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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

$T = 298$  K

Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.008$  Å

Disorder in main residue

$R$  factor = 0.065

$wR$  factor = 0.154

Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.6

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

In the title molecule,  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$ , all bond lengths and angles are normal. The dihedral angle between the pyrazole and attached benzene rings is  $77.5$  ( $2$ )°. The crystal packing is mainly stabilized by van der Waals forces.

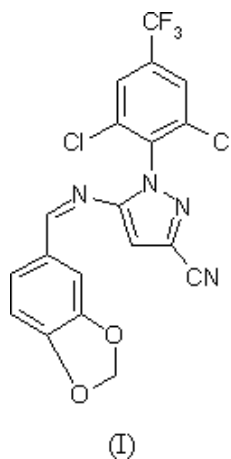
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#### Comment

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



The molecule of (I) (Fig. 1) contains three essentially planar groups, which form an overall U-shape. All bond lengths and angles in (I) are normal (Table 1). The dihedral angles between the pyrazole ring and the C13–C18 and C2–C7 benzene rings are  $21.1$  ( $4$ ) and  $77.5$  ( $2$ )°, respectively.

In the crystal structure, there are no obvious  $\pi$ – $\pi$  interactions between the pyrazole and benzene rings, although such interactions were found in 1-[2,6-dichloro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-5-[(4-methoxyphenyl)methyleneimino]-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carbonitrile (Zhang *et al.*, 2005).

#### 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. This compound was then reacted with 3,4-methylenedioxybenzaldehyde to give the title compound, (I). Single

crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an acetone solution (m.p. 446–447 K). Spectroscopic analysis: IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3080, 2900, 2359, 2236, 1586, 1493, 1444, 1355, 1256, 1131, 816;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 8.55 (s, 1H), 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.24 (d, 2H), 6.86 (d, 2H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 6.04 (s, 1H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 162.2 (1C), 152.4 (1C), 148.4 (1C), 135.8 (1C), 133.5 (1C), 129.3 (1C), 127.4 (1C), 126.6 (1C), 124.4 (1C), 113.4 (1C), 109.4 (1C), 107.7 (1C), 107.1 (1C), 101.8 (1C), 99.5 (1C), 97.9 (1C), 95.3 (1C), 76.8 (1C).

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_9\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_3\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$   
 $M_r = 453.20$   
 Monoclinic,  $P2_1$   
 $a = 6.4308$  (11) Å  
 $b = 9.8948$  (17) Å  
 $c = 15.356$  (3) Å  
 $\beta = 99.179$  (4)°  
 $V = 964.6$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$

$D_x = 1.547$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 Cell parameters from 1189 reflections  
 $\theta = 2.5$ – $24.2^\circ$   
 $\mu = 0.38$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (2) K  
 Block, colourless  
 $0.21 \times 0.19 \times 0.13$  mm

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX CCD area-detector diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.924$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.952$   
 5177 measured reflections

3274 independent reflections  
 2530 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.036$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.6^\circ$   
 $h = -7 \rightarrow 7$   
 $k = -12 \rightarrow 11$   
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 13$

#### Refinement

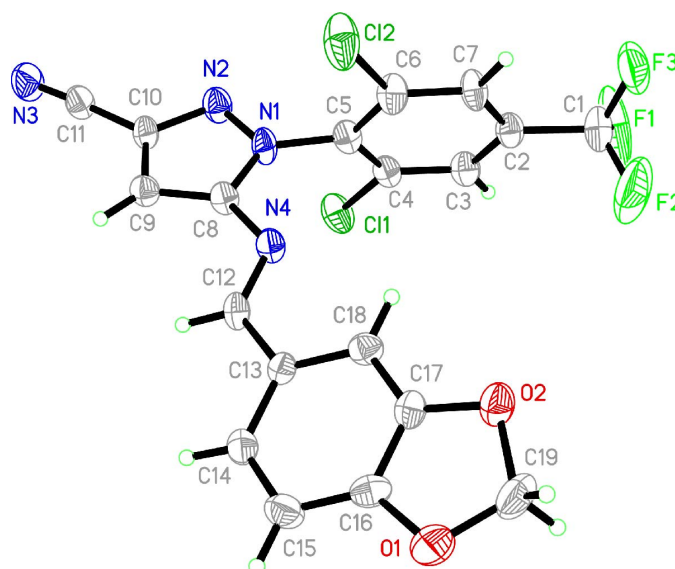
Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.065$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.154$   
 $S = 1.07$   
 3274 reflections  
 308 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0709P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.24$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.22$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), with 3573 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter: 0.15 (11)

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

C1–F2	1.275 (6)	O2–C19	1.444 (7)
C1–F23	1.279 (6)	N1–N2	1.354 (6)
C1–C2	1.512 (8)	N1–C5	1.421 (7)
F1–F21	0.968 (18)	N4–C12	1.279 (6)
F3–F21	1.373 (13)	C8–C9	1.368 (7)
O1–C19	1.391 (8)	C10–C11	1.451 (7)
F1–C1–F21	44.6 (8)	C8–N1–N2	113.5 (4)
F2–C1–F22	64.9 (9)	C8–N1–C5	125.7 (4)
F21–C1–F22	106.3 (5)	C12–N4–C8	118.1 (4)
F3–C1–F22	45.2 (7)	C6–C5–N1	122.4 (5)
F21–C1–F23	106.3 (5)	N1–C8–N4	117.1 (4)
F2–C1–C2	113.0 (9)	N2–C10–C9	114.0 (5)
F22–C1–C2	114.1 (7)	N3–C11–C10	176.1 (7)
C1–F2–F22	57.7 (5)	C14–C13–C12	119.0 (5)
F1–F21–F3	120.5 (8)	C15–C16–O1	128.1 (5)
C1–F21–F3	57.5 (4)	O2–C17–C16	110.6 (5)
F2–F23–F1	119.7 (8)	O1–C19–O2	108.9 (5)
C16–O1–C19	106.2 (5)		



**Figure 1**

A view of (I), showing the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. For the disordered  $\text{CF}_3$  group, only the major component is shown.

All H atoms were initially located in a difference Fourier map. They were then placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.97 Å and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . The  $\text{CF}_3$  group is disordered between two sites, with refined occupancies of 0.45 (3) and 0.55 (3). The F atoms were restrained, with all C–F distances equal and all F···F distances also equal.

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: SHELXL97.

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