

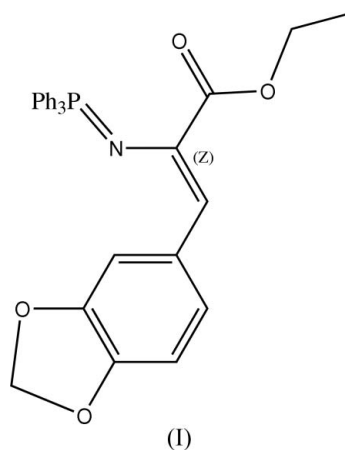
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## Key indicators

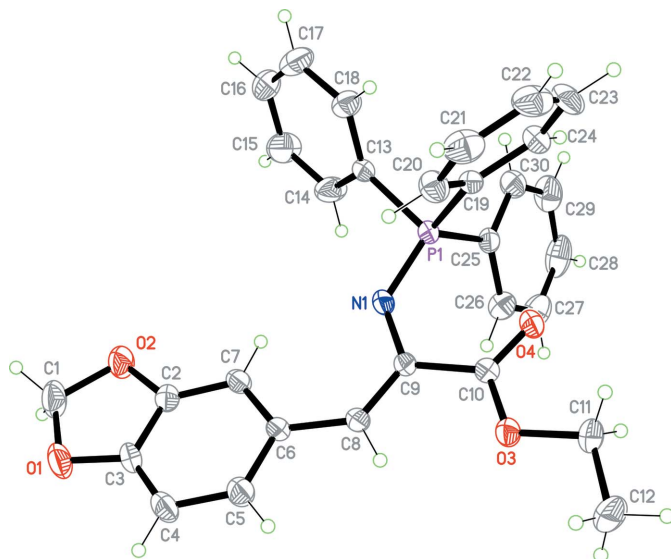
Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298\text{ K}$   
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006\text{ \AA}$   
 $R$  factor = 0.072  
 $wR$  factor = 0.159  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.7For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**(Z)-Ethyl 3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2-[(triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino]prop-2-enoate**The title compound,  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{P}$ , contains a planar bicyclic 1,3-benzodioxole system, which is almost coplanar with the  $\text{CH}=\text{CCOOEt}$  group. The molecule is a *Z* isomer, with the (triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino and 1,3-benzodioxole substituents on the same side of the double bond.Received 6 December 2005  
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## Comment

The use of the readily available iminophosphoranes provides a convenient synthetic route to nitrogen-containing heterocycles (Molina & Vilaplana, 1994; Fresneda & Molina, 2004). Thus, the title compound, (I), represents an intermediate in the preparation of imidazolinone (Ding *et al.*, 2003; Yang *et al.*, 2004). The structures of similar compounds with phenyl and *p*-methoxyphenyl groups in place of the benzodioxole substituent have been reported recently (Huang *et al.*, 2005; Ding *et al.*, 2005).The molecule of (I) (Fig. 1) is a *Z* isomer, with the (triphenylphosphoranylidene)amino and benzodioxole substituents on the same side of the  $\text{C}8=\text{C}9$  double bond; the  $\text{C}6-\text{C}8=\text{C}9-\text{N}1$  torsion angle is  $1.3(5)^\circ$ . The molecule of (I) contains an essentially planar bicyclic benzodioxole system, which is almost coplanar with the ethyl propenecarboxylate group (atoms  $\text{C}1$ ,  $\text{O}1$ ,  $\text{O}2$ ,  $\text{C}2-\text{C}10$ ,  $\text{O}4$ ,  $\text{O}3$  and  $\text{C}11$  are coplanar to within  $0.08\text{ \AA}$ ). The planes of the phenyl rings  $\text{C}13-\text{C}18$  (*A*),  $\text{C}19-\text{C}24$  (*B*), and  $\text{C}25-\text{C}30$  (*C*) belonging to the triphenylphosphine group form dihedral angles of  $83.9(1)$  (*A/B*),  $73.8(2)$  (*A/C*) and  $52.5(1)^\circ$  (*B/C*).

## Experimental

A solution of (*Z*)-ethyl 2-azido-3-(benzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)prop-2-enoate (10.44 g, 0.04 mol) in dichloromethane (100 ml) was added



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structure of (I), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

dropwise at room temperature under a nitrogen atmosphere to a solution of triphenylphosphine (10.48 g, 0.04 mol) in the same solvent (50 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h and then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was recrystallized from dichloromethane–petroleum ether (1:2, *v/v*) to give the title compound (13.08 g, 66%) (Molina *et al.*, 1993). Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray data collection (m.p. 434–435 K) were obtained by slow evaporation of an ethanol solution. Spectroscopic analysis: IR (KBr,  $\nu$ ,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 2986, 1680, 1590, 1411, 1232;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (chloroform-*d*,  $\delta$ , p.p.m.): 8.09–7.41 (*m*, 17H), 6.75–6.70 (*m*, 2H), 5.91 (*s*, 2H), 3.85 (*q*, 2H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 0.99 (*t*, 3H,  $J = 7.1$  Hz).

#### Crystal data

$\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_4\text{P}$	$Z = 2$
$M_r = 495.49$	$D_x = 1.312 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 8.9346$ (10) Å	Cell parameters from 1645 reflections
$b = 10.1613$ (12) Å	$\theta = 2.3$ – $24.2^\circ$
$c = 14.8002$ (16) Å	$\mu = 0.15 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\alpha = 71.628$ (2) $^\circ$	$T = 298$ (2) K
$\beta = 89.328$ (2) $^\circ$	Block, colourless
$\gamma = 79.940$ (2) $^\circ$	$0.19 \times 0.14 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$
$V = 1254.2$ (2) Å $^3$	

#### Data collection

Bruker APEX area-detector diffractometer	4459 independent reflections
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	3371 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2002)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.026$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.970$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.982$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.2^\circ$
6745 measured reflections	$h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
	$k = -12 \rightarrow 9$
	$l = -17 \rightarrow 17$

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.072$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.159$   
 $S = 1.09$   
 4459 reflections  
 326 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0518P)^2 + 0.6569P]$$

where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} < 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.38 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.28 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

**Table 1**

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

P1–N1	1.573 (3)	O2–C1	1.426 (4)
P1–C13	1.820 (3)	O2–C2	1.376 (4)
P1–C19	1.811 (3)	O3–C10	1.335 (4)
P1–C25	1.816 (3)	O3–C11	1.451 (4)
O1–C1	1.407 (5)	O4–C10	1.209 (3)
O1–C3	1.374 (4)	N1–C9	1.389 (4)
N1–P1–C19	115.60 (15)	C2–O2–C1	105.8 (3)
N1–P1–C25	116.52 (15)	C10–O3–C11	115.0 (3)
C19–P1–C25	111.67 (15)	C9–N1–P1	127.9 (2)
N1–P1–C13	104.93 (14)	O1–C1–O2	108.8 (3)
C19–P1–C13	104.30 (15)	C8–C9–N1	124.0 (3)
C25–P1–C13	101.70 (15)	C8–C9–C10	118.8 (3)
C3–O1–C1	105.8 (3)	N1–C9–C10	117.2 (3)

The H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms at C–H distances of 0.93, 0.97 and 0.96 Å for aromatic, methylene and methyl H atoms, respectively, and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ , or  $1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$  for methyl H atoms.

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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