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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.051
 wR factor = 0.164
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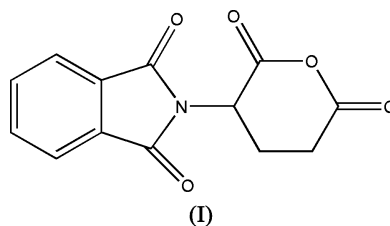
2-(2,6-Dioxo-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-pyran-3-yl)-2,3-dihydro-1H-isoindole-1,3-dione

The title compound, $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_5$, contains two molecules in the asymmetric unit, in which the 3-substituted dihydropyran-2,6-dione is not planar.

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Comment

The title compound, (I), has attracted attention as an intermediate for the synthesis of glutamine and of γ -dipeptides of glutamic acid (King & Kidd, 1949; Kokai, 1981). More recently, L-theanine was reported as an antitumour agent (Sadzuka *et al.*, 2000, 2002). The title compound has been used as an intermediate for the manufacture of L-theanine (Qian *et al.*, 2005). Here, we report its crystal structure.In the crystal structure of (I) which has two molecules in the asymmetric unit (Fig. 1), the 3-substituted-dihydro-pyran-2,6-dione is not planar, which is as expected. The C–N bond lengths are in the range 1.397 (3)–1.452 (2) Å, which is between the normal value of a C–N single bond and a C=N double bond, due to conjugation effects. All other bond lengths are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987).

Experimental

N-Phthaloyl-L-glutamic acid was prepared according to the literature method of Nefkens *et al.* (1960). L-Glutamic acid (14.7 g, 0.1 mol) was reacted with *N*-carboethoxyphthalimide (21.9 g, 0.1 mol) in water (200 ml) with sodium carbonate (23.3 g, 0.21 mol) to give *N*-phthaloyl-L-glutamic acid (yield 19.9 g, 72%). The title compound, (I) (11.9 g) was obtained by reacting *N*-phthaloyl-L-glutamic acid (13.9 g, 0.05 mol) in acetic anhydride (30 ml) under reflux for 20 min. A small quantity (0.1 g) of (I) was dissolved in acetic acid (20 ml) and single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by spontaneous evaporation of the solvent.

Crystal data

$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_5$	$Z = 8$
$M_r = 259.21$	$D_x = 1.488$ Mg m ⁻³
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$a = 11.868$ (2) Å	$\mu = 0.12$ mm ⁻¹
$b = 10.254$ (2) Å	$T = 293$ (2) K
$c = 19.833$ (4) Å	Prism, colourless
$\beta = 106.51$ (3)°	$0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.30$ mm
$V = 2314.1$ (8) Å ³	

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4
diffractometer
 $\omega/2\theta$ scans
Absorption correction: ψ scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{\min} = 0.955$, $T_{\max} = 0.966$
4544 measured reflections

4544 independent reflections
3113 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $\theta_{\max} = 26.0^\circ$
3 standard reflections
every 200 reflections
intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.164$
 $S = 1.07$
4544 reflections
343 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1P)^2]$
where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.21 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.27 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

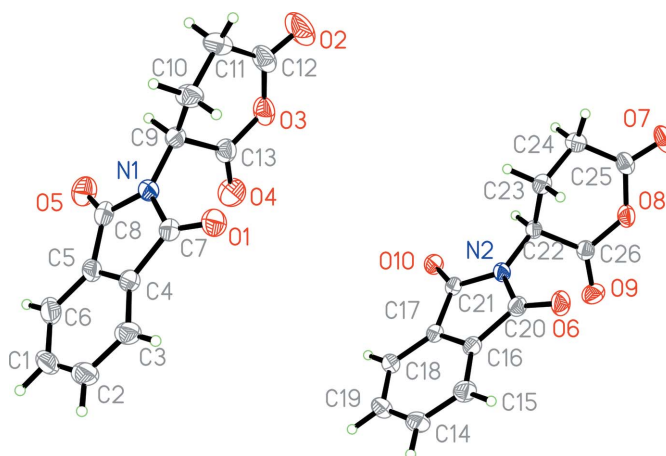
All H atoms attached to C atoms were placed in geometric positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances in the range 0.93–0.98 Å. They were treated as riding atoms, with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *XCAD4* (Harms & Wocadlo, 1995); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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**Figure 1**

The asymmetric unit of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 35% probability level.

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