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Key indicators

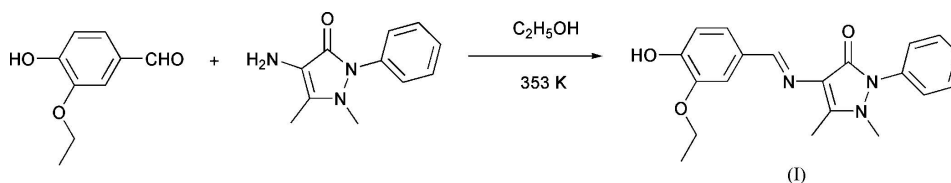
Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 294\text{ K}$
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003\text{ \AA}$
 R factor = 0.031
 wR factor = 0.085
Data-to-parameter ratio = 7.7For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**(E)-4-(3-Ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzylideneamino)-
1,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one**The molecule of the title compound, $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_3\text{O}_3$, is non-planar. The central pyrazolone ring makes a dihedral angle of $49.85(9)^\circ$ with the phenyl ring and $11.10(9)^\circ$ with the vanillin moiety. The crystal structure shows the presence of intermolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonding in the solid state.

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Comment

Metal complexes based on Schiff bases have been intensively studied as mimics of active centers in various proteins and enzymes (Kahwa *et al.*, 1986). Consequently, many of this species have been synthesized (Santos *et al.*, 2001). As part of this study, we report the synthesis and structure of the title compound, (I).

A view of the molecule is shown in Fig. 1. The central pyrazolone ring (C1–C4/N1/N2/O1) is planar, with an r.m.s. deviation of fitted atoms of 0.0393 \AA , and this plane makes a dihedral angle of $49.85(9)^\circ$ with the phenyl ring (C5–C10). The vanillin moiety (C12–C19/O2/O3) is planar, with an r.m.s. deviation of fitted atoms of 0.0165 \AA ; the dihedral angle between the central pyrazolone ring and the vanillin moiety is $11.10(9)^\circ$. Intermolecular $\text{O}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds are observed (Table 1, Fig. 2), which stabilize the solid-state structure.

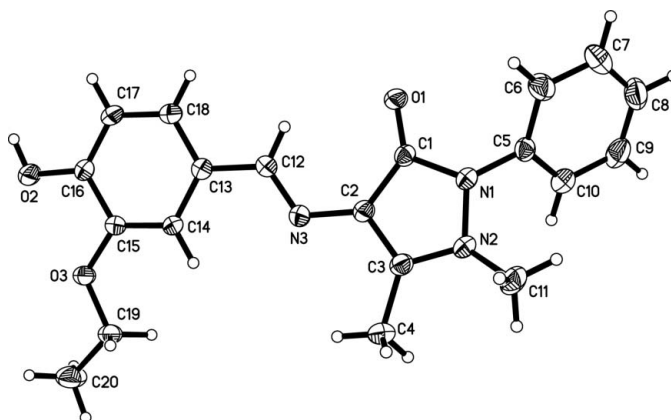


Figure 1

The structure of (I), with displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms drawn at the 30% probability level.

Experimental

An anhydrous ethanol solution of 3-ethoxy-4-hydroxybenzaldehyde (1.66 g, 10 mmol) was added to an anhydrous ethanol solution of 4-amino-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenylpyrazolidin-3-one (2.03 g, 10 mmol) and the mixture stirred at 350 K for 5 h under nitrogen, giving a yellow precipitate. The product was isolated, recrystallized from ethanol, and then dried in a vacuum to give the pure compound in 81% yield. Bright yellow single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.

Crystal data

$C_{20}H_{21}N_3O_3$
 $M_r = 351.40$
 Monoclinic, Cc
 $a = 11.5991$ (16) Å
 $b = 17.114$ (2) Å
 $c = 9.2425$ (13) Å
 $\beta = 96.883$ (2)°
 $V = 1821.4$ (4) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.281$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 3329 reflections
 $\theta = 2.1$ – 26.3 °
 $\mu = 0.09$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 294$ (2) K
 Block, yellow
 0.40 × 0.30 × 0.24 mm

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{min} = 0.960$, $T_{max} = 0.979$
 5060 measured reflections

1854 independent reflections
 1727 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.016$
 $\theta_{max} = 26.3$ °
 $h = -14 \rightarrow 14$
 $k = -21 \rightarrow 21$
 $l = -11 \rightarrow 6$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.085$
 $S = 1.05$
 1854 reflections
 242 parameters
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0535P)^2 + 0.3327P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.15$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.15$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$O2-H2 \cdots O1^i$	0.86 (4)	1.82 (4)	2.671 (2)	171 (4)

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

The hydroxy H atom was found in a difference Fourier map and refined with free coordinates and an isotropic U parameter. Other H

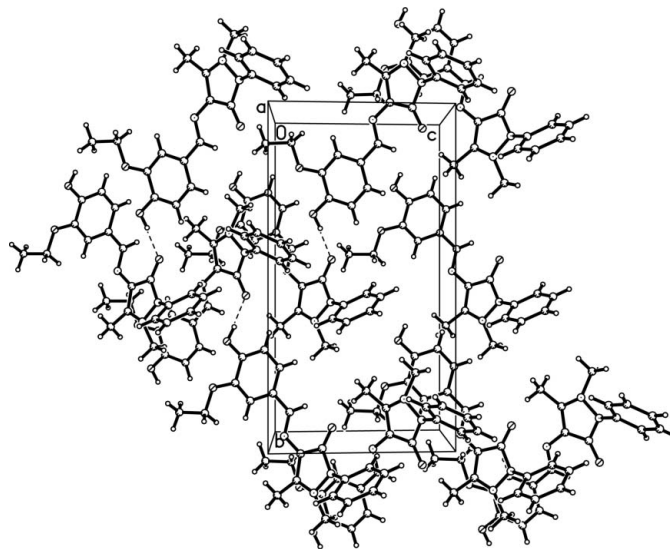


Figure 2

Intermolecular hydrogen-bonding interactions (dashed lines).

atoms were included in calculated positions [$C-H = 0.93$ (aromatic) or 0.96 Å (methyl)] and refined using a riding model, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ for aromatic CH and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$ for methyl CH_3 . In the absence of significant anomalous scattering effects, Friedel pairs were merged.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: SAINT (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: SAINT; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXTL.

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