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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.049 wR factor = 0.120 Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.5

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N⁶-(4-Methoxybenzoyl)adenine

The molecules of the title compound, $C_{13}H_{11}N_5O_2$, are linked into chains along the *c* axis by $N-H\cdots O$ and $C-H\cdots O$ hydrogen-bond contacts. $N-H\cdots N$ interactions connect the chains into two-dimensional layers. The packing is further stabilized by $\pi-\pi$ interactions involving the purine system.

Comment

The purines are very important organic compounds, having pyrimidine and imidazole units. They are an important constituent in the structure of ribonucleic acid (RNA) and deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA). Purine derivatives are important pharmaceutical intermediates of extensive function, for example, 6-(N-benzoylamino)purine is a competitive inhibitor of xanthine oxidase (Pierre *et al.*, 2003). Purine rings substituted at positions 2, 6 or 8 are present in anticancer and hypotensive drugs (Van Aerschot *et al.*, 1993). As part of our ongoing research on purine derivatives, the title compound, (I), was synthesized.



The bond lengths and angles in (I) are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The purine system is essentially planar, with a dihedral angle of 3.40 (1)° between the pyrimidine ring (*A*, atoms N3/N4/C1/C2/C4/C5) and the imidazole ring (*B*, atoms N1/N2/C2–C4). The dihedral angle between the mean plane of the purine system and benzene ring (C, atoms C7–C12) is 44.65 (1)°. There exists an intramolecular N2–H2A···O1 hydrogen contact, forming a seven-membered ring.

In the crystal structure, molecules of (I) are linked into chains along the *c* axis by N5–H5A···O1ⁱⁱ and C8– H8A···O1ⁱⁱ hydrogen-bond contacts (see Table 2 for details). In addition, N2–H2A···N1ⁱ interactions connect the chains into two-dimensional layers (Fig. 2 and Table 2). The packing is further stabilized by π – π interactions involving the purine system, the distances being Cg1··· $Cg2^{iii} = 3.493$ Å and Cg2··· $Cg2^{iii} = 3.739$ Å [Cg1 and Cg2 denote the centroids of rings *A* and *B*, respectively; symmetry code: (iii) 1 - x, 1 - y,1 - z].

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Experimental

Adenine (13.5 g, 0.1 mol) was suspended in dry pyridine (250 ml). 4-Methoxybenzoyl chloride (17.1 g, 0.1 mol) was added dropwise using a syringe. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 378 K and allowed to stand overnight at room temperature. The reaction solution was treated with methanol (50 ml), and the solvent was subsequently evaporated *in vacuo*. The residue was evaporated twice with toluene and then stirred with hot 2-propanol. The mixture was allowed to cool slowly, and the product which precipitated out was filtered off and dried *in vacuo* to give the title compound, (I) (yield 87.5%, m.p. 485– 487 K). Compound (I) was dissolved in MeOH–CHCl₃ (1:3 ν/ν). After filtration, the colourless filtrate was left at room temperature. Single crystals of (I) suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained.

Z = 4

 $D_x = 1.442 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo *K* α radiation

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

T = 293 (2) K

Block, colourless

 $0.32\,\times\,0.17\,\times\,0.05$ mm

Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{13}H_{11}N_5O_2\\ M_r = 269.27\\ \text{Monoclinic, } P2_1/c\\ a = 12.398 \ (3) \ \text{Å}\\ b = 10.045 \ (3) \ \text{Å}\\ c = 10.079 \ (3) \ \text{Å}\\ \beta = 98.804 \ (4)^\circ\\ V = 1240.5 \ (6) \ \text{Å}^3 \end{array}$

Data collection

Siemens SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer6725 measured reflections ω scans2446 independent reflections ω scans1634 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
 $T_{min} = 0.968, T_{max} = 0.995$ $\theta_{max} = 26.1^{\circ}$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.049$ $wR(F^2) = 0.121$ S = 1.022446 reflections 181 parameters H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0521P)^2]$

+ 0.1439*P*] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$ $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.19 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	$D-\mathrm{H}$	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
N2-H2A····O1	0.86	2.45	2.809 (2)	106
$N2-H2A\cdots N1^{i}$	0.86	2.09	2.935 (3)	166
N5-H5A···O1 ⁱⁱ	0.86	2.13	2.961 (2)	163
$C8-H8A\cdots O1^{ii}$	0.93	2.30	3.209 (3)	165

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

All H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with N-H = 0.86 Å, C-H = 0.93–0.96 Å and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C,N)$ or $1.5U_{eq}(methyl C)$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine



Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.



Figure 2

Packing diagram of (I) showing the intermolecular hydrogen-bond contacts (dashed lines), viewed down the b axis,

structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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