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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 293 KMean σ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.115 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.9

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3-(1*H*-Benzotriazol-1-yl)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)propan-1-one

In the molecule of the title compound, $C_{15}H_{12}ClN_3O$, the dihedral angle between the benzotriazole ring system and the chlorobenzene ring is 63.06 (1)°. π - π Interactions stabilize the crystal structure.

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Comment

1*H*-Benzotriazoles are an important class of compounds because of their wide use in synthetic organic chemistry and pharmaceutical sciences. They are found to exhibit a broad spectrum of pharmacological activities such as antifungal, antitumor and antineoplastic activities (Chen & Wu, 2005). As part of a search for new benzotriazole compounds with higher bioactivity, the title compound, (I), was synthesized and its structure is presented here.



In the molecule of the title compound, (I) (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles in (I) are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987). The benzotriazole ring system is essentially planar, with a dihedral angle of $1.62 (1)^{\circ}$ between the N1–N3/C10/C15 and C10–C15 rings. The mean planes through the benzotriazole ring system and the C1–C6 benzene ring make a dihedral angle of $63.06 (1)^{\circ}$.

The crystal packing is stabilized by π - π interactions involving the benzotriazole rings, with a $Cg1\cdots Cg2^{i}$ [symmetry code: (i) -x, 1 - y, -z] distance of 3.789 (2) Å, where Cg1 and Cg2 denote the centroids of the N1–N3/C10/C15 and C10–C15 rings, respectively.



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Figure 1 The molecular structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme.

Experimental

To a solution of 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(dimethylamino)propan-1-one (10.58 g, 0.05 mol) in water (25 ml) was added benzotriazole (7.1 g, 0.06 mol). The mixture was heated under reflux for 6 h, yielding a copious precipitate. Colourless single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction study were obtained by slow evaporation of a dichloromethane–cyclohexane (1:2 ν/ν) solution at room temperature over a period of 5 d.

Z = 8

 $D_x = 1.388 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation $\mu = 0.28 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 293 (2) K Plate, colourless $0.28 \times 0.21 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$

7533 measured reflections

 $\begin{aligned} R_{\rm int} &= 0.026\\ \theta_{\rm max} &= 26.1^\circ \end{aligned}$

2694 independent reflections

1874 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Crystal data

C ₁₅ H ₁₂ ClN ₃ O
$M_r = 285.73$
Monoclinic, $C2/c$
a = 22.183 (7) Å
b = 10.444 (3) Å
c = 12.326 (4) Å
$\beta = 106.705 \ (5)^{\circ}$
$V = 2735.2 (15) \text{ Å}^3$

Data collection

Siemens SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer ω scans Absorption correction: multi-scan

(SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{min} = 0.926, T_{max} = 0.973$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0531P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$	+ 0.759P]
$wR(F^2) = 0.115$	where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.02	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
2694 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.18 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
181 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
H-atom parameters constrained	

All H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H distances of 0.93 or 0.97 Å, and with $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H}) = 1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$.

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





A packing diagram of (I), viewed down the b axis, showing the stacking of the benzotriazole rings.

to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*, *PARST* (Nardelli, 1995) and *PLATON* (Spek, 2003).

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