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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

T = 293 K

Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002 \text{ \AA}$

R factor = 0.024

wR factor = 0.077

Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.4

For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Methyl 2-amino-4-(3-nitrophenyl)-4H-
benzo[h]chromene-3-carboxylate

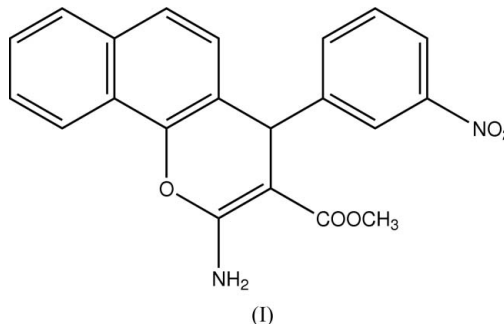
The title compound, $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$, was synthesized by the reaction of 1-naphthol with methyl cyanoacetate and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde in methanol under microwave irradiation. Intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds link the molecules into chains along the *b* axis and adjacent chains are connected via $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds.

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Comment

Benzopyrans and their derivatives occupy an important place in the realm of natural and synthetic organic chemistry because of their biological and pharmacological properties (Morianka & Takahashi, 1977), such as antisterility (Brooks, 1998) and anticancer activities (Hyana & Saimoto, 1987). In addition, polyfunctionalized benzopyrans constitute the structural unit of a number of natural products and, because of the inherent reactivity of the inbuilt pyran ring, they may serve as versatile synthons (Hatakeyama *et al.*, 1988). We report here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



In the molecule of (I) (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles are normal. An intramolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bond (Table 1) determines the orientation of the carboxylate group. The pyran ring adopts a flattened envelope conformation, with atom C11 displaced by $0.151(2) \text{ \AA}$ from the mean plane through atoms C1, C10, O1, C18 and C19. The dihedral angle between the C1-C10/O1/C18/C19 and C12-C17 planes is $82.30(4)^\circ$.

In the crystal structure, intermolecular $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds link the molecules into chains along the *b* axis. Adjacent chains are connected via $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1). A $\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interaction involving the C12-C17 benzene ring is also observed.

Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared by the reaction of 1-naphthol (5 mmol) with methyl cyanoacetate (5 mmol) and 3-nitrobenzaldehyde

(5 mmol) in methanol (2 ml) by using piperidine (0.5 mmol) as catalyst under microwave irradiation for 8 min. The pure compound (I) was obtained by recrystallization from methanol (m.p. 416–418 K). Crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution.

Crystal data

$C_{21}H_{16}N_2O_5$	$V = 932.8 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$
$M_r = 376.36$	$Z = 2$
Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$	$D_x = 1.340 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$a = 8.2190 (16) \text{ \AA}$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
$b = 9.2570 (19) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 13.203 (3) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 293 (2) \text{ K}$
$\alpha = 71.84 (3)^\circ$	Block, colourless
$\beta = 78.39 (3)^\circ$	$0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.20 \text{ mm}$
$\gamma = 82.73 (3)^\circ$	

Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer	3658 independent reflections
$\omega/2\theta$ scans	2346 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: ψ scan (North <i>et al.</i> , 1968)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.063$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.963$, $T_{\text{max}} = 0.984$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 26.0^\circ$
3739 measured reflections	3 standard reflections every 200 reflections
	intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.024$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0249P)^2]$
$wR(F^2) = 0.077$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$S = 1.04$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
3658 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.25 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
254 parameters	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.11 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (\AA , $^\circ$).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$N1-H1A\cdots O5^i$	0.86	2.22	3.0750 (18)	173
$N1-H1B\cdots O2$	0.86	2.05	2.6616 (16)	127
$C15-H15\cdots O2^{ii}$	0.93	2.48	3.373 (2)	161
$C21-H21A\cdots O5^{iii}$	0.96	2.57	3.504 (2)	165
$C21-H21C\cdots Cg1^{iv}$	0.96	2.83	3.5675 (19)	134

Symmetry codes: (i) $x-1, y+1, z$; (ii) $x, y-1, z$; (iii) $x, y+1, z$; (iv) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$. $Cg1$ is the centroid of the C12–C17 benzene ring.

All H atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined as riding, with $C-H = 0.93-0.98 \text{ \AA}$, $N-H = 0.86 \text{ \AA}$ and $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2$ or 1.5 times $U_{\text{eq}}(\text{carrier atom})$.

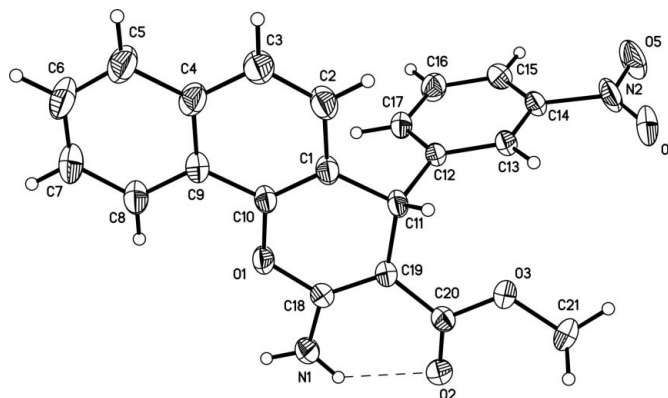


Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level and the intramolecular hydrogen bond is indicated by a dashed line.

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

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