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 R factor = 0.084
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<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**Ethyl 2-amino-4-(3-fluorophenyl)-4H-benzo[h]-
chromene-3-carboxylate**

The title compound, $C_{22}H_{18}FNO_3$, was synthesized by the reaction of 1-naphthol with ethyl cyanacetate and 3-fluorobenzaldehyde in ethanol under microwave irradiation. In the crystal structure, there are intramolecular $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds and intermolecular $N-H\cdots O$ and $N-H\cdots F$ hydrogen bonds. An intramolecular $C-H\cdots\pi$ interaction is also present.

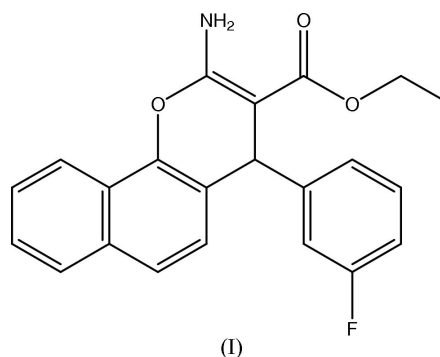
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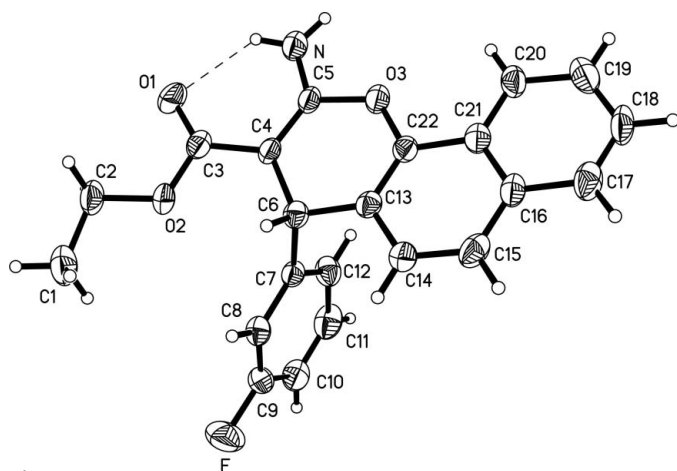
Benzopyrans and their derivatives occupy an important place in the realm of natural and synthetic organic chemistry because of their biological and pharmacological properties (Morianka & Takahashi, 1977), such as antisterility (Brooks, 1998) and anticancer agents (Hyana & Saimoto, 1987). In addition, polyfunctionalized benzopyrans constitute the structural unit of a number of natural products and, because of the inherent reactivity of the inbuilt pyran ring, these are versatile synthons (Hatakeyama *et al.*, 1988).



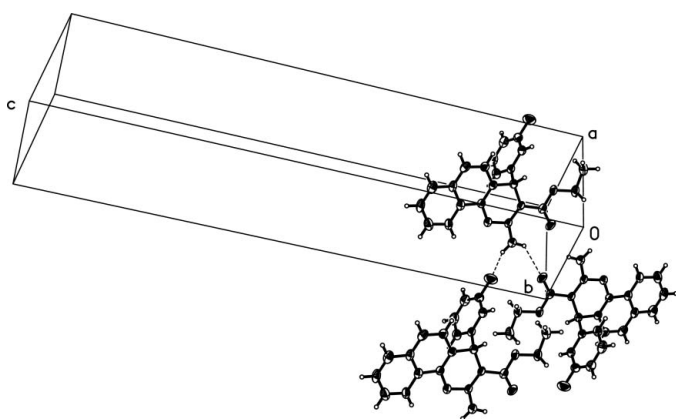
We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I). The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1, where the dashed line indicates the intramolecular $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bond (Table 2). The bond lengths and angles are unremarkable. In the crystal structure, molecules are linked by $N-H\cdots O$ and $N-H\cdots F$ intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 2 and Fig. 2). There is also an intramolecular contact which indicates a weak $C-H\cdots\pi$ interaction (Fig. 3 and Table 2), *viz.* $C12-H12A\cdots Cg1$, where $Cg1$ is the centroid of the ring $O3/C5/C4/C6/C13/C22$. The combination of both types of rather weak interactions generates a three-dimensional network.

Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared by the reaction of 1-naphthol (5 mmol) with ethyl cyanacetate (5 mmol) and 3-fluorobenzaldehyde (5 mmol) in ethanol (2 ml) under microwave irradiation, using


Figure 1

A view of the molecular structure of (I). The dashed line indicates the intramolecular N—H...O hydrogen bond.


Figure 2

Part of the crystal structure of (I). Dashed lines indicate intermolecular N—H...O and N—H...F hydrogen bonds.

piperidine as a catalyst. Pure compound (I) was obtained by recrystallization from ethanol (m.p. 406–409 K). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): δ 8.21 (*d*, 1H), 7.76 (*d*, 1H), 7.47–7.57 (*m*, 3H), 7.12–7.17 (*m*, 2H), 6.95–7.06 (*m*, 2H), 6.77–6.81 (*m*, 1H), 6.49 (*s*, 2H), 5.06 (*s*, 1H), 4.11 (*q*, 2H), 1.21 (*t*, 3H).

Crystal data

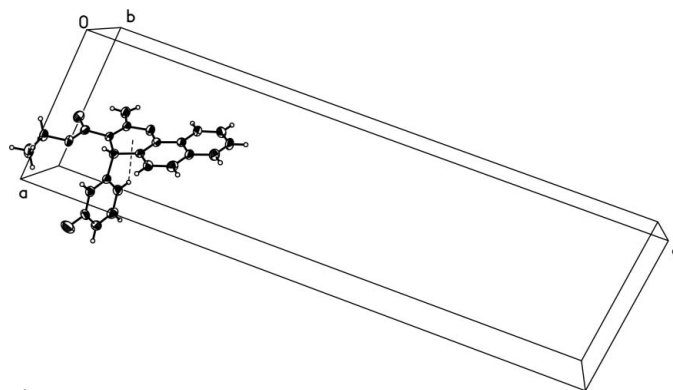
$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{18}\text{FNO}_3$
 $M_r = 363.37$
 Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$
 $a = 9.069$ (2) Å
 $b = 6.136$ (1) Å
 $c = 32.537$ (7) Å
 $\beta = 96.87$ (3)°
 $V = 1797.6$ (6) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.343$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 25 reflections
 $\theta = 10$ –13°
 $\mu = 0.10$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 Block, colourless
 $0.4 \times 0.3 \times 0.2$ mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
 Absorption correction: none
 3741 measured reflections
 3509 independent reflections
 1679 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.120$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$
 $h = 0 \rightarrow 10$
 $k = 0 \rightarrow 7$
 $l = -38 \rightarrow 38$
 3 standard reflections every 200 reflections
 intensity decay: none


Figure 3

The C—H... π interaction in (I), shown as a dashed line.

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.084$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.289$
 $S = 1.00$
 3509 reflections
 245 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.08P)^2 + 6.8P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.33$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.34$ e Å⁻³
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0072 (17)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

F—C9	1.364 (7)	O3—C5	1.389 (6)
O1—C3	1.230 (7)	N—C5	1.322 (7)
O2—C3	1.343 (7)	C1—C2	1.490 (10)
O2—C2	1.444 (7)	C3—C4	1.447 (7)
O3—C22	1.385 (7)	C6—C7	1.533 (7)
C3—O2—C2	117.0 (5)	N—C5—C4	129.7 (5)
C22—O3—C5	118.1 (4)	N—C5—O3	108.0 (5)
O2—C2—C1	107.0 (6)	C4—C5—O3	122.3 (5)
O1—C3—O2	121.7 (5)	C8—C7—C6	120.6 (5)
O1—C3—C4	126.4 (6)	C12—C7—C6	120.5 (5)
O2—C3—C4	111.9 (5)	C13—C22—O3	122.8 (5)
C5—C4—C3	118.5 (5)	O3—C22—C21	113.4 (5)
C3—C4—C6	118.9 (5)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D\text{—}H\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D\text{—}H\cdots A$
N—H0A...O1	0.86	2.15	2.732 (7)	125
N—H0A...O1 ⁱ	0.86	2.36	3.023 (7)	134
N—H0B...F ⁱⁱ	0.86	2.46	3.166 (7)	140
C12—H12A...Cg1	0.93	2.72	3.069	103

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 1, -y + 2, -z$; (ii) $x - 1, y + 1, z$. Note: Cg1 is the centroid of the ring O3/C5/C4/C6/C13/C22.

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C—H = 0.93–0.98 Å and N—H = 0.86 Å; they were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = xU_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier atom})$, where $x = 1.5$ for methyl H atoms and 1.2 for all other H atoms.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97*

(Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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