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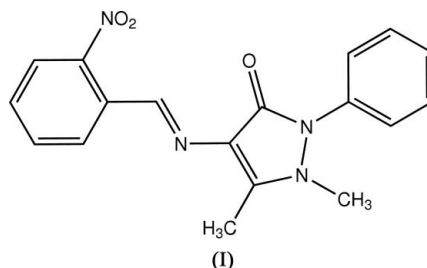
## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.040  
 $wR$  factor = 0.087  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 9.7For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

## 1,5-Dimethyl-4-[(2-nitrobenzylidene)amino]-2-phenyl-1H-pyrazol-3(4H)-one

The title compound,  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$ , has been synthesized by the reaction of 2-nitrobenzaldehyde and 4-aminoantipyridine. The molecule adopts an *E* configuration about the central  $\text{C}=\text{N}$  double bond.Received 21 March 2006  
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## Comment

The roles of antipyridine and antipyridine derivatives in biological processes have become a topic of study in recent years (Carlton *et al.*, 1995; Coolen *et al.*, 1999; Jiang *et al.*, 2000). The title compound, (I), is a new antipyridine Schiff base compound prepared in our laboratory. We present its structure here.The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The  $\text{C}10=\text{N}3$  bond length (Table 1) shows the character of a Schiff base. The molecule adopts an *E* configuration about the central  $\text{C}10=\text{N}3$  double bond. The pyrazole is nearly coplanar with the  $\text{C}11$ -containing benzene ring [dihedral angle =  $14.51$  ( $14^\circ$ )], but is tilted with respect to the  $\text{C}1$ -containing benzene ring [dihedral angle =  $54.69$  ( $14^\circ$ )].

## Experimental

2-Nitrobenzaldehyde (0.1 mmol, 15.1 mg) and 4-aminoantipyridine (0.1 mmol, 20.3 mg) were dissolved in methanol (10 ml). The solution was stirred for 30 min at room temperature to give a clear yellow solution. Single crystals of (I) were obtained from the filtrate.

## Crystal data

 $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}_3$   
 $M_r = 336.35$   
Orthorhombic,  $P2_12_12_1$   
 $a = 6.886$  (1) Å  
 $b = 13.382$  (1) Å  
 $c = 17.872$  (2) Å  
 $V = 1646.9$  (3) Å<sup>3</sup> $Z = 4$   
 $D_x = 1.357$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 0.10$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 298$  (2) K  
Rod, yellow  
 $0.58 \times 0.26 \times 0.22$  mm

## Data collection

Siemens P4 diffractometer  
 $\omega$  scans  
Absorption correction: none  
2318 measured reflections  
2221 independent reflections  
1272 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.016$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.7^\circ$   
3 standard reflections  
every 97 reflections  
intensity decay: 5.3%

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.040$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.087$   
 $S = 0.84$   
 2221 reflections  
 229 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0404P)^2]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} = 0.001$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.15 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$   
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0229 (18)

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

O1—C7	1.228 (3)	N2—C9	1.356 (3)
N1—N2	1.397 (3)	N2—C17	1.462 (3)
N1—C7	1.408 (3)	N3—C10	1.279 (3)
N1—C6	1.433 (3)		

Methyl H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.96 Å, and the torsion angles refined to fit the electron density, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . Other H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C—H = 0.93 Å, and refined in riding mode, with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ . In the absence of significant anomalous scattering effects, Friedel pairs were averaged.

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1995); cell refinement: *XSCANS*; data reduction: *SHELXTL* (Siemens, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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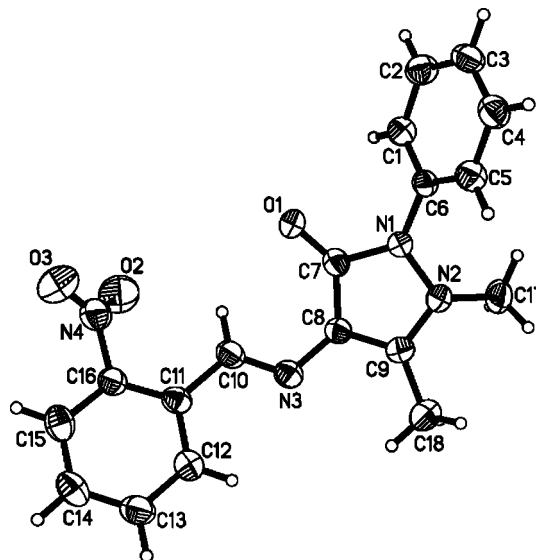


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), with 30% probability displacement ellipsoids (arbitrary spheres for H atoms).

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