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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.057 wR factor = 0.181 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.2

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# Ethyl 2-amino-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-4H-benzo-[*h*]chromene-3-carboxylate

The title compound, C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>18</sub>FNO<sub>3</sub>, was synthesized by the reaction of 1-naphthol with ethyl cyanocaetate and 4-fluorobenzaldehyde in ethanol under microwave irradiation. The pyran ring adopts a flattened envelope conformation. The molecular conformation and the crystal structure are stabilized by  $N-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds.

#### Comment

Benzopyrans and their derivatives occupy an important place in natural and synthetic organic chemistry because of their biological and pharmacological properties (Morianka & Takahashi, 1977) such as antisterility (Brooks, 1988) 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).



In the molecule of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), bond lengths and angles are normal. The pyran ring adopts a flattened envelope conformation, with atom C16 displaced by 0.304 (6) Å from the mean plane through atoms C4, C5, O3, C6 and C15. The dihedral angle between the C4-C5/O3/C6/ C15 and C17-C22 planes is 88.02 (9)°. The molecular conformation and the crystal structure are stabilized by N-H···O hydrogen bonds (Table 1).

### **Experimental**

The title compound was prepared by the reaction of 1-naphthol (10 mmol) with ethyl cyanoacetate (10 mmol) and 4-fluorobenzaldehvde (10 mmol) in ethanol (4 ml) using piperidine (0.5 mmol) as catalyst under microwave irradiation for 8 min. The pure compound was obtained by recrystallization from ethanol (m.p. 436-438 K). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained by slow evaporation of a methanol solution.

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#### Crystal data

C22H18FNO3  $M_r = 363.37$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ a = 12.634 (3) Å b = 16.037 (3) Å c = 8.9890 (18) Å  $\beta = 98.77 (3)^{\circ}$ V = 1800.0 (7) Å<sup>3</sup>

### Data collection

Enraf-Nonius CAD-4 diffractometer  $\omega/2\theta$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North et al., 1968)  $T_{\min} = 0.967, T_{\max} = 0.972$ 3755 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0891P)^2$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.057$	+ 0.5068P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.181$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 0.99	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
3519 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.20 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
247 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.19 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
-	Extinction coefficient: 0.013 (3)

#### Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$\frac{N-H0B\cdots O2}{N-H0A\cdots O2^{i}}$	0.86 0.86	2.09 2.26	2.700 (3) 2.966 (3)	127 140

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.341 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation

Block, light brown

 $0.40 \times 0.30 \times 0.30$  mm

3519 independent reflections

2038 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

 $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 293 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int} = 0.019$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 26.0^{\circ}$ 

3 standard reflections

every 200 reflections

intensity decay: none

Symmetry code: (i)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ .

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

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



#### 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.

(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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