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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 150 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.039 wR factor = 0.100 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.7

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# Dimethyl 2-(3-amino-4-oxo-4*H*-benzo[*f*]thieno[3,4-c]chromen-1-yl)fumarate

The title compound,  $C_{21}H_{15}NO_6S$ , shows a helical structure of the molecule. In the crystal packing, molecules are linked *via* intermolecular N-H···O interactions into infinite sheets that are stacked along [100].

#### Comment

2-Aminothiophenes, when [c] anellated to a mono- or oligocyclic  $\pi$ -system as in (I) (see scheme), undergo Diels-Alder additions with electron-poor alkenes across the dienoid system of the thiophene ring (Nyiondi-Bonguen et al., 1994; Al-Omran et al., 1996; Erian et al., 1998; Sopbue Fondjo et al., 2006) with subsequent loss of hydrogen sulfide from the 1:1 cycloadducts. In principle, the same reaction is possible with electron-poor alkynes. Under mild conditions, however, a Michael-type addition of the alkyne to C1 of (I) is the preferred mode of reaction (Al-Omran et al., 1996; Sopbue Fondjo et al., 2006). Thus, the reaction of (I) with dimethyl ethynedicarboxylate, (II), at 338 K in methanol [stabilizing intermediate (III)] gives a 64% yield of the title compound, (IV), while in refluxing dioxane (375 K) only 26% of (IV) is obtained, together with 58% of the fused phthalate (V). In (I), C1' (see scheme) is the doubly vinylene-homologous position of the 3'-NH<sub>2</sub> group. In other words, C1' is electron rich and a good nucleophile towards electron-poor multiple bonds. The conjugate addition to generate (III) obviously has a lower activation energy than the [4+2]-cycloaddition leading to (V) by loss of hydrogen sulfide. Intermediate (III) just requires a protonation at the fumarate C3 and a deprotonation at C1' to form (IV). All attempts to achieve a separation of the enantiomers by HPLC on chiral stationary phases have so far been unsuccessful however (Sopbue Fondjo et al., 2006). We report here the crystal and molecular structure of (IV), whose crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) have been deposited at the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication number CCDC 602732.



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#### Figure 1

Molecular structure of (IV). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



#### Figure 2

Crystal packing viewed along [100], with the intermolecular hydrogenbonding pattern indicated as dashed lines. H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

The molecular structure of (IV) (Fig. 1) shows a helical arrangement of the four fused rings A (C1-C6), B (C1/C6-C10), C (O2/C9-C11/C17/C16), D (C11/C12/S1/C18/C17) and the dicarboxylate unit. The dihedral angles between the rings are  $A/B = 7.2 (1)^{\circ}$ ,  $B/C = 8.1 (1)^{\circ}$  and  $C/D = 8.8 (1)^{\circ}$ . The aromatic ring system (C1-C10) is puckered, with atom deviations of -0.106 (2) for C8 and 0.153 (2) Å for C10 from the mean plane, and the associated C-C bond lengths lie between 1.358 (3) and 1.447 (3) Å (Table 1). Rings C and D are almost planar, with largest deviations of 0.077 (2) for C10 and 0.034 (2) Å for C12. Delocalization of the  $\pi$  system leads to a shortening of single C–C bonds [C10-C11 = 1.465 (2) Å,C16-C17 = 1.429 (3) Å and C11-C17 = 1.439 (2) Å]. The thiophene ring has geometric parameters similar to those of other thiophene systems, e.g. JIGGIP (Joseph et al., 1991; refcode in the Cambridge Structural Database; MOGUL, Version 1.0; Allen, 2002). The acetate group at C19 is almost coplanar with the C13=C14 bond, as shown by the

### **Experimental**

A sample of 3-amino-4*H*-benzo[*f*]thieno[3,4-*c*]-(2*H*)chromen-2-one, (814 mg, 3.05 mmol) and an excess of dimethyl (I) ethynedicarboxylate, (II), in 10 ml of methanol was kept at reflux temperature for 10 h. The concentrated residue was stored in a freezer for several days. The precipitate was filtered off and crystallized from methanol to give 777 mg (62%) of (IV), m.p. 454-456 K. Single crystals of (IV) were grown from the same solvent. For spectroscopic and analytical details see Sopbue Fondjo et al. (2006).

Crystal data

а b с α β γ

$V = 895.4 (17) \text{ Å}^3$
Z = 2
$D_x = 1.519 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$\mu = 0.22 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
T = 150 (2) K
Prism, colourless
$0.47 \times 0.35 \times 0.34$ mm

#### Data collection

Siemens P4 rotating anode diffractometer  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North et al., 1968)  $T_{\min} = 0.903, \ T_{\max} = 0.928$ 3903 measured reflections

# Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0446P)^2]$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.039$  $wR(F^2) = 0.100$ + 0.3857P] where  $P = (F_0^2)^2$  $+ 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.003$ S=1.05 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.29 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 3901 reflections  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 266 parameters H-atom parameters constrained Extinction correction: SHELXL97 Extinction coefficient: 0.004 (1)

### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

S1-C18	1.723 (2)	C6-C7	1.421 (3)
S1-C12	1.758 (2)	C7-C8	1.358 (3)
O1-C16	1.216 (2)	C8-C9	1.406 (3)
O2-C16	1.377 (2)	C9-C10	1.388 (3)
O2-C9	1.385 (2)	C10-C11	1.465 (3)
N1-C18	1.341 (2)	C11-C12	1.383 (3)
C1-C2	1.421 (3)	C11-C17	1.439 (2)
C1-C6	1.425 (3)	C12-C13	1.469 (2)
C1-C10	1.447 (3)	C13-C14	1.342 (3)
C2-C3	1.373 (3)	C13-C19	1.510 (2)
C3-C4	1.404 (3)	C16-C17	1.429 (3)
C4-C5	1.366 (3)	C17-C18	1.393 (3)
C5-C6	1.419 (3)		
C18-S1-C12	92.48 (10)	C16-O2-C9	122.10 (14)

3901 independent reflections 3223 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.013$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 27.0^{\circ}$ 

3 standard reflections

every 100 reflections

intensity decay: none

Table 2		_	
Hydrogen-bond	geometry	(Å,	°).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
C14-H14A···O4	0.96	2.38	2.733 (3)	101
$N1 - H1B \cdots O1$	0.90	2.26	2.854 (4)	124
$N1-H1A\cdots O3^{i}$	0.90	2.13	2.947 (3)	150
$N1-H1B\cdotsO1^{ii}$	0.90	2.31	2.979 (3)	131

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

H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and refined at idealized positions riding on the C and N atoms with C–H = 0.96 Å, N–H = 0.90 Å and  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C,N})$  and  $1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm methyl~C})$ . Methyl H atoms were refined as rigid groups allowed to rotate but not tip.

Data collection: *XSCANS* (Siemens, 1994); cell refinement: *XSCANS*; data reduction: *XSCANS*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2002); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXTL*; molecular graphics: *SHELXTL*; software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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