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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 298$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.005$ Å
 R factor = 0.054
 wR factor = 0.125
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.2

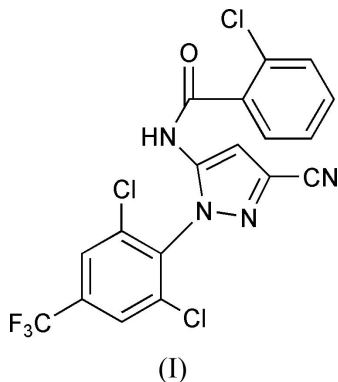
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5-(2-Chlorobenzamido)-1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile

The molecule of the title compound, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_3\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}$, is a tricyclic amide with an overall U-shape. Intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds, with an $\text{N}(\text{amide})\cdots\text{N}(\text{cyano})$ separation of 3.051 (4) Å, link the molecules into linear chains along the c axis.

Comment

The title compound, (I), is an important material for the synthesis of 5-amino-3-cyano-1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)thiopyrazole, 5-amino-3-cyano-1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethylsulfenyl)pyrazole and 5-amino-3-cyano-1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl pyrazole, which are well known insecticides (Hatton *et al.*, 1993).



The structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The molecule contains three planar groups forming an overall U-shape, *viz.* 2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, pyrazole and 2-chlorobenzoyl rings. The dihedral angles between the pyrazole and the C2–C7 and C13–C18 benzene rings are 83.4 (2) and 136.5 (1)°, respectively. Intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1) link the molecules into linear chains along the c axis (Fig. 2).

Experimental

Following the method of Hatton *et al.* (1993), the reaction of 2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)aniline with a suspension of nitrosyl-sulfuric 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 refluxed with 2-chlorobenzoyl chloride and pyridine in chloroform for about 8 h to give the title compound, (I). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetone solution (m.p. 498–499 K). IR (KBr, ν cm^{-1}): 3271, 2248, 1697, 1553, 1369,

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1313, 1173, 1138, 1046; ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): δ 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.92 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 2H), 7.45 (m, 4H); ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): δ 164.6 (1C), 152.0 (1C), 138.0 (1C), 136.6 (1C), 136.5 (1C), 134.7 (1C), 132.2 (1C), 132.1 (1C), 131.6 (1C), 128.7 (1C), 126.1 (1C), 125.1 (2C), 125.0 (2C), 112.9 (1C), 103.8 (1C), 101.2 (1C).

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_8\text{Cl}_3\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}$
 $M_r = 459.63$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
 $a = 10.3133$ (8) Å
 $b = 22.7193$ (18) Å
 $c = 8.5237$ (7) Å
 $\beta = 104.580$ (1)°
 $V = 1932.9$ (3) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.579$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 3120 reflections
 $\theta = 2.2\text{--}24.1^\circ$
 $\mu = 0.52$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 298$ (2) K
 Block, colourless
 $0.42 \times 0.24 \times 0.14$ mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)
 $T_{\min} = 0.811$, $T_{\max} = 0.931$
 10 250 measured reflections

3509 independent reflections
 3069 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.026$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.3^\circ$
 $h = -10 \rightarrow 12$
 $k = -27 \rightarrow 20$
 $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.054$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.125$
 $S = 1.11$
 3509 reflections
 265 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0486P)^2 + 1.4918P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.46$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.27$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{--}H\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{--}H\cdots A$
$\text{N3--H3A}\cdots\text{N4}^i$	0.85 (3)	2.21 (3)	3.051 (4)	168 (4)

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

Atom H3A attached to N3 was located in a difference Fourier map and refined with a restrained N—H distance of 0.86 (1) Å and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{N})$. All other H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms at distances of $\text{Csp}^2\text{--}H = 0.93$ Å, with $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$, and $\text{Csp}^3\text{--}H = 0.96$ Å, with $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$. The crystal packing demonstrates short intermolecular contacts $\text{Cl1}\cdots\text{O1}$ (2.92 Å) and $\text{Cl2}\cdots\text{Cl3}$ (3.25 Å) caused by the presence of the strong electron-acceptor CF_3 group, which may decrease electron density on atoms Cl1 and Cl2, attached to the same benzene ring.

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: XP (Bruker, 2002); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

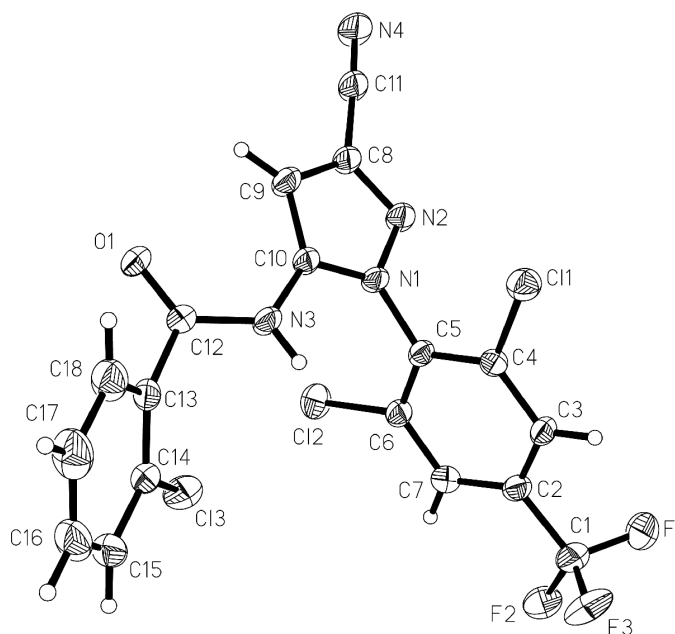


Figure 1
View of (I), showing the atom numbering and displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

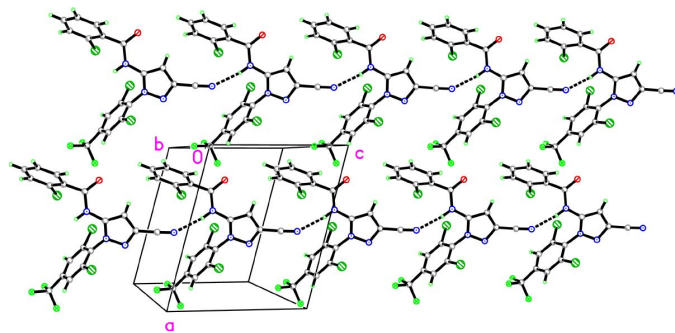


Figure 2
The crystal packing of (I), showing the hydrogen-bonded (dashed lines) linear chains along the c axis.

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