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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

T = 293 K

Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ \AA}$

R factor = 0.041

wR factor = 0.129

Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.2

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In the molecule of the title compound {systematic name: ethyl 4-[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonylamino]benzoate}, $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$, the dihedral angle between the two benzene rings is $93.4(1)^\circ$. The C–N–S–C torsion angle in the central part of the molecule is $71.09(16)^\circ$. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular N–H···O interactions.

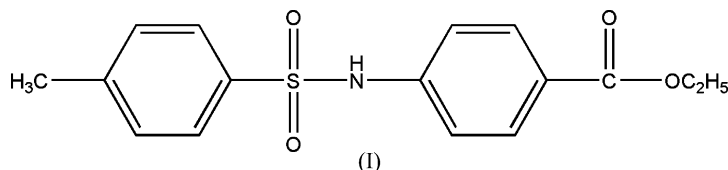
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Comment

The title compound, (I), is the result of an important synthesis for the preparation of a variety of sulfonamide drugs which, for example, possess anti-neoplastic activities (Kelley & Bigam, 1989; Bigam *et al.*, 1992; Piper *et al.*, 1982).



The molecular structure of the title compound (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1 and selected bond distances and angles are given in Table 1. The dihedral angle between the two benzene rings of the carboxyphenyl moiety and the tolylsulfonamide moiety is $93.4(1)^\circ$. The torsion angle C5–S1–N1–C8 in the central part of the molecule is equal to $71.09(16)^\circ$.

In the crystal structure, the molecules stack along the *b* axis and adjacent molecules are linked by intermolecular N–H···O hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2 and Table 2).

Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared, according to the method of Bekar *et al.* (1964). To a stirred solution of 16.5 g (0.1 mol) of ethyl *p*-aminobenzoate in 50 ml. of pyridine, 21.0 g (0.11 mol) of *p*-tolylsulfonyl chloride was added. The mixture was heated on a steam-bath for 30 minutes protected from moisture. Dilution of the hot reaction mixture with 150 ml of 50% ethanol and chilling gave 30.0 g (94%) of the product. Recrystallization from ethanol gave white crystals, m.p. 478–480 K.

Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_4\text{S}$ $M_r = 319.37$ Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$ $a = 7.8159(16) \text{ \AA}$ $b = 8.0701(16) \text{ \AA}$ $c = 25.165(5) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 95.36(3)^\circ$ $V = 1580.3(5) \text{ \AA}^3$ $Z = 4$ $D_x = 1.342 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

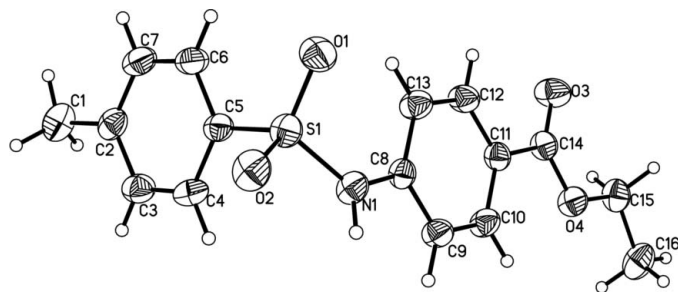
Cell parameters from 15144

reflections

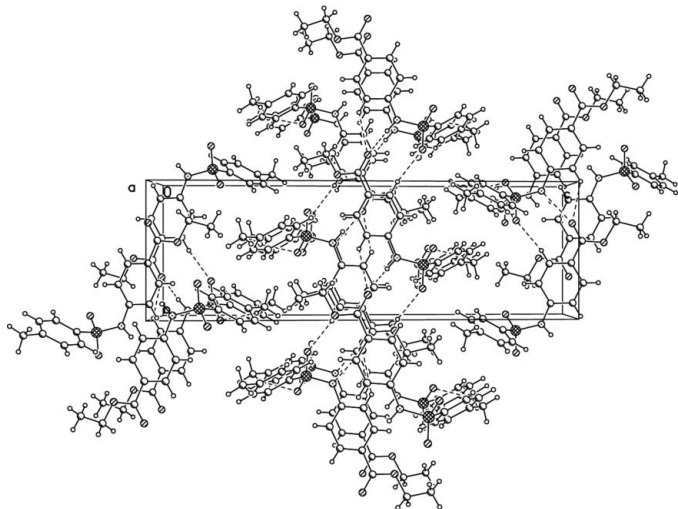
 $\theta = 3.0\text{--}27.5^\circ$ $\mu = 0.22 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ $T = 293(2) \text{ K}$

Rod, white

 $0.70 \times 0.63 \times 0.59 \text{ mm}$

**Figure 1**

A view of the molecular structure of compound (I), showing the numbering scheme and displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

**Figure 2**

The crystal packing of compound (I), viewed along the *b* axis. Intermolecular N—H...O hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

Data collection

Rigaku R-Axis RAPID IP area-detector diffractometer
oscillation scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan (ABSCOR; Higashi, 1995)
 $T_{\min} = 0.860$, $T_{\max} = 0.880$
15144 measured reflections

3624 independent reflections
2706 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.034$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$
 $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
 $k = -10 \rightarrow 10$
 $l = -32 \rightarrow 32$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.041$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.129$
 $S = 1.08$
3624 reflections
199 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0774P)^2 + 0.0238P]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.005$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.29 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.36 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (\AA , $^\circ$).

S1—O1	1.4302 (13)	N1—C8	1.4112 (18)
S1—N1	1.6219 (14)	O3—C14	1.2035 (18)
S1—C5	1.7573 (18)	C1—C2	1.499 (3)
O2—S1—O1	119.32 (8)	C3—C2—C1	120.95 (17)
O1—S1—N1	109.42 (8)	C4—C5—S1	119.77 (12)
C8—N1—S1	127.74 (11)	O3—C14—C11	124.28 (15)
C5—S1—N1—C8	71.09 (16)	S1—N1—C8—C13	16.4 (2)
C1—C2—C3—C4	−178.41 (16)	C10—C11—C14—O4	−2.4 (2)
O2—S1—C5—C6	115.66 (13)	C14—O4—C15—C16	−178.08 (15)
N1—S1—C5—C4	51.88 (13)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
N1—H1A...O3 ⁱ	0.86	2.09	2.844 (2)	147

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

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined using a riding model, with C—H 0.97 \AA , and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ [$U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ for Me H atoms].

Data collection: *RAPID-AUTO* (Rigaku, 2004); cell refinement: *RAPID-AUTO*; data reduction: *RAPID-AUTO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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