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1-Oxo-3-phenyl-1,2-dihydropyrido[1,2-a]pyrazin-5-ium hexafluorophosphate

In the structure of the title compound, $C_{14}H_{11}N_2O^+ \cdot PF_6^-$, all the bond lengths and angles have normal values. The pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazinium system and the phenyl ring are conjugated. In the crystal structure, the phenylpyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazinium rings are arranged in parallel layers.

Comment

Quaternary aza-aromatic salts are widely used in organic synthesis. The first representative of a pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazine system has been described by Schwab *et al.* (1954). Batori *et al.* (1990) obtained pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazinium-1- and -3-olates. Szafran *et al.* (2005) have described the stucture of pyrido[1,2-*a*]pyrazinium bromide. We have confirmed the stucture of the title compound, (3), by ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.



All bond lengths and angles in (3) have normal values. The C7-O1 bond length [1.228 (3)Å] and the O1-C7-C8 angle $[120.2 (2)^{\circ}]$ show that the oxopyrido[1,2-a]pyrazinium system is in the keto form and is conjugated. The repulsion of H5 and H10 results in an angle of 18.63 (3)° between the pyrido-[1,2-a]pyrazinium system and phenyl ring, and the repulsion of H4 and H5 results in an angle of $3.73 (3)^{\circ}$ between the pyridinium and pyrazinium rings. Two cations are linked by an N-H···O hydrogen bond and a weak C-H···O interaction forms a dimer in the same layer. The pyrido [1,2-a] pyrazinium cations are arranged in parallel layers in the crystal structure. The layers are linked by $\pi - \pi$ stacking $[Cg1 \cdots Cg2^{i}]$ 3.838 (13) Å, where Cg1 is the centroid of ring C1/C2/C3/C4/ N1/C8 and Cg2 is the centroid of ring C9–C14; symmetry code: (i) x + 1, y, z] and N-H···O hydrogen-bond interactions $[N2-H2\cdots O1^{ii}: N-H = 0.86 \text{ Å}, H\cdots O = 2.00 \text{ Å}, N\cdots O =$ 2.838(6) Å and N-H···O = 164°; symmetry code: (ii) 1 - x, 2 - y, -z], which produce a three-dimensional structure.

Experimental

2-Cyanopyridine (10 mmol), (1), was mixed with 2-bromoacetophone (10 mmol), (2), heated at 363 K for 2 h, then cooled to room temperature. The resulting yellow solid was pulverized, triturated with acetone and ethanol (10 ml, 20:1), then collected by filtration and washed with acetone. A saturated aqueous solution (10 ml) of

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potassium hexafluorophosphate (10 mmol) was added to an aqueous solution (30 ml) of the above solid (10 mmol) and stirred for 5 min. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with water. Single crystals of the product suitable for X-ray cystallographic analysis were obtained by recrystallization from acetonitrile and petroleum ether (1:10). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6): δ 11.44 (*s*, *br*, H2), 9.39–9.33 (*m*, H5), 8.81–8.76 (*m*, H4), 8.65–8.58 (*m*, H6, H7), 8.46–8.42 (*m*, H8), 7.87–7.62 (*m*, H10, H11, H12, H13, H14).

Crystal data

| $C_{14}H_{11}N_2O^+ \cdot PF_6^-$ |
|-----------------------------------|
| $M_r = 368.22$ |
| Triclinic, P1 |
| a = 8.036 (2) Å |
| b = 8.724 (2) Å |
| c = 11.881 (2) Å |
| $\alpha = 91.13 \ (2)^{\circ}$ |
| $\beta = 109.52 \ (2)^{\circ}$ |
| $\gamma = 106.38 \ (2)^{\circ}$ |

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (North *et al.*, 1968) $T_{min} = 0.939, T_{max} = 0.963$ 3315 measured reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.067$ $wR(F^2) = 0.231$ S = 1.052693 reflections 218 parameters H-atom parameters constrained $V = 747.2 (3) Å^{3}$ Z = 2 $D_{x} = 1.637 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\$\alpha\$ radiation \$\mu\$ = 0.26 mm^{-1}\$ \$T = 295 (2) K Prism, colorless 0.25 \times 0.25 \times 0.15 mm

2693 independent reflections 1580 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.016$ $\theta_{max} = 25.2^{\circ}$ 3 standard reflections frequency: 3600 min intensity decay: 0.001%

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.1102P)^{2} + 1.1617P]$ where $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.68 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.46 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ Extinction correction: SHELXL97
Extinction coefficient: 0.051 (4)

All the H atoms were placed in calculated positions (N-H = 0.86, C-H = 0.93Å) and refined using a riding model, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}$ (parent atom).



Figure 2

A view of the packing of (3) down the b axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines.

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, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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