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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.043 wR factor = 0.121 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.8

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. 4-Difluoromethyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-5(4*H*)-one

In the crystal structure of the title compound, $C_{10}H_9F_2N_3O$, a derivative of triazolinone, there are intramolecular $C-H\cdots O$ and $C-H\cdots N$ and intermolecular $C-H\cdots F$ and $C-H\cdots O$ interactions.

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Comment

1-Aryl-1,2,4-triazolin-5-one derivatives have herbicidal activity (Kajioka *et al.*, 1982) and can be used on soya beans (Keifer *et al.*, 1990) to prevent or destroy undesired plant growth (Theodoridis *et al.*, 1991). The title compound, (I), is an important intermediate of triazolinone and we report here the crystal structure.



The molecular structure of (I) is shown in Fig. 1, in which the dashed lines indicate intramolecular $C-H\cdots O$ and $C-H\cdots N$ hydrogen bonds. Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. Intermolecular $C-H\cdots F$ and $C-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds are shown in Fig. 2 (Table 2).

Experimental

A stirred solution of 4-difluoromethyl-3-methyl-1-phenyl-1,2,4-triazolin-5-one (0.12 mol), powdered potassium hydroxide (0.24 mol) and tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.012 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (500 ml) was cooled in an ice bath and chlorodifluoromethane was bubbled into the reaction mixture. The ice bath was removed and the bubbling was continued until condensation was observed on a dry-ice condenser attached to the reaction vessel. Upon completion of the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 16 h. Additional powdered potassium hydroxide (0.012 mol) was added to the reaction mixture and it was again saturated with chlorodifluoromethane. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h then diluted with water. The mixture was extracted with diethyl ether and the combined extracts washed with water. The organic layer was dried with sodium sulfate and filtered. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to a residue. The residue was dissolved in methylene chloride and passed through a pad of silica gel. The eluate was concentrated under reduced pressure to a residual solid. The solid was recrystallized from dichloromethane-heptane (1:1). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obstained by slow evaporation of a CHCl₃ solution.

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Crystal data

 $C_{10}H_9F_2N_3O$ $M_r = 225.20$ Triclinic, $P\overline{1}$ a = 7.2910 (15) Åb = 8.2100 (16) Åc = 8.8710 (18) Å $\alpha = 85.88 (3)^{\circ}$ $\beta = 80.43 (3)^{\circ}$ $\gamma = 81.71$ (3)

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (North et al., 1968) $T_{\min} = 0.964, \ T_{\max} = 0.988$ 2188 measured reflections

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.043$ wR(F²) = 0.121 S = 1.012019 reflections 146 parameters H-atom parameters constrained

Table 1		_	
Selected	geometric parameters	(Å.	°).

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F1-C10	1.346 (2)	N1-C10	1.412 (2
F2-C10	1.345 (2)	N2-C9	1.364 (2
O-C9	1.219 (2)	N2-N3	1.396 (2
N1-C8	1.381 (2)	N2-C3	1.423 (2
N1-C9	1.392 (2)	N3-C8	1.286 (2
C8-N1-C9	108.30 (15)	N3-C8-N1	111.07 (16
C8-N1-C10	130.39 (16)	N3-C8-C7	124.93 (18
C9-N1-C10	121.29 (15)	N1-C8-C7	124.00 (18
C9-N2-N3	111.71 (14)	O-C9-N2	130.43 (17
C9-N2-C3	128.48 (15)	O-C9-N1	126.32 (17
N3-N2-C3	119.80 (14)	N2-C9-N1	103.24 (15
C8-N3-N2	105.67 (14)	F2-C10-F1	105.52 (16
C4-C3-N2	120.75 (17)	F2-C10-N1	110.18 (17
C2-C3-N2	119.43 (17)	F1-C10-N1	110.13 (16

V = 517.53 (19) Å³

 $D_x = 1.445 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

 $0.30 \times 0.20 \times 0.10 \ \mathrm{mm}$

2019 independent reflections

1422 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Mo $K\alpha$ radiation

 $\mu = 0.12 \text{ mm}^-$

T = 293 (2) K Block, colourless

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.013$

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$

3 standard reflections

every 200 reflections

intensity decay: none

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.06P)^2]$

where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

Extinction correction: SHELXL97 Extinction coefficient: 0.131 (13)

+ 0.06P]

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$

 $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.17 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Z = 2

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$C2-H2A\cdots N3$	0.93	2.46	2.795 (3)	102
$C4-H4A\cdots O$	0.93	2.32	2.952 (2)	125
$C7-H7C\cdots F1^{i}$	0.96	2.49	3.368 (3)	153
C10−H10A···O	0.98	2.46	2.857 (2)	104
C10−H10A···O ⁱⁱ	0.98	2.30	3.100 (2)	138

Symmetry codes: (i) -x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 2; (ii) -x, -y + 2, -z + 2.

All H atoms were positioned geometrically at distances of 0.93-0.97 Å and included in the refinement in a riding-model approximation, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ or $1.5U_{eq}(C)$.

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



Figure 1

A view of the molecular structure of (I), showing displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level. Dashed lines indicate C-H···O and $C-H \cdot \cdot \cdot N$ hydrogen bonds.



Figure 2

The crystal structure of (I). Dashed lines indicate $C-H\cdots O$ and C-H···F hydrogen bonds.

(Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL (Siemens, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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