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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å Disorder in main residue R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.117 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.4

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# Ethyl 1-[5-amino-1-*tert*-butyl-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carbonyl]-5-methyl-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carboxylate

The title molecule,  $C_{17}H_{25}N_5O_3S_2$ , belongs to the family of bisheterocycles. In the crystal structure, there are one intra- and two intermolecular hydrogen bonds. One of the two pyrazole rings and the six-membered ring formed by the intramolecular hydrogen bond are approximately coplanar.

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#### Comment

4-Hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase (4-HPPD, EC1.1 3.11.27) is an important enzyme involved in the catabolism of tyrosine in most organisms and a relatively new target for herbicides. Due to their herbicidal activity and the fact that they belong to the inhibitor of this enzyme, many benzoylpyrazole derivatives have received much more attention, for example pyrazolate (Yamaoka et al., 1987, 1988), pyroxyfen (Kimura, 1984) and benzofenap (Kaoru & Atsushi, 1991). All the compounds are prodrugs for a shared active entity, the free hydroxypyrazole destosylpryazolate. It has also been noticed that NH and OH possess a similar capability for forming hydrogen bonds and both pyrazole and benzene rings are aromatic. However, pyrazole derivatives containing two pyrazole rings have rarely been reported to act as herbicides. Here we describe the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In (I), an intramolecular hydrogen bond is formed between N1 and O1 (Fig. 1 and Table 2). Atom O1 lies 0.135 (4)Å from the plane defined by atoms C5, C6, C9 and N1; the largest deviation from plane A is 0.041 (1) Å for atom C5. The dihedral angles between this plane and planes B and C are 59.63 (8) and 5.95 (15)°, respectively. Thus, planes A and C are practically coplanar (Table 1). Adjacent molecules are linked *via* N1-H1B···O1<sup>ii</sup> hydrogen bonds, forming rings along the b axis [symmetry code: (ii) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z] and glide-related molecules are linked *via* N1-H1B···O3<sup>iii</sup> hydrogen bonds, forming chains along the c axis [symmetry code: (iii) x - 1, y, z - 1]. Part of the chain structure is shown in Fig. 2 (Table 2).

## Experimental

To a solution of ethyl 2-[bis(methylsulfanyl)methylene]-3-oxobutanoate (5.0 mmol) in ethanol (15 ml) was added 1-*tert*-butyl-5amino-3-(methylsulfanyl)-1*H*-pyrazole-4-carbohydrazide (5.5 mmol). The mixture was refluxed for 8 h and cooled to room temperature, then poured into water (30 ml). The white precipitate was purified by recrystallization from ethanol/water (3:1  $\nu/\nu$ ). Crystals of (I) suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction were selected directly from the sample as prepared.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.271 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo *K* $\alpha$  radiation

 $\mu = 0.27 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 294 (2) K

 $\begin{aligned} R_{\rm int} &= 0.033\\ \theta_{\rm max} &= 26.5^\circ \end{aligned}$ 

Block, colorless

 $0.20 \times 0.16 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

12099 measured reflections

4426 independent reflections

3188 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

### Crystal data

$C_{17}H_{25}N_5O_3S_2$
$M_r = 411.54$
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$
$a = 9.3972 (14) \text{\AA}$
b = 22.870(3) Å
c = 10.4065 (16)  Å
$\beta = 105.976 \ (2)^{\circ}$
V = 2150.1 (6) Å <sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.940, T_{\max} = 0.968$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0506P)^2]$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$  $wR(F^2) = 0.117$ + 0.8773P] where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$ S = 1.03 $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.27 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$ 4426 reflections  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.25 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 270 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of Extinction correction: SHELXL97 Extinction coefficient: 0.0097 (11) independent and constrained refinement

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1-C9	1.221 (2)	C5-C6	1.419 (3)
N1-C5	1.344 (3)	C6-C9	1.407 (3)
N1-C5-C6 C9-C6-C5	126.78 (19) 122.55 (17)	O1-C9-C6	125.98 (17)
N1-C5-C6-C9 -4.8 (3)		C5-C6-C9-O1	-4.2 (3)
N2-C5-C6-C9	174.66 (18)	C7-C6-C9-O1	169.5 (2)
N1-C5-C6-C7 N2-C5-C6-C7	-0.6(2)	$C_{5}-C_{6}-C_{9}-N_{4}$ $C_{7}-C_{6}-C_{9}-N_{4}$	-9.0(3)

## Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$N1-H1A\cdotsO3^{i}$	0.84 (3)	2.25 (3)	3.045 (2)	158 (2)
$N1-H1B\cdots O1$	0.87 (3)	2.20 (3)	2.830 (3)	129 (2)
$N1 - H1B \cdots O1^{ii}$	0.87 (3)	2.35 (3)	3.091 (3)	143 (2)

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

The C8 methyl group is disordered over two sites, with refined occupancies of 0.61 (3) and 0.39 (3). H atoms attached to the C atoms



#### Figure 1

View of (I), showing the atom-labeling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. The dashed line indicates a hydrogen bond.



#### Figure 2

Packing diagram of (I), showing the intra- and intermolecular hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

were included in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms using *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997) default parameters: C-H = 0.96 (CH<sub>3</sub>) or 0.97 Å (CH<sub>2</sub>), and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}$  and  $1.2U_{eq}$ , respectively. H atoms of the amino group were located in difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically with no restraints.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); 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, 1999); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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