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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.099 Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.0

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3-Hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl-3-(2-thienyl)propanamine

The title compound, $C_9H_{15}NOS$, was prepared by the reduction of 2-thienyl 2-(dimethylamino)ethyl ketone hydrochloride with sodium borohydride. In the crystal structure, $O-H \cdots N$ hydrogen bonds link pairs of molecules into centrosymmetric dimers. Received 26 February 2006 Accepted 2 March 2006

Comment

Duloxetine is a pharmaceutical now under development as an antidepressant. It inhibits the uptake of both norepinephrine and serotonin and is presently in clinical evaluation (Wong *et al.*, 1988).



The title compound, (I), is the most important intermediate product in the preparation of duloxetine and is synthesized by the reduction of 2-thienyl 2-(dimethylamino)ethyl ketone hydrochloride with sodium borohydride. Its structure is reported here (Fig. 1). In the crystal structure, $O-H\cdots N$ hydrogen bonds link pairs of molecules into centrosymmetric dimers (Table 1).

Experimental

Colourless crystals of the title compound were prepared according to the methods of Berglund (1994) and Deeter *et al.* (1990). Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation of an absolute methanol solution at room temperature over a period of 20 d.



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The molecular structure of (I), drawn with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids.

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Crystal data

C₉H₁₅NOS $M_r = 185.28$ Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ a = 6.0670 (13) Å b = 7.6467 (17) Å c = 11.678 (3) Å $\alpha = 96.004$ (4)° $\beta = 104.036$ (3)° $\gamma = 105.835$ (3)° V = 497.11 (19) Å³

Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer φ and ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1997) $T_{min} = 0.936, T_{max} = 0.951$ 2505 measured reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$ $wR(F^2) = 0.099$ S = 1.061726 reflections 115 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_{\rm o}^{\ 2}) + (0.0413P)^2 \\ &+ 0.2073P] \\ &\text{where } P = (F_{\rm o}^{\ 2} + 2F_{\rm c}^{\ 2})/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.30 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

Z = 2

 $D_x = 1.238 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Cell parameters from 1735

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

reflections

 $\begin{array}{l} \theta = 2.8{-}26.3^{\circ} \\ \mu = 0.28 \ \mathrm{mm}^{-1} \end{array}$

T = 294 (2) K

 $\begin{array}{l} R_{\rm int} = 0.026 \\ \theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^\circ \\ h = -7 \rightarrow 6 \end{array}$

 $k = -9 \rightarrow 8$

 $l = -7 \rightarrow 13$

Block, colorless

 $0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.18 \text{ mm}$

1726 independent reflections

1520 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1 - H1 \cdots N1^i$	0.841 (10)	2.021 (10)	2.855 (2)	172 (2)
Symmetry code: (i)	-x + 1, -y + 1,	-z + 2.		

All H atoms attached to C atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding, with C-H = 0.93-0.98 Å and $U_{iso}(H) =$ $1.2U_{eq}(C)$. The OH hydrogen was located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely with an isotropic displacement parameter.



Figure 2

The crystal structure of (I), viewed along the a axis. Hydrogen bonds are drawn as dashed lines.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker 1997); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker 1997); 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 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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