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Key indicators

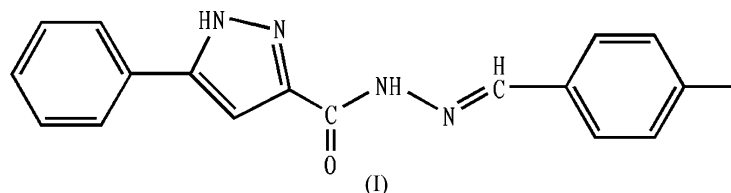
Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 293$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.051
 wR factor = 0.165
Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.5For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.2'-(4-Methylbenzylidene)-5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole-
3-carbohydrazide

The title compound, $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_4\text{O}$, was prepared by the reaction of 5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carbohydrazide with 4-methylbenzaldehyde in refluxing ethanol. The structure exhibits weak intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen-bonding interactions.

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Comment

Schiff bases have been used extensively as ligands in the field of coordination chemistry (Öğretir *et al.*, 2006). As dinegatively charged ligands, Schiff bases show potential as antimicrobial and anticancer agents (Tarafder *et al.*, 2000; Deschamps *et al.*, 2003) and so have biochemical and pharmacological applications. In addition, the chemical behavior of metal complexes with Schiff base ligands has attracted much attention because of their catalytic activity in some industrial and biochemical processes (Wu *et al.*, 2006). The title compound, (I), was synthesized as part of our study of these ligands and we report here the crystal structure of (I).



In (I) (Fig. 1), the bond lengths and angles in 1*H*-pyrazole are in good agreement with those reported previously (Yang *et al.*, 2003). The $\text{C}=\text{N}$ and $\text{C}=\text{O}$ bond lengths are comparable with those reported previously (Ali *et al.*, 2005). Atoms N1, N2, C7, C8, C9 and C6 lie in a plane ($p5$), with a maximum deviation of 0.0093 (3) Å for C7. Phenyl ring C1–C6 and atom C7 are coplanar ($p7$), with a maximum deviation of 0.0088 (3) Å for C7. Benzene ring C12–C17 is approximately coplanar with N4 and C18 ($p9$), with a maximum deviation of 0.0583 (3) Å for N4. The dihedral angles made by $p5$ with $p7$ and $p9$ are 23.12 (1) and 36.16 (1)°, respectively. The dihedral angle between $p7$ and $p9$ is 58.99 (1)°. There are some weak intermolecular $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{O}$ and $\text{N}-\text{H}\cdots\text{N}$ hydrogen bonding interactions (Table 2), which stabilize the structure of (I).

Experimental

A mixture of 5-phenyl-1*H*-pyrazole-3-carbohydrazide (0.01 mol) with 4-methylbenzaldehyde (0.01 mol) was stirred in refluxing ethanol (30 ml) for 5 h to afford the title compound, (I) (yield: 2.77 g, 81%). Single crystals suitable for X-ray measurements were obtained by recrystallization from dimethylformamide (DMF) at 309 K.

Crystal data

$C_{18}H_{16}N_4O$
 $M_r = 304.35$
 Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 18.280$ (4) Å
 $b = 14.790$ (3) Å
 $c = 13.364$ (3) Å
 $\beta = 106.27$ (3)°
 $V = 3468.4$ (14) Å³

$Z = 8$
 $D_x = 1.166$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 $\mu = 0.08$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 293$ (2) K
 Block, colorless
 $0.18 \times 0.17 \times 0.15$ mm

Data collection

Enraf–Nonius CAD-4
 diffractometer
 ω scans
 Absorption correction: none
 6290 measured reflections
 3053 independent reflections

1730 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{int} = 0.043$
 $\theta_{max} = 25.0^\circ$
 3 standard reflections
 every 100 reflections
 intensity decay: none

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.051$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.165$
 $S = 1.02$
 3053 reflections
 210 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0905P)^2 + 0.2393P]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.17$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.23$ e Å⁻³
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*
 Extinction coefficient: 0.0061 (8)

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

O1–C10	1.239 (2)	N4–C11	1.269 (3)
N1–N2	1.343 (2)	C6–C7	1.462 (3)
N1–N2–C9	104.44 (17)	C11–N4–N3	115.60 (19)
C10–N3–H3A	120.4	O1–C10–N3	123.8 (2)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
N1–H1A ⁱ ⋯O1 ⁱ	0.86	2.10	2.813 (2)	140
N3–H3A ⁱ ⋯N2 ⁱⁱ	0.86	2.19	2.996 (3)	156

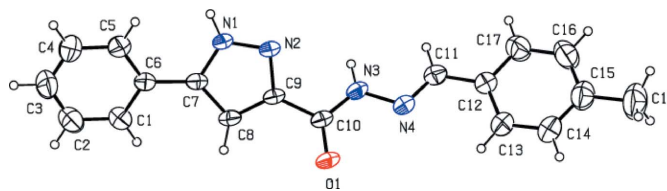
Symmetry codes: (i) $x, -y, z - \frac{1}{2}$; (ii) $-x, y, -z + \frac{3}{2}$.

Figure 1

The molecular structure and atom-labeling scheme for (I), with displacement ellipsoids drawn at the 30% probability level.

H atoms were positioned geometrically and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with $N-H = 0.86$ Å and $C-H = 0.93-0.96$ Å, and with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2-1.5U_{eq}$ of the parent atoms.

Data collection: *CAD-4 Software* (Enraf–Nonius, 1989); cell refinement: *CAD-4 Software*; data reduction: *NRCVAX* (Gabe *et al.*, 1989); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL/PC* (Sheldrick, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *PARST* (Nardelli, 1996) and *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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