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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma(C-C) = 0.005 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.066 wR factor = 0.186 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.3

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# 1-[2,6-Dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-[(4-dimethylaminobenzylidene)amino]-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile

The title compound,  $C_{20}H_{14}Cl_2F_3N_5$ , is a tricyclic amide with an overall U-shape, each of the three rings being planar. There are  $\pi-\pi$  interactions between the pyrazole ring and the benzene ring with the dimethylamine substituent.

#### Comment

The title compound,(I), is an important starting material for the synthesis of 5-amino-3-cyano-1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethylthio)pyrazole, 5-amino-3cyano-1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethylsulfenyl)pyrazole and 5-amino-3-cyano-1-[2,6-di chloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)pyrazole, which are all good insecticides (Hatton *et al.*, 1993).



The structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1, with the atomnumbering scheme. The molecule contains three planar groups, forming an overall U-shape, *viz*. a 2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, a pyrazole and a 4-(dimethylamino)phenyl ring. The dihedral angles between the pyrazole and the C3–C8 and C14–C19 benzene rings are 5.0 (3) and 75.78 (12)°, respectively. There are  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interactions between the pyrazole ring and the C3–C8 benzene ring.

## Experimental

Following the method of Hatton *et al.* (1993), reaction of 2,6-dichloro-4-trifluoromethylamine with a suspension of nitrosylsulfuric acid, followed by reaction with a solution of ethyl 2,3-dicyanopropionate in acetic acid, gave 5-amino-3-cyano-1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]pyrazole, which was then reacted with 4-(dimethylamino)benzaldehyde and hydrochloric acid in anhydrous ethanol to give the title compound, (I). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:2) solution (m.p. 456–458 K). IR (KBr,  $\nu$  cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3130, 3075, 2358, 2234, 1587, 1529; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  8.77 (*s*,1H), 8.09 (*s*, 2H), 7.62 (*d*, 2H), 7.07 (*s*, 1H), 7.63 (*d*, 2H), 3.07 (*s*, 6H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  165.5 (1C), 155.2 (1C), 154.9 (1C), 138.5 (1C), 136.7 (1C), 133.9 (1C), 132.4 (2C), 128.1 (1C), 126.9 (2C), 126.8 (2C), 123.5 (1C), 114.6 (1C), 112.3 (2C), 97.2 (1C), 40.0 (2C).

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#### Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{20}H_{14}Cl_2F_3N_5\\ M_r = 452.26\\ \text{Triclinic, }P\overline{1}\\ a = 6.5692\ (14)\ \text{\AA}\\ b = 12.365\ (3)\ \text{\AA}\\ c = 13.878\ (3)\ \text{\AA}\\ \alpha = 67.312\ (4)^\circ\\ \beta = 80.447\ (4)^\circ\\ \gamma = 86.740\ (4)^\circ\\ V = 1025.6\ (4)\ \text{\AA}^3 \end{array}$ 

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 2002)  $T_{min} = 0.863, T_{max} = 0.922$ 5431 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.066$   $wR(F^2) = 0.186$  S = 1.053638 reflections 273 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

#### Table 1

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

Cl1-C15	1.713 (4)	N3-C14	1.433 (4)
F1-C20	1.285 (7)	N4-C12	1.332 (4)
N1-C3	1.363 (4)	N5-C13	1.140 (4)
N1-C1	1.447 (4)	C10-C11	1.368 (4)
N2-C9	1.281 (4)	C11-C12	1.394 (4)
N2-C10	1.386 (4)	C12-C13	1.436 (4)
N3-N4	1.357 (3)	C17-C20	1.500 (5)
N3-C10	1.371 (4)		
C9-N2-C10	115.7 (2)	N3-C10-N2	119.4 (2)
N4-N3-C10	113.3 (2)	C10-C11-C12	104.9 (3)
N4-N3-C14	118.7 (2)	N4-C12-C11	113.5 (3)
C10-N3-C14	127.8 (2)	N4-C12-C13	121.1 (3)
C12-N4-N3	102.6 (2)	C11-C12-C13	125.4 (3)
N2-C9-C6	124.8 (3)	N5-C13-C12	174.9 (4)
C11-C10-N3	105.7 (3)	F2-C20-F1	108.5 (7)
C11-C10-N2	134.9 (3)		

Z = 2

 $D_x = 1.464 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Cell parameters from 2322

3638 independent reflections

2936 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0899P)^2]$ 

+ 0.8389*P*] where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.67 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.43 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

reflections

 $\mu = 0.36 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 298 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.011$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.3^{\circ}$ 

 $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$  $k = -14 \rightarrow 14$ 

 $l = -16 \rightarrow 15$ 

Block, colorless  $0.42 \times 0.29 \times 0.23 \text{ mm}$ 

 $\theta = 2.8 - 24.7^{\circ}$ 

All H atoms were initially observed in a difference Fourier map but were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C-H distances in the range 0.93–



#### Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

0.96 Å and with  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2 U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$ . The high displacement parameters of atoms F1, F2 and F3 indicated the presence of moderate torsional disorder of the trifluoromethyl group, but an attempt to model the group using a disorder model was unsuccessful.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2002); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2002); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2002); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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