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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.046 wR factor = 0.127 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1

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# (E)-4-[4-(Benzyloxy)-3-ethoxybenzylideneamino]-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3(2H)-one

The title compound,  $C_{27}H_{27}N_3O_3$ , was prepared by the reaction of 4-(benzyloxy)-3-ethoxybenzaldehyde and 4-amino-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazol-3(2*H*)-one. The ethylvanillin group makes dihedral angles of 72.97 (8) and 76.75 (5)° with the planes of the two terminal phenyl rings, and an angle of 39.24 (5)° with the pyrazolone ring plane. Intermolecular C-H···N and C-H···O hydrogen bonds help to consolidate the crystal packing.

#### Comment

Metal complexes based on Schiff bases have attracted much attention because of their significant biological activity (Kahwa *et al.*, 1986). Consequently, a large number of Schiff base derivatives have been synthesized to develop protein and enzyme mimics (Santos *et al.*, 2001). We report here the synthesis and structure of the title pyrazalone Schiff base derivative, (I).



In (I), the ethylvanillin group (C8–C13/C16/O1/O2) is planar, with an r.m.s. deviation of fitted atoms of 0.0146 Å (Fig. 1). This group makes dihedral angles of 72.97 (8) and 76.75 (5), respectively, with the terminal C1–C6 and C22–C27 phenyl rings. The pyrazolone ring (C17–C20/N1–N3/O3) is also reasonably planar, with an r.m.s. deviation for fitted atoms of 0.0402 Å. It makes dihedral angles of 39.24 (5), 68.43 (8) and 46.41 (6), respectively, with the ethylvanillin group and the terminal C1–C6 and C22–C27 phenyl rings.

Packing is stabilized by weak non-classical intermolecular C26–H26···O3 hydrogen bonds, which form centrosymmetric dimers, together with an intermolecular C5–H5···N1 hydrogen bond (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

## Experimental

An anhydrous ethanol solution of 4-(benzyloxy)-3-ethoxybenzaldehyde (2.66 g, 10 mmol) was added to an anhydrous ethanol solution of 4-amino-1,5-dimethyl-2-phenylpyrazol-3-one (2.03 g, 10 mmol) and the mixture stirred at 350 K for 5 h under nitrogen, whereupon a yellow precipitate appeared. The product was isolated, recrystallized from ethanol and dried in a vacuum to give the pure compound in 86% yield. Yellow single crystals of (I) suitable for X-

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ray analysis were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution.

> $D_x = 1.240 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

> > reflections

 $\theta = 2.3 - 22.3^{\circ}$  $\mu = 0.08~\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 294 (2) K

Block, yellow

Cell parameters from 2344

 $0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

H-atom parameters constrained

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0555P)^2]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

#### Crystal data

C27H27N3O3  $M_r = 441.52$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ a = 10.043 (3) Å b = 24.317 (7) Å c = 10.199 (3) Å  $\beta = 108.275 \ (5)^{\circ}$ V = 2365.1 (12) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

#### Data collection

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$ wR(F<sup>2</sup>) = 0.127 S = 0.994843 reflections 301 parameters

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C8	1.366 (2)	N1-C17	1.407 (2)
O1-C7	1.432 (2)	N2-C19	1.406 (2)
O2-C9	1.371 (2)	N2-N3	1.410 (2)
O2-C14	1.416 (2)	N2-C22	1.426 (2)
O3-C19	1.235 (2)	N3-C18	1.363 (2)
N1-C16	1.274 (2)	N3-C21	1.463 (3)
C8-O1-C7	117.52 (16)	O1-C7-C6	107.28 (18)
C9-O2-C14	117.37 (15)	O1-C8-C13	124.96 (19)
C16-N1-C17	120.44 (17)	O1-C8-C9	115.41 (17)
C19-N2-N3	109.35 (16)	N3-C18-C20	121.17 (19)
C19-N2-C22	123.87 (17)	O3-C19-N2	123.94 (18)
N3-N2-C22	118.68 (15)	O3-C19-C17	131.63 (19)
C18-N3-N2	106.47 (15)	N2-C19-C17	104.42 (18)
C18-N3-C21	122.01 (18)	C27-C22-N2	118.77 (18)
N2-N3-C21	116.74 (17)	C23-C22-N2	121.1 (2)

# Table 2

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$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdots A$
$\begin{array}{c} C5-H5\cdots N1^{i}\\ C26-H26\cdots O3^{ii} \end{array}$	0.93	2.74	3.503 (3)	140
	0.93	2.59	3.349 (3)	139

Symmetry codes: (i) x - 1, y, z; (ii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z - 1.

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# Figure 1

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





H atoms were included in calculated positions and refined using a riding-model approximation. Constrained C-H bond lengths and isotropic U parameters: 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for aromatic CH; 0.97 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$  for methylene CH<sub>2</sub>; 0.96 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for methyl CH<sub>3</sub>.

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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