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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 173 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C})$  = 0.005 Å  
Disorder in main residue  
*R* factor = 0.035  
*wR* factor = 0.074  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.5

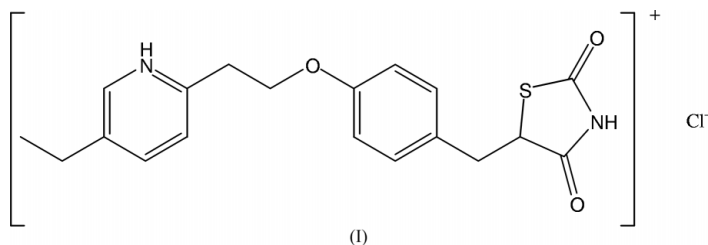
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## Pioglitazone hydrochloride

The title compound [systematic name: ( $\pm$ )-5-({4-[2-(5-ethyl-2-pyridinio)ethoxy]phenyl)methyl}thiazolidine-2,4-dione chloride),  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+\cdot\text{Cl}^-$ , is an oral antidiabetic agent. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonds into chains.

#### Comment

The title compound, (I), is an oral antidiabetic agent that acts primarily by decreasing insulin resistance. Pioglitazone hydrochloride affords a new treatment for type 2 diabetes (Lawrence & Reckless, 2001). In view of the importance of (I), the crystal structure is reported (Fig. 1). Bond lengths and angles are in the normal ranges (Cambridge Structural Database, Version 1.6 plus three updates; *MOGUL* Version 1.0; Allen, 2002).



The pivot atom, C21, of the thiazolidinedione ring and atom C17 attached to it are disordered over two sites. In both disordered orientations, the thiazolidinedione ring adopts an envelope conformation, with atoms S22, C23, N24 and C25 in a common plane (r.m.s. deviation = 0.011 Å), and from which C21 and C21' are displaced by  $-0.286(8)$  and  $0.54(1)$  Å, respectively. In the crystal structure, the molecules are linked by  $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{Cl}$  hydrogen bonding into chains (Table 1).

#### Experimental

The title compound was obtained as a gift sample from Zydus Cadila, Ahmedabad, India. The compound was used without further purification. Colourless plates (m.p. 466 K) were obtained by recrystallization from methanol.

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}^+\cdot\text{Cl}^-$   
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 392.89  
Monoclinic, *P*2<sub>1</sub>  
*a* = 10.0696 (17) Å  
*b* = 9.4318 (16) Å  
*c* = 10.1752 (19) Å  
 $\beta$  = 95.178 (14)°  
*V* = 962.4 (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 2

*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.356 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo *K*α radiation  
Cell parameters from 5341 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 3.8–25.5°  
 $\mu$  = 0.33 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 173 (2) K  
Plate, colourless  
0.43 × 0.28 × 0.11 mm

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## Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II two-circle diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (MULABS; Spek, 1990; Blessing, 1995)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.872$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.965$   
 4956 measured reflections

3274 independent reflections  
 2480 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.7^\circ$   
 $h = -11 \rightarrow 12$   
 $k = -11 \rightarrow 11$   
 $l = -12 \rightarrow 12$

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.074$   
 $S = 0.83$   
 3274 reflections  
 262 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0375P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.20 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983),  
 1405 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter =  $-0.07$  (7)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

C21—C25	1.546 (5)	C23—N24	1.366 (4)
C21—S22	1.823 (5)	N24—C25	1.362 (4)
S22—C23	1.760 (3)		
C25—C21—S22	104.3 (3)	C25—N24—C23	117.4 (3)
C23—S22—C21	92.44 (18)	N24—C25—C21	112.0 (3)
N24—C23—S22	111.2 (2)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N32—H32 $\cdots$ Cl1	0.76 (3)	2.31 (3)	3.049 (3)	162 (3)
N24—H24 $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	0.93 (4)	2.22 (4)	3.144 (3)	176 (3)

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

H atoms bonded to carbon were positioned with idealized geometry ( $C-H = 1.00, 0.99, 0.98$  and  $0.95 \text{ \AA}$  for tertiary, secondary, methyl and aromatic CH) and refined with fixed individual displacement parameters [ $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{tertiary, secondary, aromatic C})$  or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{methyl C})$ ] using a riding model. H atoms bonded to nitrogen were located in a difference map and refined isotropically. Atoms C21 and C17 are disordered over two sites and were refined with site-occupation factors of 0.66 (1) and 0.34 (1) for the two different orientations. Distance restraints were applied to restrain the bond distances of these two C atoms to approximately equal values.

Data collection: X-Area (Stoe & Cie, 2001); cell refinement: X-Area; data reduction: X-Area; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: XP in

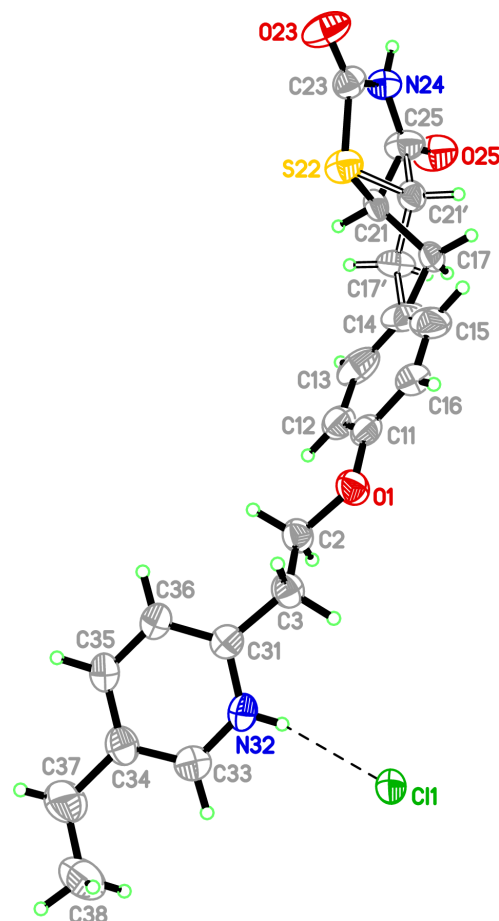


Figure 1

Perspective view of the title compound, showing the atom numbering and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 50% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond. The bonds between the disordered atoms of the minor component are drawn as open bonds.

SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1991); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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