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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 294 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.112 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.0

For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. 1-[(2-Hydroxynaphthalen-1-yl)(phenyl)methyl]-3-methylurea

Intermolecular  $O-H \cdots O$  and  $N-H \cdots O$  and intramolecular  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds are effective in the stabilization of the crystal structure of the title compound,  $C_{19}H_{18}N_2O_2$ .

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## Comment

Multi-component reactions (MCRs) are economically and environmentally very advantageous because multi-step syntheses produce considerable amounts of waste, mainly due to a series of complex isolation procedures often involving expensive, toxic and hazardous solvents after each step. MCRs are perfectly suited for combinatorial laboratory synthesis, and thus they are finding increasing use in the discovery process for new drugs and agrochemicals (Domling & Ugi, 2000; Heck & Domling, 2000; Ugi *et al.*, 1994).



The carbamate function is widely encountered in the structure of biologically active compounds. These compounds are generally prepared from phosgene (Nowick *et al.*, 1992), phosgene derivatives (Majer & Randad, 1994; Batey *et al.*, 1998) or isocyanates (Ozaki, 1972), in reaction with amines. None of these methods is environmentally benign. In the light of the above, we have synthesized the title compound, (I), under solvent-free conditions and characterized its structure.

In the molecule of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987; Bazgir *et al.*, 2006).

The rings A (C4–C8/C13), B (C8–C13) and C (C14–C19) are, of course, planar; the dihedral angles between them are A/B = 2.93 (3)°, A/C = 79.4 (3)° and B/C = 82.4 (4)°.

As can be seen from the packing diagram (Fig. 2), intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O$   $[H2b\cdots O1^{i} = 1.82$  (2),  $O2\cdots O1^{i} = 2.689$  (1) Å and  $O2-H2b\cdots O1^{i}$  175 (2)°] and  $N-H\cdots O$  $[H1d\cdots O1^{ii} = 2.111$  (19),  $N1\cdots O1^{ii} = 2.992$  (2) Å and N1- $H1d\cdots O1^{ii} = 171$  (2)°] hydrogen bonds [symmetry codes: (i)  $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii) -x + 2, -y, -z + 1] link the molecules to form infinite chains. The intermolecular  $O-H\cdots O$  and N- $H\cdots O$  and intramolecular  $N-H\cdots O$  [ $H2a\cdots O2 = 2.185$  (18),

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### Figure 1

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





A packing diagram of (I), viewed down the *a* axis. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity.

 $N2 \cdots O2 = 2.742$  (2) Å and  $N2 - H2a \cdots O2 = 122$  (2)°] hydrogen bonds seem to be effective in the stabilization of the crystal structure. Dipole-dipole and van der Waals interactions are effective in the molecular packing.

## Experimental

2-Naphthol (1 mmol), benzaldehyde (1 mmol), N-methylurea (1.5 mmol) and p-toluenesulfonic acid (0.1 g) were mixed and the reaction mixture was placed in a screw-capped vial and heated at

373 K for 3 h. After cooling, the reaction mixture was washed with water and then recrystallized from EtOAc/hexane (1:3) to afford the pure product (yield 54%).

### Crystal data

### Data collection

Stoe IPDS-II diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: numerical (shape of crystal determined optically) (X-SHAPE; Stoe & Cie, 2005)  $T_{min} = 0.971, T_{max} = 0.983$ 

## Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.046$   $wR(F^2) = 0.112$  S = 1.093365 reflections 280 parameters All H-atom parameters refined 12022 measured reflections 3365 independent reflections 2827 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.028$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.7^{\circ}$ 

$$\begin{split} &w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_{\rm o}^2) + (0.0483P)^2 \\ &+ 0.4305P] \\ &where \ P = (F_{\rm o}^2 + 2F_{\rm c}^2)/3 \\ (\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003 \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm max} = 0.18\ {\rm e}\ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta\rho_{\rm min} = -0.18\ {\rm e}\ {\rm \AA}^{-3} \end{split}$$

H atoms were located in a difference sythesis and refined isotropically  $[O-H = 0.88 (2) \text{ Å} \text{ and } U_{iso}(H) = 0.070 (6) \text{ Å}^2; N-H = 0.859 (19)-0.889 (19) \text{ Å} and <math>U_{iso}(H) = 0.048 (5)-0.050 (5) \text{ Å}^2; C-H = 0.94 (3)-1.03 (3) \text{ Å} and <math>U_{iso}(H) = 0.035 (4)-0.113 (9) \text{ Å}^2].$ 

Data collection: X-AREA (Stoe & Cie, 2005); cell refinement: X-AREA; data reduction: X-RED32 (Stoe & Cie, 2005); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: X-STEP32 (Stoe & Cie, 2000); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97.

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