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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
$T=295 \mathrm{~K}$
Mean $\sigma(\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{C})=0.004 \AA$
$R$ factor $=0.045$
$w R$ factor $=0.143$
Data-to-parameter ratio $=12.8$
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# Ethyl (3-nitro-2-oxo-1,2-dihydropyridin-1-yl)acetate 

The title compound, $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$, crystallizes with two crystallographically independent molecules in the asymmetric unit. In the crystal structure, the nitropyridone rings are connected by weak $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions, forming sheet-like arrays, which are in turn linked by $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ and $\pi-\pi$ interactions between the nitropyridone rings on one side, and by $\mathrm{C}-$ $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and van der Waals interactions between the ester groups on the other.

## Comment

Pyridones can act as a P3 to P2 conformational restraint in the design of inhibitors of serine protease enzymes (Loughlin et al., 2004). This is often facilitated by the presence of a 3-amino group, which acts as a hydrogen-bonding site. Typically, 3-nitropyrid-2-ones (I) and (II) are used as synthetic precursors to 3-aminopyrid-2-ones (Breslin et al., 2003; Huang et al., 2003; Reiner et al., 2002; Warner et al., 1994). Compound (II) lacks the hydrogen-bonding site at the 3 position and solid-state structures for 3-nitropyridones (without C4 to C6 substituents) are restricted to a report of the complex of (I) with 2-amino-5-nitropyridine (Velikova et al., 1997). Here, we report the first solid-state structure of the title compound, (II). Compound (II) was prepared by $N$-alkylation of (I) with sodium hydride and ethyl bromoacetate, as reported elsewhere (Warner et al., 1994; Breslin et al., 2003).


The crystal structure of (II) contains two crystallographically independent molecules in the asymmetric unit (Figs. 1 and 2). Relevant bond lengths and angles are listed in Table 1 and are in accord with those reported for 3-nitro-2pyridone (Velikova et al., 1997). The nitro groups are twisted slightly out of the plane of the pyridone ring, with torsion angles $\mathrm{O} 32-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2=-18.5(4)^{\circ}$ and $\mathrm{O} 132-\mathrm{N} 13-$ $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 12=22.4(4)^{\circ}$.

In the crystal structure, the nitropyridone rings are connected by weak $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ interactions between the aromatic and aliphatic H atoms and the carbonyl and nitro group O atoms, forming sheet-like arrays in the $b c$ plane. These sheets are in turn linked together by $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \pi$ and $\pi-\pi$ interactions between the nitropyridone rings on one side, and by $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{O}$ and van der Waals interactions between the ester groups on the other (Fig. 2).

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Figure 1
A view of one of the two independent molecules of (II), with the atomnumbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level.


Figure 2
A view of the second of the two independent molecules of (II), with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $30 \%$ probability level.

## Experimental

Sodium hydride ( $1.38 \mathrm{~g}, 57.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added in portions over a period of 30 min to compound (I) $(6.75 \mathrm{~g}, 48.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ in dry tetrahydrofuran $(100 \mathrm{ml})$. The resulting suspension was stirred for 30 min . Ethyl bromoacetate ( $5.86 \mathrm{ml}, 53.0 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added dropwise over a period of 30 min . The resulting yellow suspension was heated to 328 K under nitrogen for 24 h . The red reaction mixture was filtered and the solid thoroughly washed with ethyl acetate. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and the resulting red oil purified by silica-gel column chromatography (ethyl acetate-dichloromethane gradient from $0-40 \%$ ethyl acetate, with $0.4 \%$ triethylamine). Pale-yellow crystals of compound (II) (m.p. 327329 K ; yield $10.7 \mathrm{~g}, 98 \%$ ) were isolated by slow evaporation of an ethyl acetate solution of (II). Analysis, found: C 47.82, H 4.44, N $12.34 \%$; calculated for $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ : C 47.79, H 4.46, N $12.38 \%$. Spectroscopic analysis: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \delta$, p.p.m.): 1.293
$\left(3 \mathrm{H}, t, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 4.251\left(2 \mathrm{H}, q, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 4.769(2 \mathrm{H}, s$, $\left.\mathrm{NCH}_{2}\right), 6.380(1 \mathrm{H}, d d, J=7.6$ and $6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H} 5), 7.712(1 \mathrm{H}, d d, J=6.8$ and $2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H} 6), 8.387(1 \mathrm{H}, d d, J=7.6$ and $2.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{H} 4) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, \delta\right.$, p.p.m.): $14.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 51.4\left(\mathrm{NCH}_{2}\right), 62.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, 103.8 (C5), $138.9(\mathrm{C} 3), 139.7(\mathrm{C} 4), 145.2(\mathrm{C} 6), 154.5(\mathrm{C} 2), 166.8(\mathrm{CO})$; MS (ES ${ }^{+}$): $248.8\left(\mathrm{MNa}^{+}, 60 \%\right) 226.8\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}, 70 \%\right) 180.7\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}-\mathrm{NO}_{2}\right.$, 100\%).

## Crystal data

| $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ | $Z=8$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $M_{r}=226.19$ | $D_{x}=1.428 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$ |
| Monoclinic, $P 2_{1} / c$ | $\mathrm{Mo} \mathrm{K} \mathrm{\alpha} \mathrm{radiation}$ |
| $a=20.175(4) \AA$ | $\mu=0.12 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$ |
| $b=8.333(3) \AA$ | $T=295 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $c=12.729(4) \AA$ | Prism, yellow |
| $\beta=100.49(2)^{\circ}$ | $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $V=2104.2(11) \AA^{3}$ |  |
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| Data collection |  |
| Rigaku AFC- $7 R$ diffractometer | $R_{\text {int }}=0.027$ |
| $\omega / 2 \theta$ scans | $\theta_{\text {max }}=25.0^{\circ}$ |
| Absorption correction: none | 3 standard reflections |
| 4183 measured reflections | every 150 reflections |
| 3689 independent reflections | intensity decay: $1.1 \%$ |
| 1988 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$ |  |

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\begin{aligned}
& w=1 /[ \sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}\right)+(0.058 P)^{2} \\
&+0.4402 P] \\
& \text { where } P=\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}^{2}\right) / 3 \\
&(\Delta / \sigma)_{\max }=0.010 \\
& \Delta \rho_{\max }=0.17 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3} \\
& \Delta \rho_{\min }=-0.18 \mathrm{e}^{-3}
\end{aligned}
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## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.045$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.143$
$S=1.03$
3689 reflections
289 parameters

H-atom parameters constrained

Table 1
Selected geometric parameters $\left(\AA,^{\circ}\right)$.

| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 1.220 (3) | O131-N13 | 1.228 (4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O8-C8 | 1.188 (4) | O132-N13 | 1.212 (5) |
| O9-C8 | 1.319 (3) | N1-C2 | 1.408 (3) |
| O9-C9 | 1.448 (4) | N1-C6 | 1.347 (3) |
| O31-N3 | 1.218 (4) | N1-C7 | 1.463 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 32-\mathrm{N} 3$ | 1.226 (3) | N3-C3 | 1.446 (4) |
| O12-C12 | 1.221 (3) | N11-C12 | 1.396 (3) |
| O18-C18 | 1.196 (4) | N11-C16 | 1.342 (4) |
| O19-C19 | 1.471 (4) | N11-C17 | 1.464 (4) |
| O19-C18 | 1.328 (4) | N13-C13 | 1.458 (4) |
| C8-O9-C9 | 118.6 (2) | N3-C3-C4 | 117.6 (2) |
| C18-O19-C19 | 116.4 (2) | N1-C6-C5 | 121.7 (2) |
| C2-N1-C6 | 123.5 (2) | N1-C7-C8 | 111.0 (2) |
| C6-N1-C7 | 120.73 (19) | O8-C8-C7 | 124.9 (3) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 7$ | 115.72 (19) | O9-C8-C7 | 110.4 (2) |
| $\mathrm{O} 31-\mathrm{N} 3-\mathrm{O} 32$ | 122.3 (3) | O8-C8-O9 | 124.7 (3) |
| O32-N3-C3 | 119.2 (2) | O9-C9-C10 | 111.1 (3) |
| O31-N3-C3 | 118.6 (2) | $\mathrm{O} 12-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{N} 11$ | 118.9 (2) |
| C12-N11-C17 | 116.8 (2) | O12-C12-C13 | 128.1 (2) |
| C16-N11-C17 | 119.0 (3) | N11-C12-C13 | 112.9 (2) |
| C12-N11-C16 | 124.1 (3) | N13-C13-C12 | 118.5 (2) |
| O132-N13-C13 | 119.7 (3) | N13-C13-C14 | 119.1 (3) |
| O131-N13-O132 | 123.8 (4) | N11-C16-C15 | 121.6 (3) |
| O131-N13-C13 | 116.5 (3) | N11-C17-C18 | 110.8 (3) |
| $\mathrm{O} 2-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ | 118.0 (2) | O18-C18-O19 | 124.7 (3) |
| O2-C2-C3 | 129.3 (2) | O18-C18-C17 | 124.8 (3) |
| N1-C2-C3 | 112.7 (2) | O19-C18-C17 | 110.5 (3) |
| N3-C3-C2 | 119.1 (2) | O19-C19-C20 | 108.2 (3) |

Table 2
Hydrogen-bond geometry ( $\mathrm{A},{ }^{\circ}$ ).

| $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H}$ | $\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ | $D \cdots A$ | $D-\mathrm{H} \cdots A$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{H} 4 \cdots \mathrm{O} 2^{\text {i }}$ | 0.95 | 2.24 | 3.117 (3) | 154 |
| C5-H5 . ${ }^{\text {O }} 32^{\text {i }}$ | 0.95 | 2.64 | 3.457 (4) | 145 |
| C16-H16 . ${ }^{\text {O } 12}{ }^{\text {i }}$ | 0.95 | 2.17 | 3.049 (4) | 153 |
| C17-H172 . ${ }^{\text {O }} 132^{\text {i }}$ | 0.95 | 2.67 | 3.536 (4) | 152 |
| C9-H91. . $\mathrm{O}^{\text {8ii }}$ | 0.95 | 2.57 | 3.517 (5) | 173 |

Symmetry codes: (i) $x,-y-\frac{1}{2}, z+\frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $-x+1, y+\frac{1}{2},-z+\frac{3}{2}$.
H atoms were constrained as riding atoms, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.95 \AA$, and with $U_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 U_{\text {eq }}(\mathrm{C})$.

Data collection: MSC/AFC7 Diffractometer Control Software (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1999); cell refinement: $\mathrm{MSC} /$ AFC7 Diffractometer Control Software; data reduction: TEXSAN for Windows (Molecular Structure Corporation, 2001); program(s) used to solve structure: TEXSAN for Windows; program(s) used to refine structure: TEXSAN for Windows and SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: TEXSAN for Windows and PLATON (Spek, 2003).

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Figure 3
The crystal packing of (I), viewed down the $b$ axis. Dashed lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

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