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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean $\sigma(C-C) = 0.003 \text{ Å}$ R factor = 0.039 wR factor = 0.112 Data-to-parameter ratio = 10.7

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3a,5b-Dimethyl-2,3,3a,4,5,5a,5b,6,7,13,13a,13bdodecahydro-1*H*-8-azacyclopenta[a]chrysen-3-ol

The title compound, $C_{22}H_{29}NO$, is built up from five fused rings, four of which are six-membered and one five-membered. The ring adjacent to the five-membered ring adopts a chair conformation.

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Comment

Testosterone derivatives have a high biological activity and have been widely used in the preparation of hormone-based drugs (Alvarez-Ginarte *et al.*, 2005). As part of our continuing interest in the structure–activity relationship of testosterone derivatives, we have isolated the product, (I), from the reaction of propargylamine and 17-hydroxy-10,13-dimethyl-1,7,8,10,11,12,13,15,16,17-decahydro-2*H*-cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthren-3(4*H*,9*H*,14*H*)-one.



The molecular structure of (I) is illustrated in Fig. 1. It is built up from five fused rings, four of which are six-membered and one five-membered. The C4/C5/C17–C20 ring fused with the five-membered ring adopts a chair conformation (Cremer & Pople, 1975). The other rings have no obvious conformations. There is an $O-H\cdots N$ hydrogen-bond interaction, building a zigzag chain parallel to the *a* axis (Table 1 and Fig. 2).

Experimental

The title compound was prepared according to the procedure of Yan *et al.* (2006). Crystals were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution at room temperature.

Crystal data

C22H29NO Z = 4 $M_{\rm m} = 323.46$ $D_x = 1.202 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation a = 8.629 (2) Å $\mu = 0.07 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ b = 13.664 (5) ÅT = 298 (2) K c = 15.158 (4) Å Chunk, colorless V = 1787.2 (9) Å² $0.39 \times 0.28 \times 0.19 \text{ mm}$ Data collection Rigaku R-AXIS RAPID 2326 independent reflections diffractometer 1958 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\rm int} = 0.031$ ω scans Absorption correction: none $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^\circ$ 17581 measured reflections

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Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.074P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$	+ 0.0296P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.113$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.07	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
2326 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.17 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
218 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.14 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
	Extinction coefficient: 0.0045 (18)

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O1 - H1 \cdots N1^i$	0.82	2.04	2.862 (2)	178
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Symmetry code: (i) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + 1, z + \frac{1}{2}$.

H atoms were included in calculated positions and refined using a riding model, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2$ (or 1.5 for methyl H atoms) times $U_{eq}(C)$. C-H distances were constrained to 0.96 Å for methyl H atoms, 0.97 Å for methylene H atoms, 0.98 Å for methine H atoms, and 0.93 Å for the remainder, and O-H = 0.82 Å. In the absence of significant anomalous scattering, Friedel pairs were averaged, and the absolute configuration assigned arbitrarily.

Data collection: *PROCESS-AUTO* (Rigaku, 1998); cell refinement: *PROCESS-AUTO*; data reduction: *CrystalStructure* (Rigaku/ MSC, 2004); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3 for Windows*





View showing the O-H···N hydrogen bonding (dashed lines) and the formation of the zigzag chain. For clarity, only H atoms involved in hydrogen bonding are shown. [Symmetry code: (i) $-x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + 1, +z + \frac{1}{2}$.]

(Version 1.05; Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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