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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.004 Å R factor = 0.048 wR factor = 0.135 Data-to-parameter ratio = 12.8

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Ethyl 4-(2-hydroxyphenyl)-6-methyl-2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine-5-carboxylate

In the title molecule, $C_{14}H_{16}N_2O_4$, all bond lengths and angles are normal. The crystal packing is stabilized by intermolecular $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds involving the hydroxy and keto groups, and by $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds involving the amino and keto groups.

Comment

As part of our study of 2-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidine derivatives, which demonstrate various pharmacological activities (Kappe *et al.*, 1999; Legeay *et al.*, 2007), we report here the structure of the title compound, (I).



In (I) (Fig. 1), all bond lengths and angles agree well with those reported for related compounds (Portilla *et al.*, 2006). The hydroxy and keto groups are involved in intermolecular $O-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1), which link the molecules into zigzag chains running along the *c* axis. Weak intermolecular $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds (Table 1) further link two neighbouring chains with the formation of eight- and 16-membered rings (Fig. 2).

Experimental

A mixture of urea (51 mmol), ethyl acetoacetate (75 mmol) and salicylaldehyde (50 mmol) in absolute ethanol (30 ml) and concentrated hydrochloric acid (10 drops) was heated to reflux for 3 h. Upon cooling to room temperature, a crude product crystallized. The precipitate was filtered off and washed with propan-2-ol. The crude product was recrystallized from propan-2-ol to afford the desired product as a colourless solid (m.p. 490 K). Colourless single crystals of (I) were obtained by slow evaporation of an aqueous ethanol (90%) solution at ambient temperature after 7 d.

Crystal data $C_{14}H_{16}N_2O_4$ $M_r = 276.29$ Monoclinic, C2/c a = 20.757 (3) Å b = 9.042 (2) Å c = 13.919 (2) Å $\beta = 92.313$ (3)°

 $V = 2610.2 \text{ (9) } \text{Å}^{3}$ Z = 8Mo K\alpha radiation $\mu = 0.10 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 (2) K $0.32 \times 0.16 \times 0.13 \text{ mm}$ Received 26 March 2007 Accepted 30 March 2007

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Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996) $T_{\rm min} = 0.967, T_{\rm max} = 0.987$

Refinement

 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$ $wR(F^2) = 0.135$ S = 1.032308 reflections

Table 1Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	D-H	$H \cdot \cdot \cdot A$	$D \cdots A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdots \mathbf{A}$
$ \begin{array}{c} N1 - H1 \cdots O2^{i} \\ N2 - H2 \cdots O3^{ii} \\ O4 - H4 \cdots O3^{iii} \end{array} $	0.86	2.45	3.205 (5)	147
	0.86	2.27	3.117 (4)	167
	0.82	1.98	2.755 (4)	158

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

All H atoms were positioned geometrically, with C-H = 0.93–0.97 Å, N-H = 0.86 Å and O-H = 0.82 Å, and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{ea}(C,N,O)$.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 2000) and *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2004); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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6587 measured reflections 2308 independent reflections 1363 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.046$

 $\begin{array}{l} 181 \text{ parameters} \\ \text{H-atom parameters constrained} \\ \Delta \rho_{\text{max}} = 0.26 \text{ e } \text{ \AA}^{-3} \\ \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} = -0.22 \text{ e } \text{ \AA}^{-3} \end{array}$



Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I), showing the atomic numbering scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.



Figure 2

A portion of the crystal packing of (I), showing the intermolecular hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

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