

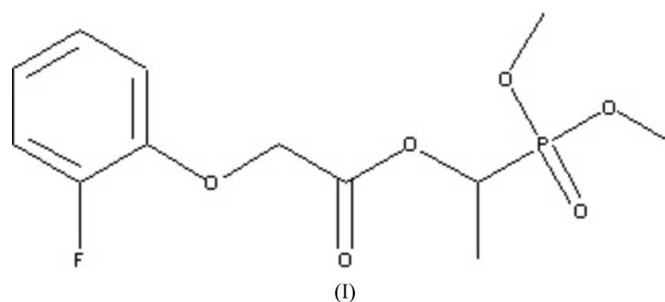
Dimethyl {1-[2-(2-fluorophenoxy)acetoxy]-ethyl}phosphonate

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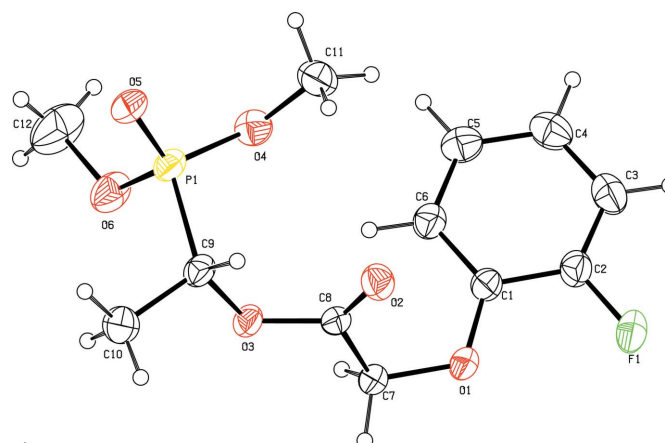
Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 272$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002$ Å
 R factor = 0.039
 wR factor = 0.109
Data-to-parameter ratio = 18.0For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.The crystal structure of the title compound, $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{16}\text{FO}_6\text{P}$, is stabilized by intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds.Received 8 March 2006
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Comment

 α -Hydroxyalkylphosphonate derivatives are of considerable interest as potential biologically active compounds or pharmaceuticals (He, 2003). We have synthesized a new α -hydroxyethylphosphonate derivative, (I). Here, we report its structure (Fig. 1).Selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 1. The molecules are connected by intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 2), forming a layer parallel to the (010) plane (Fig. 2).

Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by the reaction of dimethyl 1-hydroxyethylphosphonate and 2-fluorophenoxyacetyl chloride according to a literature procedure (He *et al.*, 1998). Crystals suitable**Figure 1**
The structure of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

