 98.128 (3)°	T = 150 (2) K
β = 96.913 (3)°	Plate, colourless
γ = 99.785 (3)°	0.35 × 0.24 × 0.03 mm
V = 592.45 (16) Å <sup>3</sup>	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX diffractometer	2741 independent reflections
Narrow-frame ω scans	2131 reflections with I > 2σ(I)
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	R <sub>int</sub> = 0.029
T <sub>min</sub> = 0.947, T <sub>max</sub> = 0.995	θ <sub>max</sub> = 28.3°
5320 measured reflections	h = -9 → 9
	k = -11 → 11
	l = -13 → 13

#### Refinement

Refinement on F <sup>2</sup>	w = 1/[σ <sup>2</sup> (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> ) + (0.0457P) <sup>2</sup> + 0.1655P]
R[F <sup>2</sup> > 2σ(F <sup>2</sup> )] = 0.052	where P = (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> + 2F <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3
wR(F <sup>2</sup> ) = 0.114	(Δ/σ) <sub>max</sub> < 0.001
S = 1.08	Δρ <sub>max</sub> = 0.33 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
2741 reflections	Δρ <sub>min</sub> = -0.33 e Å <sup>-3</sup>
230 parameters	
All H-atom parameters refined	

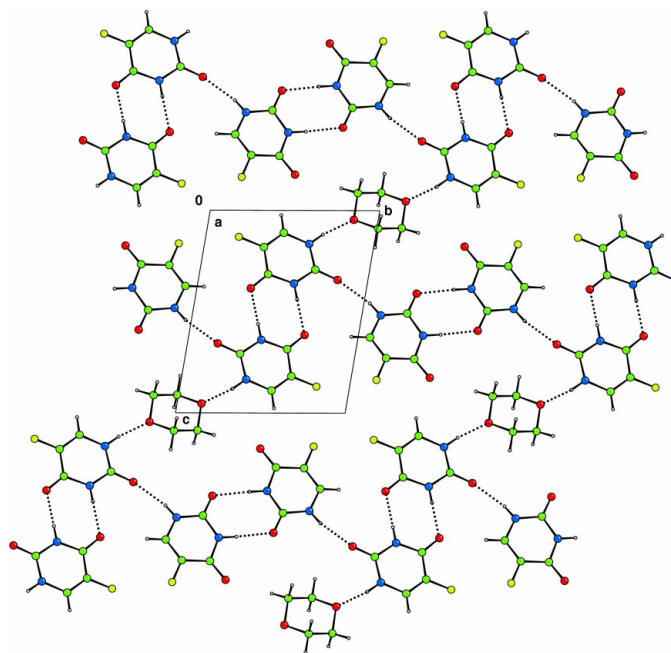
**Table 1**

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
N1—H1...O17 <sup>i</sup>	0.83 (3)	1.98 (3)	2.798 (2)	167 (2)
N3—H3...O7 <sup>ii</sup>	0.91 (2)	1.95 (2)	2.857 (2)	176 (2)
N11—H11...O21	0.91 (2)	1.84 (2)	2.746 (2)	171 (2)
N13—H13...O18 <sup>iii</sup>	0.85 (2)	1.98 (2)	2.824 (2)	175 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i) x, 1 + y, z; (ii) -x, 1 - y, 1 - z; (iii) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

All H atoms were located in a difference map and were refined isotropically. C—H distances were in the range 0.93 (2)–1.00 (2) Å and N—H distances were in the range 0.83 (3)–0.91 (2) Å.



**Figure 2**

The hydrogen-bonded sheet structure, viewed along the *a* axis. Ribbons of 5-fluorouracil molecules are joined by 1,4-dioxane-mediated interactions, forming the sheet structure. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *CAMERON* (Watkin *et al.*, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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