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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.002 Å R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.116 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.3

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# Ethyl 2-(4-phenyl-1H-1,2,3-triazol-1-yl)acetate

In the molecule of the title compound,  $C_{12}H_{13}N_3O_2$ , the benzene and triazole rings are each planar and form a dihedral angle of 18.36 (9)°.

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#### Comment

The copper(I)-catalysed union of terminal alkynes and organic azides to give 1,4-disubstituted 1,2,3-triazoles (Rostovtsev *et al.*, 2002) exhibits remarkably broad scope and good selectivity. The best click reaction (Kolb & Sharpless, 2003) has quickly found applications in chemistry, biology and materials science. The title compound, (I), was synthesized in high yield *via* a [3 + 2] cycloaddition reaction between azide and acetylene compounds. The chemical structure of (I), has now been confirmed by single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.



In the molecule of (I) (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). Rings A (C1–C6) and B (N1–N3/C7/C8) are each planar, and form a dihedral angle of 18.36 (9)°.

### **Experimental**

NaN<sub>3</sub> (7.94 g, 122 mmol), phenylacetylene (21 ml, 190 mmol), CuSO<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O (2.35 g, 9.4 mmol) and L-ascorbic acid sodium salt (3.72 g, 187 mmol) were added successively to a solution of 2-ethyl 2chloroacetate (10 ml, 94 mmol) in 50 ml of DMF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1). The mixture was stirred at 323 K for 48 h. NH<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (25 ml) was then added, the solvent was extracted with ethyl acetate, washed with water, and the organic phase was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After evaporation, the resulting solid was recrystallized from ethyl acetate/petroleum ether (1:3), yielding the title compound (I) (yield 15.6 g, 72.2%). A solution of (I) in ethyl acetate was allowed to stand at room temperature for 2 d and colorless needle-shaped crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were grown by slow evaporation.

© 2006 International Union of Crystallography All rights reserved Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{12}H_{13}N_3O_2\\ M_r = 231.25\\ Triclinic, P\overline{1}\\ a = 5.6646 \ (15) \ \mathring{A}\\ b = 8.644 \ (2) \ \mathring{A}\\ c = 12.393 \ (3) \ \mathring{A}\\ \alpha = 85.549 \ (4)^\circ\\ \beta = 81.179 \ (4)^\circ\\ \gamma = 74.569 \ (4)^\circ \end{array}$ 

Data collection

Siemens SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan *SADABS* (Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.965, T_{\rm max} = 0.987$ 

Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$   $wR(F^2) = 0.117$  S = 1.052209 reflections 154 parameters H-atom parameters constrained  $V = 577.6 (3) Å^{3}$  Z = 2  $D_{x} = 1.330 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\$\alpha\$ radiation \$\mu\$ = 0.09 mm^{-1}\$ T = 294 (2) KNeedle, colorless 0.38 × 0.19 × 0.14 mm

3338 measured reflections 2209 independent reflections 1811 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.015$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.1^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0547P)^2 \\ &+ 0.0941P] \\ &where \ P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.16 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.25 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C-H = 0.93, 0.97 and 0.96 Å for aromatic, methylene and methyl H, respectively, and constrained to ride on their parent atoms with  $U_{iso}(H) = xU_{eq}(C)$ , where x = 1.5 for methyl H and x = 1.2 for all other H.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL* and *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).



Figure 1

The molecular structure, with the atom-numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.

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